



# THE HUNTER'S HORN



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## MESSAGE FROM MADAM PAULINE

Dear Clansfolk,

We are all still so excited after the wonderful welcome you gave to us at Stone Mountain and Washington DC. I know that Graham, Macer Venatorus, my brothers, Charles and John including nephew Ruaraidh were all delighted with the warmth which they received and send thanks to everyone.

I personally wish to thank Bryan for taking on the Clan Presidency and for making it to Stone Mountain despite his injuries. Thank you too, to the new officers of Clan Hunter USA, Margaret, Jill and Carlton it was great to get to know you in person. Thank you especially to Greg and Margaret Slaton for making the arrangements for my stay in Atlanta and for organizing the tent and the Clan Dinner. I wish especially to thank Mel and Pat our last Clan Hunter USA President and Secretary for their hard work in the past.

It was fantastic to be able to meet so many of you, renew previous friendships and make new ones. I am so happy that so many of you came to the Clan Tent and spoke to me. It has been such a pleasure for me to connect with Hunters from far and near and it was such a delight to meet those exploring their ancestry showing an interest in their Hunter origins and our Clan Seat Hunterston Castle. Our gazebo is possibly one of the best with its distinctive green and yellow Clan colours and the display so informative about Clan Hunter.

Thanks to Greg, who is a member of the Burns Literary Society, we were very privileged to be able to have our Clan Dinner at the Atlanta Burns Cottage. Having visited many times the Burns cottage in Alloway I was completely thrown by the exactness of the Burns Cottage in Atlanta. It has the atmosphere of antiquity about it and a most fitting venue for Clan Hunter, as the Hunters were early patrons of Robert Burns. So it was doubly a pleasure to have our Dinner there.

After our excellent meal it was my very great honour to present the highest award given to a Clan Hunter member, The Order of the Royal Huntsman. This year I decided to give the award to three people, the first

being Dr. Richard G. Hunter who over many Games has managed the Clan tent at Stone Mountain and been a stalwart supporter of Clan Hunter. I first met Richard when I was new to being a Clan Chief and have valued his commitment since that first meeting. For the first time I am giving The Order of the Royal Huntsman to a couple, Greg and Margaret Slaton. They have both shown tremendous support jointly to Clan Hunter and continue to do so, having taken over storing and erecting the Clan tent for many years when Richard was no longer able to do so and have supported Clan Hunter in the background without expecting any reward. Thank you, all of you, I truly appreciate your dedication to Clan Hunter.

Our trip to Washington DC was no less momentous and special thanks go to John Hunter for arranging the lunch at the famous Monocle Restaurant so I could meet with Clan members in the area and they could connect with each other. We were given the great pleasure of Christian playing his bagpipes to us. Thank you Christian for playing Highland Cathedral, one of my favourite pieces.

Whilst we were in Washington DC, Zach and Mallory Hunter arranged for us to visit the White House, a very great privilege for us both. We had an excellent tour of the East Wing followed by a tour of Capitol Hill, including some areas not generally on view to visitors. It was so interesting to learn about how the US is governed and to see so many students being taken on tours of Capitol Hill and the East Wing of the White House. It had been arranged for us to have an extra special tour, this time of the West Wing of the White House. That was the greatest honour for us as security is so tight these days. The tour was conducted by a guide who was very informative and knowledgeable. The West Wing is very impressive but still maintains a working atmosphere.

Following our meal at the Burns Cottage and after our lunch at the Monocle I presented a project that is very close to me. It has always embarrassed me that we do not have proper facilities for those visiting Hunterston Castle, our Clan Seat. We are, as you all appreciate, very fortunate in having Hunterston Castle intact and still in

the family so Hunters from far and near are able to visit and see our ancestral home, but I feel not good enough for visitors who have made such a journey to not have the pleasure of really enjoying their ancestral home. The project that I am proposing is to create facilities in the building opposite the Castle. Our new centre will encompass the whole of the ground floor of what is now storerooms and old workshops, the building is called North Cottage. This will be converted into rooms that will be able to give a suitable welcome to visitors coming to Hunterston. I have commissioned suitable architects to draw up plans, which everyone will be able to look at. The current ground floor consists of four rooms and a passageway. These will be converted to an entryway, a lounge style sitting area, a dining room where refreshments can be served to visitors, a display and shop area, washrooms and small kitchen. To enable parking nearer to the Castle we are planning three car parking places by the walled garden and finally to make access easier the architects have suggested that we have paving along the front of the Castle and in the Castle courtyard. When these facilities are completed they will be suitable for our own Clan Gatherings and small events. Suggestions have been made that we make the Clan centre available to Clan members to hire for weddings and small events in order to cover running costs. It is also my wish that there will be facilities for Clan members to stay above the new centre and opposite the Castle.

