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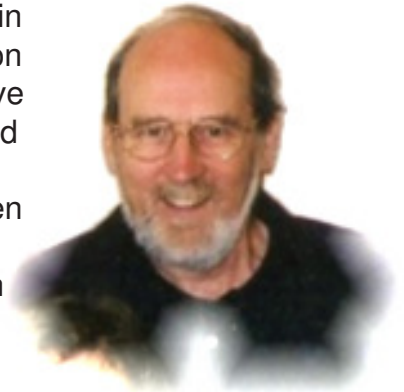
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Hello everyone, welcome to the summer activities. As well as our Annual General Meeting in Fergus we have of course the Hunterston Clan Gathering 2012 (page3). If you have never been able to attend before, I would encourage you to make the effort this year. If you can't make it to Scotland then at least try and join us at Fergus (page 4). Because of the timing of our Scottish trip Christine and I will only be attending 2 Highland Games events this year. Maxville and Fergus.



My thanks to Lizz for her work on Andrew Hunter's "Old School" article, Andrew Thibodeau for his item on "Scotlands first Capitol" and Christine for her membership report and once again to Andrew Hunter for his info on the "Hunter's Lodges"

Tom

2012 Annual General Meeting - Fergus Aug 11 2012

The AGM will be held as usual at the **Holiday Inn, 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph**. Those wishing to stay over at the Holiday Inn will receive a special rate of \$104.99 CAD. (you may use this link for fast booking)

http://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=YGUCA&_PMID=99801505&GPC=HCB

Indicate that you are part of Clan Hunter on booking to receive the discount. Full details of times and places are included in page 4. Please fill out the tearaway strip on page 4 to let us know if you will be attending any or all of the activities.

The most important information as far as numbers are concerned is - will you be attending the dinner?

\$25.00 Adult - \$22.00 Seniors - \$10.00 children (5-12) 4 and under free

- as you can imagine we need to know numbers for the catering group. We hope you will consider joining us and meeting old friends and maybe some new friends. Take our word for it... it is never a stuffy evening and a good time is had by all.

Connections Corner



Lizz Thibodeau

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Traditions are a wonderful part of being a family. We all have traditions of one kind or another. Many families have traditions surrounding the holidays. Others have traditions all their own (my family always honked the horn when driving past a little cottage somewhere between Edinburgh and Eyemouth – everyone else probably thinks we're crazy, but it was my grandfather's house so we always honk in his memory). A tradition that many families pass down from one generation to the next, is attending the same school. For some it's their university or college, but for some it's a private school called Upper Canada College. Here are some selections taken from the alumni magazine at UCC where some of our own Clan Hunter members attended. Taking a stroll around Upper Canada College today, it's easy to see how the students use technology such as computers and cellphones to keep in touch with each other. It's a strange mix of the old and new. One glance into the Massey Quad at the statue of Sir John Colborne, the College's founder, and the years drop away to days gone by. Some in-depth research by Old Times has revealed two families who have links to Colborne.

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

With five generations of Old Boys, the Munro family tree reveals deep roots to the College, while the [Pep] Hunter family tree boasts an expansive network of 30 alumni...

Entering UCC in the same year as Robin (Munro) was Andrew John Hunter '69. In different years, the two men did not know each other, but with the extended Hunter family network, it is hard to believe that previous generations of the two families did not cross paths, or share friendships during their time at the College.

Andrew first became interested in his overall genealogical capital* with the television debut of the 1977 classic miniseries *Roots*. "I've been accumulating this particular capital for over 30 years," he says. Having charted significant portions of both his maternal and paternal capital, he has tips for those interested in doing the same. "The most important thing is to access living relatives," says Hunter. Living relatives can provide details on previous generations, as well as provide the documents that prove family connections. Much of the information you will learn from relatives is an oral history of the family, which Hunter cautions against taking as the truth. "Don't take any family story as gospel," he says. "It's just a story. It's not fact." UCC's archivist, Marian Spence, will confirm this. "Every year I receive requests regarding people who never attended the College!" she says. To support or disprove those family stories, Hunter says you need to gather all of the evidence you can on

the family. That includes documents, such as birth certificates, death notices, marriage certificates, records and pictures. Even letters can prove helpful. Hunter found a treasure trove of evidence on his family from a letter he found long after the family member who wrote it had passed away. Hunter says the best way to work on your family history is to start with yourself and work backwards. "Start filling in the blanks," he advises.

