



THE HUNTER'S HORN

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CLAN HUNTER GATHERING 2017

Friday July 28th through Sunday July 30th See Madam Pauline's Comments in article below and in the September 2016 Hunter's Horn for details. To make reservations for The Gathering go to www.clanhunter.org.uk and click on 2017 GATHERING

EDINBURGH TATTOO

See Madam Pauline's article below for information on The Tattoo and procedure and deadline for ordering tickets.

MESSAGE FROM MADAM PAULINE

Happy New Year to Everyone,

My very best wishes to you and a huge thank you to those who have hosted a tent or just helped out at Scottish events or even just attended. It is wonderful that so many of you value your heritage by promoting Clan Hunter and your Scottish connections. We have had a very busy year with visitors to the Castle, I do hope that all of you who have visited your ancestral home had a great experience. I have really enjoyed your photos.

There has been quite a lot of interest from those of you who have had your DNA tested. Please do send your results to myself for our Clan records. It would be such a shame if these ever got lost and they are invaluable for making those all important connections. The same applies to family records, I always welcome copies for our records.

Several of you have been in touch asking to purchase our Clan tartan. We have ordered all three weights, Kilt, trouser/skirt and the sash weights. The tartan is woven in double width that is 54 inches approx. As soon as the tartan arrives in stock, early 2017, I shall post on the Clan Hunter UK Facebook page.

We have a very exciting 2017 ahead for the Clan with our International Gathering being held over the weekend of 28th to 30th July. Lord Lyon, has very generously agreed to come and give us a talk. There is archery for those of you who wish to try it out or if you

have shot a bow before just come and shoot at a clout or target. Bows and arrows will be provided and I will be participating. On Sunday there is a trip to the Burns Birthplace Museum near to Hunterston. The Hunters were one of the sponsors for Burns' first book of poems.

The Edinburgh Tattoo has invited the Clans and Chiefs to take part in the opening ceremony of the Edinburgh Tattoo. The theme for this year's Edinburgh Tattoo is to be 'A Splash of Tartan' and Clan Hunter has been invited to take part in the Opening Ceremony at the 10.30pm evening performance on Saturday 5th August. The organizers have reserved only 150 tickets over all the price ranges so that we can be seated together, these special tickets are only available to purchase in advance till the 1st March. We have been asked to wear our tartan to show our pride in our Scottish and Hunter heritage.

I would be so honoured to have as many of you as possible for this event. We are to parade in front of an 8,000 audience. The theme of this year's Edinburgh Tattoo is 'A Splash of Tartan' and as part of the opening ceremony the Clan Hunter Tartan is to be displayed on Edinburgh Castle. All the reserved tickets in all price ranges are in blocks so that the Hunters will be seated together.

Chiefs and their followers will be able to access their tickets by inserting their Clan Name and a password. This is the link to purchase your tickets:

<http://brand1.entacom.com/EntaConnectIII/WEBPAGES/EntaWebGateway/gateway.aspx?E=N&QL=S76|VEMT|G~/WEBPAGES/EntaWebShow/Clans.aspx>

The Password for Clan Hunter is: Hunter

More information is available by emailing me at hunterston30th@gmail.com or info@clanhunterscotland.com

Carol Hunter Sullivan is arranging three tours, one for the Gathering which includes a tour of Scotland finishing with the event at the Edinburgh Tattoo, one for the golfers who wish to play in the country of the games origin and one for the Gathering only. Carol is a certified Travel Agent and Tour Guide. To find our more please email Carol at homeiswheretherootslead@gmail.com.

-Madam Pauline

Stone Mountain Highland Games

October 14-16, 2016, brought beautiful fall weather and thousands of visitors to the 44th Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games at Stone Mountain, Georgia. The state-owned park was the host to a weekend of all things Scottish with almost one hundred Scottish Clans and Scottish Societies represented. Hunter Clan USA Treasurer, Brad Hunter, along with Clan member Greg Slaton, set up and represented our clan at the Hunter Clan Tent at The Games this year. Brad and his wife, Andrea, also enjoyed time with their granddaughter, Bethany, bringing her to her very first Stone Mountain Games.



Andrea and Bethany

We had many visitors over the weekend that included more than a dozen Hunter families! Please welcome our five newest members to Clan Hunter USA – James Russell Hunter from Dawson, GA, David and Christy Wood from Jesup, GA, and Sean and Patricia Vinson who came to The Games from Midland, GA. Members John and Carol Hunter from Pacific, Missouri, came to the games with their son, Brian, from Petal, Mississippi. They joined Bill Hunter, from Lansing, Michigan, with other members of the Hunter Clan on to the field for the “march of the clans” with Brian proudly carrying the Hunter Banner.