I very much hope that you will support this project for the Clan.

#### **MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BRYAN HUNTER**

Dear fellow Clansfolk,

My past inaugural year as your Clan president flew by. It was a year of learning the ropes, but the tireless support and advice I received from the past Clan president, Mel Hunter, as well as by the incredibly dedicated group of Clan officers, Brad Hunter (treasurer), Margaret Hunter Slaton (secretary), and Jill Hunter Powell and Carlton Powell (coeditors of this fine newsletter) greatly shortened the learning curve. I cannot thank them enough for their patience with me as well as their tireless and cheerful support.

I'm also incredibly grateful to those of you who reached out to me. Your zeal for Clan Hunter brings fresh understanding of how incredibly blessed we are to be a

part of this endeavor. (I'm always delighted to hear from you and welcome any thoughts or suggestions on how to strengthen our Clan: [chusapres@gmail.com](mailto:chusapres@gmail.com).) Many of your notes reminded me that local and regional games are the primary conduits that physically connect us (besides blood and shared DNA). Thanks to all of you who have hosted Clan tents and for sharing those experiences with me. I realize from first-hand experience what a tremendous undertaking it is, and a true labor of love. These games play another vital function: they are one of the most effective tools for recruiting new members to ensure the long-term vitality of our clan Hunter association.

My family and I just returned from the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2018 games were especially energizing. We had the distinct honor of a visit from our Clan Chief, Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston, and Graham, the official macebearer for Clan Hunter. The games officially recognized Madam Pauline as a guest of honor. Joining Madam Pauline and Graham were two of Madam Pauline's brothers, Charles the Younger of Hunterston, who flew 18 hours from Perth, Australia, and John, who divides his time between Los Angeles and Virginia. Charles' son Ruaraidh, who moved from the UK to Los Angeles five years ago also made the trip. (The Hunter worldwide diaspora is living tradition!)

While always a delight to renew relationships in person with the head of our Clan and others of her immediate family, their attendance signaled something more intentionally urgent. It demonstrates our Clan Chief's staunch dedication to Clan Hunter worldwide and her deep respect and abiding appreciation for the contributions Clan members in the US have made to the Clan at large. They also came so that they could brief the U.S. executive committee on the current state of our Clan seat, Hunterston Castle, and the historic Clan lands surrounding it.

Both Madam Pauline and Charles earnestly stressed several important points about Hunterston:

First, the concept of Clanship was historically rooted in a particular locale as much as kinship;

Second, for us that locale is Hunterston;

Third, compared to other Scottish Clans, Clan Hunter is incredibly fortunate to retain our Clan seat (we are in the happy minority in this regard);

Fourth, 2019 marks nine hundred eleven years of Hunter stewardship of Hunterston. Furthermore, entering its eighth century, Hunterston Castle remains in structurally excellent condition, and with a renewed sense of stewardship, our Clan marches towards one thousand years of continuous possession of its Clan lands in North Ayrshire;

Fifth, the Clan has engaged the leading land management firm in the UK to help guide the long-term sustainability of our historic Clan lands and Hunterston Castle;

Last, Madam Pauline, along with Charles, enthusiastically shared their commitment and active involvement with the Clan not only in the UK, but in the U.S. and elsewhere around the globe. They eagerly invite and desire our active participation and investment in Hunterston Castle and lands to make it an even more enriching and enjoyable homecoming for those of us scattered abroad – not only for our lifetime, but for generations yet to come.

Madam Pauline shared in detail with the executive council plans for the future of Hunterston Castle, including a proposed stunning new Clan Centre in one of the cottages that along with the pele tower and subsequent additions comprises the castle complex. Later, at the conclusion of a splendid dinner organized by our most generous hosts Margaret and Greg Slaton, both Madam Pauline and Charles summarized these plans for the rest of the Hunters attending. They reiterated these plans at a special luncheon for Hunters organized by John Hunter in Washington D.C.

To conclude, in the coming months, please expect more details from me sharing the vision for our castle and thoughts on how together we can help bring it to fruition. It is an ambitious plan to breathe new vitality into our ancient stronghold. It is a long-term vision that will determine the long-term future of our Clan seat. But since we enjoy more than 900 years at Hunterston, we proceed with all the patience and determination reflected in our clan motto: *Cursum Perficio* – we stay the course.

