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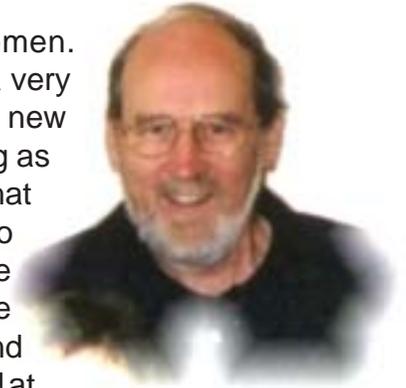
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Greetings fellow clansmen and women. Christine and I would like to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year. The new year has certainly started of with a bang as far as the weather is concerned. I hope that everything is beginning to get back to normal in your particular area. Even the British Isles have been having some exceptional weather with high wind and waves. You will see the damage incurred at Hunterston on the following pages. My thanks to Mike Hunter of Nova Scotia who provided us with a fine article on his recent trip to the Scottish Highlands. Also you might be interested in the goings on around the Historical Battle-field of Culloden that you will find on page2. Please respond as you see fit. The latest information on the 2014 Clan Gathering at Hunterston is available complete with the Menu for the weekend. Many thanks also to Christine for her report and hard work keeping our membership records in order and her encouragement to those



who absentmindedly slip into arrears and also to our unfailing Genealogist Lizz who never fails to come up with some more interesting tips for us in our family search. Just as a matter of interest you may be interested to know that the first newsletter issued by Clan Hunter Canada was printed in august 1994. So this is our 20th year of publication. Not a bad record actually if I do say so myself. BUT we can't do it without you folks... Please send us your news and let us share it.

Tom

Dear All,

The film is now loaded on the site dedicated to my late mother: <http://www.soniahunter.org> . The film is under the services page. Please forward to anyone you think might like to view it.

Yours aye,
Madam Pauline



Connections Corner



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One of the key resources to use when doing genealogy is a census. Generally speaking censuses are taken every ten years and they provide varied information about each person living in an area at that time. In Canada, censuses began in 1825, with another in 1831 and another in 1842; however, these only include the name of the head of household and how many others



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

lived in the house. While I have never made use of any of these censuses for genealogy research, you can find out some fascinating information such as how many bushels of peas they harvested last year, how many people in the family are subsisting on alms, how many people in the family are blind, deaf or insane, or how many pigs the family owns. There is also information about each town, such as the number of scholars attending each school, the average price of wheat, and the number of shops where hard liquor is sold.

Of more use in genealogy research are the censuses from 1851 on. These include things like age, ethnic origin, place of

birth, names of family members, etc. Censuses available for research were taken in 1851, 1861, 1870 (Manitoba), 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1906 (Northern Provinces), 1911, 1916 (Prairies), and 1921.

A useful site for looking at any of the Canadian census records is the Library and Archives of Canada (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>). If you are particularly interested in the 1901 & 1911 censuses, I would direct you to Automated Genealogy (automatedgenealogy.com) because they have cross-referenced these two censuses. If you find someone in one census, you can click a link and it will take you to the same family on the other census! I have found this very useful on several occasions and it is a huge time-saver!

Our ancestors need us to preserve their hallowed ground.

Fellow CASSOC Members

A battle is being waged and your help is needed. A housing development is being proposed for the area where the Culloden Battlefield stands. Not the part currently under the auspices of the National Trust, but just 400 metres outside of their jurisdiction. Of course, the blood shed by our ancestors who fought at Culloden is not limited to the area where the National Trust has jurisdiction. There is bloodshed, and likely human remains, throughout that entire region as clan after clan fought to retain their country and

lost not only that battle, but the continuation of the clan system itself.

