



# The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter



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## Braxton Lee Cemetery Surveyed

Several important steps were taken in 2009 to identify, record, and preserve the Braxton Lee Cemetery at 104 Hibiscus Drive in Ashland City, TN. For years, this historic cemetery was referred to as the "Old Lee Cemetery." As we were taking steps to have the cemetery surveyed and recorded, it was recommended that we name the cemetery, the Braxton Lee Cemetery, since Braxton was buried there, and the family plot was located on Braxton's property. Further, there are several other Lee family cemeteries in Middle TN and most of them are "old."

For the last several years, Bradley and Monica Ferrell owned the property surrounding the cemetery. In late August we received word that the Ferrell's had to sell the property quickly and the property would be auctioned on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Rich Hunter, David Lee, Duane Elliott, and attorney Cleo Hogan were in the process of assembling records that established proof of the cemetery and preparing to have those documents recorded to insure that future buyers would be aware that the cemetery was located on the property.

David Lee called the realtor auctioning the property to request that a notice be provided at the sale so bidders would know the cemetery was there and of their obligation to protect it. The realtor stated that he was under no obligation to provide notice at the auction.

Attorney Cleo Hogan, David Lee, Rich Hunter, and Duane Elliott prepared a legal notice that David filed at the Cheatham County Register's Office on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, David Lee, Debbie Buchanan, Susie Hawkins, and Brian Lord (David's son-in-law) attended the auction and distributed copies of the notice to buyers.

Earl Guy Greco purchased the property for \$ 47,850. On October 2, Greco sold the property to William and Paula Paty for \$ 73,500. The deed transferring the property listed the "graveyard" and referenced the legal notice David Lee filed at the County Register's Office. This legal reference should accompany any future sale of that property.

On October 12 & 13, Rich Hunter, David Lee, and Duane Elliott spent several hours at the Braxton Lee Cemetery locating and marking 22 graves. On October 23 Wright & Associates surveyed and provided a legal description for the cemetery. A copy of the boundary survey for the Braxton Lee Cemetery follows.

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**GENERAL NOTES:**

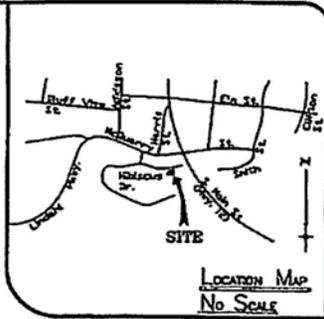
- 1) Bearings are based on Tennessee State Plane Coordinate System, Grid North.
- 2) This surveyor has not physically located the underground utilities. Above grade and underground utilities shown were taken from visible appurtenances at the site, public records and/or maps prepared by others. The surveyor makes no guarantee that the underground utilities shown comprise all such utilities in the area, either in service or abandoned. The surveyor further does not warrant that the underground utilities shown are in the exact location indicated. In Tennessee it is a requirement, per "The Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act," that anyone who engages in excavation must notify all known underground utility owners, no less than (3) three nor more than (10) ten working days prior to the date of their intent to excavate and also to avoid any possible hazard or conflict. Tennessee One Call 1-615-356-1987 or 1-800-331-1111.
- 3) Subject property is shown as a portion of Parcel 01742 on Cheatham County Tax Map no. 055X, Group F.
- 4) IR.(old) shown hereon is a nail with washer

**T.S.P.C.**  
Tennessee State Plane Coordinate

- 1 North: 704537.78 Ft. - East: 1658252.89 Ft.
- 2 North: 704485.29 Ft. - East: 1658194.22 Ft.