(DRAWINGS ARE ON PAGES 5 & 6)

Yours aye,  
Clan Hunter USA  
Bryan Hunter  
President

## STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES 2018

The Hunter Clan was a sponsor at the 2018 Stone Mountain 46<sup>th</sup> annual Highland Games on October 19 - 21. We were especially honored to have Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston, our Clan chief, visit Stone Mountain this year. We had our biggest group of Hunters yet with over 60 visiting our Clan tent. On Saturday night we had a dinner at the historic Burns cottage in Atlanta in honor of our Clan chief. Greg and Margaret Slaton did a terrific job making this a successful dinner.



Graham & Madam Pauline and John Hunter

The games now include a children's area that is a lot of fun according to my granddaughters Bethany and Cara who came with their mother Erica Madsen. Some of the activities showcasing Scottish heritage include salmon fishing, face painting, crafts, miniature caber toss, Scotch egg drop, archery, and many more fun activities for the kids.

Ron Dauphinee of Trussville, AL brought his delicious homemade Scottish shortbread and his kilted puppet to entertain the children. Sigrid

McAlister of Stone Mountain, GA brought her famous unbelievably good cornbread for all the Hunters at the tent to enjoy. Bill Hunter of Lansing, MI won the prize of some Scottish "water" for traveling the longest to the games. He is the administrator of the Hunter project which tracks Hunter DNA. We welcomed a new member into the clan, Gail Bagdonas of Signal Mountain, TN.



On Sunday, 25 Hunters and friends marched in the Parade of Tartans. Madam Pauline was recognized as an honored guest of the games during the parade. John and Carol Hunter of Pacific, MO carried the Hunter banner and tartan flag in the parade.

I hope to see you for next year's games on the third weekend in October. Bring your family to celebrate our proud Hunter heritage.

By: Brad Hunter

#### **Dinner Honoring Madam Pauline**

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, a dinner was held in honor of Clan Chief Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston.

The dinner was attended by forty-five clan members and guests at the Burns Cottage in Atlanta, Georgia. The Burns Cottage, a replica of poet Robert Burns' birthplace in Scotland, was constructed by the Burns Club of Atlanta. The club was organized in 1896 as a social, literary, and memorial society and has held a celebration on the anniversary of Burns' birthday every year since 1898. Clan Hunter USA President Bryan Hunter introduced Madam Pauline and members were able to gather and speak with her before enjoying dinner and dessert. Hunter Powell, son of members Scott and Jill Hunter Powell, treated Madam Pauline

and her guests to "Highland Cathedral" and "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. Hunter is currently a sophomore student at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina in Charleston and a member of their pipe band. After dinner, a toast to Madam Pauline was given by member Greg Slaton who is also a member of the Burns Club of Atlanta and hosted the dinner.

Madam Pauline chose this evening to honor three current members of Clan Hunter USA with The Order of the Royal Huntsman. Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston took on the mantle of Chiefship in 1994 and is the patron of "The Order of the Royal Huntsman", which she created in 1998. This award recognizes those Clan members who have made an outstanding commitment to Clan Hunter. While in Atlanta, Madam Pauline presented this award to Dr. Richard Hunter, Greg Slaton and Margaret Slaton.

The Order of the Royal Huntsman was so named in recognition of the dedicated service that the Hunters have given to the Scottish Crown in the past as Royal Huntsman.

The evening was also marked by the recognition of Dr. Richard Hunter, past president of Clan Hunter USA. Dr. Hunter is the recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor reserved for those who have achieved career longevity and demonstrated unwavering excellence in their chosen field.