Friday opened the games with lectures, recitals, a whiskey tasting, and piping competition all held at the host hotel, the Hilton Atlanta Northeast in Norcross, Georgia. The first day ended with a reception for Sponsors and Patrons. Saturday continued with traditional competitions that included dancing, piping and drumming, and athletic events. Saturday at noon, marked the official Opening Ceremony, guest introductions and a massed pipes and drums performance by all participating pipe bands. Mixed in before and after the Opening Ceremony were opportunities to enjoy children’s games, a Scottish Harp competition, Highland Dance and traditional Scottish foods.



Bill, Brian, Brad, Carol and John Hunter

Musical entertainment is a big part of the Stone Mountain Highland games. Three stages located around the meadow allow for a variety of music including traditional, contemporary, and acoustic. Some of the bands performing this year included The Muckers, MacGilliossa, Border Collies, The Blarney Girls, Rathkeltair, Colin Grant-Adams and Stonewall.

The 2016 Host Band this year was the Atlanta Pipe Band, a Grade 3 competitor. Having recently entered its 46th year, they continue to further the great tradition of Scottish music and culture through performance and education. Under the leadership of Pipe Major Robert Minnear, the band is both a major force on the competitive circuit and a sought-after performer for civic, private and commercial events.

The 2016 Guest of Honor this year was Alexander Douglas Hamilton, 16th Duke of Hamilton. His Grace succeeded his father as the 16th Duke of Hamilton on 5 June 2010. He is married to Sophie Ann Ruthford and has three young children, Douglas, William and Basil. The Duke has a series of state functions which include being Keeper of the Palace of Holyrood House and carrying the crown at the opening of the Scottish Parliament and Coronations.

The Duke is interested in Scottish culture and history and has great respect for tradition. He is concerned with rural affairs and maintains the ancient white park cattle of Hamilton, the Cadzow herd. The family lives at the Clan seat, Lennoxlove, which they open to the public, and are keen that the house, collection and parkland are enjoyed. He shares his late father's passion for cars, flying, engineering and music.

Competitions and Exhibits continue to be a focal point of the Stone Mountain Highland Games. Their website says, “In the old times, the clans would gather for ‘Games’. These would commonly be in the form of competitions between the clans. Today, we keep this important tradition alive by offering competition ... lot of it.” This statement was evident in

the many opportunities to compete in athletic competitions including the Hammer Throw, the Sheaf Toss, the Weight Throw and one of the most popular – the Caber Toss. Also included in the competitions were Highland Dancing, Piping (both individual and Band) and Drumming.

Cultural offerings at the Games included Scottish Country Dancing, where anyone could join in, Scottish Fiddling, Scottish Sheepdog exhibit and the Tartan Forest, set up, displayed and nurtured by the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta. From the Stone Mountain Highland Games' website "The St Andrew's Society Tartan Forest is made up of tartan banners that have been donated by members of the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta. A group of members led by Doug Grey,



Greg Slaton with Hunter Banner

maintain the banners and display them at meetings, kirkings, and other events in the Atlanta area. The Society has about 80 banners and will be displaying about 65 this year. At the Society's tent, not only is there is list of which tartans are on display this year but also a notebook with a list of the missing banners. Feel free to stop by and wander in a world of colors and heritage."

The banner of the Hunter of Hunterston Tartan (pictured above) was donated to the St. Andrew's Society by Brad Hunter via Clan Hunter. The event was a Kirk'in O the Tartan at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody, GA, on Sunday, February 7, 2016. This was the public debut of the banner.

The games weekend was a huge success, and planning for the 45th Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games is already in the works. Hope to see you there, the third weekend in October, 2017!

- Margaret Slaton

SCOTTISH BOOK REVIEW

The Euphemia Martins Mysteries
by Caroline Dunford

My favorite volumes in the series are A Death in the Highlands and A Death in the Loch (for obvious reasons). Ms. Dunford provides a colorful and wonderfully descriptive story in each book as Euphemia makes her way through the dysfunctional Stapleford family.

This entertaining series of stories is about a young woman, (Euphemia) daughter of a deceased vicar who must find employment to support herself, her mother, and young brother. In order to hide her true identity and social class, she assumes the nom de guerre of Euphemia St. Johns. She is actually the estranged granddaughter of an earl, but she knows that the revelation of that relationship would complicate things in the strict social class society of early 20th century England.

