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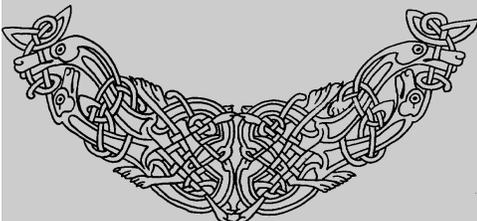
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A Guid New Year Tae Ane and A' and mony may ye see. Welcome to 1996. A time for New Year resolutions. A time for new hope. A time to look to the future. A time for a new Clan Chief and it seems a time for a new Clan Officer. I think this year may see some more changes in the way we do things what with the encouragement from Scotland to become more independent. There has obviously had to be some major changes in Scotland since our Clan Chief, Neil's, death and Pauline, our new chief, intimated quite clearly that she had some personal things in her life that had to be dealt with before she could take a major role in the clan affairs. However having said that, I am looking forward immensely to the new year and the opportunities to talk with Hunter folks out there. Part of our reason for being, is to promote interest in the clan and to offer an opportunity for social contact. This is where I see the challenge for any Clan Officer. How does one do that successfully when our members are spread from coast to coast? Well one of the ways perhaps is to try and get together in smaller groups. Here in London, Ontario we have an opportunity to get together now and again with the folks in Toronto, Chatham, and surrounding districts and even Dansville New York, and have a lovely evening together. Now, I know that some folks are really not into that sort of thing and are happy enough just to be a member and receive their newsletters from time to time and that is fine too, but for those who would like a little more interaction, write and tell me what sort of thing would be attractive to you. Another way to interact of course is through our newsletter with accounts of what is happening in your lives, how your genealogy searches are going, if you know of something historical that involves a Hunter, who are the new little Hunters being born, who just got married, who just received their BA, Ph.D., M.B.A. or whatever. It does seem though, that the Hunters are not writing people, because to date I have only received a couple of items for the Newsletter. If it is any help, as you can see in this edition, I now have the ability to include photographs in the newsletter so come on folks as they say in the egg marketing board "get cracking". Let's talk to one another. You will find that I am really interested in what you have to say. If getting hold of a stamp is your problem then you can FAX me at the number on the rear cover.

Still on the subject of "new ways to look at things" I was explaining the meaning of our clan motto "Cursum Perficio" to a young friend and I explained to her that it meant "I have run the race". "Oh", she said "like, **Been there.... Done that!**"

Tom



“Well done, thou good and faithful servant”

During the August 1995 Clan meeting at Fergus and after 11 years of dedicated service John Hunter



*John M. W. Hunter
(retiring Clan Officer Canada)
and his wife Marion*

Tom Hunter: *(Clan Officer Canada)*

Tom was born in 1940 in the town of Leith, Scotland, which even though being a part of Edinburgh since 1920 has always managed to maintain its own identity. He was the youngest of three children having two older sisters. Tom's family were among the many unfortunates who lost a husband/father during World War II. He was educated at Trinity Academy in Edinburgh and pursued a career in manufacturing. He served his apprenticeship with Ferranti Ltd. Edinburgh and on completion of his apprenticeship in 1961 he was transferred into their Numerical

announced his intentions to retire from the position of Clan Officer, Canada. John nominated Tom Hunter of London On. as his replacement. Although saddened by John's decision to retire, his nomination of Tom was immediately ratified by the members present. John intends to continue to support the Clan and will work with Tom until the changeover is complete. Since that time John has received a letter of thanks for his long term enthusiastic support and service to the Clan from our new Chief, Mistress

Pauline Natalie Mullen Hunter of Hunterston, 30th Laird of Hunterston Clan Chief of the Hunters and an acknowledgment and validation of Tom as the new Clan Officer. John, and his strong right arm, (Marion his wife), intend to spend more time enjoying their grandchildren. In addition John intends to continue as a patron of the Fergus Highland Games. We wish John and Marion our very "Best Wishes" for the future and a most sincere "Thank You" for all their hard work of the past.

Control dept. to begin a new career in computer programming. Tom married Christine Oliver (another Sunday school teacher) in 1962 and they now have 4 children, Paul, Lynn, David and Elizabeth. Tom was deeply involved with the Boys Brigade both as a boy and then finally as an officer. He and Christine, his wife, also led the Youth Group in their church and sang in a folk group performing both on radio and television. In 1971 Tom and Christine decided to emigrate to Canada with their, (at that time), 2

children, where Tom took up a position with General Motors in London Ontario. In 1973 Tom initiated a contemporary gospel choir called "Reachout" as an outreach part of Chalmers Presbyterian Church in London, Ontario. In 1981 the family began to sing together for fun under the name of "The Gaels". Tom is an avid song writer and writes many of the songs for his choir as well as some specially commissioned for weddings. In 1993 the gospel choir completed a singing tour of Scotland to celebrate

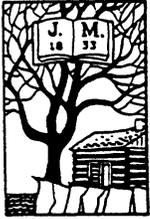
their 20th anniversary. The Hunters are very active in their church where Tom and Christine are both elders and where once more Tom led the youth group for 13 years. Tom and his family joined the Hunter Clan in 1987 when they were "discovered" by John Hunter, Clan Officer, while singing during the Scottish

Heritage week in the London Art Gallery. He is creator/editor of the



*Tom Hunter
(new Clan Officer Canada)
with his wife Christine*

new Canadian Newsletter and enjoys meeting other clan members and sharing stories and genealogy information.



