



# THE HUNTER'S HORN



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## MESSAGE FROM MADAM PAULINE

Dear Clansfolk, I was delighted to have met so many of you all on the launch of our new Clan website and thank you everyone who has given feedback, it has been really helpful with some excellent ideas for the future as well.

My website team thank you all for your kind compliments, we have all been working diligently to make our Clan website interesting, engaging and informative for you all. If anyone has any suggestions we are happy to take them on board.

If you sadly missed the video call, please don't be disappointed as I will be hosting more. So please sign up on our new website at [www.clanhunterscotland.com](http://www.clanhunterscotland.com) to get dates and the link.

You will see our new Blog which Lucy Hunter-Weston, is writing. She will cover lots of subjects related to our Clan and visiting Scotland. Lucy is very interested to hear your family stories so that we may share them with you all on future Blogs.

It has been a quiet year at Hunterston with having to lockdown, but I hope that those of you who had to cancel visits will be able to come next year. We so enjoy your visits. Farming has been trying this year with the extremes of weather making harvesting tricky and many of our crops have underperformed due to the dry weather over our spring and summer. However, this year several of the fields have been planted with swedes, a very useful crop for feeding sheep over winter.

The estate owns some land further inland that is very poor moorland, wet and boggy. The blackface sheep that graze there are a very hardy breed, have now been joined by some highland cattle who will help sweeten the lower slopes. It is too wet for the cattle on the higher slopes.



In the seaside town of Largs, 5 miles north of Hunterston Castle, is a very large metal Viking statue. To comply with current regulations he has donned a face covering!



I am pleased to let you all know that our International Gathering will go ahead next September over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September alongside the Largs Viking Festival. If you are coming to the Gathering next year I will be hosting a video conference call about it in February with a guest speaker, Lois Wallace.

My very best wishes to you all, keep safe and well,

Yours Aye, Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston

Chief of Clan Hunter

## **MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRYAN HUNTER**

Dear Clansfolk,

I begin by expressing my deepest hopes that this finds each of you and your families healthy and safe. My last letter showed that we were all blissfully unaware of the hardship 2020 would bring. We were all anticipating the planned gathering at Hunterston, which sadly we had to postpone until next year. But changed plans are trifling compared to how so many lives have been affected – our health, our finances even our mental wellbeing have all been strained, sadly sometimes irreversibly.

At such times I'm more poignantly reminded of our Clan motto: *Cursum Perficio*, "I stay the course." Or as I simplify it for my three young children: "Hunters never quit." And there is plenty to give us hope.

First, there is reason for great hope for our ancestral home, Hunterston Castle. For the past two-plus years a Herculean behind-the-scenes effort has been underway to have the castle transferred from private ownership by the Clan Chief and her family into a charitable trust with Clan Hunter as the beneficiary. While that may sound unremarkable at first read, please let the momentousness of that sink in: Madam Pauline and her eldest brother Charles the Younger of Hunterston, along with the wholehearted consent of their immediate family, have ensured that Hunterston Castle will be placed in a charitable trust for *all* Clan members worldwide.

So the castle will now be in our stewardship to preserve and protect for future generations of Hunters in perpetuity. This marks the culmination of a long-held dream of our Clan Chief. She has spoken to me in a very passionate and personal manner that this has been her driving force and she will consider it the enduring legacy as our chief. I will be communicating with you further on the implications of this incredible achievement and the advantages it brings in the coming months.

Second, for many – I dare say most – of us our belonging to Clan Hunter and our interest in genealogy are inextricably linked. Again behind the scenes Charles Hunter of Hunterston and our clan genealogist, Mark Hunter, have been collecting, collating, verifying and placing into a standard format all genealogies that you all have submitted in various forms throughout the years. The culmination of that staggeringly laborious work is that all genealogies received thus far have now been processed and placed in a standard digital format. Related, a separate private Facebook page has been established solely as a forum for Clan Hunter genealogy. Please see more on that from Charles Hunter within these pages.

Through the centuries Hunters have endured. For more than 900 years, Hunterston has endured, despite numerous seemingly insurmountable challenges and threats, including a Viking raid, loss of clan chiefs in war and industrialization. So, despite today's uncertainties we will endure, both individually and collectively as a clan. So, I encourage each of you to embrace our motto: *Cursum Perficio!*

Yours aye,

Bryan

### **GREAT VIDEO OF THE WIND TURBINE DEMOLITION NEAR HUNTERSTON**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jg9xk0d5qYY>

### **SCHEDULE A VISIT TO THE CASTLE**

Members of Clan Hunter are warmly welcome to visit Hunterston Castle and the ancient walled garden. Please call the guide, Pauline Fraser, in advance to schedule a tour: +44 7768 911686

### **CHECK OUT THE HUNTER DNA PROJECT**

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/hunter/about/goals>

### **NEW CLAN HUNTER GENEALOGY PROJECT**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/huntergenealogy>

Clan Hunter collects Hunter surnamed genealogy data from all members to connect as many as possible to their Scottish origins and potentially to the main branches of the Hunters of Hunterston.