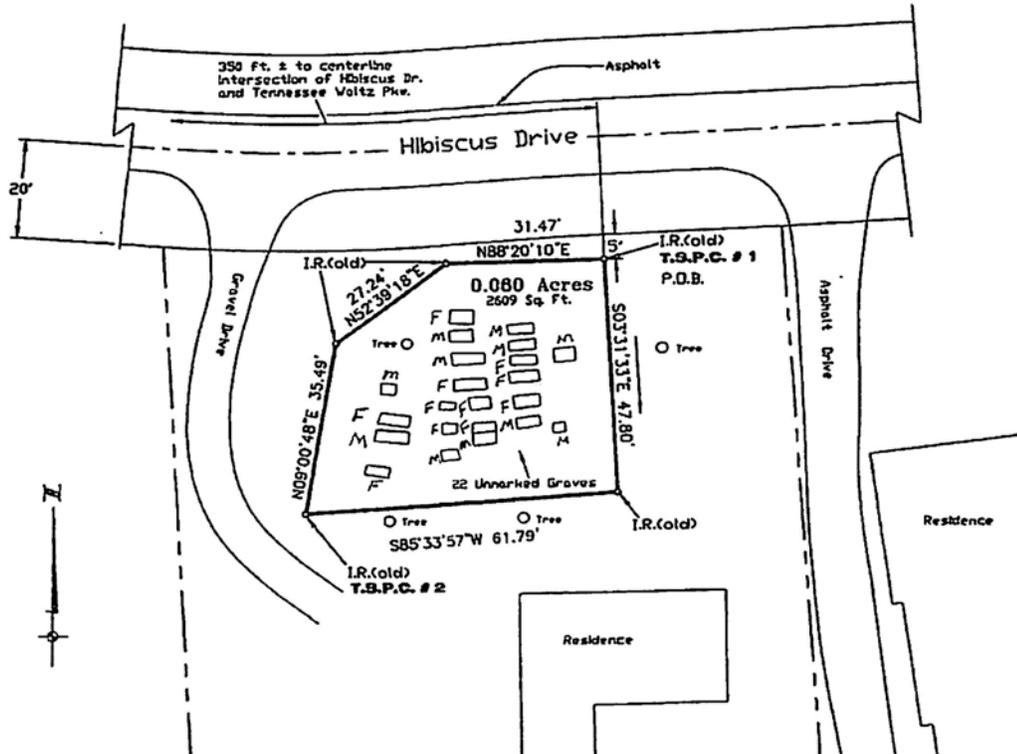
Corresponding Geodetic Coordinates

- 1 36° 15' 51.0510" North Latitude  
87° 03' 32.9344" West Longitude
- 2 36° 15' 50.5356" North Latitude  
87° 03' 33.6438" West Longitude



Property Title Reference

Located on the property conveyed to William O'Dell & Paula Rae Paly by Deed of Record in Book 333 Page 742, R.O.C.C., Tn.



**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby state that this survey was made in the field, to the best of my knowledge, belief and in my professional opinion is a Category "T" Survey as defined by the standards of practice as adopted by the Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors on January 4, 1992; and the ratio of precision of the unadjusted survey is greater than 1:10,000.

Marvin T. Wright

By: *Marvin T. Wright*

Registered Land Surveyor No. 2094 - Dated: Oct. 23, 2009

**LEGEND**

- Property Corner/Iron Rod
- Subject Property Lines
- - - Center Line
- - - Miscellaneous Layout Lines
- - - Non Surveyed Property Lines

AREA			
SQUARE FEET	= 2609		
ACREAGE	= 0.060		
REVISIONS			
NO.	DATE	BY	CHANGE



**Boundary Survey For**  
**BRAXTON LEE CEMETERY**

1st. Civil District Cheatham County  
Ashland City, Tennessee

SCALE 1" = 20'

**WRIGHT & ASSOCIATES**  
LAND SURVEYING  
1329 HWY. 12 N. - ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE  
TK-615-238-4123 - HM-615-792-4291

DRAWN BY: MTW      DATE: Oct. 23, 2009      APPROVED BY:

JOB NO.	55K17.0209
SHEET NO.	1 OF 1

## Lettie Hunter

(3-16-1930 - 3-11-2009)

On March 11, 2009 Lettie Hunter passed away surrounded by her husband Lawrence Lee Hunter and their loving children and grandchildren. Lettie and Lawrence were ardent supporters of the Jacob Hunter Trust. Lettie and Lawrence's lifetime of notes about Hunter family history, published by Justice Publications, was distributed by the Jacob Hunter Trust in our first year. Lettie loved genealogy and served as our local expert when anyone had questions. Lettie and Lawrence introduced me to Hunter family history, and for that, I will be eternally grateful. Lettie annually read over 200 books each year and served as an inspiration to many. Lettie was five days shy of her 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. She will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.