Older by five years, Andrew's brother, Bryce McClelland Hunter '64, attended UCC, while their brother Geoffrey '67 attended for four years. Andrew, who was head steward and a Herbert J. Mason medalist, credits his success at UCC to his competitive nature with his brother Bryce. "He did so much," recalls Andrew. "He set the table for me and I just went for it."

The Hunter brothers' father, Bryce Pepall Hunter '36, is also an Old Boy. His grandsons, Scott Hunter '89 and Todd Hunter '00, who are half-brothers and the Sons of Bryce Hunter, are the third generation of Old Boys in the family.

According to Hunter family research, they are genetically related through their paternal side to the Pepall family, which begins with Robert Leroy Pepall '28. The family of Old Boys continues with his sons, George Pepall '63 and John Pepall '67. Robert's cousin David Richard Pepall '40 and his grandson David Pepall '04, also attended UCC.

It was Robert Pepall (a relative Andrew called "Uncle Bob" as a term of endearment) who gave Andrew a copy of *A History of Upper Canada College: 1829 to 1892*, by Graeme Mercer Adam and George Dickson in 1968. "He

wanted me to know the history of what I was part of," says Andrew. Another Hunter multi-generational paternal connection is John Irvin Mills '28 and his son, John Fraser Mills '65. For Bryce, one of the thrills of the family connection was when his uncle, John Irvin Mills, of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, came to inspect UCC cadets. "He inspected the Battalion at the Oval," says Bryce.

Father and son Old Boys John Patterson Mayberry '46 and John Mayberry '72 are also paternal relatives, while the family's oldest connection to the school are maternal relatives, Thomas James McClelland and his brother Alexander Miller McClelland, who were in the same leaving class in 1863. Both McClelland brothers are mentioned in the book Andrew received from his Uncle Bob.

A work in progress, the Hunter family tree could turn up more Old Boys, particularly for Scott. The tree may even continue to grow with future generations. "I would definitely consider sending my Sons to UCC," states Todd. "I believe that it offers opportunities that just don't exist at other schools."

Somewhat surprised by the number of Old Boys in the family, Bryce does not believe it is unique to his family. "I think you would find several other families that would have similar connections," he says.

* Genealogical capital is the total of one's maternal and paternal genetic assets.

Editor's note: Thanks to the Munro and Hunter families for their assistance with the research for this article.

Does your Hunter family have any interesting traditions? Share them with us in an upcoming newsletter.

Membership News

We have had 3 new members since I last reported in January of this year. Please welcome:

Marian Elizabeth Aelick. Marian hails from Sudbury, Ontario and joined the Association in February.

Gillian Marie (Hunter) Jobs lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta, and Gillian joined the Association in April.

And our third new member of this year is:

Heidi Theresa Schulze. Heidi lives in – wait for it – Scotland, Ontario. Heidi is in England on a fact finding mission as I write this, and is hoping to wrap a trip to Hunterston into her holiday. Maybe she will have some photographs to show us, or some tales to tell about her trip when she comes back to Canada.

We welcome **Marian, Gillian and Heidi** to the Hunter Clan Associa-

Entertainment

Do you sing, dance, tell stories or perhaps play an instrument? Would you like to be part of the after dinner entertainment at the AGM in Fergus. Contact Tom at thunter01@rogers.com and let him know that you are interested.

Come on now don't be shy. (Christine is going to recite a Scottish poem)

Send your submissions for the newsletter to
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tion of Canada, and hope that they will enjoy being a member of this Association, and may find the opportunity to meet up with some other members in the near future. After all – getting to know other Hunters is what the Association is all about! Take the time, make the effort to find out more about this mysterious family called Hunter – and let us know what you find out! It may help us with our genealogy too!

It's also that time of year again! Membership dues (except for our three new members) should be paid within the next few weeks – and remember that the Association depends on payment of these dues to continue functioning as a viable, alive association. Write that cheque, put it in an envelope and mail it to our treasurer (information appears later in the newsletter).

Christine Hunter
Membership Secretary

Clan Hunter Gathering at Hunterston Castle 2012

The next Hunter Clan Gathering will be held at Hunterston on 20-23 July 2012. Check out the details here...

<http://clanhunter.org.uk/clan-gathering-2012.html>

A day trip to Isle of Arran on **Monday 23rd July 2012** has been arranged as part of the Clan Gathering activities.