An information exchange is available on our separate Facebook page where we also post advice to assist those exploring this challenging activity and, where appropriate, expose discrepancies in order to authenticate research.

We are not in a position to undertake individual research for our membership due to the sheer numbers involved and the voluntary contribution of those operating this project for our Clan Chief.

Hunter data is stored on a secure platform (<https://www.tngsitebuilding.com/>) and on joining Clan Hunter members decide if their own records are to be made available through the Genealogy Team to other members. Authorised information disclosure is undertaken only on a selective basis and relevant to the specific research being undertaken. Otherwise the Clan data is secured under the authority of our Clan Chief. Online access will not be permitted at this time.

All material submitted must be in a gedcom file and we require Hunter surnamed data only. If you do not have a Hunter surname then go back until you reach one and from that point backwards, only Hunter named persons, please.

All gedcom should be forwarded to Charles Hunter [charleshunterofhunterston@gmail.com](mailto:charleshunterofhunterston@gmail.com) and if too large to email (over 1MB), then upload to the Cloud (Google Drive, One Drive, etc.) and send a link for downloading.

There will be online Zoom conference calls specific to genealogy advertised in your newsletters. All Clan members are invited to join.

The Clan genealogy project is being operated by Charles and Mark Hunter.

*Charles Hunter, Younger of Hunterston*

*Lt. Col. Mark Hunter met Charles Hunter in 1985, when Charles visited Salt Lake City. Mark obtained a Bachelor of Science in History at Westminster College in Salt Lake. While at college, Mark discovered his Scottish Hunter connection. Mark also earned a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Scottish History. He was made a member of*

*Fellow of Scottish Antiquities (FSA Scot). Mark served in the U.S. Army for 36 years and lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.*



**Lt. Col. Mark Hunter**

*Charles Hunter, Younger of Hunterston established Clan Hunter in 1983 and was invited to Salt Lake City in 1985 by Clan members to present a life membership to Dr. Howard Hunter, President of the Latter Day Saints Church at that time. As a guest of Mark Hunter, he received an extensive tour of the Church Library where computer files were just replacing card indexes. Charles holds a BA Hons. from the University of New South Wales and an MA from the University of Technology in Sydney and lives in Perth, Western Australia.*



**Charles Hunter**

## Madam Pauline Hunter Podcast

As an active member of Clan Hunter USA, I would like to share this wonderful podcast with you. Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston, Chief of Clan Hunter was interviewed by Fraser Allen on September 17, 2020.

Is there still a place for clans in modern Scotland? Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston certainly believes so. She is Chief of Clan Hunter, and argues that clans have a key role to play in drawing the Scottish diaspora back to the old country, and helping to create business opportunities. And for her part, she is highly active in pulling together Hunter clan members from all over the world to celebrate their shared culture and historic home of Hunterston Castle.