## Murry Hawkins

(3-18-1941 - 3-26-2009)

Another close friend and contributor to the Jacob Hunter Trust died on March 26, 2009. Murry Hawkins and his wife Susie lived in the home Braxton Lee built for his second wife Mary Polly Hunter Lee (widow of Jacob Hunter; see *The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter*, Vol. 17, No. 1, p. 9). Murry saved the home from demolition in the early 2000s and subsequently bought the home from a developer). Murry studied the history of the home and was an ardent admirer of Braxton Lee, an early settler to the Ashland City area. It was Murry who recommended to developer John Rankin that he name the new condominium project on the Cumberland River after Braxton Lee.



Murry was an attorney and served as the City Administrator for Ashland City from 2002 until October 2007. Murry and Susie contributed to the restoration of Braxton Lee's home and frequently invited guests to see the historic home. Murry loved to talk about Braxton and his influence in middle TN. He chuckled as he told me that in the summer, he often sits on the porch of the home overlooking Ashland City and the Cumberland River and thinks about Braxton and his many commercial activities as the patriarch of the thriving Leeland Station.

Murry, 68, leaves his wife Susie, two sons, two stepchildren, and five grandchildren.

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## Charles E. Rodd

(8-27-1917 - 12-28-2009)

On December 28, 2009 Charles E. Rodd passed on after an extended illness. Charles and his first wife Florence Chamness Rodd (a niece of Belva Hunter Hall) took care of the Allen Hunter Cemetery for several years after Belva and Dilla Hall became unable to maintain it. In 1993, Charles and Florence requested the Jacob Hunter Trust take over management of the Allen Hunter Cemetery and merge the two cemetery funds. Charles and Florence, and later his second wife Faye, along with his children, were major supporters of the Jacob Hunter Trust, and their generous gifts allowed us to install the new decorative fence at the Allen Hunter Cemetery. Charles led an exemplary life and inspired many with his wisdom, his generosity, and his love for God.



## Thomas T. Hunter An Uncle of Jacob Hunter?

By Thomas E. Hunter

(Thomas T. Hunter, b. 17 March, 1763 Halifax Co. N.C., d. 27 February 1834, Robertson Co. Tenn).

After recently completing plotting of a land deed of Jacob Hunter (b. ca. 1755 - d. 1806) in Robertson County, Tennessee (now located in Cheatham County), I noticed that three of Thomas T. Hunter's properties abutted Jacob's land. It has been thought that they were related, possibly a brother, but proof of that has never been established. Based on this research, I now believe that Thomas T., most likely, was an uncle to our Jacob. I have established that Thomas T. Hunter's father was Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash County, North Carolina. Col. Thomas Hunter had a brother Dempsey (Demcy) who is thought to be the father of Dempsey, Jacob, Allen, and William David Hunter of our line.

Jacob and Thomas T. Hunter, first showed up together on a tax list in Montgomery County, Tennessee in 1798 (*The 1798 Property Tax List of Montgomery Co. Tenn*, Ursula Beach & Ann Alley, Clarksville, TN 1969) listed under Captain's Wilson Gibson Company. Neither was listed as owning property at that time. Both migrated to Robertson County (now Cheatham), and bought property, Jacob on 19 September 1799 and Thomas T. on 5 Jan. 1801. They are both listed in several different court papers together in Robertson County.

Thomas T. Hunter's Revolution Pension Record (see Ernest E. Hunt's website <http://www.mindspring.com/~hunter-family/Pension.hunter.thomas.html>) started the search. In the pension application, Thomas traces his different travels during his

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life. He states that he was born on 17 March 1763 in Halifax Co., North Carolina and while an infant moved with his father to Richland Co., South Carolina. He states that he entered the service in 1778 for 3 months, was discharged and reentered in East Tennessee (North Carolina at that time) for another 3 months, and reenlisted for another 3 months in East Tennessee. He further states that after service he stayed for awhile in South Carolina, Richland Co., then moved to East Tennessee, Jefferson County, then moved to West Tennessee, Montgomery County, then to Robertson County, Tennessee. In his pension application, Thomas T. does a good job of tracing his life. There is one more step that I would like to add - a deed (*Deed Book X*, p. 377, Robertson County Deeds) establishes that he lived in Robertson County until his death. He states in the deed, dated 15 October 1832, from him to George W. Felts, that this is "Where I now live" referring to the land that he deeded to Felts. Thomas T. Hunter died on 27 February 1834 in Robertson County, Tennessee.

