

# The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter

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## Emanuel Hunter's Log Cabin Donated to John A. Logan College

By Richard H. Hunter

After purchasing Emanuel Hunter's log cabin from Wendell Grant, Thomas Hunter, Larry Hunter, and I worked to empty the cabin and assist Trillium Dell Timberworks disassemble it. On July 7, 2005 the Trust donated the cabin to John A. Logan College with the agreement that the college would restore and maintain the cabin on its campus. Dr. Mees, President of the college obtained a grant from the Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation that will cover most of the costs. The Trust appreciates the dedication of Dr. Mees and his staff at John A. Logan College and the trustees of the Bruce Foundation for making the renovation of this historic cabin possible.

## John A. Logan College to Display Emanuel Hunter's Cabin

By Robert L. Mees, Ph.D., President, John A. Logan College

Everyone at John A. Logan College is excited about working with Richard and Larry Hunter and the Jacob Hunter Trust on the relocation and restoration of the historic Hunter Log Cabin. Much has happened this past year in making this partnership a reality.

Last May, the cabin was dismantled by Trillium Dell Timber Works which is a company that specializes in historical restorations. The cabin components are currently being stored in Trillium's warehouse in Knoxville, Illinois until Trillium can start rebuilding the cabin on the John A. Logan campus. JALC is developing a historical complex that presently includes the historic one-room schoolhouse - Purdy School. Purdy School served as a public school in southern Illinois from 1861 to 1951. The Hunter Cabin is the second phase of this development. The location of this



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complex is a beautiful area on the east side of John A. Logan College Road across from the administration building.

Funding for this project was secured from the Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation in Herrin with a donation of \$64,915 and the Jacob Hunter Trust with a donation of \$3,000. Some additional funding is still needed to complete the restoration and relocation, but these donations were crucial in making this great project a reality.

If everything goes well and we get the additional funding, the project should be completed by this summer. At that time we will have a dedication ceremony to celebrate the completion of this excellent project.

## William Hunter of Northampton and South Carolina

By Ernest E. Hunt IV

In "Delamar Papers," a privately researched report written by genealogist Marybelle Delamar concerning the origins of our branch of the Hunter family, two possible fathers were given for Jacob Hunter (1755-1806). One was Dempsey Hunter, son of Isaac Hunter of Northampton County, North Carolina, of whom I wrote in an article for the February 2003 edition of the Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter. The other was William Hunter, also of Northampton County, North Carolina.

Since then, little additional information has surfaced on Dempsey Hunter, and though I feel he is still the more likely father of Jacob, I thought I should share some additional information I have discovered on William Hunter of Northampton.

This William Hunter was indicated to be of Nansemond County, Virginia, when he bought land in Northampton County, North Carolina in 1745 <sup>(1)</sup>. He sold this land in 1760 (a year before Dempsey Hunter sold his in Northampton County, North Carolina <sup>(2)</sup>); a portion of which was sold to Richard Veale, the son of the John Veale whose will was witnessed in 1754 by Dempsey Hunter <sup>(3)</sup>. Interestingly, William also sold some of his land in Northampton County to the William Stevenson who claimed that Dempsey Hunter was his brother-in-law <sup>(4)</sup>.

Another connection exists between William and Hannah and the two Henry Hunters, the son and grandson of Robert Hunter, son of William the weaver of Nansemond County. These two Hunters witnessed a deed from William Hunter to Moses Riddick for Northampton land in 1758 <sup>(5)</sup>. The younger of these Hunters left a will in the Camden District, South Carolina in 1783 <sup>(6)</sup>, and the widow of this Henry Hunter, Fanny, was on the Richland County, South Carolina census of 1790 near our Hunters.

A deed recorded in Craven County, South Carolina, on December 23, 1760 shows William Hunter "of Northampton County, NC" purchasing 350 acres for 500 pounds from the estate of Robert Rogers <sup>(7)</sup> and in 1760, another deed shows a purchase of 2 plantations in South Carolina, one for 200 acres, and another for 150 acres, for 665 pounds, from Abraham and Sibby Odum of Craven County, SC <sup>(8)</sup>. Both deeds were witnessed by a William Hunter, Jr., and the second by Henry Hunter. All three tracts were described as being on the south side of the Wateree River, bounded by the river on the north and east sides. This land was probably on the eastern boundary of Richland County, or near Camden in Kershaw County.