If you could let us know if you are interested so that a suitable sized bus can be booked. This shall be a full day leaving Hunterston Castle 8.am Bus to Ardrossan and sail over to Arran then a tour around the island with visits to places of interest and a stop for lunch.

Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Aug 10- 12 2012

Preliminary plans include

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45pm Friday 10Aug 2012 Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 7.00am Saturday 11Aug 2012 Fergus

- *Clan Hunter AGM* 5.00pm Saturday 11Aug 2012 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
- *Supper* 6.00pm Saturday 11Aug 2012 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph

[\$25.00 Adult - \$22.00 Seniors - \$10.00 children (5-12) 4 and under free]

After supper entertainment by "Oor ain Folk"

(Christine promises to do one of her Scottish poems.)

- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10.00am Sunday 12Aug 2012 St Andrew's Presb. Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 12 noon Sunday 12Aug 2012 Fergus

Why not plan to attend this special gathering

Stay over in the Fergus area

Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent

Join in with other Hunters in the Clan Parade - 11.30 am on 11th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and new Clan friends

Attend the Kirkin' of the Tartan

in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus

10 am Sunday morning

Share your genealogy with other clan members

Check out the Fergus Highland Games website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 12-14th August 2011

- Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 10th August Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 11th August Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 11th August Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 12th August Number in Party _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

The Hunter's Lodges

Extracted in part from the L. N. Fuller articles dated 1923



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One of the most interesting features of the Patriot War in its relations to Northern New York was the formation of what was known as Hunter's Lodges. Practically every village in this section had its lodge, composed of those who were in sympathy with the struggles that the Canadians were making for their liberty. The first record of any association of this kind in the United States was in March 1838, when a meeting was held in Lockport, NY. A committee, of which William Lyon Mackenzie was a member, was named to secure information relative to the Canadian refugees in the United States. The name given to this association was the Canadian Refugee Relief Association. Headquarters were at Lockport and agents were sent to all parts of the United States, especially along the northern border. The forming of this association was followed by the burning of the steamer Sir Robert Peel, treated more in detail in this series, and two attempts at invasion of Canada from the Niagara region.

It appears that Mackenzie, though named a member of the executive committee of the association, was not present at the meeting and had no sympathy with his aims. When he learned that a military expedition was on foot he urged those responsible to abandon their efforts.

In March 1839, he issued a call for a meeting to be held in Rochester to be made up of Canadians or persons connected with Canada, to be known as the Canadian Association, the object of which was the measure of greater political power for Canada. Many Canadians had moved to this side of the border and during the summer of 1838 a secret organization was formed, composed of these refugees.

The headquarters were in Michigan and Henry S. Handy was appointed commander-in-chief. The members took an oath to bear allegiance to the cause of Canadian independence, and to keep their membership in the order a secret. Agents were stationed in various parts of the country. This movement was confined almost entirely to Michigan and it was planned to make an attack on Windsor, opposite Detroit, on July 4. General Brady, commanding the American forces at Detroit, got wind of the plan, and dispatched a force, which seized the arms of the would-be invaders. The whole plan collapsed for want of arms. The real Hunter's Lodges, however, had their inception in the east, and the first one, of which there is record, was formed in Vermont in 1838. The various Patriot organizations merged themselves into this one. After

the failure of the plans for invasion in the west, those in the east believed that the greatest aid could be given by operating against Lower Canada.

The Society seems to have taken its name from a man named Hunter, who was active in the rebellion in Toronto, and escaped into the United States at the risk of his life.

After he reached this side he began the organization of the society that was to bear his name. The movement spread rapidly, and within a few months, lodges were established in all the chief centers from Maine to Wisconsin and as far south as Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

There were different degrees of initiation, and a complete system of secret signs, badges, passwords, cipher of secret alphabets for correspondence, peculiar raps for obtaining admittance at the door, all of which were used as a means of communication with each other and for determining the degree and rank of the various lodges. As if to make more certain the secrecy of their intentions, and to escape the vigilance of the government paid spies, the leaders belonged to two or more patriot societies, thereby possessing a larger number and a variety of secret means of identification and communication. The emblem of the order was the snowshoe.

The most important lodges were located at Rochester, Buffalo and Lockport, New York; Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio; Detroit and Port Huron, Michigan.