by: Margret Slaton

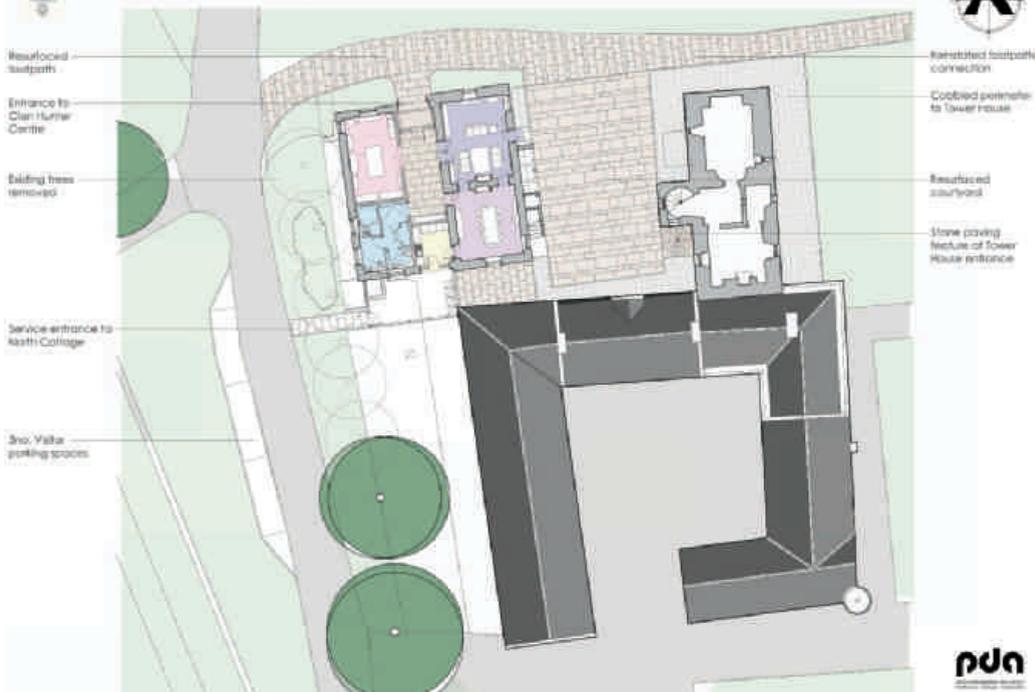


**BURNS COTTAGE-ATLANTA, GA**

# Clan Hunter Centre - Location Plan



# Clan Hunter Centre - Site Plan





# Clan Hunter Centre - Elevations and Model



South Cottage



South Cottage showing revised room arrangement



South Cottage showing proposed room arrangement



# Clan Hunter Centre - Floor Plan



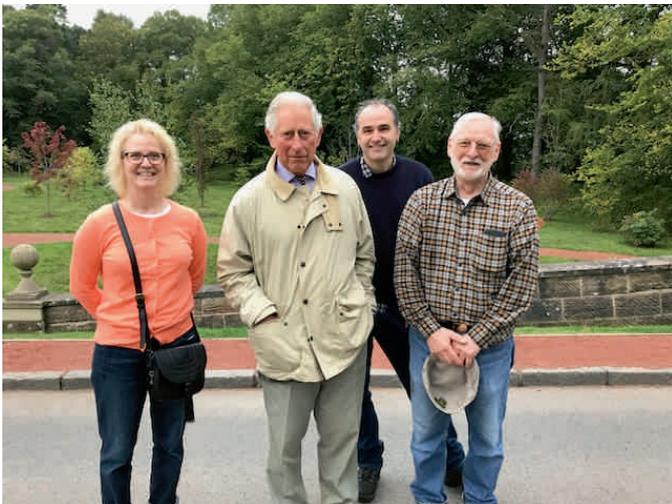
**GREAT DAY AT WORK**

IT'S A GREAT DAY AT WORK WHEN YOUR HUNTER CLAN FROM SCOTLAND COMES TO VISIT. ANDREW AND ELIZABETH HUNTER FROM SALTCOATS, STOPPED BY THE CONFEDERATE MUSEUM IN CHARLESTON, SC.



ELIZABETH HUNTER, JILL HUNTER POWELL (MUSEUM DIRECTOR) AND ANDREW HUNTER

**MEETING WITH THE PRINCE**



JOHN & CAROL HUNTER ARE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES, TOUR GUIDE IS IN THE REAR. DUMFRIES HOUSE, CUMNOCK, SCOTLAND SEPTEMBER 2017

**TARTAN BALL NOVEMBER 2 AT DANIEL ISLAND CLUB,  
HOSTED BY THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON**



CARLTON AND DOLORES HUNTER

**47<sup>th</sup> CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES  
AND HIGHLAND GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 3**



CLAN TENT HOSTED BY SCOTT AND JILL HUNTER POWELL



HUNTER POWELL, CARLTON & DOLORES HUNTER

**72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering July 28 and 29, 2018**



It was my honor to represent Clan Hunter at this year PNW Highland Clan Gathering and Scottish Games at the Muirhead Clan Society Tents. We welcome all Clan Hunter members in the PNW to join in our historical Link of Friendship.

Yours aye,

Rev. (Ret.) Chev. Raymond L. Morehead, GOTJ, FSA  
Scot, Chief Elect, Clan Muirhead Society International

**INVITATION FROM THE LAKES DISTILLERY**

By way of introduction, my name is Karen, and I work for The Lakes Distillery in the Lake District National Park. In case you've not heard of us before, The Lakes Distillery is one of England's finest whisky distilleries, based in the heart of Cumbria, England, about 25 miles from Carlisle in the North West of England. Recently, we were delighted to have won Best Customer Experience, Best Visitor Facilities (three years in a row!) and have been listed in the top 8 distilleries to visit before you die.

As a new distillery, it is very important to us that we

recognise and honour the culture and people of our region. Today we're writing to introduce ourselves and the very first English and Scotch blended malt whisky, *Steel Bonnets*.