So it appears that William and Hannah Hunter left Northampton County, NC by 1761, and settled in Craven County, SC, on the South side of the Wateree River.

William Hunter, William Hunter, Jr., Henry Hunter, and Elisha Hunter are all witnesses to the will of Henry Jernigan, who died in Craven County, South Carolina in 1762 <sup>(9)</sup>. Some believe that Henry Jernigan's wife was Ann Hunter, a relative of these Hunters. Henry Jernigan's family came from Bertie County, North Carolina in 1745, and from Nansemond County, Virginia before that. After Henry Jernigan's death his widow and sons moved to Georgia, where she died in Burke County.

On September 18, 1762, a memorial was filed by Elisha Hunter for 100 acres adjacent to William Hunter Sr.'s land on the Wateree river <sup>(10)</sup>.

On March 2, 1764, a William Hunter obtained a land grant of 92 acres on the north side of the Saludy River, in the fork between the Saludy River and the Broad <sup>(11)</sup>. This land was conveyed to Moses Kirkland on December 21, 1764 <sup>(12)</sup>. The plat was certified for Hunter on October 10, 1763 <sup>(13)</sup>. This land is in present day Lexington County, and only a few miles from Crane Creek in Richland County.

In Charlestown County, a will for a William Hunter dated 1 Jan., 1765, proved Aug. 5, 1765, names wife Ann, sons Norsworthy and John, and also an unborn child <sup>(14)</sup>. The brother of this William Hunter was a Henry Hunter, who in 1794 was in Natchez, County, Mississippi, where he mentions in a court record he was the brother of this William Hunter <sup>(15)</sup>. This Henry Hunter was in Fairfield County, South Carolina on the 1790 census, and was from Suffolk, Nansemond County, Virginia, where his brother William married Ann Norsworthy in 1753 <sup>(15)</sup>. There is a possibility he was the William Hunter, Jr. mentioned in the deeds above. This Henry Hunter left a will in Wilkinson County, Mississippi in 1822, where he mentions sons Joseph Hunter, Narsworthy Hunter, and William Hunter <sup>(16)</sup>.

On May 2, 1770, a William Hunter obtained a land grant of 200 acres in St. John's parish, Berkeley County <sup>(17)</sup>. The plat was certified for Hunter on March 10, 1764. This land is in the northern end of present day Berkeley County, about 75 miles

from Richland County. I am not sure if this is the same William Hunter described above.

On March 28, 1772, Quitrents were paid by Moses Kirkland on the 92 acre tract granted to William Hunter in 1763 <sup>(18)</sup>. In another deed, Moses Kirkland is indicated to have bought part of this tract from William Hunter on December 21, 1764 <sup>(19)</sup>.

Moses Kirkland simultaneously paid Quitrents on a tract granted to Gasper Faust on the opposite (south) side of the Saludy River. Although these tracts were not contiguous, it does indicate that Gasper Faust owned land relatively close to the William Hunter who owned the 92 acres between the Saludy and Broad Rivers. The 1773 Cook map of South Carolina shows a Kirkland settlement on the south side of the Saluda River where it meets the Broad river, opposite of Crane Creek.

On January 13, 1776 a will for Gasper Faust was signed and filed in Craven County, South Carolina in 1777 <sup>(20)</sup>. The will mentions a son William Faust living next to "widow Hunter" on Crane Creek. This is the first connection between our Hunter family and the Crane Creek area of Richland County, South Carolina. It indicates that the father of our Hunters had died by 1776 (or one of them - there were 2 widow Hunters on the 1790 census).

A William Hunter, Sr. and William Hunter, Jr. enlisted in the Sixth Regiment on March 19, 1776 <sup>(21)</sup>. No further information.

