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Welcome to the first Canadian Hunter Clan Newsletter. In an effort to improve communications among the clan members it was decided at the 1994 annual meeting to initiate a newsletter of our own. We hope that you will enjoy it and most of all we hope you will participate by contributing your ideas, and your information. At this point we are not exactly sure what will appear in the newsletter and we would like you to let us know what your thoughts are on that.

Perhaps I should take a moment to explain the title. "Hunter's Halloo". Well, for those who are unfamiliar with the term "Halloo", it is an old hunting term and according to the dictionary.

**halloo** *An exclamation of surprise; a call for attention; a call to cheer on dogs. To cry "halloo"; to cheer dogs on with cries; to call out loudly. To shout loudly to; cheer or urge on; to chase with shouts*

All of which seems pretty appropriate for the title of a Hunter newsletter, don't you think? However you might have an even better name for us, so let us have your ideas.

Some other things we hope to include are ... Upcoming events, (Highland Games etc.), family gatherings, genealogy information, notable events in the lives of our members, such as engagements, weddings, babies, (preferably in that order), graduations. Hunters love to read about other Hunters and in that vein we intend to take an idea from the newsletter of our American counterparts and include some autobiographies of some of the people in our group starting in this issue with an item on our Clan Officer John Hunter of London Ontario. But, at the risk of repeating myself much of this will be up to you. Write and let me know what you think.



## *Weddings and Engagements*

A very joyful congratulations to Julie and Mark (sorry Mark I lost your family name)..... who announced their engagement this summer. Julie is the daughter of Sharron Jackson-Rieger of St. Thomas, On. Julie and Mark are both budding scientists having graduated this year from McMaster University.

Congratulations also (however belated) to Barbara And Jeff Cridland on the birth of their baby girl, Heather Leigh on May 22, 1994. Heather is a little sister for Alex and a granddaughter for Don and Marion Hunter of Toronto.

## *Introducing....*

### **Canadian Clan Officer John Hunter**

John attended public and high school in Newmarket, Ontario, served three years with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, then on to the University of Western Ontario, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree (1948/52) following this up in Industrial Advertising under the American Management Assn., Chicago, thence various courses in sales management and administration at the University of Western Ontario, finalizing with Marketing Management and Corporate Public Relations Management in 1971.

In 1967 he became President of the American Marketing Assn. (London Chapter), 2nd Vice President of the Central Erie Tourist Re-

gion in 1964. His other accomplishments include being a director of the London Chambers of Commerce, serving on committee for the Children's Aid Society, United Appeal of Greater London, Executive London Progressive Conservation Assn., and with the Anglican church served several capacities Lay Delegate to Auditor of Finance Committee, besides acting as Chairman of the Youth Group Committee, the governing body of the Cubs and Scouts.

John served in many capacities with the Canadian Cancer Society and was president of the Ontario Cancer Society 1981/83, and Chairman, Board of Directors and Executive. In 1982 he was Director and Executive Committee of the National Canadian Cancer Society.

He is a member of the Canadian Club of London, The University Club of London and the London Chamber of Commerce.

John is now retired as Director of Communications, Emco Ltd., and he and Marion have raised five fine children: Bradley, Karen, Barbara, Kim and Roger (sadly deceased). John liked to play golf and was a member of Sunningdale Golf and Country Club, but finds he is unable to continue with that sport. His favourite reading is autobiographies and histories.

## *Those who've gone before*

Genealogy is a fascinating subject for many of us as we put together the fragile links with the past. It's very

much like a crossword puzzle really, with a clue here, a hint there. Sometimes it is frustrating and always it is time consuming but fascinating it certainly is. For those who don't know how to begin.... it is not as difficult as you might imagine.

1. Begin by writing down what you do know. Mother and father's name, birth dates, marriage date, date of death. Follow that with any other such dates for uncles, aunts, sisters, brothers etc. Don't forget that family stories are excellent sources for clues.

2. List all your information in a logical form beginning with yourself and then your parents followed by your grandparents and so on. There are charts available to help you compile this information. If you are a computer type there are many excellent programmes to simplify this task. One of the more popular programmes can be obtained from the Church of the Latter Day Saints for a very moderate fee. (Details available on request)

3. The next thing you need to do is pack up your info and visit one of the many Mormon Church family history centres. There is one in most of the big towns although most people are unaware, first of all that they are there and second of all that they are available to the general public. It is my personal experience that the staff at these centres are extremely helpful and eager to share the information that their church has gathered from all over the world.

