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Dear Clansfolk,

We have had an excellent year for Clan Hunter with our International Clan Gathering held at Hunterston Castle, our clan home. Thank you to all those who made the journey over and joined us for the celebration at Bannockburn.



Clansfolk who came to the Gathering set off for the Battle of Bannockburn experience. It was a thrilling experience with soldiers on horses, pike men and some very bloodthirsty Scottish and English soldiers. Robert the Bruce rode onto the field and after some very noisy battle with the energetic fighting from the Scottish pikemen the Scots won the day!

I am pleased to announce that our Clan Hunter Shop is now online on the Clan Hunter website at www.clanhunter.org.uk. We are keeping the prices as competitive as possible for you all. There are several new items including unique Clan Hunter Corsages and Buttonholes. Pictures of Madam Pauline and Graham, Macer Venatorus wearing them at a recent wedding, are on Facebook at Clan Hunter UK

Many of you will be pleased to hear that the official Clan Hunter tartan will be sold again. In order to know how much is to be woven I will require everyone to let me know what weight and how many yards they wish to purchase.

Pauline



Hunter of Hunterston Tartan

Due to requests from many Clan Hunter members, Madam Pauline is planning to have some Hunter of Hunterston tartan woven. Since tartan fabric is produced in several weights, she needs to determine the quantity of each weight to have woven.

Common Uses of Various Weights of Tartan Fabric

Light Weight – For Sashes,
Shawls, Dresses, Trousers.
Medium Weight – Kilts, Skirts,
Trousers, Banners, Upholstery
Heavy Weight – Kilts (cold
climates), Upholstery

Please email Madam Pauline at hunterston30th@gmail.com by 30/10/14 and advise her of the weight(s) of tartan you need and the approximate quantity. Thank you in advance for your timely response.

Membership Report, October 2014

New Members

We have had one new member since my last report, so we would like to welcome

Patrick Hunter from Quebec City to our Association.

We wish Patrick all the best as he joins our ranks and hopefully finds a way of sharing his Hunter ancestry with his new-found 'family'!

It was really nice to share time and stories with those members who were able to join us at Fergus this year. We had a lovely dinner at the Holiday Inn after the Games and talked some more! We like to hear those stories and share some of ours too.

Tom and I, along with our daughter Lizz and her family enjoyed a lovely weekend at Hunterston at the end of June this year. I hope you enjoyed the stories and the photographs in the July newsletter.

NOTE:

And now for some sad news!

Only about 50% of our Association members have paid their dues so far for this year! That's not terribly encouraging folks! If you have not yet received your membership card then you have not paid! Please take a minute and send a cheque for \$30.00 to our treasurer Don Hunter, 138 Sweeney Drive, Toronto, Ontario. M4A 1T9, (cheques should be made payable to Clan Hunter) - or go to the Clan Hunter website and pay directly through Paypal. We are three months into our new season, so now is the time to do this! Thanks to all those who have already paid.

Christine Hunter
Membership Secretary

The Gathering of the Clans at Fergus.



Hello everyone, I hope everyone had a nice summer. Now we are in one of the most beautiful seasons with Fall upon us. Christine and I took a little side trip this week and drove 4 hours North of London to Huntsville and spent a couple of days doing some touristy things and enjoyed all the Fall Colours in and around Algonquin Park. It rained a little but it didn't spoil the beauty of the countryside one little bit.

This year we have decided to recognize our long time members by awarding a 25 year Certificate. We were very happy to present 22 certificates some of which actually qualified for greater recognition but we decided to begin at the 25 year mark.



I noticed on Facebook that Madam Pauline now has some new tartan Material in the 13oz weight and you can read all about it on the Clan Hunter UK Facebook page at this address.
<https://www.facebook.com/ClanHunterUK>

Don't forget to write to me and let me know what you are up to. We can't do a newsletter with you.

Tom



Hosting a Clan Tent.

Each summer Christine and I (Clan Officer) try and host a Clan Tent at as many of the Highland Games in our area as is reasonable. Obviously we could attend a Games event every weekend of the summer if we wished. However although we have members all over this wonderfully huge country and we have managed to visit Victoria BC and Fredericton, NB we cannot possibly hope to attend all the possible Games available.

BUT perhaps you could attend the Games in your area and represent Clan Hunter for us. I know that many people will say, "Oh but I don't know enough about the Clan to do that." but you know, everything you need to know is on our web site. and we would supply all the paperwork that you might need. I do hope that some of you will give this some consideration. I can assure you that it is great fun. We do have a team in Victoria who host the Victoria Games and we look forward to hearing from them in May.