On the 1790 Census of South Carolina, there are two William Hunters listed. The first is William Hunter in Laurens County, who left a will there in 1802 and is not thought to be related to us <sup>(22)</sup>. The second William Hunter is in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and is thought to be the same one who applied for a Revolutionary War pension from Lowndes County, Georgia in 1855, where at age 105, he names children Henry, Jacob B., Wilson, Katherine, Abigail, Susan, and Sarah Ann Hunter <sup>(23)</sup>. This latter Hunter's parents were supposedly Jacob Bradbury Hunter and wife Kesiah. Jacob Bradbury Hunter signed a deed in Craven County in the 1750s <sup>(24)</sup>, making him unlikely to be the progenitor of our group, as Thomas Hunter did not leave North Carolina until after 1763 <sup>(25)</sup>.

## Analysis

The information I have listed above raises more questions than it answers. How was the William of Northampton related to our Hunters, if at all? What was his connection to the Veal and Stevenson families of Northampton that Dempsey Hunter was also connected to? How were the William Hunters related to the Henry Hunter clan? Is this William the same one who was granted the 92 acres between the Broad and Saludy Rivers, near Crane Creek? Is the William Hunter who died in 1765 the

William Hunter, Jr. mentioned in the above deeds? Who were the two William Hunters who enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment?

What is most interesting about William is his connection to Northampton County, NC and Nansemond County, VA, which is where Dempsey Hunter's family was from. These are near Halifax County, NC, where Thomas Hunter claimed to have been born in 1763 <sup>(25)</sup>. Additionally, this William settled in the eastern area of Richland County, near our Hunters, and possibly received a grant of 92 acres, a stone's throw from our ancestor's home on Crane Creek. There are also no references to these William Hunters past 1776; this is about the time Gasper Faust's will indicated the "Widow Hunter".

However, the facts listed here only make the case to look at William, and do not prove he is related to us. I hope that bringing this information to light will generate more interest in either proving or disproving him as one of the progenitors of our Hunter clan.

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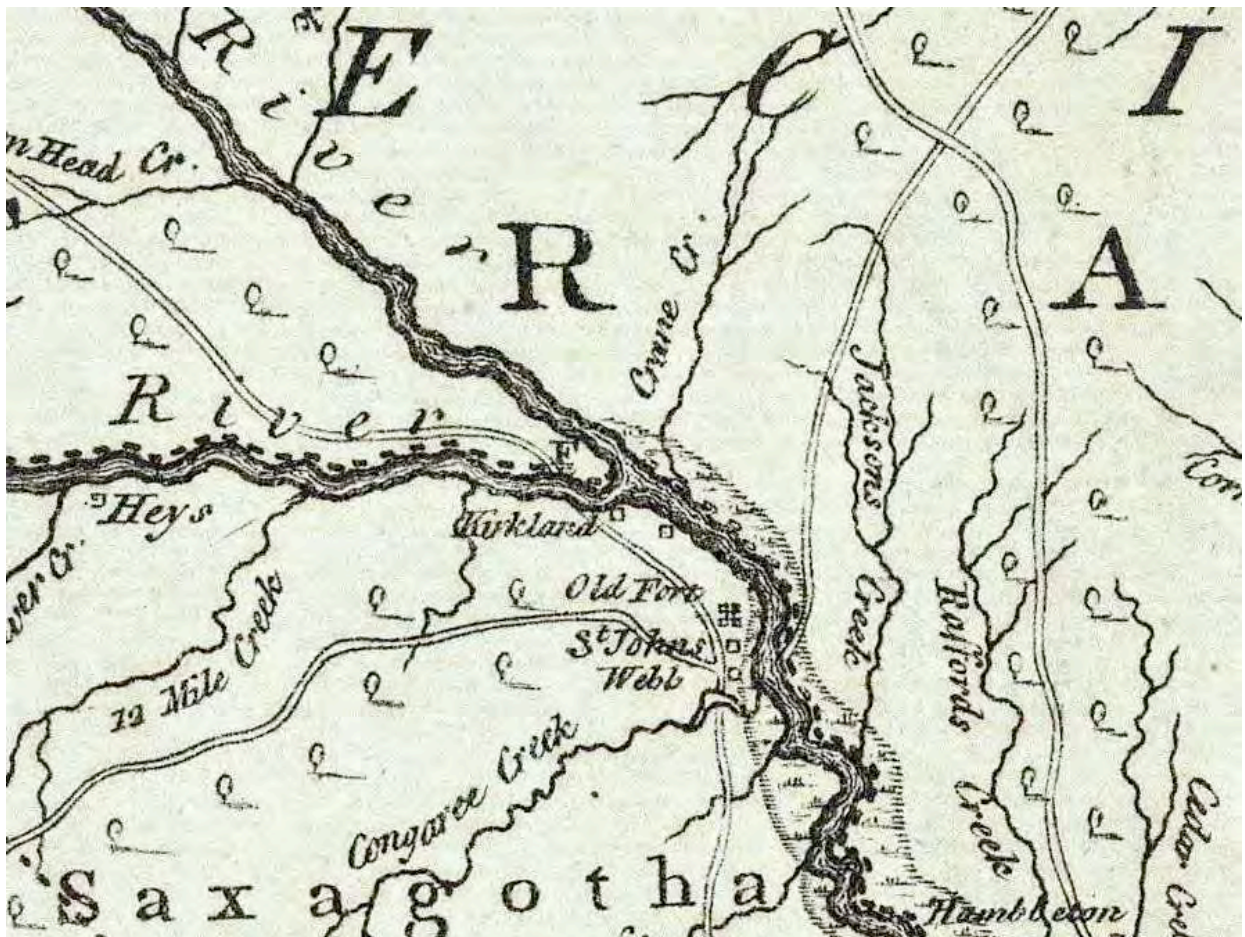
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Ernest E. Hunt IV, February 7, 2006