The connection between Thomas T. Hunter and his father Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash County, North Carolina can be found in the following two references - (1) *Family History: Southern Genealogies #1, 1600-1800s, Historical Southern Families, Vol. VII, Hunter of Nansemond County*, pages 130 -133" and (2) *Delamar Papers* by Marybelle Delamar, 1882-1966 (<http://www.mindspring.com/~hunter-family/Delamar.Papers.htm> ). I will establish the connection from Thomas T. to his father Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash Co. N.C. first, and then attempt to establish the connection from Col. Thomas of Nash Co. to the rest of his family.

In the *Family History: Southern Genealogies # 1* (reference 1 above) on page 132, it states "Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash Co. N.C. purchased a tract of land called "the rich square" from Dempsey Hunter (Northampton D. B. 4-53). About 1764 Col. Thomas Hunter m. Priscilla, dau of Drew Smith ---- In 1770 he sold out in Halifax and bought a tract of land on the north bank of Stoney Creek in what was then Edgecombe County."

"There is little information about Col. Hunter's actual service. There are several letters in the State Records from Col. Hunter regarding military supplies and in the Nashville courthouse records of several court martial's at which he presided. Col. Hunter did not live long after the war. He died intestate [1797]. His widow died in 1822. Only record of issue [his sons] from final division of his estate (Nash D.B. 5-136); Thomas, moved to Montgomery Co., Tenn.; Drew, and Cordial Hunter, ... "

These records establish that Thomas T. Hunter was in Montgomery County, Tennessee when Col. Hunter died in 1797. The early Federal Censuses of Tennessee have been destroyed so the only way to establish that the son of Col. Thomas was in Montgomery Co is to look at property tax lists of that time (*The 1798 Property Tax List of Montgomery Co. Tenn*). This record shows that Thomas T. and Jacob Hunter were both there in 1798. Thomas T. Hunter's pension application also states that he was born in Halifax, North Carolina. The U.S. Federal Censuses of 1820 and 1830 shows two Thomas Hunters in Tennessee - 1 in Montgomery County both years and 1 in Robertson County both years. Thomas T. Hunter's pension application shows that he moved from Montgomery to Robertson County and the records of his land purchases also show that he moved to Robertson County. This can leave little doubt

that Thomas T. Hunter was the son of Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash County, North Carolina.

I will list Col. Thomas Hunter's family back using the above references starting with the earliest listing, William Hunter of Nansemond County, Virginia. William Hunter of Nansemond, Virginia had a very large family so I will only name the direct lineage to Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash County, N.C.

William Hunter (b. unknown - d. ca. 1729) had 3 sons - Nicholas, Isaac and Robert. All the son's families are followed in the Delamar Paper but we are only interested in Nicholas (b. unknown -d. 3 Feb. 1749). Nicholas was married twice. He and his first wife had sons Isaac and William. We are interested in Isaac (b. unknown -d. ca. 1732) who had the following sons: 1. Reuben, 2. Theophilus, 3. Dempsey (Demcy), 4, Isaac, and 5. Thomas. This is Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash County, N.C.

*Northampton County Deeds* lists the following - Deed Book 3, p. 130, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1761 - being part of the land that Thomas Hunter purchased from his brother Demcy Hunter by deed dated 13<sup>th</sup>, May 1761. In Deed Book 3, p. 129, 13<sup>th</sup> May 1761 - Demcy Hunter & Unity his wife of Northampton to Thomas Hunter of the same county ----- the said land being devised unto said Demcy Hunter by the last will and testament of his father Isaac Hunter deceased. The above is found also in the *Delamar Papers* on page 3 along with the following - "You will notice that Demcy Hunter exchanged his land in Northampton with his brother Thomas for land in Johnston (now Nash). The three brothers, Demcy, Reuben and Thomas came to Johnston. Thomas did not stay and is said to have gone to Nash County, where he died in 1797."

This research connects Thomas T. Hunter of Robertson County, Tennessee to his father Col. Thomas Hunter of Nash County, North Carolina (and Col. Thomas Hunter's brother Dempsey (Demcy)) to William Hunter of Nansemond County, Virginia.) This Dempsey (Demcy) and his wife Unity are thought (but not yet proven) to be the parents of Dempsey (b. c. 1755, d. 11-2-1833), Jacob (b. c. 1755, d. 1806), Allen (b. < 1764, d. 1820), and William David Hunter (b. 1775, d. 1861). With Thomas T. Hunter always being located close to Jacob throughout their lives, I believe that Thomas T. Hunter is an uncle to our Jacob Hunter, the Revolutionary War soldier for whom the Jacob Hunter Trust is named.