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We know here at Clan Hunter that many people change their email address more often than they do their socks. Now, although we can't honestly say that we are interested in how often you change your socks, we are definitely interested in when you change your email address. Please, please, please, try to remember when you do change your address to let us know. Even if you don't get your newsletter by email we still would like your current address as it let's us send out any urgent news such as the sudden availability of Tartan. Of course if you don't want that kind of update, we will not be upset if you don't share your address. with us.

Connections Corner



Lizz Thibodeau

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In many cases, genealogy can easily become a long list of “so-and-so begat so-and-so begat so-and-so, etc.” Who these people were or what their lives were like is lost to us. They are just a series of names and dates. How excited I’ve found myself when a death certificate or a gravestone gave me a glimpse of how a person died. A lengthy, detailed obituary about someone’s life and family can send me over the moon. Well, imagine finding a letter like the one printed below! This letter belongs to Andrew Hunter, a Clan Hunter member from Victoria, B.C. and describes the death of one of his ancestors on the sea crossing to Canada. The Andrew Hunter from history who writes this letter to his father after arriving in Canada describes the work conditions in this new country in detail, and buried in amongst all the other news, he makes a brief mention of the death of his son on the crossing. What insight that gives us into life almost 200 years ago. These are the treasures of genealogy!

(N.B. The original transcription is all in capital letters with no punctuation. I have done my best to make this readable, while still holding true to the original

 **We are Family, I’ve got all my cousins with me!**



wording. There are a few spots where the transcriber could not make out the handwriting. I hope you will still enjoy reading this.)

The Narrative of Andrew W Hunter 1842 describing the painful passing of his youngest son Andrew Hunter on the Atlantic voyage to a new life in Canada

Dear Father, I write to let you know that we are here; having arrived here about 2 months ago. I wrote a letter to Preston about that time and desired Thomas Beveridge to write you and inform you how we had come on.

At that time we did not know that we would stop here about a week or 2 but as trade is not very good in this country this year, as well as other places owing to such a number having come here, we thought it to be as well to stop for 2 or 3 months till we get recruited so long as I could get work.

When we came here I went round some of the foundries to get work but owing to such a number having come out before us I did not succeed. But on the Monday following as we came here on Saturday I got a job from a master joiner to put up a sawmill with whom I have been ever since; and he is very agreeable with me. and I think behaves fair with me, considering it to be work that I have not been accustomed to. I get as good wages here as I got in Lancashire and as the necessities of life are about 1/2 the price that you have there, it is undoubtedly a better country for the working chap than the old one. But although that I have got work and can make a comfortable living for myself and family, it is not to be inferred that everyone who comes here is the same way. For there are 100’s that would like to be back again; and it’s no wonder considering the 10’s of 1000’s that have come here this year and many of them without a penny in their pockets and as work is not plentiful for them all....?? of them are in a poor state.; In fact I would advise no person to come here until they had a place to go to which they could make like a home till they got work or got acquainted with the country. For after having sold all their furniture to leave their native home, tearing themselves from their friends and relations, and driven about for perhaps 8 weeks as it was our case at the mercies of the waves; which sometimes stood like hills on each side of the ship or afflicted

with trouble. Death as it has been our lot to suffer as we did the _____? God taking all these things into consideration there are a deal of difficulties and trials to contend with which need the strength and patience to overcome; so tensions? had got on board the ship that we who had the smallpox and a number of children on board took this and died, and among the number was our youngest child Andrew whom it pleased God as I fairly hope to take to himself on the 10 June at _____pm and he was that same evening consigned to a watery grave which was a heavy stroke to Bess but to the will of the Almighty we are all forced to submit. Since we came here,

Bess and me have had very good health; Eliza is greatly improved. Margaret and George were rather poorly a while but are now got better, and we all at present enjoy good health for which we would be thankful to the Almighty for all His mercies.

We may stop here a while but we do not intend to settle as the winter is far more severe here than it is further up and as wages are both better and provisions are still cheaper than they are here; in the meantime, best wishes to you all from us including Bess and the children joining with me in love to you all, I remain your affectionate son. A. Hunter

P.S. If you would send this letter to Thomas Temple it would

_____? give them some satisfaction. I will write him soon. I believe a miller is a good trade here? If God spares us all to take a piece of land next year. No more at present but remain yours A.H.