Map of the Crane Creek area of South Carolina  
Drawn by James Cook in 1773



## The Jacob Hunter Trust Account for 2005

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
1/1/2005	Balance Forward			\$14,613.94
1/5/2005	Interest on checking account		\$3.07	\$14,617.01
1/7/2005	John & Laura Hunter-Johnson		\$50.00	\$14,667.01
1/7/2005	Judith A. Mathews		\$100.00	\$14,767.01
1/7/2005	Richard H. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,867.01
2/6/2005	Interest on checking account		\$2.67	\$14,869.68
2/10/2005	Thomas E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,969.68
2/14/2005	Purchase of checks BOM	\$12.50		\$14,957.18
2/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$5.13	\$14,962.31
3/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$8.61	\$14,970.92
3/21/2005	Herrin Lithographers (Newsletter)	\$132.50		\$14,838.42
3/21/2005	Postmaster (Newsletter)	\$37.00		\$14,801.42
3/28/2005	Ella L. Abney		\$100.00	\$14,901.42
3/31/2005	C.E. Peck		\$50.00	\$14,951.42
4/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$9.51	\$14,960.93
5/2/2005	Interest on T-Bill		\$81.25	\$15,042.18
5/16/2005	Carl & Nanette Cottingham (Cabin)		\$1,000.00	\$16,042.18
5/16/2005	Wendell E. Grant (Cabin)		\$1,000.00	\$17,042.18
5/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$9.33	\$17,051.51
5/23/2005	Elizabeth A. Loomis (Cabin)		\$1,000.00	\$18,051.51
5/23/2005	Trillium Dell Timberworks (Cabin)	\$3,712.85		\$14,338.66
5/25/2005	Ferrell's Mowing (AHC X 4, JHC X 1)	\$230.00		\$14,108.66
6/2/2005	Williamson County Treasurer	\$10.90		\$14,097.76
6/21/2005	John & Laura Hunter-Johnson		\$35.00	\$14,132.76
6/17/2005	Interest on checking account		\$10.95	\$14,143.71
7/7/2005	John A. Logan Hunter Cabin Fund		\$3,712.85	\$17,856.56
7/7/2005	John A. Logan Hunter Cabin Fund	\$3,000.00		\$14,856.56
7/14/2005	Ferrell's Mowing (AHC X 4, JHC X 2)	\$260.00		\$14,596.56
7/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$12.55	\$14,609.11
8/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$13.69	\$14,622.80
9/1/2005	Ferrell's Mowing (AHC X 4, JHC X2)	\$260.00		\$14,362.80
9/21/2005	Shari Whitehead		\$250.00	\$14,612.80
9/16/2005	Interest on checking account		\$16.16	\$14,628.96
10/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$17.91	\$14,646.87
11/10/2005	Ferrell's Mowing (AHC X 5, JHC X 2)	\$310.00		\$14,336.87
10/31/2005	Interest on T-Bill		\$81.25	\$14,418.12
10/31/2005	T-Bill reinvestment refund		\$21.80	\$14,439.92
11/18/2005	Interest on checking account		\$17.44	\$14,457.36
11/29/2005	Thomas E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,557.36
12/1/2005	Lawrence & Lettie Hunter		\$50.00	\$14,607.36
12/5/2005	Fred E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,707.36
12/16/2005	Interest on checking account		\$15.66	\$14,723.02
12/25/2005	Tom, Amy, & Ava Harmon		\$100.00	\$14,823.02

