

The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter

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John A. Logan College Dedicates Emmanuel Hunter's Log Cabin

Dr. Robert L. Mees, President of John A. Logan College, announced that the College will dedicate the Emmanuel Hunter Log Cabin as part of the College's historical village on October 17, 2007. The ceremony will begin at 1:30 PM at the cabin that is located on the southwest side of the Carterville campus adjacent to IL Route 13.

All descendants of Emmanuel Hunter, near and far, are invited to attend this dedication. Anyone wanting directions or tours of the Allen Hunter Cemetery or the Jacob Hunter Cemetery, please contact Rich Hunter prior to Oct 17th at rich@clinicaloutcomes.us or by phone 618 985-2814.

Visitors from outside the area can find information about lodging and many other interesting places to visit by contacting the Williamson County Tourism Bureau at 800 433-7399 or by visiting their website www.wctb.org.

The cabin was constructed in 1818 by Emmanuel Hunter northeast of Marion in Williamson County. A generous grant from the Harrison Bruce Foundation permitted the College to proceed with the reconstruction this spring and summer.

This newsletter, which is normally published in January or February, was delayed in order to announce the completion of the reconstruction and serve as a formal invitation to all to attend the dedication ceremony.

Emmanuel Hunter

(The following summary was prepared for John A. Logan College in conjunction with their historical display)

Emmanuel Hunter was born on September 17, 1787 in Richland County, South Carolina. His father was Jacob Hunter, a soldier in America's Revolutionary War, and his mother was Mary (Polly) Dancer. Emmanuel died in Williamson County, Illinois on January 7, 1874 at the age of 86. He is buried in the Jacob Hunter Cemetery.

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The family moved from South Carolina to Robertson (now Cheatham) County, Tennessee about 1793. They lived on the north side of the Cumberland River near Sycamore Creek. This is near the present town of Ashland City, TN.

Emmanuel married Judith Lee, daughter of Braxton Lee and Elizabeth Hatcher, on May 20, 1808. They had 7 children born in Tennessee and 4 additional children after moving to Illinois. After Judith died in 1852, Emmanuel married a widow, Mary Bess. They had two daughters.

While in Tennessee, Emmanuel served in the military with several commissions, fighting in the War of 1812 and in 1814 served with Andrew Jackson in fighting the Creek Indians. In 1832 he served in the Black Hawk War.

In 1818, Emmanuel came to Illinois and built a cabin northeast of Marion and east of White Ash. From 1818 to 1824 he lived part-time in both Illinois and Tennessee. He and his cousin Henry Hunter brought settlers from Tennessee into Illinois during these years. In 1824 he moved his family permanently to Illinois.

For his service in the War of 1812, he qualified for land grants in the free state of Illinois or the slave state of Texas. Emmanuel did not like slavery and was eager to move to Illinois and raise his family in a free state.

The cabin Emmanuel built in 1818 is now reconstructed on the campus of John A. Logan College in Carterville, IL. Over 80% of the logs are original. Some minor modifications were made from the original. The fireplace in the original cabin was larger and was used for both cooking and heating. The original cabin also had a loft with an opening in the corner near the fireplace. The loft was where the children slept.

The logs were secured at the corners using a half lap, dovetail joint. This was used in log cabin construction from 1800 to 1830. Cabins built after 1830 were not as carefully constructed and used only a half lap joint.

Additional information about the life of Emmanuel Hunter and his descendants can be found at:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~eehiv/hunter/hunter.htm> and
<http://www.mindspring.com/~hunter-family/JHTNewsletter/index.htm>.

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Ernest E. Hunt, IV Hunter Family Websites

Ernest E. Hunt, IV graciously maintains websites of Hunter family history. He invites all interested in this research to visit the website at:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~hunter-family/index.htm>. 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

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Mr. Hunt, you may contact him by e-mail at: eehiv@mindspring.com, or by mail at 200 E. 66th Street, # D 1502, New York, NY 10021-6728.

Emmanuel Hunter's Log Cabin

On the campus of John A. Logan College
Carterville, IL



A few logs on the East wall had to be replaced and one log on the front was replaced. The remaining logs were those cut and shaped by Emmanuel Hunter in 1818. The College will be adding sandstone steps to replace the temporary steps shown in this picture. The original cabin sat closer to the ground on large pieces of sandstone mined on the property where the cabin was built. The reconstruction included a very substantial concrete and block foundation with a crawl space allowing better ventilation.

