



# The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter



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## Searching for Dempsey, Part IV: HUNTER/HORN/QUAKER RELATIONSHIPS

Thomas E. Hunter

People have been searching for years for more information on Dempsey Hunter (ca. 1720-ca. 1776), son of Isaac Hunter (b. 1702 Nansemond Vir. - d. 1748 Northampton NC.), who may be the father of Dempsey II (1755-1833), Jacob (b. 1755/6-d. 1806), Allen (1764-1820) and William David (1775-1861). Dempsey left few clues to his life and family. No Will has ever been found and the last document located with his name was in a survey of John Simons land located on Walnut Creek, Johnston County, NC., dated May 1762. Dempsey was married at least twice. First to Unity (Unknown) in Northampton County, NC ca.1741, and second to Elizabeth Stevenson Horn ca. 1762 in Northampton, NC. With a name of Unity, it is possible that she was a Quaker and Elizabeth Stevenson Horn was first married to Henry Horn whose family was mostly Quakers. Dempsey's brother, Col. Thomas Hunter had a daughter Elizabeth married to Josiah Horn who was also related to Henry Horn and raised as a Quaker. William David Hunter, son of Dempsey was married to Sarah Phillips Horn, a Quaker. All of these Horns are related to "Henry Horn the Quaker,"(b. 21 Nov.1716 Nansemond VA - d. 1798 Wayne NC).

A closer look at the Hunters and Horn families perhaps may furnish more clues to Dempsey's life. The Hunters and Horns had been neighbors since the late 1600s in Nansemond County area of Virginia and after the state line was redrawn into the northeastern part of North Carolina. Isaac Hunter owned properties in Chowan, Bertie, Northampton and Johnston Counties, NC. Some are the same properties that changed due to the redrawing of county boundary lines. The Horn family also first settled in Nansemond County, Virginia in the same general area as the Hunters. Both families also were neighbors in North Carolina and later in Tennessee. Their names appeared on numerous documents as witnesses, and neighbors in property deeds, etc.

Col. Thomas Hunter's daughter, Elizabeth, married Josiah Horn (1766-1845) who was a neighbor. Josiah was born 6 Aug. 1766 Edgecombe North Carolina and died 23 Oct. 1845 in Montgomery County, Tennessee. Both Josiah and Elizabeth are buried in the Blooming Grove Church Cemetery, Montgomery County, Tennessee. He was raised as a Quaker but later changed religion and become a Baptist Minister. Josiah family

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consisted of James, Thomas, Henry, Winifred, Cordell and Josiah. Notice that these names appear in Col. Thomas Hunter's family. Josiah moved his family to Davidson County, Tennessee sometime about 1800 and a few years earlier Col. Thomas Hunter's son Thomas also moved to Davidson County, Tennessee with Jacob, Dempsey II, William David and Allen Hunter, sons of Dempsey.

Dempsey Hunter's second wife, Elizabeth Stevenson Horn, daughter of Charles Stevenson, married first Henry Horn, also of the William Horn family. Henry was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina and died 1761 Edgecombe County, North Carolina. The Stevenson, Horn and Hunters were all neighbors and intermingled. Dempsey's first wife, Unity, must have died sometime before 1761 and he married Elizabeth after that time. Two Horn websites <http://www.drbohorn.com> and <http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/h/o/r/Robert-G-Horn/Book> provide the following children of Henry and Elizabeth - Sion, (named Sean in Will), Josiah (1761-1815 Edgecombe, NC.), Ruth, Mirrium, Zeraiah, and Penelope. A Will of William Stevenson, brother of Elizabeth, added these children - Clary Stevenson and Molly Stevenson, who are not named in the Horn websites. I am still researching these children and have found a Clary and Molly Hunter (Stevenson) but their births are too late to be daughters of Henry and Elizabeth Horn. Elizabeth, in the Henry's Will, dowry was that she could live on the Plantation for the rest of her life, inherited the livestock and household furnishing for her life and at her death, the property was to be sold at public auction and divided among the children. There should be some court documents to account what happened to this property and how it was divided among the heirs. (There are questions about the two daughters, Clary and Molly, did they change their names to Hunter or stay Stevenson or Horn?)