This is an area where the descendants of the Scots Diaspora need to rally to save the sacred ground upon which their ancestors, and part of their heritage fell. There is an online petition, currently with 3000 signatures. A link to it is available on the COSCA blog below. As well, although we can not be present in Edinburgh when the troops hope to show up in force, we CAN let the MSPs know that we are not pleased with their proposal and wish the ground to remain sacred. After all, if they are willing to let the Scots throughout the world vote for independence, they can cer-

tainly listen to us as we advocate to preserve a critical piece of our heritage. Here is a link to their contact information: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/msps/177.aspx> Scroll down for the alphabetical listing. By clicking on the names, you will receive contact information.

And here is the COSCA blog post with a link to the online petition. Let's show the politicians that as a whole, we the descendants of the Scots who fell are a force to be reckoned with.

<http://www.cosca.net/01/does-a-second-battle-loom-at-culloden-moor/>

Christine Woodcock - Director, Genealogy Tours of Scotland

A Highland Tour

Mike Hunter - Port Hawkesbury, NS



Ceilidh Place Ullapool

Mike Hunter, of Port Hawkesbury and Sydney, NS, is a new member of CHAC thanks to his dad Laurie, but has followed newsletters and events through Laurie's membership. Mike was with Laurie (and Sheila) at the clan gathering in 2007. A few years ago, Mike shared with us an account of the West Highland Way trekked with his sister Kathy.

This past August (2013) Mike was in Scotland again – for work, launching two new books from Cape Breton University Press where he is Editor-in-Chief. This year marked the 200th anniversary of the Kildonan Clearances of Sutherlandshire; among the most egregious of the forced Clearances from the Highlands and Islands of Scotland were those that took place in Sutherlandshire.

CBU Press launched two books in Scotland relative to the Clearances and, with two authors, made presentations in eight communities:

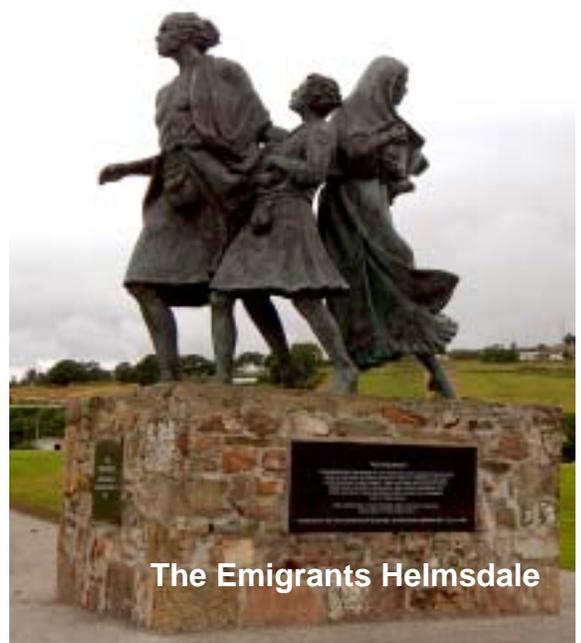
Helmsdale (Sutherland), Ullapool (Wester Ross), Thurso (Caithness, Inverness, Portree (Skye), Glasgow, Edinburgh and Oban.

Mike has travelled quite a bit around Scotland in the nine trips he has made there over the years. This was the first time he visited Thurso, and so the first time he'd driven the roads between there and Ullapool, which are quite good, mostly two-way traffic with spotty stretches of single-track.

Ullapool is his new favourite place, he says. Perhaps that's because this busy little seaport – from where you can take the ferry to Stornoway (Lewis) – has four bookstores and is home of an international book festival every May. The storied transport ship *Hector* sailed from here

with its human cargo bound for Nova Scotia. There are plenty of accommodations at Ullapool, but because of the ferry traffic, it is hard to come by. The Ceilidh Place Hotel is a storied and popular spital*.