<https://soundcloud.com/user-172374965/pauline-hunter>

*Margaret Slaton  
Clan Hunter USA, Secretary*

## Hunter/Muirhead Relationship in America

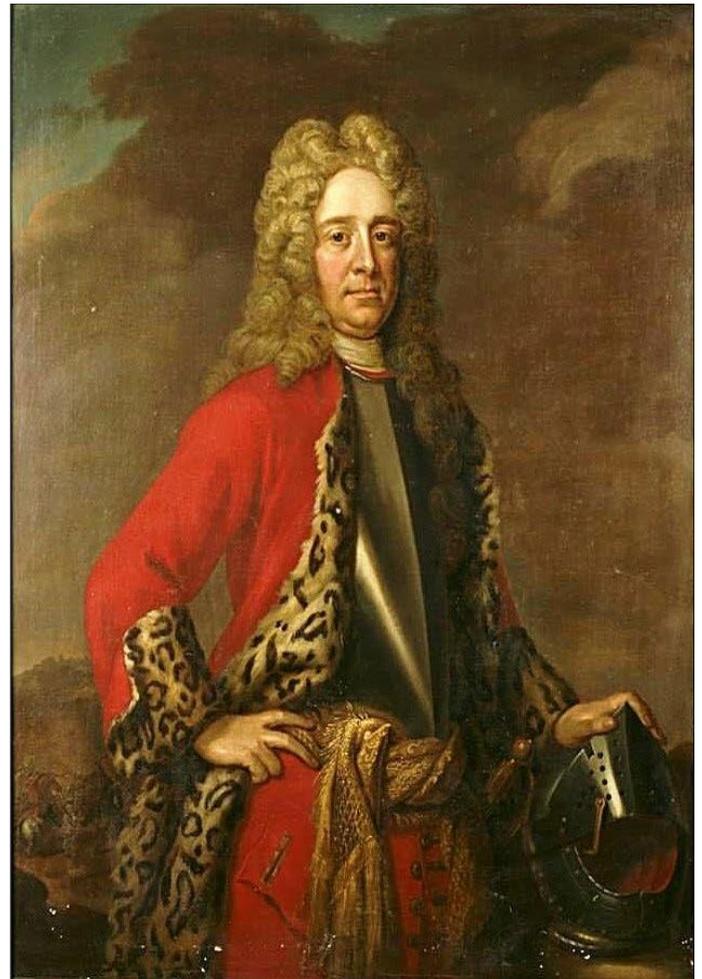
Robert Hunter was the colonial governor of New Jersey from 1710 to 1720. Robert was the grandson of the 20<sup>th</sup> Laird of Hunterston in Ayrshire, Scotland. Hunterdon County, New Jersey was founded in 1714, from a portion of Burlington County. Hunterdon County was named after Robert Hunter.

It appears the Hunter/Muirhead relationship extended to colonial New Jersey, when Robert Hunter, who later became clan chief, was governor there (he'd also been colonial Lt. Governor in Virginia, and also gov. of New York and Jamaica before returning to Scotland to assume Chiefship. John Muirhead was commissioned the first high sheriff of Burlington County, New Jersey on August 17, 1713. He was commissioned high sheriff of Hunterdon County on January 21, 1714. His name was spelled Muirhead when he left Scotland and became Muirheid with the first generation in America.

The dates for Robert Hunter's and John Muirhead's service in New Jersey overlap. Although records

have not been found to determine if Robert Hunter commissioned John Muirhead as the high sheriff, it is possible that they knew each other given their respective positions. If so, it would extend the relationship between the Hunters and Muirheads from Scotland to America.

*Courtesy of Woodie Muirhead*



**Robert Hunter (1664-1734)**

Hunterdon County was named for Robert Hunter through a corruption of Hunterston, his former home in England. A Scot, he became a British military officer and Colonial Governor of both New York and New Jersey from 1710-1720. He completed his career as Governor of Jamaica, where he died.

*Portrait of Hunter attributed to Sir Godfrey Kneller, courtesy of the New York Historical Society.*

## **Madam Pauline Leads Clan Hunter Members in Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk**

On December 7, 2019, Madam Pauline led a record number of Clan Hunter members in the 49th Annual Alexandria, Virginia Scottish Christmas Walk. The enthusiasm of the nearly 30 young to older Clan member participants was matched by the spectators lining the Old Town Alexandria parade route.

Prior to the Walk, Madam Pauline and several Clan members began the morning at a worship service at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, led by the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. Immediately thereafter, Madam Pauline and the President of the Saint Andrew's Society jointly participated in the placing of the wreath at the grave of William Hunter, Founder of the Saint Andrew's Society.

At the conclusion of the Walk, the Clan Hunter members gathered at an Old Town restaurant with Madam Pauline for lunch and to cement friendships with one another. Madam Pauline graciously addressed the gathering and presented her plans for expanding the facilities at the Hunterston Castle.

*John Hunter*



**Clan Hunter at the Parade**



**Luncheon at Old Town Restaurant**



**Laying of the Wreath**

## FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN DILL

### MADAM PAULINE'S STEP GRANDFATHER

This marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when the wheels went in motion for Field Marshall Sir John Dill to become the most influential British figure in cementing the special relationship between the US and UK during the second world war.

He died at Walter Reed Hospital while serving as military attaché to the US and is interred, at the insistence of Gen. George Marshall, at Arlington, just a few hundred yards from Marshall. General Marshall performed his eulogy.

Our Clan Chief's mother Madam Sonia's father, Brigadier Dennis Furlong, died early in 1940 while inspecting a minefield off the Yorkshire coast. Her mother, Nancy, married Field Marshal Dill later that year and became quite a fixture in DC social circles while she accompanied her husband.