As you're aware, to "reive" was to rob, and from this were born the *Border Reivers* nicknamed the *Steel Bonnets* after the distinctive helmets they wore. Our new whisky pays homage to the memory of the English and Scottish people who lived in the Border Marches from Berwick-upon-Tweed in the East to Carlisle in the West during the 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Allegiance at the time was to kin, not kingdom. Loyalty was to clan – to family. These loyalties had no border or king, but united them under their clan names, such as yours, the Hunters, amongst others. These families are now spread all over the world and we would like to celebrate that illustrious history of family loyalty and comradeship. You can find out more about the whisky on our website [www.lakesdistillery.com/steelbonnets](http://www.lakesdistillery.com/steelbonnets).

Your Clan members obviously have a shared history with the our distillery and the Border region. As a result, we would love to raise a glass to the Hunter Clan family and get to know you and your members better. If you'd be interested in learning more about the story of Steel Bonnets, the distillery, or arrange a visit or event with us at the distillery, please get in touch.

Kind regards

Karen Ripley

Head of Digital

**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 [margaretslaton01@gmail.com](mailto:margaretslaton01@gmail.com) or call us at 770-393-2189, and we will change your address on our roll.

**FUTURE CLAN HUNTER MEMBER**

I HAVE A NEW GRANDDAUGHTER, HARPER ROSE DUNPHY, WHO WAS BORN FEBRUARY 18, 2018, TO MY SON CONOR AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW JESSICA. HARPER HAS TWO BROTHERS, CAMERON AND MAXIMILLIAN. JESSICA IS THRILLED TO HAVE ANOTHER LASS IN THE HOUSEHOLD. BY WENDY DUNPHY

## **GRANDFATHER MTN HIGHLAND GAMES 2018**

A touch of Scotland returned to western North Carolina July 12-15, 2018, for the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans. Located in the beautiful North Carolina mountains just north of Linville, the long weekend boasts tartans, Celtic cuisine, crafts and rich culture of the traditions of Scotland and consistently draw between 20,000 and 30,000 people. Hosting the Clan Hunter tent at MacRae Meadows this year for the 4-day event included Greg Slaton of Atlanta, Georgia, John and Carol Hunter from Pacific, Missouri, and Jill and Hunter Powell from Charleston, South Carolina. A special thanks to all who helped greet members and guests over the weekend at the Clan Hunter tent.



**Left to Right: Clan members Chuck Hunt, Carol and John Hunter, Jill Hunter Powell, Hunter Powell and Greg Slaton**



**Members Michael and Anita Hunter with their daughters Ciara and Chloe**

The Highland games began Thursday, July 12, with children's activities, sheep dog demonstrations and Celtic entertainment. The weekend activities kick off with the traditional, grueling, 5-mile, all-uphill footrace called The Running of The Bear. The opening ceremonies began at dusk with a torchlight ceremony where representatives of all participating clans are invited to announce their family's participation in the gathering. This year Clan Hunter was announced and represented by our tent host, John Hunter.

The Honored Guest for the 2018 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was Margaret Frances Boswell Elliott, 29<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Elliot. A very gracious guest of honor, Clan Chief Elliott enjoyed her very first visit to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.



**Greg Slaton and Clan Chief Elliott**

Friday nights' Celtic rock show included sets by Seven Nations, Nic Hudson, Rathkeltair, Scottish Octopus and Blue Ridge Brass, while the Saturday Celtic sessions featured Alasdair White, Ed Miller, Chambless and Muse, Seamus Kennedy and Piper Jones Band. Other performers throughout the weekend's daytime musical offerings included Billy Jackson & Gráinne Hambly, Atlantic North, Brothers McLeod and Marybeth McQueen.



**New Member Steve Wilcox and family**



**Left to right: Lena Champlin, Juanita and Robert Hunter, John and Carol Hunter and Greg Slaton**

The weekend winded down on Sunday with the traditional Parade of the Tartans. This parade around MacRae Meadows introduces Guests of Honor as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march behind with the massed pipe bands. This year, parade marchers for Clan Hunter included members Lena Champlin, Robert and Juanita Hunter, Carol and John Hunter and Greg Slaton. Thanks to everyone, and we are already looking forward to next year in North Carolina.

## **Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival**

August 18 and 19, 2018

Bruce and Linda Gamache' were pleased to represent Clan Hunter at the 34<sup>th</sup> Scottish Festival held at the Buffalo Niagara Historical Village in Amherst, New York. Bruce and Linda hosted a Clan Hunter tent on Clan Row as well as leading a Kirkin of the Tartans worship service on Sunday morning.