William David Hunter (born 1775 Johnston County, North Carolina - died 1861 Davidson County, Tennessee) married Sarah (aka Sally) Phillips Horn 19 Feb. 1803 Davidson County, Tennessee. Sarah Phillips was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Exum Phillips. She married first Joel Horn of the William Horn family. Joel Horn was raised a Quaker also but dismissed by them at Rich Square, Northampton County, North Carolina. Rich Square Meeting House for the Quakers was land originally owned by Isaac Hunter, grandfather of William David. Joel married Sarah Phillips in 1790 Northampton, North Carolina; he also had an earlier wife named Ann Harris. Joel Horn had the following children by either Ann or Sarah - Etheldridge, Matthew and Charlotte. Sarah and William David had no children. William David's mother would have been Elizabeth Stevenson Horn whose first husband, Henry Horn, was also raised a Quaker and related to Joel Horn.

William David's Will left none of his estate to the children of Joel Horn, Joel's heirs sued for some of William David's estate in 1866 Supreme Court, Chancery Court Division, Davidson County, Tennessee. "Eleventhly, I give to the children of Etheldridge Horn, to the children of Matthew Horn, & the children of Charlotte Dean all being the grandchildren of my dead wife Sally the one third of the whole value of all my slaves, & the one third of the whole value of all my perishable property.....If there shall be a surplus in the hands of my Executors after paying the legacies herein before given



*including “Hinshaw’s Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy” and concluded that Isaac and Dempsey Hunter were not likely to be Quakers, but Friends of Friends. In January 2015 we contacted Gwendolyn Erickson, the research librarian at Guilford College (a Quaker institution), and after her search of records that included “Rich Square Monthly Meeting of Men Friends 1760-1799 (Vol. 1) and 1799-1830 (Vol. 2) she too concluded that our line of Hunters were not Quakers, but Friends of Friends. Tom Hunter argues that there could be earlier Quaker records yet to be made available that might list our Hunter line, or wives of our Hunters, as Quakers. The Trust is grateful to Tom Hunter for his ongoing, thorough, research into unraveling the mystery of our early ancestors.*

## **William David Hunter (ca 1775-1861)**

Thomas E. Hunter

William David Hunter (b. ca. 1775 N.C., d. 1861 Cheatham County, Tenn.) was thought to be the youngest son of Dempsey Hunter (b. ca. 1720, d. ca. 1776) and his second wife Elizabeth Stevenson Horn, daughter of Charles Stevenson. Elizabeth Stevenson was married first to Henry Horn (b.?, d. 1761 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina).

No birth records of William David have been found but the United States Census of Davidson County, Tennessee (District 22 of 25 June, 1860) furnishes a year he was born. It states that he was 85 that year which would make his birth in 1775. The census also states that he was born in the state of North Carolina but doesn’t furnish a county. Looking at his possible father Dempsey’s records furnishes more clues as to the county. Dempsey sold the property he inherited from his father located in Johnston County, North Carolina in 1761, this area later became Wake County. Elizabeth Stevenson Horn’s first husband died in Edgecombe County, North Carolina in 1761 and Dempsey married her about the year 1762. This marriage could have taken place in Edgecombe County. This gives the possible birthplace of William David as Johnston, Wake, or Edgecombe Counties in North Carolina.

William preferred the name of David instead of William. He used the name David in all of his official papers and will also be use here. There were other William Hunters in the area and that could have been the reason he preferred to be called David.

The earliest record of David is from his brother Dempsey’s Revolutionary War Pension Record filed by Katherine Hunter, Dempsey’s wife. In this record, David made an oath dated 20 December 1843, Davidson County, Tennessee, that he was present at the wedding of Dempsey and Katherine on 14 December 1793 in Richland County, South Carolina. David would have been 21 years old at the time. It is thought that David’s father Dempsey died sometime between David’s birth (ca 1775) and the late 1700s. This would indicate that David and his two younger sisters, Clary and Molly Horn Hunter would have had a Guardian appointed by the county court. Laws at that time would not have permitted the mother, Elizabeth, to have custody of the minor children (under age 21). The court would have appointed a guardian for

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them usually selected from an older family member such as David's brothers Dempsey or perhaps Allen.