Field Marshall Sir John Dill (second row, to left of Churchill)

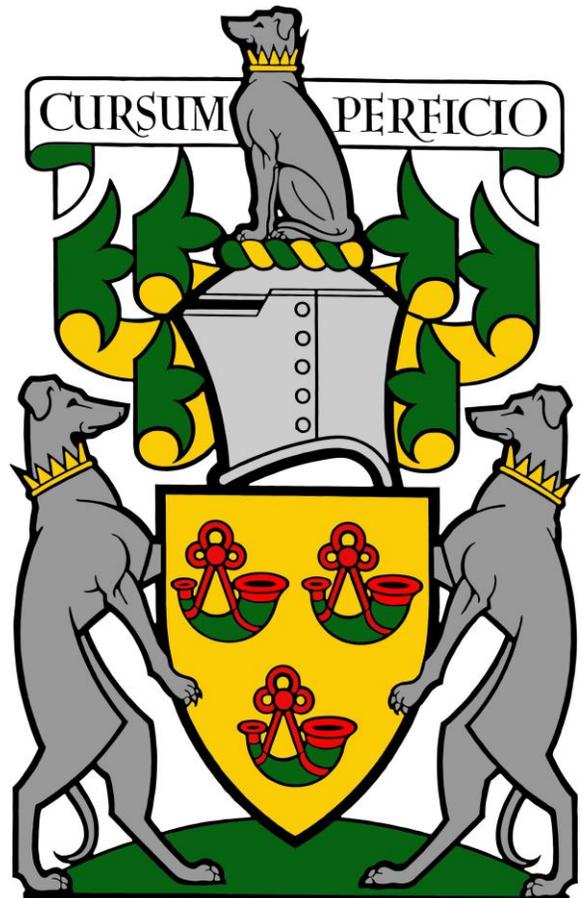
### USEFUL CLAN LINKS

<https://www.clanhunterscotland.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/clanhunteruk>

<https://www.facebook.com/pauline.hunterston>

<https://www.clanhunterusa.org>



GENERIC HUNTER OF HUNTERSTON ARMS & CLAN  
CREST BADGE. SEE WEB SITE FOR MORE INFO.

## 2019 STONE MOUNTAIN, GA HIGHLAND GAMES REPORT

The Hunter clan was again a sponsor of the annual games on Oct. 18-20, 2019. We had serious weather on Saturday: rain, wind and cold; so much so that we had to shut down early. However, Sunday was beautiful with our normal October weather. We had 25 people visit the Hunter tent and added 5 new members including Don & Brandy Hunter from Quincy, Fl, their two sons & Clint Hunter from Atlanta. On Sunday, 10 Hunters and friends marched in the parade of Tartans. John Hunter from Pacific, Mo led us this year carrying the Hunter banner. I want to thank John his wife Carol along with Greg and Margaret Slaton for helping setting up and meeting with our guests. Ron Dauphinee of Trussville, Al did a great job entertaining the children with his kilted puppet.

The games have a “wee lads and lassies” area full of fun activities for the kids, such as: crafts, Brave archery, scotch egg drop, caber toss, haggis hurl, face painting, salmon fishing, sheep toss, miniature golf and even a visit with Santa. The activities celebrate our Scottish heritage. Believe me you can keep even a 3 year’s attention with all this.

As you know the 2020 games were canceled, but I hope to see you next year in October. Come see Scottish activities like dancing, sheep dog demonstrations, close up look at birds of prey, tossing a telephone pole (caber toss) which still amazes me, and many more. Bring the whole family to celebrate our proud Scottish heritage.

*Brad Hunter*

### CHARLES CRAWFORD HUNTER

Charles Crawford Hunter was born 5 June 1836 in Prestwick, Scotland and died of bronchitis in 24 January 1921. He was the last survivor of those who took part in the first Open Championship in 1860.

The 1862 Open Championship was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Championship and was held at Prestwick Golf Club, Ayrshire, Scotland, site of the first 12 Open

Championships. Hunter played steady golf and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Willie Park, Sr and the winner by 13 strokes, Tom Morris, Sr.

Over the course of his career Charles had 7 top-10 finishes in the Open Championships.

Charles was also employed by Prestwick Golf Club as “Keeper of the green” and assisted as well with the early formation work for the neighboring Royal Troon Golf Club, located just north of Prestwick, in the 1870s and 1880s. He is also credited with adding 6 holes to Prestwick, when 18 holes became the standard.