## Bettye Brown & James Marshall Hunter's Diary

While Bettye Brown and her husband Norman were busy raising their four children on a farm near Columbia, TN, she had a lingering curiosity about a long-lost diary that her great grandfather, James Marshall Hunter, had reportedly written. She wanted to locate that diary so she might come to know her great grandfather who was a preacher.

After making many contacts with distant relatives, she finally located James Marshall Hunter's diary, covering the years 1849, 1850, and 1851. Her great grandfather had not only written about his adventures, but more importantly, had recorded births, marriages, and death information on members of his family. From

this information, Bettye Belle Underwood Brown (b. 9-18-1935) began a study of her Hunter family that took her back to her gr gr grandfather, Isaac F. Hunter (b. 9-14-1798, d. 1-12-1872), son of Jacob Hunter, for whom this Trust is named.

After obtaining a copy of the diary she became more interested in genealogy and made many trips to the Tennessee State Library, county courthouses and talked to family members. Information was found which linked Isaac to Jacob Hunter. In 1973 she compiled a small booklet titled, *Hunter, Marshall, and Norris Families* (available at the Maury County Archives in Columbia, TN). These booklets were made available to the families of her mother's nine brothers. These families passed the information on and this brought Bettye into contact with others who were interested in Hunter family history.



James Marshall Hunter b.  
8-12-1826, d. 2-3-1863

James Marshall Hunter's diary mentioned his Civil War experience. "James Marshall Hunter joined the army and left home the 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1862 and was killed Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. at Fort Donelson." Bettye set out to find his official war record. She and her cousin Bob Hunter looked for many years without success. Then, in 2006, he found the book, *Confederate Solders of Williamson County, TN Final Resting Places* by Dennis J. Lampley. James Marshall Hunter's name and the name of his unit were listed. Bettye found another book, *History of General James Wellborn Starnes of Williamson County* by Tom Tulloss. This book contained statements that other soldiers had written about her great grandfather. One said, "Bro. Hunter a Cumberland Preacher, a good man and a good soldier and a private from Co. F was killed instantly."

Bettye's mother Margaret Elizabeth Hunter Underwood who is 100 years old is the only grandchild of James Marshall Hunter still living. Bettye remains interested in the Hunter family as well as related lines. James Marshall Hunter's diary has once again been lost. The family of the person who last had it has no idea where it is. People interested in contacting Bettye may reach her at: [brown237@bellsouth.net](mailto:brown237@bellsouth.net).

# Suffixes May Be Misleading (Sr., Jr., I, II, III)

By Thomas E. Hunter

CORRECTION: William David Hunter II, Son of Dempsey Hunter, not William David Hunter I

In the January 2008, Volume 17, No. 1 issue of the *Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter*, I wrote an article, *Dempsey Hunter 1745-1833 and William David Hunter 1775-1861*. Research for this article included a visit to the Marshall Cemetery, a letter and grave listings provided by Mr. Wallace Williams, and other Internet records.

On page 8, item # 3, I stated that William David Hunter II was most likely the son of William David Hunter and Sarah Horn. After the article was published, we consulted with Mr. Ernest E. Hunt, IV who stated that some of the gravestones at the Marshall Cemetery contained incorrect information. Mr. Hunt's records confirmed that William David Hunter II was actually a son of Dempsey Hunter, who was a brother to William David Hunter I. So, William David Hunter II was a nephew, not a son, of William David Hunter I.

What caused this confusion as to the father of William David Hunter II came from the use of the II behind his name. Most people would presume that the use of II would indicate that the person was the second in line after their father and was using the father's name. A III would indicate the third person in that family's line with the same name. A name with Junior or Senior would also indicate that the senior would be the father and junior was his son. I found out later that this is not the case back in the 1800s and earlier.

An article in the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society* newsletter, Volume VI, page 165, *Use of the Terms Junior and Senior in Genealogy* by Shirley Wilson, CG explained the proper use of Junior and Senior, I, II, III, etc. Briefly what the article stated is that the use of the words Junior/Senior, I, II, III etc, just indicated that a person was younger or older or a grandson or great grandson to another person using the same name in that record and were not necessarily father or son and may not even be related.

