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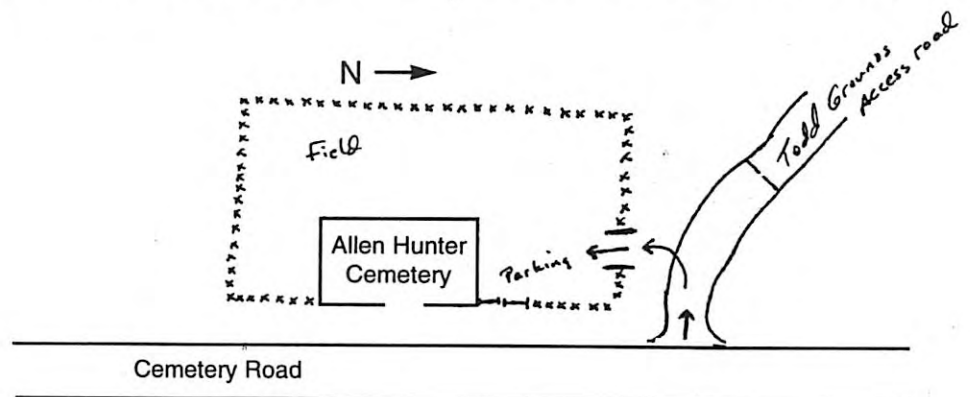
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Allen Hunter Cemetery Improvements

Several improvements were made to the Allen Hunter Cemetery in 1995. Brush was cleared from the barbed wire fence along the road extending north and south from the cemetery. This allows for a better view of the cemetery and permits regular mowing of the ditch between the road and the cemetery. In a move to enhance visitor safety, the Trust acquired permission from Mr. Todd Grounds to use his drive just north of the cemetery property so cars can drive safely off the road into the field immediately north of the cemetery. A portion of the barbed wire fence at the north edge of the field surrounding the cemetery was removed so cars could pull off the roadway on to Mr. Grounds' drive and turn back into the field (see sketch below). We are now mowing this portion of the field so people can easily walk to the cemetery. Prior to this, people had to pull partially off the road creating a hazard for oncoming traffic. The Cemetery is located just over a hill and many cars speed through this stretch making off-road parking dangerous. Now visitors can easily drive into the field and not have to worry about oncoming traffic. The field surrounding the cemetery is mowed twice each year to keep the brush and small trees from growing. This is needed since there are several thorn bushes that grow at exceedingly fast rates! I was able to mow the field in early December saving the Trust the expense of the second mowing.

Cemeteries Professionally Maintained

The Trust hired a professional lawn service to mow both cemeteries this year. The Neet Cut Lawn Care service in rural Marion provided the mowing at regular intervals. They expanded the area mowed at the Allen Hunter Cemetery to include the ditch along the roadway and the north field where cars can now park. Further, the rains were spaced so that we were able to save on mowing expenses and still keep the cemeteries well-groomed. Another advantage of hiring one firm was that both cemeteries were mowed on the same schedule and usually on the same day.



Judge Robert Hunter Howerton Provides Additional Services

Judge Howerton provided additional legal services to the Trust without charge during 1995. He, with the assistance of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rodd and Mr. Lawrence L. Hunter, created a deed for the land and the portion still holding mineral rights to the Jacob Hunter Trust. This was no easy task since the original records of these matters had long been lost. We owe a special thanks to Judge Howerton, Florence and Charles Rodd, and Lawrence Hunter for their work on the Trust's behalf.

Marilyn Fisher of Ohio Traces Her Line From Emanuel Hunter.

Marilyn L. Fisher of Thompson, Ohio sent information to the Trust of her lineage from Emanuel and Judith Lee Hunter. Mrs. Fisher is a great great great granddaughter of Emanuel and Judith Hunter. An interesting summary of her ancestors follows:

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Our first two Hunter generations are Jacob and Polly Hunter and their son Manuel and Judith Lee Hunter. These have been amply covered in the Hunter scrapbook compiled by Lettie and Lawrence Hunter.

Our lineage is as follows:

Charles Brooke Lee and Elizabeth Hunter

Charles Brooke Lee was the first child of Charles and Mary Griffin Lee. He was born on July 9, 1814 in KY. His early years were spent in White and Hamilton Counties, IL. About 1835 he and his parents moved to Jackson County. On June 9, 1839 he married Elizabeth Hunter, daughter of Manuel and Judith Lee Hunter of Williamson Co., IL.