The James
McCowan
Memorial Social
History Society

Scots were founders of Scarborough Canada

**Scottish Heritage Days, July 5-7
and November 30 1996**

Half a million residents of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, celebrate their Bi-Centennial in 1996. Now one of Canada's fastest growing cities, Scarborough grew up as an agricultural Township in the shadows of neighbouring Toronto.

A large percentage of Scarborough's early white settlers were Scots, including the following families (among others):

Baird, Beattie, Bell, Bowes, Brown, Brownlie, Buchanan, Clark, Clelland, Cowan, Crawford, Crone, Davidson, Elliot, Ferguson, Findlay, Fleming, Forfar, Frame, Gibson, Gilchrist, Glendinning, Gordon, Grant, Green, Hamilton, Heron, **Hunter**, Johnstone Lawrie, Little, Marshall, Martin, McCowan, McDiarmid, McKean, McLean, McNair, Muir, Neilson, Paterson, Paton, Porteous, Purdie, Rae, Reid, Rennie, Russell, Scott, Stirling, Stobo, Tacket, Thom, Thomson, Torrance, Tudhope, Tweedie, Weir, Wilson, Young.

Many of these families were from Lanarkshire or Dumfriesshire—other counties in Scotland are also represented. Alexander Muir, author of the famous "The Maple Leaf Forever".. was one of Scarborough's

best-known Scots.

To commemorate the significant contributions of Scots to the economic and cultural well-being of the community, plans are underway for "Scottish Heritage Days in the City of Scarborough, July 5-7 and Nov. 30 1996". "Scottish Heritage Days" is being organized by the James McCowan Memorial Social History Society in cooperation with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, and many others. The McCowan Society is a nonprofit, noncharitable organization interested in preserving our Scottish heritage.

Some events during Scottish Heritage Days are:

Stage Production,, "With I Hope a New Face: The Story of a Newcomer to a New Land" (Friday, July 5 1996)

A true story about immigrants to Scarborough and the development of their entrepreneurial skills. To be performed by Like Magic Productions.

"Scarborough's Scottish Pioneer Families' Homestead-Coming" (July 6 1996)

A picnic for descendants of Scarborough's nineteenth century Scottish settlers. With Scottish entertainment for everyone.

"Kirkin' O' the Tartan" (July 7 1996)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (followed by a Clan Picnic nearby). (Also, on July 14, St. Andrew's will hold a memorial and decoration service at Scarborough's oldest Christian burial ground.)

Scottish Heritage Symposium and Workshop (November 30, 1996)

Economic and social reform in Scotland that led to emigration to Scarborough;

the Scot in Scarborough; the Scottish Canadian in the Multicultural community.

As a permanent record of Scottish endeavour and accomplishment in Scarborough over the past 200 years., the McCowan Society is preparing a commemorative "Who's Who of Scarborough Scots". We are hoping to receive 200 biographical sketches (100 to 300 words) . We are particularly interested in the ordinary folk—the farmers, blacksmiths, midwives and workers—who have never made the headlines. Submissions of copies of primary sources such as obituaries and other newspaper clippings are also welcome. Please send your submission before July 1 1996 to the McCowan Society address below.

Genealogy Contest!!

The following contest is open to anyone who had ancestors who lived in Scarborough, Ontario Canada.

Add up the total number of years that your ancestors lived in Scarborough (1, 2, 3 and even more ancestors!)

Please send the details—before July 1 1996 — along with supporting references (and biographical sketches if you wish) to the McCowan Society address below. The contestant who documents the highest number of "Ancestor Years In Scarborough" will be declared the winner at "Scarborough's Scottish Heritage Symposium" on November 30 1996. Ofcourse, in the spirit of Family History Fun, we are all "winners"! (Non-Scottish ancestors also qualify in the calculation!)

For further information about Scottish Heritage Days in the City of Scarborough, please contact the James McCowan Memorial Social History Society, c/o 19 Monarchwood Crescent, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada., M3A 1H3j, 416-447-4895.

Notelets

We still have some beautiful notelets featuring the Clan Crest and picture of Hunterston Castle 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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