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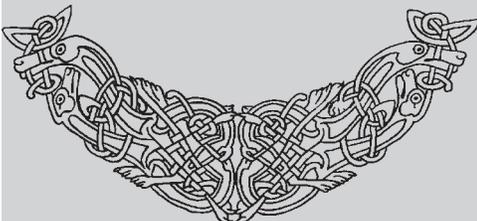
It is much longer than I intended between issues of our new newsletter but we are still struggling a little on content. First of all what that content should be and then where do we get the material. There is nothing new here just the age old problems associated with publishing a newsletter but we need your help. We need to know what all the Hunters are up to. Who is getting married, who has had a baby, who is winning medals, who has been on a special trip etc. We all tend to think that we have nothing to tell but it is really amazing how many stories come out during a conversation. If only I could get people to submit their stories to me, I could probably fill volumes.

However, as I write the Fergus games are but a fond memory of but a few hours ago and I had a wonderful time chatting with some old clan members and some potentially new ones. Hopefully some of those stories will appear in this issue. Having said all that, I would like to thank James Hunter of Hamilton for his article on Scottish Country Dancing, junior version. Well done James maybe you will inspire others.

In our last issue we congratulated Lynn Hunter (Ball) as she awaited the birth of her first baby. Well I am very proud to say that young Thomas James Ball born on the 15 May attended his first highland games this weekend at 3 months old. I say proud because he is MY grandson.... need I say more?

We are still more than a little unsure of what is happening in Scotland with regards to our new Chief, but we are sharing with you, a letter sent by her to the various Clan Officers throughout the world. We will of course try to keep everyone aware of events as they occur.

I hate to bring this up again, but it seems there are some of us still pretty delinquent with our Annual dues. In case anyone is in doubt when they are due, our year runs from July to June so whenever July comes around so does our Clan commitment. Please make every effort to get them to us as soon as you can. Your commitments is \$30 per year, \$25 of which goes to Scotland and the remaining \$5 stays with us to finance our local initiatives. As this news letter cost \$1 to produce and mail and we produce 4 per year you can see that we are getting nowhere fast.



Tom

*Mistress Pauline Natalie Mullen Hunter of Hunterston  
30th Laird of Hunterston  
Clan Chief of the Hunters*

The sudden and premature death of my father Neil will make me, according to his express wish and subject to the confirmation of the Lord Lyon, the 30th. Laird and Clan Chief of the Hunters. While I am pleased and honoured to take his place, these feelings are naturally tempered by the sadness which attends the circumstances, a sentiment I am sure you all share with me.

As my husband Russ suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, a condition which keeps him from full time work, it falls on me to provide us with an adequate income as a community nurse. I am very committed to becoming a District Nurse, which is the reason I am currently undertaking further training and very much see myself as being fully occupied with my chosen profession for some years to come. In view of this, I would be only too pleased for my brother Charles to become more involved with Clan activities if he so wishes.

The eldest of Neil's seven children, I was born on January 6th., 1953 and attended Great Oaks School and St. Mary's, both in Berkshire. I subsequently obtained a Cordon Bleu Diploma at Wingfield Place and a diploma in Pattern Cutting and dressmaking from the Katinka School in London. For practical experience in dressmaking I worked for several years in a factory in Galashiels. In 1980 I married Russ Mullen, who had formerly been an English teacher, and together we managed to stock a farm near Newcastle Emlyn in South Wales, where I also practised as a dressmaker. Shortly after the onset of Russ's condition in 1984 we moved to Anglesey in North Wales, accompanied by a little boy we had fostered, Bryan Davies. I began training as a nurse in 1987 and qualified as a Registered General Nurse in 1990. Having moved to Community Nursing in 1992, I was seconded for the District Nurse Diploma in 1994 for which I am currently studying. Russ works part-time as a writer and environmental journalist while Bryan, who is now 23, works with a Hi Fi and television retail business in Bangor

March 30th., 1995.

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## ***Genealogy sources***

With the advance in technology and the more common use of scanners, many more records are now indexed, making it easier and quicker to search for your families. Don't neglect Land Records, including Tax Assessment Rolls. These are playing a big part in the recently released "Householder's Index" for Ireland. This index is compiled from Griffith's Primary Valuation 1840-1864, (for Government taxes) and the Tithe Allotment Books 1820-1840 (taxes paid to the Church or Government in Ireland). Although only "Head of House-

hold", they can identify the place where an ancestor lived. You can then refer to the Parish records in that area. The index is now available at your local Latter Day Saints Family History Centre.

Recently released is an Addendum to the 1994 International Genealogical Society. New resources are constantly being made available so check them regularly. Genealogy Societies across Canada, and in the United States are a good place to locate information on your area of interest.

*Catharine Elder*

## ***Stranger than....***

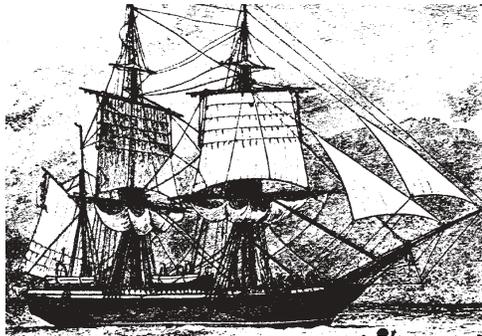
Our Clan treasurer Don Hunter and his wife were vacationing on the East Coast this summer and as Don, is a keen philatelist, they stopped in on the special offices for philatelists in Antigonish. While they waited to be served they overheard part of the conversation with the gentleman ahead of them which ended with the words thank you very much Mr. Hunter. On hearing this Don's wife turned to the stranger and said Mr. Hunter meet Mr. Hunter. Much to their astonishment they discovered during conversation that this gentleman's name was also Donald and that his middle initial was R... the same as our Don's. Our Don is Robert and the stranger is Rupert. Donald Rupert Hunter comes from Yellowknife and Donald Robert Hunter comes from Toronto. It is quite amazing that these two gentlemen with the same name and initial could live so far apart and yet meet up in such a way because of a similar hobby. Needless to say photographs were taken and invitations to join the clan exchanged hands.