Aside from providing educational insights for the general public we were also able to connect the dots for potential clan members like Carolyn Hunter Lade who visits Scotland frequently and has attended the gathering at Grandfather Mountain.



Interacting with hundreds of people newly introduced to Scottish culture gave us a deeper appreciation for our Clan brother William Hunter of Cuba, New York who graciously hosts four festivals a year on our behalf for many years.

Many thanks to you Bryan for encouraging us in this edifying endeavor.

by: Bruce Gamache

## NE Florida Scottish Games in February 2018



Citadel pipe band cadets Ian Hicks and Hunter Powell with Jill Hunter Powell

## Loch Norman Highland Games, April 21



Clan tent hosted by Scott and Jill Hunter Powell

## CELTIC FAIRE & GAMES ABERDEEN, SD

The Celtic Faire in Aberdeen was a little different this year. It was an all outdoor event. While it presented some issues with the weather it was nice to be able to watch some of the Highland games from our booth. The Brian Boru Pipe and Drum band performed again this year as well as the Steel City Rovers and the Long Nines. I had the pleasure of meeting with a couple of gentlemen who came from Rapid City to represent the Scottish American Military Society. It's an organization that promotes our Scottish heritage and our military. I was visited by my brother from Jamestown North Dakota and two of my aunts from the Mitchell South Dakota area. It was the first time that my aunts had attended and I believe they were impressed.

By: RANDY KNIGHT

## 2019 DUES NOTICE

### ANNUAL DUES OF \$25 DUE JANUARY 15, 2019

Please make your check payable to Clan Hunter USA and mail to my address below. One half of the dues are paid to the Clan Hunter Association in Scotland to support the preservation of Hunterston Castle, and the other half supports our Clan activities in the US such as the newsletters and website. Clan Hunter Association USA Inc. is a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization so your dues and contributions are tax deductible. I will send you a written acknowledgment on any contributions of \$250 or over.

You can also pay your annual dues on the website [clanhunterusa.org](http://clanhunterusa.org) using paypal. Select membership info and then click on donate under returning members. Please include your address.

Thank you very much for your support of Clan Hunter USA.

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## CLAN HUNTER USA COMING EVENTS

### **ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK**

Alexandria, VA  
November 30 – December 1, 2018  
Host: Virginia Hunter Bouchard  
[www.scottishchristmaswalk.org](http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.org)

### **NORTHEAST FLORIDA GAMES**

Green Cove Springs, FL  
February 23, 2019  
[www.neflgames.com](http://www.neflgames.com)

### **CELTIC FESTIVAL**

Moorhead, MN  
March 9, 2019  
Host: Randy Knight  
[www.cityofmoorhead.com](http://www.cityofmoorhead.com)

## Genealogy and DNA

When I got involved in genealogy using Ancestry.com, I was able to track my ancestry back to my third great-grandfather, who immigrated to North Carolina from County Londonderry around 1770. I knew his grandfather had emigrated from Glasgow to County Londonderry some time before 1719. Other than that, I had nothing. Although scotlandspeople.gov.uk has Scottish baptismal and marriage records dating back to 1553, Northern Ireland has very few records prior to 1835.

I assumed my Hunter line was related to the Hunters of Hunterston. In addition to the Ayrshire Hunters, there are numerous cadet branches throughout Scotland, related by blood. Some sources claim everyone with the surname Hunter is related to the Hunters of Hunterston.

My sons gave me the National Geographic Geno 2.0 DNA test, which gave me my Y-DNA (paternal line) haplogroup and mtDNA (maternal line) haplogroup as well as a racial/ethnic breakdown. Mildly interesting, but not very helpful for genealogical purposes. Then I ran into the daughter of a 5<sup>th</sup> cousin once removed (his 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather was my 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather) in the Clan Hunter tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Her father had tested 67 markers with FamilyTreeDNA and she suggested I do the same. I was able to transfer my data from NatGeo and I signed up for the 111 marker Y-DNA test. Despite being descended from a person born three centuries ago, the results showed that out of 67 Y-DNA markers, her father and I have 65 identical markers – the other two being off by one digit.

The other thing we discovered was that we were not related to the Hunterston Clan. Our Y-DNA haplogroup is I-M223>M284 [Ancient British]>L126 [Isles Scottish], while the Hunters of Hunterston are R-M269 – the most common haplogroup in north western Europe. The latter are descended from a Norman who followed William the Conqueror. The Hunters of Polmood were descended from ancient Scots (possibly the Selgovae.) Tradition placed them in the Upper Tweeddale long before the Norman invasion, and were never considered a cadet branch of Hunterston. In fact, at one point, they tried to assume the mantle of Clan Hunter, based on their longevity in Scotland, but were swatted down since they were deemed to be “not of that ilk.”