William David Hunter II was the son of Dempsey Hunter. The use of II behind his name just indicated that William David Hunter, the brother of Dempsey Hunter, was still alive and living in the same area. They used II to indicate the difference between William David Hunter the uncle and William David Hunter the nephew.

## PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE JACOB HUNTER TRUST

In addition to publishing family history through the Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter, the Trust maintains three, historic, family cemeteries. The Braxton Lee Cemetery in Ashland City TN is where our grandparents Braxton Lee, Annie Lee,

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Jacob Hunter, and Mary Polly Dancer Hunter Lee are buried. The Jacob Hunter Cemetery and the Allen Hunter Cemetery in Williamson County, IL are the burial locations of several of our great grandparents, great uncles, great aunts, and other family who married children or grandchildren of Jacob Hunter or the Reverend Allen Hunter. Costs associated with maintaining these two cemeteries with the respect due these early pioneers are substantial and will increase over time. 2009 represented the fourth consecutive year that our expenses exceeded our income.

It is the objective of the Jacob Hunter Trust to raise sufficient funds so the account may be turned over to a professional trust administrator at a bank with a trust department. Before this can be done, the Trust needs to raise sufficient funds so that the interest on the money will cover the costs associated with perpetual care of these cemeteries.

With expenses exceeding income, the Trust is concerned that, without new donors, eventually the cemeteries will fall into disrepair and potentially be abandoned as happened to the Jacob Hunter Cemetery prior to the establishment of the Jacob Hunter Trust.

We are asking all interested individuals to donate each year so the income can exceed the annual costs of cemetery maintenance and build a balance to the level required to provide perpetual care based on annual earnings.

We also need people who are interested in providing support via Gifts and Bequests to the Jacob Hunter Trust. Judge Robert S. Hunter has written instructions (see article below) for leaving money through one's will, "payable on death" (POD) to the Jacob Hunter Trust. The Jacob Hunter Trust is registered with the IRS as a tax-exempt 501 (c) 13 charitable organization. Donating to the Jacob Hunter Trust may provide substantial tax benefits.

## The Jacob Hunter Trust Account for 2009

DATE	ACTIVITY	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
1/1/09	Balance Forward			\$13,750.83
1/2/09	Richard H. Hunter		\$200.00	\$13,950.83
1/5/08	Fred E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,050.83
1/6/09	Judith A. Mathews		\$200.00	\$14,250.83
1/7/09	Thomas E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,350.83
1/16/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.22	\$14,353.05
1/30/09	Herrin Lithographers (Newsletter)	\$186.50		\$14,166.55
1/30/09	Postmaster (Newsletter)	\$52.50		\$14,114.05
2/5/09	John & Ella Abney		\$150.00	\$14,264.05
2/6/09	Diana Moake Murphy		\$150.00	\$14,414.05
2/9/09	Bruce Lantrip		\$200.00	\$14,614.05
2/9/09	Postage for Belva's book X4	\$10.32		\$14,603.73
2/18/09	Fred E. Hunter		\$150.00	\$14,753.73
2/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.61	\$14,756.34
2/25/09	Kim E. Adams		\$150.00	\$14,906.34
3/7/09	Rebecca Lawrence		\$150.00	\$15,056.34