Andrew Hunter
c/o Mr Edward J. Maxwell
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Lower Canada

New Items added to Clan on-line store

Madam Pauline will be adding Clan Ties and a corsage and buttonhole made with Clan Tartan ribbon and hopefully soon rosettes to the Clan on-line store.

In Memorium

Bryce McClelland Hunter

died in Toronto on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

He leaves behind his wife, Connie Hunter (née Doelman), his companion, champion and his love. He also leaves his children Brooke Hunter, Scott Hunter, Todd Hunter and Carrie Hunter (Jonathan Black) who will continue to 'build people up' just as he guided them. Lukas Hunter,

Ailish Gaynor and Aubrey Gaynor will miss fishing with their Grandad.

Born October 21, 1945 to Bryce Pepall Hunter (Pep) and Elizabeth Jane Hunter (née McClelland), Bryce came from 'old-school' Toronto, reveled in its history, but always had his eyes cast to the future. Bryce was intellectually adventurous which contributed to his unique way of expressing his opinions and his optimistic view of the world. He adored maintaining a wide group of dear friends and was the first to strike up a conversation making a new best friend along the way.

Educated at Upper Canada College and Western University, Bryce earned his BA in Economics starting out as a Chartered Accountant followed by a fulfilling

career as an insurance broker with Hunter, Rowell and ultimately Hunters International. Bryce was a successful business builder through a combination of pointed acumen, intense discipline and a genuine desire to bring the best out in people.

Sportsmanship played a large part in Bryce's life. A top-notch golf and squash player through focus and grit, he was relentless yet gracious. Roon the Ben, the R&A, TGC, Mad River, Eastbourne and Old Memorial have lost a keener.

Bryce had a visceral connection to 'Schoonesh', the property he and Connie shaped in Mulmur, founded on a deep mutual appreciation of nature and a desire to preserve as much as they could.

Fergus Highland Games



The Thibodeaus, Torry, Lizz, Isla and Andrew (Half Ross and half Hunter)



Get your passport stamped here



Siblings, Adair, Matttryk and Shona Hunter of London



At the meeting and Banquet Fergus

Friends meeting friends



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Paul & Jane-Ann Hunter of London

Fergus Highland Games



Clan Hunter on Parade



Clan Hunter on Parade



Clan Hunter on Parade



Make sure this is my good side



Hanging out at the Clan Tent



Ready for the Kirkin' of the
Tartan at Fergus

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ABOUT SCOTLAND ...

Andrew Ross Thibodeau

As a trivia and history fan, I so enjoy a book I picked up in Scotland a few years ago, entitled, "I Didn't Know that about Scotland". My family and I have loved so many excursions to see historical sites that we may have just driven by in the past.



In the past few years I have shared some of our adventures in this newsletter and here is my discovery from my summer 2012 trip.

Question: Name the only place that BOTH William Wallace AND Robert the Bruce fought a battle against the English.

Answer: Loudoun Hill. Located south of Glasgow, off the A71 just east of Darvel.

In the low rolling hills of farmland and small villages, Loudoun Hill appears as a surprisingly high thumb of rock sticking up on the landscape. Located mid point between Kilmarnock and Strathaven, it was worth stopping for a hike around it in the quiet countryside. In 2004 the local council erected a sculpture by Richard Price to honour Scotland's two greatest heroes who each fought and won a battle at this location. It is called the "Spirit of Scotland" and it is a unique and beautiful piece.

Quoting from the website of the late David R. Ross, and his website, www.thesonsofscotland.co.uk/drossloudonhill.htm

"The Wallace" by the poet Blind Harry tells the story of Wallace's ambush of the English at Loudoun Hill. Wallace concealed his men behind the banks and ditches of the long abandoned Roman fort. The poem tells how the Scots made the way even narrower with the construction of stone dykes, making more effective the attack on the tightly packed riders.

Wallace had only 50 men against 200 enemy soldiers but still managed to win the day, killing over 100 English troops including Fenwick (the English general who had killed Wallace's father), the rest scattered and the baggage train, with all the supplies including a large amount of useful armour, weapons and horses intended to relieve the garrison at Ayr, now fell into Scottish hands.

A point marked on maps as Wallace's Grave is traditionally believed to be the place where the English dead were buried. Wallace was declared an outlaw after the Battle of Loudoun Hill but pressed on to his great victory at Stirling Bridge the following year.

Robert the Bruce and the Second Battle, also quoting David R. Ross from Sons of Scotland. *In 1307 on 10th May, eleven years after the first battle of Loudoun Hill, King Robert the Bruce adopted, almost exactly, the same site and tactics for another encounter with the English.*