Elizabeth died after July 12, 1860 when she signed a deed, and before the 1860 census was taken. Sometime after Elizabeth died, Charles Brooke left Illinois. He returned shortly after 1900 to live with his sister, Elizabeth Lee Hunter, wife of Allen Hunter. Charles Brooke Lee died on May 24, 1903. He was buried in the Allen Hunter family cemetery.

Children of Charles Brooke and Elizabeth Hunter Lee:

- * 1. Arthur Melvin Lee born (1840 - 1908) m/1 Sarah Lucitta Ward, m/2 1868 to Sarah Ann Heiple.
- 2. Thomas B. Lee (1841 - 1907)
- 3. Judith A. Lee born (1843 -) m 1862 to Henry Beasley.
- 4. Charles Braxton Lee (1845 -) m 1872 to Lavina Walker.
- 5. James B.W. Lee (1847 -)
- 6. Mary A.J. Lee (1849 -) m Mr. Dunlap.
- 7. William R. Lee (1853 -)
- 8. Nancy J. Lee (1854 -) m Mr. Taylor.

Arthur Melvin Lee and Sarah Heiple.

Arthur Melvin Lee was born May 12, 1840 in Jackson Co., IL to Charles Brooke and Elizabeth Hunter Lee. He married Sarah Lucitta Ward and while he was fighting in the Civil War a daughter Lavina was born. Early in 1866, he was shot in the right arm and shoulder. Soon after the war, Arthur and Sarah Lucitta were divorced. On January 2, 1868 Arthur married Sarah Ann Heiple, daughter of Samuel and Mary Jane Youngblood Heiple.

Arthur was a Primitive Baptist Minister and a Physician. On April 2, 1908 he died. His wife Sarah Ann died in 1917.

Children of Arthur Melvin Lee and Sarah Lucitta Ward. (1st wife)

- 1. Lavina Lee (1863 -), m 1884 to James Marcus Etherton.

Children of Arthur Melvin Lee and Sarah Ann Heiple. (2nd wife)

- 1. Mary Gertrude Lee (1870 - 1895); m Dr. W.B. Cauble.

- * 2. Homer Dalton Lee (1872 - 1936), m 1895 to Rosa Williams.
- 3. Dora Emogene Lee (1877 - 1942), m Minor McCracken.
- 4. Ardell Agnew Lee (Dell) (1877 -), m Helen Cameron.
- * 5. Chester Arthur Lee (Art) (1881 -) m Minnie.

Homer Dalton Lee and Rosa Williams

Homer Dalton Lee was Born on Feb. 4, 1872 in Pomona, Jackson Co., IL. His parents were Arthur Melvin and Sarah Heiple Lee. He married Rosa Williams, daughter of Cyrus Woodson and Matilda Jane Peay Williams, on Dec. 25, 1895.

In 1918 Homer went to Germany with the YMCA volunteers during WWI. He was gassed with chlorine gas and suffered permanent lung damage. He died on December 8, 1936 and Rosa died on Nov. 4, 1952.

Children of Homer Dalton Lee and Rosa Williams.

- 1. George Dalton Lee (1896 - 1972) married Jewel Hamilton.
- 2. Cyrus Arthur Lee (1898 - 1898)
- 3. Helen Rosa Lee (1899 - 1923)
- * 4. Charles Denard Lee (Denny) (1902 - 1995) m 1926 to Dorothy G. Meffert.
- 5. Robert Homer Lee (1908 - 1908)

Charles Denard Lee and Dorothy Gladys Meffert

Charles Denard Lee "Denny" was born on August 21, 1902 in Carbondale, Illinois. His parents were Homer Dalton and Rosa Williams Lee. Denny attended school at the Normal High School. In 1924 he graduated from Southern Illinois Normal College with a teachers certificate. His first teaching job was in the high school in Marion, Williamson County, Illinois. Dorothy also attended the College in Carbondale and earned an Illinois Teachers Certificate.

On January 16, 1926, Dorothy Gladys Meffert and Charles Denard Lee were married. They settled in Marion, Williamson County, Illinois while Denny finished teaching for the rest of the school year. In the fall of 1926, they moved to Urbana, Illinois where he pursued higher education at the University of Illinois. In 1930 he graduated with a Masters degree and on graduation night his daughter was born.

In 1932 he got a teaching job in Cleveland so the family moved to Ohio. Since moving to Ohio Denny taught science at Park School and University School where he was head of the Science Department.

Dorothy died in 1973 and Denny died in 1995

Dorothy and Denny Lee had one child:

- 1. Marilyn Ann Lee (1930-), m 1950 to Edward F. Fisher.