If you still need someone to

guide you through this then we have our own resident enthusiast in Catherine Elder-Hunter who loves to help budding genealogists and make suggestions to keep you moving.

Contact her through.....

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## **Good Reading**

*A Doctor's Life is the story of Dr Alexander Hunter who emigrated with his wife and son from Scotland to Canada.*

*This book chronicles his humble, hard working beginnings in Aberdeenshire, his years of medical training, his army service in Burma, his obstetrics and gynaecology practice in Hawkesbury and his extensive world travels. Drama, comedy, farce and tragedy; Doctor Hunter has seen and experienced them all.*

*Sandy Hunter's autobiography is written in a wry Scottish-Canadian style and provides an invaluable portrait of a vanishing Canadian species: the gynaecologist/obstetrician*

So reads the back cover of a book published by Hemlock Press on the life of Dr Alexander Hunter.

This would be an interesting book by any standards but being about a Hunter makes even more interesting. Being a story about one of our clan members makes it even more interesting. Dr Hunter has been a member for some time now and recently presented Catherine Elder-Hunter with a copy of his book while

attending the Glengarry Highland games in July.

## **Are you Delinquent?**

It is an undeniable fact that organizations such as ours live and die according to the donations and membership fees of its members. The major portion of Clan Hunter fees are sent to Scotland to support the upkeep of the castle, along with the grounds and gardens and staff and other Clan Association responsibilities.

***Unfortunately more than a few of our Clan members have not yet paid their 1994 annual fees.***

A small portion of your membership fee (\$5.00) is retained by the Canadian Branch here in London to support our local activities. As our membership here in Canada is really quite small our finances are correspondingly minute. Which in turn seriously limits our efforts to maintain an enthusiastic Clan Membership. Every year the Canadian Branch meet for our annual meeting in the beautiful setting of Fergus, Ontario amidst the fun filled excitement of the Highland Games. For the past few years we have participated in the lovely "Kirkin' of the Tartan" service in St. Andrews Presbyterian church in Fergus which immediately precedes our meeting. Unfortunately not too many members are able to, or care to, join us at these gatherings and so it appears always to be the same few faces we see. The minutes of the meeting along with an expense report is sent out to all members in an effort to maintain interest but it is a fairly expensive undertaking. In addition, again to rouse some enthusiasm in the ranks, we have initiated

this newsletter which will also be mailed out. Again a drain on our meagre resources, but we felt the need for greater interaction among our members, after all we are to some degree family and so it is hoped that this newsletter will encourage and foster this family feeling, by sharing some family news as well as Clan news. However, back to my original point. If we don't have the money we can't even do this small thing. So come on folks, if you are delinquent, send in your membership now.

## **Upcoming Events**

Highland Games at Stonemountain,  
Atlanta Georgia.. 15 Oct  
1994

Our own Catherine and Dave Elder expect to attend.

The British show in Toronto is just over but if you missed it you can catch the next one during the second week of February 1995 at the Automotive building on the CNE Grounds.

## **Did you have a query?**

This is a portion of the newsletter that we would like to make available to you, to ask a question, seek assistance from other clan members perhaps or even state an opinion. So come on folks ..... drop us a line.

(Hopefully we will allocate more than this little corner)

## **Did You Know....**

Each year John sends you a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting, he also includes a new membership form. It seems to be causing a bit

of confusion among the ranks as many people are wondering why they should have to fill in another membership form every year. Well, the simple truth is that the new form is not for you, but hopefully for a new member you might recruit. Sorry if this has been a bit confusing.

### ***Another Hunter of note.....***

On Sunday, June 5, 1994 President **Howard W. Hunter**, by virtue of his seniority in the Quorum of the Twelve, was ordained and set apart by his fellow Apostles as the fourteenth President and prophet, seer

and revelator of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

#### ***Late News***

***It is with much regret and great sadness I must report that...***

***NEIL AYLMER HUNTER  
29th Laird of Hunterston and  
Chief of the Clan Hunter***

***died in his sleep on Friday 14  
October 1994 in La Massana,  
Andorra. Memorial services will  
be held for family and friends on  
Wednesday 19 October, 1994.  
Neil was 68yrs old.***

***Our sincerest condolences go to  
Sonya and the family in this  
time of deep sadness.***

### ***Now Available***

Notelettes featuring the Clan Crest and picture of Hunterston Castle are now available in packs of five. These very attractive cards make excellent gifts for family members or simply as a very unique form of communication displaying your family heritage. Each pack of five with envelopes is sold for \$5.00 + postage of \$1.00

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