Immediately upon gaining employment as a maid at Stapleford Hall, she discovers a dead body, which starts a whole series of events that seem to define her. Her gift for logic and discovering clues embroils her in a successive involvement in strange deaths. Ms. Martins' (St. Johns') employer is Richard Stapleford. In the house also live his twin sister, Richenda and younger half-brother Bertram. Euphemia and Bertram are attracted to one another, but can do nothing about it as each thinks the other is below his/her social class. Another attraction involves Euphemia and the young butler, Rory McLeod, a handsome Scotsman. Their relationship cannot move forward either, as hired help are discouraged from becoming involved romantically with one another. "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive!" Try reading one; you won't be able to stop! I couldn't!

- Pat Hunter

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM

THE HUNTERS OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

By Jerry Parks Cooper

While exchanging emails with Mel Hunter, he asked me if I would be willing to write an article for the Hunter's Horn. Mel specifically wanted me to share the history of the Thornton-Hunter house in Yanceyville, NC, my experiences growing up in it, and information pertaining to my family and my career. Mel explained that many members of the Hunter family (including his) have roots in North Carolina, and might find the information interesting.

The first Hunter in my lineage to migrate to North Carolina appears to be John Hunter. John was born in 1734 in Chester County, PA, and died in 1787 in North Carolina. I do not know specifically where John died, but one of his children was Andrew Hunter, who was born in 1760 in the Muddy Creek community of western Burke County, NC. Andrew died in McDowell County, NC, which is the western neighbor of Burke County. Andrew married Lydia Burchfield, who is probably the most fascinating member of the Hunter clan. (I will mention more about Lydia later.)

Andrew had a son, James Hunter (1798–1863), who lived his entire life in Buncombe County, NC. James had a son, Andrew Benjamin Hunter (1825 – 1862). Andrew's son, Charles ("Charlie") Joseph Hunter (1853 – 1935) lived in the Nebo community of McDowell County, NC. One of Charlie's sons was my grandfather, Thomas Parks Hunter (1894 – 1943).

Thomas ("Tom") Hunter moved from Nebo to Caswell County around 1914 in search of work. He married my grandmother, Sarah Jeanette ("Nettie") Powell in 1915, and started a family in 1916. One of their children was my mother, Sallie Katherine Hunter Cooper (1921 – 2009).

In 1924, Tom and Nettie Hunter moved to the town of Yanceyville, the county seat of Caswell County, and purchased what was known as the Thornton house. The house would eventually be known as the Thornton-Hunter house, as it is so called today. The town of Yanceyville was originally known as Caswell Courthouse, which was established in 1791. The Thornton-Hunter house is only one of two houses that remain from that period, and is considered the oldest structure in Yanceyville. The house was named for Dr. Robert B. Thornton, who resided in the upper floor of the house and maintained a medical office on the first floor.



The Thornton-Hunter house is a frame Federal cottage. Historical documents refer to it as being "one-story with finished attic." The most interesting exterior features are the compressed arrangement of the front door and flanking windows on the main façade, with the molded architraves of the windows almost touching that of the door. The front room of the first floor contains a pierced dentil cornice and a tall, eccentric corner mantel distinguished by a short overmantel with flanking urn-shaped pilasters and the lavish use of pierced dentil moldings and incised ornament. The house is divided into two equal rooms with corner fireplaces, and an enclosed winding stair between the rooms ascends to the partitioned attic. (Some of the aforementioned description is taken from the National Register of Historic Places Inventory.) The Thornton-Hunter House will be on the 2017 Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Tour.

Another prominent figure associated with the house was Samuel P. Hill, who had his law practice there in the 1800's. During the Reconstruction Period, Hill played a role in what came to be known as the Kirk-Holden War in 1870.

A single-story addition was added to the house in 1923. My mother was only three years old when her family moved into the historic home in 1924. She basically lived her entire life there. In the 1970's, due to difficulty heating and cooling the house, my mother had the house wrapped in vinyl siding. While this improved living comfort, sadly, it meant the house lost historic mention.

Of course, my two brothers and I grew up in the Thornton-Hunter house. Regrettably, we were grown before we realized the historic nature of our home. We just considered it an old house. My most cherished memories of growing up there re-

volve around the family gatherings, especially on holidays. I think the smell of the country cooking is still locked in every crack and crevice. I wish I had just one more of my Grandma Nettie Hunter's homemade biscuits. As for the steep stairs going up to the finished attic, everyone in the family slipped and fell down them at least once. Fortunately, the stairs took a turn at the bottom and would just spit you out.