David obtained his first property in Tennessee in Montgomery County from Frederick Davis. Frederick Davis must have purchased this property from Joseph Cartwright sometime between 1787 and 1802. "Joseph Cartwright received a Military Grant #525, 15 Sept. 1787, for service during the Revolutionary War for 640 acres, Warrant # 831, located on the north side of Cumberland River at the mouth of the south fork of Half Pone Creek" (*Supplements 1 & 2, Atlas and Data CD, Founding of the Cumberland Settlements 1779-1804* (2009) Doug Drake, Jack Masters, & Bill Puryear, Warrioto Press).

On a map of Half-Pone Creek, Cheatham County the south branch was known as "Dry Fork". The surveyor incorrectly entered "south branch" when it should have been "north branch". This is proven by looking at the entry found in *The Southern Virginia Weakley Families and their Descendants* by Samuel Anderson Weakley assisted by Mary Dickson Weakley. A copy of this booklet may be found at the Cheatham County Historical and Genealogical Association, Ashland City, Tennessee. It shows the correct location of this Grant on Half-Pone Creek and Raccoon Creek, the north fork. This is further proven by the location of Thomas Hunter's grave in the "Hunter-Herald Cemetery" and his original house that is also located just off of Raccoon Creek/Half-Pone Creek on Highway #12 in Cheatham County. David purchased 160 acres of the 640-acre grant and Thomas Hunter bought another 160 acres. This is from Clyde Hunter's research paper "Land Conveyances Prior to 1836 in Robertson County Tenn." (Book F, page 208 and 324, 9 Oct. 1802) for land of William David and Thomas Hunter, 160 acres each from Frederick Davis. Allen Hunter, David's brother, purchased property in this same area of Half Pone Creek. Manuel Hunter, son of Jacob Hunter, David's brother, also purchased property on Block House Branch off of Half Pone Creek to the south of this area.

David married Sarah Phillips Horn on 19 Feb. 1803 in Davidson County, Tennessee. She was born 8 Feb. 1761 North Carolina and died 3 Aug. 1855 in Davidson County, Tennessee. Sarah was the widow of Joel Horn of Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Joel Horn and Sarah Phillips were married in 1790 in Nash County, North Carolina. Joel died in 1793 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Sarah Phillips Horn moved to Davidson County, Tennessee and married David Hunter on 19 Feb. 1803. Sarah had three children by her first husband, Joel Horn (Etheldred P., Matthew and Charlotte Horn). Benjamin Philipps, Sarah's brother, was appointed guardianship of her children.

According the Horn website, Sarah inherited land in Davidson County, Tennessee: <http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/h/o/r/Robert-G-Horn/BOOK-0001/0006-0007.html> "8 January 1799, Deed signed transferring 50 acres on White's Creek (TN) to Sarah Horn. Davidson Court 1800, 20 January 1802: Deed signed transferring 14 acres on White's Creek (TN) to Sarah Horn. To Court in April Session 1803." These Deeds were from a William Horn, father of Joel Horn, to Sarah Horn, his daughter. Sarah Horn moved with her two sons to the area of White's Creek in Davidson County TN around the year 1800. Another Horn website has Joel Horn 1751-

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1793 as the brother of William Horn and both William and Joel are sons of Henry Horn, "The Quaker" 1716-1798 - <http://sites.goggle.com/site/hornsoftnky/henry-horn-the-quaker>. As you can see the relationships of Joel and William are confusing at best.