(*Ed.note. Hospital or Spital meant originally a guest house or place of charitable entertainment. Many of the Spitals received the sick only. Some like that of Liberton, near Edinburgh, were reserved for lepers. Others were shelters for pilgrims. A larger class of which the Hospice of the Great St. Bernard is a surviving example, were rest-houses for wayfarers, built usually at dangerous Fords, ferries, or passes.*) Along the rugged Northeast Highlands shoreline are many good places for future explorations, including Lochinver, Kinlochbervie, Durness, Tongue and Strathnaver. From Thurso, one jumps off to the Orkney archipelago, a future trip for certain. In the Helmsdale area, a couple of hours drive northeast of Inverness on Cromarty Firth and the North Sea, is the location of a famous



The Emigrants Helmsdale

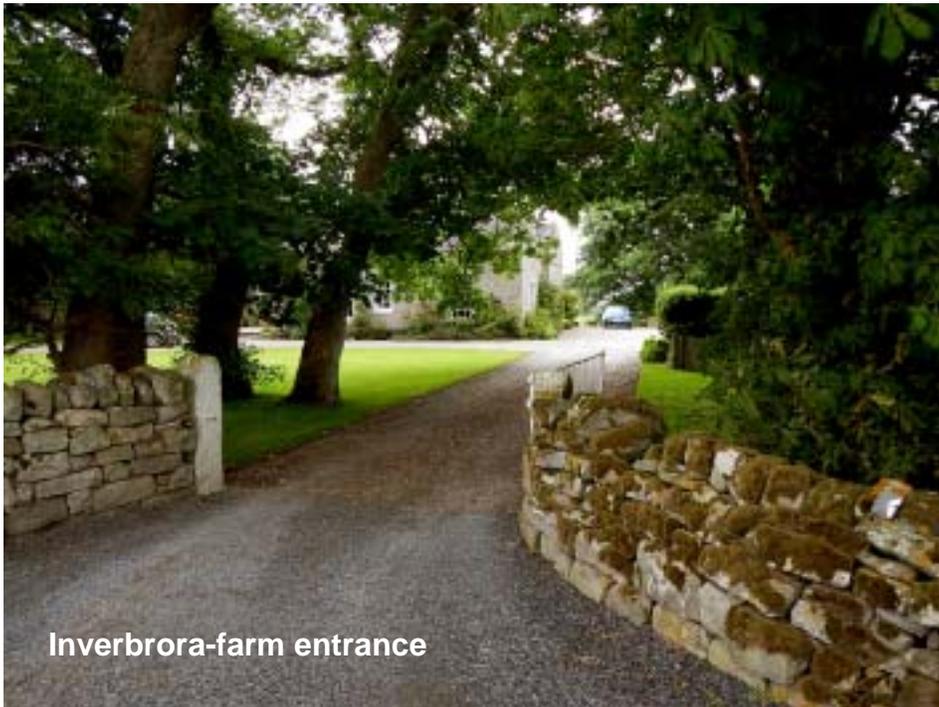
sculpture lamenting the Clearances called *The Emigrants*. Nearby is a rather nice museum called Timespan. They have managed to do some interesting things with an

very noisy gulls constantly milling about. Paxtons do have rooms away from the street and their breakfast (included) is award-winning. In Portree, being August,

renovated, was more than 225.00 CAD. There is no lift for guests in the hotel.

Finally, there is a new hotel in Glasgow to tell you about. The Abode chain has taken over The Arthouse, which dates back to 1829, formerly the home of the first Scottish Prime Minister, Sir Harry Bannerman. Classic architecture and very close to Buchanan Street, Sauchiehall Street, theatres, etc., and it is surprisingly reasonable (i.e., 60 GBP).

The two books launched are: *Bearing the People Away: The Portable Highland Clearances Companion*, by June Skinner Sawyers, a Scots-born writer living in Chicago, and *Fògradh, Fàisneachd, Filidheachd / Parting, Prophecy, Poetry*, by Duncan Blair (1815-1893), John Alick MacPherson and Michael Linkletter. You can find out more about these and others at www.cbupress.ca.



Inverbrora-farm entrance

outdoor trail in the nearby strath, using GPS to link walkers with the history of a given spot. There is not much by way of services here, but Mike and company stayed at a great sheep farm B&B called Inverbrora farm and it comes highly recommended.