Another thing we found out -- through testing of several of his heirs -- was that a John Hunter the family had long thought to be closely related to my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather was, in fact, related to the Hunterston Clan.

Although markers do mutate over time, Y-DNA is relatively constant. Two people who share a deep subclade (subset) of a haplogroup may have eight markers that are different at 111 markers. All that means is that their last common ancestor may have lived many centuries ago. However, two individuals with different haplogroups [e.g.: R-M269 and I-M223] have to go back tens of thousands of years, to some place in the Middle East or north east Africa to find a common Y-DNA ancestor.

If you're interested in using DNA as a genealogy aid, I recommend FamilyTreeDNA. They offer 37, 67, 111 and Big Y-500 marker tests. For genealogy purposes, I recommend a minimum of 67 markers. If you've been tested by another company, you can transfer the data and upgrade to 67 or more markers. FTDNA runs several sales every year; the next will be around Christmas.

Once you have been tested by FTDNA, you will be able to join different DNA projects by surname [e.g.: The Hunter Project], by geographic region [e.g.: Scottish DNA, Scots-Irish, Border Reivers, etc.] or by haplogroup [e.g.: I-M223 Project] where the administrators will batch you with other members of the project that have similar Y-DNA. There is no R-M269 Project (the most common Hunter haplogroup), since it would be gigantic and unmanageable, but there are 83 projects that address different subclades of the R haplogroup.

You can also check for close Y-DNA matches based on 12, 25, 37, 67 or 111 markers –depending how many you have tested. FTDNA provides a lot of education on DNA in general and your haplogroup in particular. Some of the project administrators run the equivalent of chat pages on the Activity Feed of their project. FTDNA also allows you to test for a particular SNP that is a subclade of your given haplogroup to confirm kinship with other members that have similar markers to you and have taken their testing further than you (this can save a lot of money.)

Note: Only men have Y-DNA, so any women who wish to know their Y-DNA background should have their father, a brother or an uncle test.

Remember John Hunter? We were wrong about him being closely related to us. What else might we be wrong about? We knew his date of birth. We knew he had come from Northern Ireland and we assumed he had been born there. We knew his name (John) and, because of the Scottish naming pattern, we assumed his father was called Robert.

Through FTDNA, we discovered a distant cousin who was descended from a man born in West Lothian, Scotland around the same time. Using [scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://scotlandspeople.gov.uk), we discovered a John Hunter born in Bo'ness, West Lothian to Robert Hunter who was baptized ten days after John's birthday. From there we were able to build a credible strawman of his lineage back to Nicol Hunter, who some sources say was a grandson of Kentigern "Mungo" Hunter, XVI Laird Hunterston.

by: WILLIAM HUNTER

### **SCOTTISH BOOK REPORT**

#### **HOW THE SCOTS INVENTED THE MODERN WORLD**

by Arthur Herman

Arthur Herman received his Ph.D. in history from Johns Hopkins University. He has been a professor of history at George Mason University and Georgetown University and is currently coordinator of the Smithsonian's Western Heritage Program. He lives in Washington, D.C.

People of Scottish descent are proud of their heritage, but it is more than "Braveheart" William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Herman writes that Scotland was transformed from Europe's poorest and illiterate country to a cultural and educated power in the 1700's. Scots created the modern civilized values that America and the Western world still uphold: free education, democracy, capitalism, and technology. This book tells you how.

In Chapter I, Herman writes about John Knox who was largely responsible for the Scottish Reformation that overthrew the Catholic church. Knox called/for a national system of education in 1560. He believed every child in Scotland should be able to read the Bible. In 1686 Scotland's

Parliament passed its "Act for Setting Schools" establishing a school in every parish. Every child even the poorest could read and it was usually free. There were even local lending libraries. The Scots began to read lots of books and not just the Bible. They became independent thinkers and rebelled against unjust authority. Scotland became the center of literacy, invention, politics and commerce. Chapter 13 is titled "The Sun Never Sets: Scots and the British Empire." Scottish immigrants had skills and education. They came to America, but also went to New South Wales, Canada, Hong Kong, Australia, South Africa and India. "The great Scottish Diaspora followed, and in some cases led, the development of what historians sometimes call the second British Empire.

This is an inspiring story that is largely unknown. No one who reads this book will ever view the Scots in the same way again.

Submitted by:

Betty Sandifer Newbold

### **REMEMBERING A HUNTER ANCESTOR EMMETT LESLIE HUNTER 1898-1975**

On a cold and windy day in November 2013, I pulled into a Chinese restaurant on the west side of Alpine, Texas. It was about noon and the place was crowded with locals. Looking around for a place to sit I saw a vacant table and immediately took one of the two seats.