## ***Don't give up... It's out there somewhere***

The wonderful thing about genealogy and searching for your roots is that you never know when you are going to come across something meaningful and often it is when you least expect it.

I was in Scotland this summer and as the ladies in our group were engrossed in the lovely woolens of a little store in Kilmahog, I decided to browse the small book store. As I drifted through the various historical novels common to such "Highland" bookstores I came across a book on Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors, is-

sued by the Scottish Record Office in Edinburgh. This was a relatively new book which listed all the different types of information available in the Record Office and all kinds of handy hints on how to find it. As I had been unsuccessful for at least the last 5 years in my attempts to find information on my latest ancestors, I was immediately intrigued. I was looking for the place of birth and parents of James



Hunter born around 1780 who married Anne Hewson in 1830 and had two children James and Thomas. Apart from what I have just listed all I knew of him was that he was a Master seaman and he lived for much of his life in South Leith, Scotland. This new book suggested that the records of all sailors sailing from the port of Leith were to be found in the Scottish Record Office in Edinburgh. I was so excited that I bought the book. After a couple of false starts we, (my wife, daughter and I), made our way to the Record Office where we had to be interviewed before being given passes to access the various records available. It is a wonderful experience to be given custody of the actual records created almost 200 years before. Carefully we started looking through the minutes of the meetings held by the shipping captains at Trinity House in Leith, hoping to find some mention of my James Hunter. Unfortunately after a very interesting but unfruitful day we could find no sign of him. We were hoping to perhaps find a record of when he became a master seaman. So back to the drawing board as they say to regroup and think again. Perhaps the book could give us another clue. Sure

enough the book talked about whaling ships that sailed from Leith and their bounty which would be shared amongst the crew, the records of which were also to be found in the Record Office. There was no reason why my man

could not have been a whaler. As we were now running short of time with only a couple of days left and still so many things to do I passed the baton so to speak to my nephew and said "go to it". In his first

couple of hours he found our James Hunter had sailed on a whaling ship called the "Success of Leith" in 1806 and again on the same ship as a steersman in 1813. I later found out that a Master Seaman is in fact a steersman which helps to cement the identity. And that is where we stand at the moment. When I return I will attempt to find some more records relating to this ship and possible crew lists that might include next of kin which might lead me to a place of birth and/or mother and father. All in all it's lots of fun. I hope others who are having difficulty will take heart and keep looking.

*Tom Hunter*

## **Country Dancing**

As parents, we're always looking for some organized activity to interest our children that will provide exercise and be fun at the same time. We always hope that this activity will be inexpensive and that the children will want to continue with it year after year.

As Scots, (or those like me who become interested in our heritage), we always hope that our children will be interested in dancing, but then we find that it requires an enormous time com-

mitment on our part and also gets to be very expensive with costumes if they do stay with it.

I have found the answer, at least in our family

After reading a notice in one of the weekly newspapers that registration was to begin for dance classes, I had to read further. When I read that it was for Scottish Country Dance classes, I decided then and there that my first task was going to be to get both children hyped for this during the coming weeks. This would not be an easy task, for my oldest was just coming into his teens! Have you ever tried to get a boy interested in dancing that wasn't being forced on him in a Phys. Ed. class?

Well, I managed to get the youngest one to go and now, three years later, she laughs at her reluctance to join the class because she didn't know anyone and didn't want to be embarrassed!

It's the same story, no matter which of the parents you talk to. The kids all enjoy themselves. It's a great way to get the children to overcome some of their shyness as well because of all the classes, it is usually the children's classes that are asked to give a small demonstration at Senior's Residences, Church functions, and even some of the annual Highland games, as some of you may have noticed if you were in attendance at the Georgetown Highland Games for the past two years or got to the International Tattoo at the Skydome two years ago. Some of the older kids were invited to participate in the "1024-some", the attempt to break the old record of the most dancers on the field at the same time!

By the way, this also helps the parents get their feet wet as well because they now have a better idea of the steps after bringing their children out week after week to class! And don't be surprised when you get asked to be their partner at the next Burns Luncheon or dinner!

Yours Aye

James Hunter

Hamilton, On.

## *Engagements Weddings and Births*

Congratulations to Mark and Julie Nycamp who were married on July 22nd in Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal. The couple were married by the Rev David Stewart who Christened Julie as a baby.. The reception was held at Kettle Creek Inn and was attended by our Clan Officer John Hunter and his wife Marion.

Best wishes to Beth and Gordon Hunter who are enjoying the summer with their new daughter, Shanna Marie Hunter, born March 17th, 1995.



### *Welcome Aboard*

A very hearty welcome to the following new members:

**Bryce M. Hunter**

Toronto, On.

**Victor Hunter**

Burnaby, B.C.

**Marie Jones**

Oshawa, On.

## *The Castle*

Our new Clan Chief's brother Nigel has moved into Hunterston House and has taken over the running of the estate. Ian Menzies and his wife Lily have both been made redundant and have moved into new accommodation. Lily and Ian have been with the family for 36 yrs. and will be missed by all of us. We wish them every success in any future venture they undertake.

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