Inverness has grown remarkably in population in recent years, with about 750 people migrating there every year. It is expected to reach nearly 100,000 over the next two decades. The building boom there is amazing. The majority of new residents are retirees from the "south." The group used a terrific B&B across the River Ness from the downtown shopping district. Westbourne House is excellent, with one small word of caution. Because it is very near the mouth of the river there are a great many

rooms were very hard to come by; in fact the group stayed in Broadford. But the Broadford Hotel, while very nice and recently



Dunrobin Castle Sutherland

Storm Damage at Hunterston

Thursday 5th Dec brought heavy wind and rain to Scotland causing significant damage to some of the large trees as well as some smaller ones on the Hunterston estate. Hunterston House is seen in the background but no apparent damage to the buildings has been reported.

(Thanks to Bill Hunter UK for these Photos)



CLAN HUNTER iNTERNATiONAL gATHERiNg

June 27th – 29th 2014

Friday 27th June 2014 Castle Tour By Madam Pauline, Clan Chief, Welcome Speech, Buffet Supper £8.00 per person in marquee at Hunterston Castle

Saturday 28th June 2014

Buffet Lunch £8.00 per person in marquee at Hunterston Castle

Clan Dinner with Entertainment at the Masonic Hall, West Kilbride £10.00

Sunday 22nd July 2012

Coach Trip to Stirling (approx. 2hrs) Leaving Hunterston Castle at 9.30 am £8.00 per person Arriving Stirling 11am approx. Leaving Stirling 5.30pm.

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2014 Gathering Booking: Gathering.....number of persons at £10.00 per person £.....

Friday Evening Buffet.....number of meals at £8.00 per person £.....

Saturday Lunch Buffet.....number of meals at £8.00 per person £.....

Saturday Dinner.....number of meals at £10.00 per person £.....
with Entertainment at the Masonic Hall, West Kilbride

Coach Tripnumber of places at £8.00 per person £.....

TOTAL

Payment may be made on the Clan Website at www.clanhunter.org.uk using Paypal

Or

By Sterling Cheque made out to “The Hunter Clan” and sent to the address below.

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Menus for the Hunter Clan Gathering 2014

Friday Evening Dinner

Homemade Scottish style steak pie

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Chicken with pepper sauce

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Choice of Two Sweets

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Tea or Coffee

£8

Saturday Lunch

Full cold meat buffet with salad selection
& Baked Potatoes

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Choice of two sweets

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Tea or Coffee

£8

Saturday Dinner

Fan of Melon

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Soup

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Roast Beef

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Salmon with Shrimp Sauce

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Choice of Two Sweets

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Tea or Coffee

£10

Membership Report

Well the numbers are in and we did indeed have a wonderful year in 2013 with 12 new members. We thank those who encouraged friends to join our Association and those who actually donated a membership to a family member.

I do have one more new member to introduce to you:

Darrin Quint Hunter joined us in mid October, and Darrin hails from Fort Saskatchewan in Alberta. Darrin is hoping to further his genealogy research, and pass on his knowledge to his sons.

Now what else can I talk about? Oh I know – membership fees which are past due, and this year's fees which will be coming due in about 6 month time! I am so happy to tell you that most of you are paid to date – and a few have even pre-paid 2014's fees but there are still a few late bloomers who need to send in their dues! I will put a note in with the newsletters and please, if you are able, send a check to our treasurer Don Hunter to catch up on this year's membership dues!

Best wishes to you all, as we start a New Year! May it be a wonderful year for you and your loved ones!

Christine Hunter

Membership Secretary

Why English is so Hard to Learn

We'll begin with *box*, the plural is *boxes*
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*,
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse*, or a house full of *mice*,
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hise*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*
Why shouldn't two booths be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *bretheren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *metheren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his* and *him*;
But imagine the feminine... *she*, *shis*, and *shim*



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