Now, for my 4th Great-Grandmother Lydia Burchfield Hunter. In the 1760's Cherokee frequently raided the frontier settlements and murdered the families. On one occasion the Burchfield's learned the Cherokee were on their way for a raid so they joined other families making their way to Fort McDowell. Seven Cherokee ambushed the settlers and each snatched a small child from their mothers' arms. Lydia, age 2 at the time, and her sister Mary, age 5, were among those taken. The settlers thought it best to get the women and children to Fort McDowell. On the third day after reaching Fort McDowell, a group of men left the fort to go in search of the raiding party. The men eventually found six scalped children. Five were dead, but Lydia was still breathing. The men rushed Lydia back to the fort and to her mother's arms. Some of the men tracked the Cherokee for days, but never found Lydia's sister Mary. They finally crossed paths with a hunter who told them he had seen the Cherokee days earlier carrying the child. After many more days, they had to abandon the search.

Lydia Burchfield made a miraculous recovery and grew to womanhood. She always wore a cap or covering over her mutilated head. Lydia married Andrew Hunter. They had four children, one of which is my 3rd Great-Grandfather James Hunter. Years later, when peace with the Cherokee was restored, the Indians would often visit with Lydia, amazed that they were in the presence of someone who had survived a scalping and had obviously been touched by the Great Spirit.

Lydia lived to be 83. She is buried in the Hunter Cemetery on Harmony Grove Road near Nebo. In the 1980's my mother and her sister Mildred Josephine Hunter Davis Neese made several excursions to try to find Andrew and Lydia's graves. I was somewhat familiar with the area as I was working for the NC Alcohol Law Enforcement Division and frequently raided moonshiners and chased bootleggers around there. (Some no doubt, if I had bothered to check their pedigree, were probably some of my kinfolk.) I put forth my best Sherlock Holmes-like effort and was able to lead

my mother and aunt to the graves. They considered it a pilgrimage, and for me, it was the moment I was truly awakened to my Hunter heritage.



Jerry Cooper At Captured Liquor Still, Wilkes County, NC

As for Lydia's sister Mary, recent research points to the probability that she survived and eventually became the wife of a Cherokee Chief. A few years ago, I shared Lydia and Mary's story with a prominent "full-blooded" Cherokee. He was amazed at my story, and told me he has heard substantially the same account from the Cherokee.

- Jerry Parks Cooper

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Bill Smith informed us of the death of **Myra Knicely Grimes** in July of 2015 in Ohio. Myra was the oldest daughter of Ken and Ruth Grimes and granddaughter of Greene and Cora (Hunter) Grimes. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends as it is always very painful to lose a child, no matter the age.

Mary Margaret Webb Hunter passed away on January 9, 2017. She is the grandmother of Clan Hunter USA member Jonathan Hunter Aldredge. Jonathan and his wife, Karlie, represent Clan Hunter at more than one Scottish Festival in Utah. We appreciate their enthusiastic service so much!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Jonathan and his family as well as Mrs. Hunter's circle of friends.

FUTURE CLAN HUNTER MEMBERS



first time in her crib
day 6 | 11:25 am

Eloise Elisabeth Hunter joined the family of clan members, Bryan & Elisabeth Hunter and brothers Henry and George Hunter on December 30, 2016. This sweet future Clan Hunter USA member is the latest granddaughter of Mel and Pat Hunter.

Clan Hunter, USA member, Dolly Hunter Patrie, of Phillips, WI, welcomed a great grandson, **Landon Patrie** to the family on November 25, 2016. He is Dolly's first great grandson! Congratulations!

HUNTERSTON HAPPENINGS

by Donna Hunter

Still available! Mail a check for \$15 each + \$5 (to cover shipping for up to 3 copies) made out to
Clan Hunter USA

to
Pat Hunter
21360 Faceville Lane
Summerdale, AL 36580-3972

You will enjoy this beautifully illustrated book, and it would make a wonderful gift for your child or grandchild.

The books have been donated to Clan Hunter USA, and the organization will retain all the proceeds.

Thanks again, Donna!

HUNTER CREST COUNTED CROSS STITCH PATTERN



Since we have so many new Clan Hunter USA members, we thought that we would offer this counted cross stitch pattern again. The pattern comes on grid paper with DMC floss colors listed and simple instructions. It is offered to those members who request it by mail and insert a SASE for its return to you. Please send your request to:

Pat Hunter
21360 Faceville Lane
Summerdale, AL 36580-3972

CLAN HUNTER USA TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance 06/30/2016	\$ 18,006
Cash Receipts	1,645
Cash Disbursements:	
Hunterston Castle Preservation	(0)
Highlander Magazine Ad	(150)
Newsletters & New Member Packets	(1,430)
Highland Games	(669)
Website	(77)
Ending Balance (12/31/2016)	<u>\$ 17,325</u>

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dues of \$25 so that we can continue to mail you *The Hunters Horn*. You can also pay online at clanhunterusa.org. Thank you for your support

Of Clan Hunter USA! -Brad Hunter

NEW ADDRESS?