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3/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.29	\$15,058.63
4/2/09	Judith A. Mathews		\$50.00	\$15,108.63
4/17/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.48	\$15,111.11
4/30/09	Treasury Bill Interest HFO		\$90.63	\$15,201.74
4/30/09	Treasury Bill Interest HG8		\$96.88	\$15,298.62
5/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.59	\$15,301.21
6/1/2/09	Judge Robert S. Hunter		\$300.00	\$15,601.21
6/1/09	Easling Contracting & Tree Service	\$3,300.00		\$12,301.21
6/3/09	Ferrell Lawn Service (AHC X 4, JHC X1)	\$255.00		\$12,046.21
6/10/09	Ralph David Fly		\$100.00	\$12,146.21
6/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.49	\$12,148.70
6/22/09	John & Laura Hunter-Johnson		\$100.00	\$12,248.70
7/20/09	Ferrell Lawn Service (AHC X 3)	\$165.00		\$12,083.70
7/17/09	Interest on checking account		\$1.97	\$12,085.67
7/22/09	Michael M. Norman		\$35.00	\$12,120.67
8/15/09	Williamson County Treasurer	\$8.20		\$12,112.47
8/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.14	\$12,114.61
9/8/09	Ferrell Lawn Service (AHC X4, JHC X2)	\$290.00		\$11,824.61
9/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.05	\$11,826.66
10/5/09	Postage	\$44.00		\$11,782.66
10/5/09	Terrace Fence Co (AHC fence parts)	\$499.32		\$11,283.34
10/7/09	Ferrell Lawn Service (AHC X 4, JHC X1)	\$255.00		\$11,028.34
10/15/09	Linda & Ron Hermann		\$100.00	\$11,128.34
10/15/09	Robert Cowsert		\$25.00	\$11,153.34
10/16/09	Robert J. Beasley		\$100.00	\$11,253.34
10/16/09	Interest on checking account		\$1.79	\$11,255.13
10/22/09	Thomas E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$11,355.13
10/23/09	R. Fred Hunter		\$300.00	\$11,655.13
10/26/09	Earl & Nola Smith		\$100.00	\$11,755.13
10/29/09	Hugh F. Hunter		\$25.00	\$11,780.13
10/30/09	Virgina L. Lipp		\$25.00	\$11,805.13
11/10/09	John C. & Barbara A. Campbell		\$25.00	\$11,830.13
11/10/09	Marilyn L & Edward Fisher		\$30.00	\$11,860.13
11/18/09	Wright & Assoc (Braxton Lee Cem Survey)	\$400.00		\$11,460.13
10/31/09	Treasury Bill Interest HFO		\$90.63	\$11,550.76
10/31/09	Treasury Note R 12		\$96.88	\$11,647.64
11/2/09	Treasury Note AD 11 refund		\$1.69	\$11,649.33
11/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$2.13	\$11,651.46
12/7/09	R. David Lee		\$200.00	\$11,851.46
12/18/09	Interest on checking account		\$1.94	\$11,853.40
12/25/09	Laura & John Johnson		\$100.00	\$11,953.40
12/25/09	Amy & Tom Harmon		\$140.00	\$12,093.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,465.84</b>	<b>\$3,808.41</b>	

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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, the Allen Hunter Cemetery, and the Braxton Lee 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. The Jacob Hunter Trust is registered with the IRS as a tax-exempt 501 (c) (13) organization.

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.

## Braxton Lee & Mary (Polly) Dancer Hunter Lee Descendants Join our Trust

In 2009 several descendants of our grandfather Braxton Lee (father of Emmanuel Hunter's wife Judith Lee) and Braxton's second wife Mary Polly (Jacob Hunter's first wife and Emmanuel Hunter's mother) joined our Trust and were instrumental in preserving the Braxton Lee Cemetery in Ashland City, TN. This cemetery is where Jacob Hunter, the Revolutionary War soldier is also buried. Our Trust is named after this Jacob Hunter.

R. David Lee and Duane Elliott spearheaded this involvement of Lees in middle Tennessee. Kempf Stark, Debbie Lee Buchanan, and Susie Hawkins (an adopted Lee) all participated in our efforts to preserve the Braxton Lee Cemetery and the important contributions Braxton Lee and his family made during the early years of

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settlement in middle Tennessee. We welcome these "cousins" and look forward to recording and publishing the history of the Lee family and Leeland Station, Braxton's extensive plantation on the north bank of the Cumberland River.

## Notice to Readers:

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The Jacob Hunter Trust has a few more copies of *Hunter-Lee Family Notes of Belva Armetta Hunter Hall* available for a donation of \$ 150.00 to the Jacob Hunter Trust. Throughout her life, Belva Hunter Hall was dedicated to preserving Hunter family history. She kept several small notebooks where she would record events, meetings with relatives, and listings of children and grandchildren. Belva was a granddaughter of the esteemed Reverend Allen Hunter and his wife Elizabeth Lee. Many of her notebooks and family records are preserved in the files of the Jacob Hunter Trust.

There are several pages discussing Jacob Hunter, Braxton Lee, Manuel Hunter, citing historical dates and family memories. Of special interest are notes Belva's father, Marion Jacob Hunter, wrote to her on June 14, 1922 and notes from her mother Sarah Florence Dial Hunter dated May 2, 1942. This book of Belva's handwritten notes is a valuable record, especially for descendants of the Reverend Allen Hunter and Elizabeth Lee and their 15 children

## 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 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 10065-9190.

*The Jacob Hunter Trust is grateful for your support of our work and our mission to preserve the rich history of our extended Hunter and Lee families.*

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