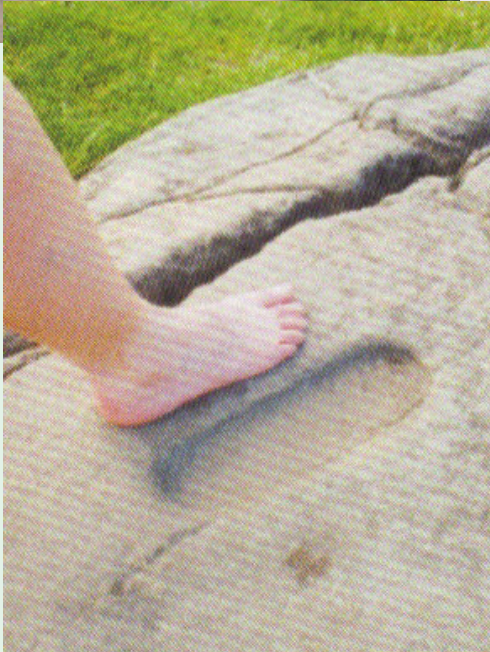
The headquarters of the west were at Cleveland and those of the east at Rochester. The membership of these Hunter lodges has been variously estimated from 15,000 to 200,000, but during the years when the lodges were the most active the membership was between 25,000 and 40,000. Owing to the secrecy imposed on the members an accurate estimate of the membership is impossible. All classes were attracted to the lodges. Many were sincere in their desire to free Canada; others were attracted by the secrecy and mysticism, which enveloped it, much in the same manner that some adventurous spirits are attracted to the Ku Klux Klan of today. "Laborers left their employ," says the report of the select committee of Upper Canada, "apprentices their masters; mechanics abandoned their shops, merchants their counters; husbands, their families; children, their parents; Christians, their churches; ministers of the gospel their charge, to attend these meetings." Judges, legislators, governors, army officers, and even the vice president of the United States were claimed as members. From the 16th – 22nd September 1838, a meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at Cleveland at which representatives were present from the various subordinate lodges. At that time the republican government for Upper Canada was constituted. "Bill" Johnson, the St. Lawrence river pirate who burned the steamer Sir Robert Peel, was appointed "admiral" of the Patriot navy in eastern waters.

It was estimated that there were nine steamboats and 25,000 Patriots ready to bear arms for the Patriot cause. The Republican Bank of Canada was to be established, with a capital stock of seven and a half million dollars. The stock was to be secured by the confiscation of Canadian property, and although the members pledged themselves to rise \$10,000 in two weeks, it appears that while they were willing to die for the Patriot cause they did not care to invest their money in it, as only \$300 was subscribed.

During the fall of 1838 the Hunters south, north and east of Oswego began to move. Hunters from Oswego, Salina, Liverpool, Syracuse, Auburn, Great Bend, Pamela, Dexter, Evans Mills, Watertown, Brownville, Leraysville, Sackets Harbor, Cape Vincent, Chaumont, Williams Bay, Alexandria, Orleans, Flat Rock, Ogdensburg, Rosiere and other points began concentrating along the St. Lawrence in considerable numbers. That was the beginning of the invasion-of-Canada, which was to culminate in the tragic Battle of Windmill in which so many Jefferson county men lost their lives.

The first Hunter's lodge was formed in Watertown May 1838, according to Daniel D. Heustis, one of the survivors of the Battle of the Windmill; Mr. Heustis was the author of a book telling of the Battle of the Windmill and his subsequent imprisonment and banishment to Van Dieman's Land. "Some time in the month of May," wrote Mr. Heustis, "a Mr. Estabrooke of Cleveland, Ohio,

came to Watertown, and instituted a secret society or lodge on the same plan as those previously established at Cleveland and other places. I was admitted as a member the first night. Very soon lodges numbered nineteen hundred members. Some of our members went into neighboring towns and organized other lodges, and in a short time they were formed in nearly every town in the region." Those lodges had as officers, Doremus Abbey, Daniel George and Russell Phelps, all Jefferson county men who were subsequently hanged at Fort Henry. These meetings were held at the old Mansion house, which stood where the Iron Block on Public Square, then occupied by the Conde store stood. One was organized in Ogdensburg on 12 Feb 1838, which was attended by Mackenzie. The following morning a cannon was fired several times to honor Mackenzie, but it only caused much excitement. That evening, attracted by the firing, some Prescott people crossed the river out of curiosity and the Patriots detained them all night. That served to increase the ill feeling between the two countries. Even after the rebellion was completely put down the Hunter's Lodges continued their existence on the US side of the border until 15 September 1841. President Tyler issued a proclamation calling upon all good citizens to sever their connection with them. The need for their existence was over, and they soon went out of existence, leaving nothing but memories.