If your mailing address changes, please make it a priority to inform us so that you won't miss an issue of *The Hunter's Horn*! If you are SNOWBIRDS, please **notify us of your winter and summer addresses.** When contacting us about address changes, please give us your old and new addresses. Sometimes there are several members with the same name! Just email us at melandpat@gulftel.com or call us at 251-989-2881, and we will change your address(es) on our roll. It will only take a few minutes, and we will be able to keep our roster current.

Thanks so much!
-Pat Hunter, Secretary, Clan Hunter USA

Clan Hunter USA Coming Events

CELTIC FESTIVAL
Moorhead, MN
March 11, 2017
Host: Randy Knight
www.cityof Moorhead.com

FINGER LAKES CELTIC FESTIVAL
Farmington, NY
May 20, 2017
Host: Bill Hunter
www.flceltic.org

ALLEGANY COUNTY CELTIC FESTIVAL
Belmont, NY
June 3, 2017
Host: Bill Hunter
www.alleganycountyceltic.com

UTAH SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
Lehi, Utah
June 9 – 11, 2017
Hosts: Jonathan & Karlie Alldredge
www.utahscots.org

OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES
Wellington, OH
June 23-24, 2017
Host: Dave Brest
www.ohioscottishgames.com

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES
Linville, NC
July 6 – 9, 2017
Host: Greg & Margaret Slaton
www.GMHG.org

PAYSON SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
Payson, Utah
July 7-8, 2017
Hosts: Jonathan & Karlie Alldredge
www.paysonscottishfestival.org

CLAN HUNTER GATHERING
Hunterston Castle, Scotland
July 28 – 30, 2017
(Edinburgh Tattoo, August 7, 2017)
Host: Madam Pauline Hunter
www.clanhunter.org.uk

JAMESTOWN REGIONAL CELTIC FESTIVAL
August 25 - 26, 2017
Mayville, NY
Host: Bill Hunter
www.96thhighlanders.com

LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH/IRISH FESTIVAL

Estes Park, CO
Sept. 7 – 10, 2017
Host: Dr. Denis Hunter
www.scotfest.com

CELTIC FAIRE & GAMES
Aberdeen, SD
Sept. 15 – 16, 2017
Host: Randy Knight
www.nesdcelticfaire.com

CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES
Boone Hall Plantation
Charleston, SC
Sept. 16, 2017
Hosts: Jill & Scott Powell & Carl Hunter
www.charlestonescots.org

NIAGARA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES
Krull Park, Olcott Beach, NY
Sept. 16 -17,2017
Host: William Hunter
www.niagaraceltic.com

LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES
Ligonier, Pennsylvania
Sept. 23, 2017
Hostess: Virginia Hunter Bouchard
www.ligonierhighlandgames.org

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES
Stone Mountain, GA (Atlanta area)
Oct. 14 – 16, 2016
Hosts: Brad Hunter & Greg Slaton
www.smhg.org

SCOTS ON THE ROCKS (Red Rocks, that is!)
Moab, Utah
November 3 – 5, 2017
Host: Dr. Denis Hunter
www.scotsontherocksmoab.com

ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK
Alexandria, VA
Dec. 1-2, 2017
Host: Virginia Hunter Bouchard
www.scottishchristmaswalk.org

A GAELIC SAYING

“Beautiful, glorious Scotland has spoilt me for every other country!”

- Mary Todd Lincoln

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100,000 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Harriet Roper Wilson
Ashburn, VA

Mary Elaine Hunter
Mesa, AZ

Derek & Shannon Hunter
Kansas City, MO

Sam & Ann Price
Carrolton, GA

Mary Sampson
Lawrenceburg, IN

Dr. Timothy Purnell
Morristown, NJ

Dr. Shorn Purnell
Mountain Lakes, NJ

Dr. Herbert Purnell
Pasadena, CA

Richard Purnell
Raleigh, NC

Ryan & Janice Hunter
Spirit Lake, IA

Marc & Nancy Hunter
Winnetka, CA

Sean & Patricia Vinson
Midland, GA

James Russell Hunter
Dawson, GA

Julie Champlin
Canton, IL

Lena C. Champlin
Blairsville, GA

Allen & Jane Hunter
Westmanland, ME

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Chandler, AZ

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