Hugh F. Hunter, Jr. of Atlanta Writes

Hugh F. Hunter, Jr. 3238 Wood Valley Road-NW, Atlanta, GA 30327 wrote Lawrence and Lettie Hunter. Hugh is a descendant of Matthew R. Hunter, a brother of Emanuel who remained in Tennessee. Matthew was born prior to 1799 and died July 26, 1846. He is buried in the Old Cage Family Cemetery in Montgomery County Tennessee. Hugh is attempting to research Jacob Hunter's forbearers which Hugh says "seem to be deeply rooted in obscurity." Hugh recently wrote the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal and offered a \$500 reward for anyone who can produce proven records of Jacob's ancestors. Earlier we corresponded with The Reverend LaVerne Thomas who thought Jacob Bradbury Hunter, believed born before 1730, may have been a father to Jacob. No one is sure of this since Jacob Bradbury Hunter was from South Carolina while Jacob, born in 1755, was from North Carolina. Further, information concerning possible brothers of Jacob provided through Father Thomas' research don't agree with information Lawrence and Hugh Hunter have concerning Jacob's brothers. We hope further research will clarify this soon. Anyone with information concerning Jacob Hunter's forbearers please contact the Trust, Lawrence Hunter, Hugh Hunter, and Father LaVerne Thomas.

Father LaVerne Thomas, III at Notre Dame Writes

Lawrence Lee Hunter has been in touch with Reverend LaVerne Thomas III who is now researching Hunter descendants. Reverend Thomas is currently working on a Ph.D. at Notre Dame. He is a descendant of William Hunter, b. 1750 in South Carolina. William was initially thought to be an older brother of our Jacob, b. 1755 in North Carolina. However, we can't confirm this connection. Father Thomas has located information concerning Jacob Bradbury Hunter born before 1730 in South Carolina, believed to be the father of William. Anyone with information concerning the South Carolina line of Hunters and any possible connection to the North Carolina family of Jacob, please write the Trust and Father Thomas @ 511 West Seventh Street, Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Revenues Increase Substantially in 1995

The revenues to the Trust increased substantially during 1995. There were nine generous donors and the Trust received \$750.00 in interest from the Federal Treasury Note owned by the Trust. Interest payments of 375.00 each were received in May and October. Expenses were down slightly from last year as well. Our year-end balance is now \$6,332.59. The Trust extends a very sincere word of appreciation to all who have provided the support that has allowed the Trust to fulfill its mission. Our two family cemeteries in Williamson County are now maintained in a manner reflecting the dignity and respect our forefathers deserve. Further, the Trust has been able to distribute information to individuals and to public libraries compiled by many dedicated people over the years including Clyde H. Hunter, Belva Hunter Hall, Pauline Mason, Lawrence Lee and Lettie Hunter, Alice Grant, and many many others. There is much more that can be done, and improvements still to be made to our cemeteries, but we now have an established Trust, people donating money and time on a regular basis, and a common shared mission that has led to our present accomplishments. The 1995 Income and Expense Ledger is enclosed.

Jacob Hunter Cemetery Fund 1995

DATE	TRANSACTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
1- 1-95	Balance Forward			3,967.59
1- 2-95	William & Judy Hunter Mathews		200.00	4,167.59
1-23-95	James G. Hunter		500.00	4,667.59
1-26-95	Lois A. Browder		25.00	4,692.59
2- 2-95	Marilyn L. Fisher <i>(in memory of Charles Denard Lee)</i>		100.00	4,792.59
3-10-95	Earl R. Smith		100.00	4,892.59
3-11-95	Hugh F. Hunter, Jr.		35.00	4,927.59
3-25-95	Larry Little <i>(Clearing brush - AHC)</i>	150.00		4,777.59
4-15-95	Virginia L. Lipp		25.00	4,802.59
5-21-95	Richard H. Hunter		200.00	5,002.59
5-22-95	Larry Little <i>(Mowing field - AHC)</i>	40.00		4,962.59
5- 1-95	Treasury Note Interest		375.00	5,337.59
6-16-95	Neat Cut Lawn Care (AHC x 3, JHC x 4)	240.00		5,097.59
8-19-95	Neat Cut Lawn Care (AHC x 2, JHC x 2)	140.00		4,957.59
10-31-95	Treasury Note Interest		375.00	5,332.59
12-22-95	Elizabeth K. Hunter <i>(in memory of Clyde H.)</i>		1,000.00	6,332.59

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