Scotlands first Capitol

submitted by Andrew Thibodeau

Scotland's first capital, Dunadd, was founded by Fergus Mhor around AD 500 and is Located on the A816 south of Oban. While nothing remains from this Dark Age fort, its location atop a stunning rock hill offers a gorgeous view of the area. Of particular note is the 1500 year old foot print carved into the rock at the summit, believed to have been part of inauguration ceremony of early Scottish Kings. My wife was proud to say her foot fit perfectly, confirming her royalty. My size 11 did not fit and showed my true peasant past ... (see pics)

I Never Knew That About Scotland.

This is the title of amazing reference book I got 4 years ago, compiled by Christopher Winn. As a frequent traveler to Scotland to visit my wife's family, it has pointed us towards several unique trips and discoveries. One happened last summer. We were in Perthshire and took a detour to see the Meikleour Beech Hedge, on the A93 Highway. This is the world's TALLEST hedge. Reading this, I thought, "really, this is worth writing about. A TALL hedge?" So, we had to go see it. Well, it was surprising how awe inducing this was. It is one HUGE hedge. Sure, most of us have seen BIG trees, but to see a plant that from the ground to its top is covered with dense leaves to the height of 120 feet (37 metres) is pretty amazing. Its also half a kilometre long! It is so big, taking a picture was difficult and failed to capture its true size. Planted in 1745 by Robert and Jean Mercer, it was left to grow wild after Robert was killed at the battle of Culloden. It is now maintained by a local trust that cuts and measures it every 10 years in an operation that take four men six WEEKS to complete!

What Happened to Auld Glesga?

Oh where is the Glasgow where I used to stay?
With white wally closes done up wi' pipe clay,
Where you knew every neighbour from first floor to third
And to keep your door shut was considered absurd.

Where are the weans that once played in the street?
Wi' a jorrie, a peerie, a girl wi' a cleet.
Can they still cadge a hudge or dreep aff a dike,
Play hunch cuddy hunch, kick a can , and the like?

And where is the wee shop where I used to buy
A quarter of tatties, a tuppenny pie,
A bag of broke biscuits, a wee soda scone,
And the woman aye asked, "Hoose yer Ma gettin on?"

Where is the Tally's that I knew so well?
That wee corner shoppie where they used to sell,
Hot peas, a McCallum, ice cream in a poke,
You knew they were Tallys the minute the spoke.

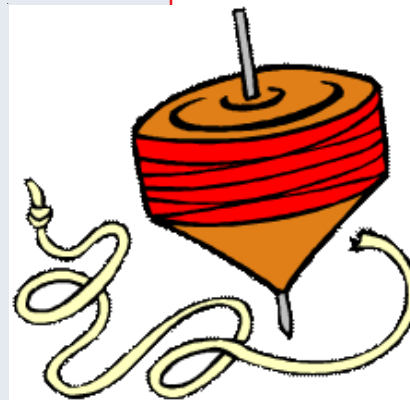
And where is the cludgie, that cosy wee cell?
The string frae the cistern, I remember so well,
Where I sat wi' a caun'le , and studied the rags,
A win for the Gers, a defeat for the Jags.

Where is the tram car that once did a ton?
Doon Great Western Road on the Ol' Yoker run,
The conductress aye knew how to deal with the nyaff
"If yer gaun weel come oan, if yer no weel git aff."

I think o' the days o' my tenement hame,
We've got fancy hooses but there just not the same,
I'll swap yer gizunders, flyover and jams,
For a tuppenny ride on the old Partick trams.

Gone is the Glesga that I Used to know,
Big Wullie, wee Shooie, the steamie , the Co.
The shilpit wee bachle, the glaicit big dreep,
Yer Baw's on the slates, and yer gas at a peep,

These days werny rosie and the money was tight,
The wages hauf finished by Saturday night,
But still we came through it and weathered the ruts,
The reason is simple - Our parents had guts.
Anon



Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Notice of Dues for July 1st 2012to June 30th 2013

This is a gentle reminder that a new season is upon us and now is the time to renew your membership in the association.

If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you sincerely and please kindly ignore this reminder. If not perhaps you would like to fill in this note, add a cheque for \$30 and pop it in the envelope provided.

Name: _____ Membership No. CHAC _____ \$ _____

Address: _____

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