After ordering some hot Chinese tea and filling my plate at the buffet line I returned to my place. Upon looking around I found the adjacent table had four U.S. Border Patrol officers sitting there. I caught the eye of one and told him how much I appreciated his service to our republic. I then spoke to all the other officers at the table and we chatted about their particular Border Patrol activities in far west Texas. Then, strictly on a whim and for no particular reason, I asked them if they had ever heard of a Border Patrol Agent by the name of Emmett Hunter who served back in the 1920's. Every one of them turned to me and asked how I knew about him. I told him that Emmett Hunter was a relative of mine and I had

been trying to find some background on him for a while. Hearing I was related to Emmett Hunter, each Border Patrolman introduced himself to me with a hearty handshake. The officer in charge, told me there was a photograph taken in January 1928 of the first Border Patrol in Marfa, Texas and it was hanging in the present Border patrol head quarters. Emmett Hunter is on the first row, second from the right. Moreover, I was told that stories about Emmett abound in the Border Patrol to this very day. I was invited to come to the Border Patrol office after lunch to see the photograph, which I did.

Emmett Leslie Hunter was born in Battle, McLennan County, Texas on May 9, 1898. After serving two years in the U.S. Army during W.W.I, he reported for duty with the Border Patrol in 1924. His first tour of duty was : in Presidio, Texas. He spent twenty-six years with the Border Patrol, retiring in December 1950. At a retirement dinner held c his honor, his fellow officers presented him with a can of Br'er Rabbit Syrup, which was his favorite dish after camp meals, a box of his favorite cigars and a .30-30 cal. Winchester rifle, which was the same kind of gun he had used during his service with the Border Patrol and a hand tooled boot for the rifle with his name on it. He was affectionately called "El Tejano" (the Texan) by those who knew him well. On the occasion of his death, the Senate of the State of Texas passed the following resolution honoring Emmett Leslie Hunter:

*By: Snelson S.R. No. 627 SENATE RESOLUTION*

*In Memory of Mr. Emmett L. Hunter*

*WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas wishes to honor the memory of an outstanding former citizen of Midland and Texas, Mr. Emmett L. Hunter, who died April 7, 1975, at the age of 76; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Hunter was born May 9, 1898, at Battle and was reared in the Midland- Odessa area; he was married to Manilla Reynolds in 1920 and later joined the border patrol serving for 24 years in Presidio, Fort Stockton, Alpine, and other points in West Texas, later becoming county jailer in Midland County serving until 1968; and*  
*WHEREAS, Mr. Hunter was a member of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623 and the First Christian Church; and*

*WHEREAS, Survivors include his beloved wife; two*

*sons, Eugene P. Hunter and John L. Hunter, both of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Arlene H. Reeves of San Antonio; three brothers, William L. Hunter of Portland, Oregon, J. J. Hunter of Charleston, South Carolina, and James Roy Hunter of Portland, Oregon; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin of Fort Worth; and four grandchildren and a great-grandchild; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That on this day the Senate of the 64th Legislature of the State of Texas honor the memory of Mr. Emmett L. Hunter a extend sympathy to the members of his family; and, be it further*

*RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared, under the seal of the Senate, and presented to Mr. Hunter's family as a tribute to his memory, aJ1d when the Senate adjourns this day, it do go in his memory.*

*W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate*

*I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 1975, by a rising vote.*

*Charles Schnabel, Secretary of the Senate*

*Emmett Leslie Hunter is one relative of whom we can be justifiably proud. He still lives in stories of his exploits long ago.*

## **N.B. GENEALOGY**

The father of Emmett Leslie Hunter was James Henry Hunter (1876-1948) whose father was Joseph Love Hunter (1842-1926) of White's Creek, TN. James Henry Hunter married Maude Adcock and they had ten children, viz.: Emmett Leslie, Theresa Ruth, William Laurence, Alton, Ethel Loree, Mable Blanche, Joseph Jefferson, Elizabeth May, Kathryn, and James Roy. Emmett Leslie Hunter married Manilla Velma Reynolds and together they had three children, viz. Arlene Genevieve, Eugene Parker and John Leslie.

BY: Robert Frederick Hunter, grandson of Robert Alexander Hunter

**FLOWERS OF THE FOREST**

MY AUNT (and member) SHEILA MURPHY PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 14,2018. SHEILA IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, ALANA MURPHY (also a member), DAUGHTER JENNIFER AND SON LUKE, GRANDCHILDREN MICHAEL AND JOSCELYN, ALSO SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEWS.  
By: WENDY DUNPHY



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