**Charles (left) watches as Old Tom Morris plays a shot in 1863 at Prestwick. Both players are wearing the traditional tweeds.**

Charles’s son John was also a great golfer, finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the 1898 Open and winning the 1<sup>st</sup> Scottish Professional Championship in 1907 at Panmure Golf Club.

John apprenticed as a club maker under the direction of Old Tom Morris at St Andrews. He returned to Prestwick in 1893 and joined his father

in the club and ball making business. Some clubs they made are marked "C & J Hunter.

John had two brothers, David and William, who both immigrated to the United States and worked as golf professionals.

Several years ago John's old tombstone was reconstructed and returned to his resting place, thanks to the PGA.



**Tombstone of Charles Hunter**

### **The Hunters of Nansemond**

The Hunters of Nansemond County are descended from William Hunter, a weaver and the immigrant of this extensive family. William's lands were originally in Virginia. After 1728 the boundary line was redrawn and became Chowan Co., North Carolina Today his lands are in present day Gates County.

It has been reported by Raymond Hunter, William's original homesite and burial grounds were located in

2019. Raymond headed up the purchase and installation of a monument denoting this site.

We hope to have more information at a later date.

### **CLAN HUNTER USA COMING EVENTS**

**PLEASE CHECK THE OFFICAL WEB SITE FOR DATES**

#### **STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Stone Mountain, GA

Oct 16-17 2021

[www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org)

#### **CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES**

November 6, 2021

[www.charlestonscottishgames.com](http://www.charlestonscottishgames.com)

#### **ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK**

Alexandria, VA

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.scottishchristmaswalk.org](http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.org)

#### **NORTHEAST FLORIDA GAMES**

Green Cove Springs, FL

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.neflgames.com](http://www.neflgames.com)

#### **CELTIC FESTIVAL**

Moorhead, MN

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.cityofmoorhead.com](http://www.cityofmoorhead.com)

#### **COASTAL HIGHLAND GAMES**

Myrtle Beach, SC

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.coastalhighlandgames.com](http://www.coastalhighlandgames.com)

#### **GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Linville, NC

July 8-11, 2021

[www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org)

#### **WOODLAND CELTIC FESTIVAL**

Woodland, California

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.woodlandcelticgames.org](http://www.woodlandcelticgames.org)

#### **FINGER LAKES CELTIC FESTIVAL**

Farmington, NY

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.flceltic.org](http://www.flceltic.org)

#### **ALLEGANY COUNTY CELTIC FESTIVAL**

Belmont, NY

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.alleganycountyceltic.com](http://www.alleganycountyceltic.com)

**UTAH SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**

Lehi, Utah

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.utahscots.org](http://www.utahscots.org)**OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES**

Berea, Ohio

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.ohioscottishgames.com](http://www.ohioscottishgames.com)**CELTIC FAIRE & GAMES**

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TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.nesdcelticfaire.com](http://www.nesdcelticfaire.com)**JAMESTOWN REGIONAL CELTIC FESTIVAL**

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[www.96thhighlanders.com](http://www.96thhighlanders.com)**NIAGRA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES**

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Pleasanton, CA

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[www.thescottishgames.com](http://www.thescottishgames.com)**LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH/IRISH FESTIVAL**

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[www.scotfest.com](http://www.scotfest.com)**DIXON SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES**

Dixon, California

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[www.scotsindixon.org](http://www.scotsindixon.org)**SCOTS ON THE ROCKS**

Moab, Utah

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.scotsontherocksmoab.com](http://www.scotsontherocksmoab.com)**PAYSON SCOTTISH FESTIVAL**

Payson, Utah

TO BE ANNOUNCED

[www.paysonscottishfestival.org](http://www.paysonscottishfestival.org)**DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

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**Clan Hunter USA Treasurer Report****August 31, 2020**

Beginning Balance 09/30/2018	15,999
Cash Receipts	9,078
Cash Disbursements:	
Hunterston Castle Preservation	4,157
Highlander Magazine Ad	0
Newsletters and New Member Packets	1,366
Highland Games	290
Website & Misc.	470
Ending Balance 08/31/2020	<b>\$18,794</b>

You can pay your dues by mailing me a check or by going online to our website at [www.clanhunterusa.org](http://www.clanhunterusa.org) using pay pal. Please include your address.

**The 2021 dues are due January 15, 2021.** The \$25 fee is due at the beginning of each year unless you are a new member paying \$40 which covers your first calendar year of membership. Your annual dues support Hunterston Castle, Highland games, our newsletter, and our website. Your annual support is essential to our mission.

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