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## Gifts and Bequests to the Jacob Hunter Trust

By Judge Robert S. Hunter, Quincy, IL

Your gift or bequest can help to assure that the Jacob Hunter Cemetery and the Allen Hunter Cemetery can be restored and maintained for eternity. The easiest way to accomplish this is to make gifts from time to time. You can do so by making checks payable to "Jacob Hunter Trust" where funds will be strictly controlled and used only for purposes that are consistent with the trust objectives.

You can remember the trust in your will. A simple bequest, as follows will suffice: "I give and bequeath to the Jacob Hunter Trust, a trust created to preserve the burial grounds of descendants of Jacob Hunter in Williamson County, Illinois, the sum of \$(amount)."

Another simple way to make a gift to the trust is known as the payable on death account (POD). You can open such an account at your bank or savings and loan. You open this kind of account by creating it in the name of "(Your name) Payable on Death to the Jacob Hunter Trust." The Trustee is Richard H. Hunter, 10202 Briggs Road, Marion, IL 62959-5844.

There are numerous advantages to such an account: 1. you retain full control over it as long as you live, 2. you can increase or decrease the amount or close it out without notifying anyone, 3. you are entitled to the income therefrom as long as you live, 4. it is entirely confidential. The only difference between it and any other account you own is that, upon your death, the balance that is in the account is paid to the Jacob Hunter Trust.

By contributing to the Trust, you will be strengthening our efforts to preserve family cemeteries, compile further historical information, and share information with interested relatives and selected public libraries.

## Ernest E. Hunt, IV Updates Hunter Genealogy Website

Ernest E. Hunt, IV continued to add a significant amount of Hunter family history to his website during 2005. He invites all interested in this research to visit the website at: <http://www.mindspring.com/~hunter-family/index.htm>. The Trust is very appreciative of the work Mr. Hunt has done in researching Hunter family history and in making his work available through his website. He also maintains a website for The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter and has available on the web all previous issues of the Newsletter at <http://www.mindspring.com/~hunter-family/JHTNewsletter/index.htm>. If you have additional information to share with Mr. Hunt, you may contact him by e-mail at: [eehiv@mindspring.com](mailto:eehiv@mindspring.com), or by mail at 200 E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street, # D 1502, New York, NY 10021-6728.

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Pictures of Emanuel's Cabin being taken down



Front wall of cabin facing East



Back wall of cabin facing West

## New e-mail address for Jacob Hunter Trust

The new e-mail address for the Jacob Hunter Trust is: [rich@clinicaloutcomes.us](mailto:rich@clinicaloutcomes.us). The previous e-mail of [rhunter@midwest.net](mailto:rhunter@midwest.net) will be phased out. Please change your address books to reflect this change.

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