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Inside front wall, door, and only window.



Inside East Wall with fireplace.

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Back and West Wall of cabin. Note that all the logs were original logs cut and shaped by Emmanuel except for one full log and an end repair on the West Wall. Also note the half lap, dove tail joints that were crafted with hand saws and axes.

The fireplace opening (fire box) in the reconstruction is much smaller than what would have been in the original. The original fireplace was used for both cooking and heating and would have been more open. The reconstructed fireplace was built to meet current day building codes so it could be used to heat the cabin.

The original cabin also had a loft with an opening near the fireplace to allow heat to rise into the loft. The loft was used as sleeping quarters for children and storage.

2006 Income & Expense Statement

The Trust's income exceeded expenses by \$ 9.92 in 2006. We express sincere thanks to all who donated their hard earned money to see that our family heritage was preserved and our cemeteries maintained. In addition to money donations, I would like to personally recognize and thank Thomas Hunter for many hours of labor assisting in clearing downed trees, repairing broken fences, and brush clearing.

The Jacob Hunter Trust Account for 2006

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
1/1/06	Balance Forward			\$14,823.02
1/3/06	Christopher B. Hunter		\$50.00	\$14,873.02
1/3/06	Richard H. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,973.02
1/6/06	Judith A. Mathews		\$200.00	\$15,173.02
1/9/06	John & Laura Hunter-Johnson		\$50.00	\$15,223.02
1/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$18.90	\$15,241.92
2/13/06	Herrin Lithographers (Newsletter)	\$149.50		\$15,092.42
2/15/06	Postmaster (Newsletter)	\$39.00		\$15,053.42
2/17/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.54	\$15,070.96
2/21/06	Ella L. Abney		\$100.00	\$15,170.96
3/6/06	William H. Norman		\$50.00	\$15,220.96
3/17/06	Interest on checking account		\$16.31	\$15,237.27
3/20/06	Family of John Thomas Moake		\$100.00	\$15,337.27
3/27/06	Kim Moake Adams		\$50.00	\$15,387.27
4/4/06	Marilyn L. Fisher		\$10.00	\$15,397.27
4/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$18.87	\$15,416.14
5/4/06	Ferrell's Mowing Service AHC X 4; JHC X 1	\$230.00		\$15,186.14
5/1/06	T-Bill Interest		\$212.50	\$15,398.64
5/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.81	\$15,416.45
6/1/06	Ferrell's Mowing Service AHC X 4; JHC X 1	\$230.00		\$15,186.45
6/6/06	Williamson County Treasurer	\$10.68		\$15,175.77
6/16/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.07	\$15,192.84
7/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$18.65	\$15,211.49
7/24/06	Ferrell's Mowing Service AHC X 4; JHC X 2	\$260.00		\$14,951.49
8/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.87	\$14,969.36
9/1/06	Ferrell's Mowing Service AHC X 4; JHC X 1	\$230.00		\$14,739.36
9/15/06	Fred E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,839.36
9/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.69	\$14,857.05
9/25/06	Thomas E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,957.05
10/8/06	Ferrell's Mowing Service AHC X 4; JHC X 1	\$230.00		\$14,727.05
10/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.11	\$14,744.16
10/31/06	T-Bill Interest		\$212.50	\$14,956.66
11/17/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.11	\$14,973.77
12/14/06	Lettie & Lawrence Lee Hunter		\$50.00	\$15,023.77
12/22/06	Ferrell's Mowing Service AHC X 4; JHC X 1	\$230.00		\$14,793.77
12/18/06	Interest on checking account		\$17.81	\$14,811.58

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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.

A Special Recognition and Expression of Gratitude

The Emmanuel Hunter log cabin project would have never been successfully completed without the dedication of Logan College staff, especially President Robert L. Mees, and Dwight Hoffard, Director of Buildings, Grounds, and Campus Safety. We are indebted to these men for their vision and for following up on commitments required to make this project a success.

The Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation provided two grants to the College that totaled \$ 93,151.33 for reconstruction of the Hunter cabin. Without this generous support the project would have never gotten off the ground. The Jacob Hunter Trust is grateful for the vision and commitment of Carl Goodwin and Ed Goodwin, trustees of the Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation. These individuals were wonderful to work with and demonstrated interest and support throughout.

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