David is located in Davidson County Tennessee on the 1812 Tax List, Captain Cloyd's Militia Company, taken by Shannon, Esq. Listed besides him are Joseph Phillips, Etheldred Horn, and Matthew Horn. Etheldred and Matthew Horn are the sons of Sarah Phillips Horn, David's wife. Joseph Phillips was her brother. The census and tax takers normally went from house to neighboring house during the surveys and this would indicate that Joseph Phillips and Sarah's sons by her first husband (Joel) were neighbors. These properties were located in the White's Creek area of Davidson County. David must have obtained this property from the marriage to Sarah Phillips Horn.

Manuel Hunter and Braxton Lee are also listed in this same tax list of Davidson County, Tennessee under Captain Jno. L. McCormack's Company taken by Braxton Lee. Manuel is the son of David's brother Jacob Hunter. Braxton Lee married Mary Polly Hunter, widow of Jacob Hunter. Braxton Lee's property was located along the Marrowbone Creek, east of what is now Ashland City, Davidson County, TN.

David was listed in the United States Census of Davidson County, Tennessee of 1820: 1 white male age 26 thru 44 (David), 1 white female age 26 thru 44 (Sarah), and 2 slaves.

It would appear that David owned property along the White's Creek, along Half Pone/Raccoon Creek, and Sycamore Creek/Spring Creek from the following deed. David, of Davidson County, Tennessee, purchased 100 acres from Jesse Rawls of Fairfield, South Carolina on 2 March 1824 for \$475.00. "This indenture made this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1824, between Jesse Rawls of the County of Fairfield and state of South Carolina of the one part and David Hunter of the county of Davidson and state of Tennessee of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Jesse Rawls for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and seventy five dollars to him in the hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and sold unto the said David Hunter certain tract of land county of Robertson and state of Tennessee on the waters of Spring Creek, a branch of Sycamore beginning at a dogwood on William Shaws south boundary line running south 14 ¼ degrees west 134 poles to a poplar and two dogwoods near a hollow hence east sixth ? poles to a large red oak thence south 20 degrees east 40 poles to a large gum thence north eighty one degrees east 41 poles to a red oak thence north 170 poles to a red oak and dogwood near a road heading to Springfield thence west to the beginning containing one hundred acres be the same more or less which said land with the appurtances against the land unto this said David Hunter and his heirs forever. In witness whereof have here unto set my hand and seal this day and date above written. Jesse Rawls seal. Davidson County Court April?, 1834.

This indenture of bargain and sale between Jesse Rawls of the one part and David Hunter of the other part, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1824 for land lying in Robertson County was proven in open court to be the act and deed of the said Jesse Rawls by

oath of Duke Summers and James Summers this subscribing witnesses and ordered to be certified. Test. Nathan Ewing, clerk of said county.”

This is the same general area on Sycamore and Spring Creeks that Thomas and Jacob Hunter’s land was located.

David was listed in the United States Census for Davidson County, Tennessee of 1840: White male- 1 - 60 thru 69 (David), White female -1- 15 thru 19 (unknown, possibly Rachael Hunter), White female - 1- 70 thru 79 (Sarah), Slaves -5.

David is listed in the United States Census for Davidson County, Tennessee of 1850: David Hunter age 75, Sarah Hunter age 89, Rachael Hunter, age 36 (this is the daughter of Dempsey Hunter, David’s brother).

David wrote his will 22 August 1857, Davidson County, Tennessee - Will Book 18, page 579-580. In it, he names my nephew John T. Hunter, nephew David Hunter, nephew Thomas Hunter, Catherine McArney, niece Elizabeth Hunter, niece Rachael Hunter, niece Peggy Madden, niece Harriett Traylor, the sons and daughters of his brother Dempsey, leaving them various amounts of money and slaves. He gives the children of Etheldridge, Matthew, and Charlotte Dean, his grandchildren, “the one third of the whole value of all my slaves and the one third of the whole value of all my perishable property.” The will states “that thirty square feet of my land be reserved for his burial plot and the rest sold and proceeds divided amongst my several devisees in proportion of the money legacies given each one (the grandchildren of my dead wife Sally, excepted), for they are to have nothing from my estate but what they will take under the eleventh clause of my will.” David and his wife Sarah, or as he called her Sally, are both buried in the Marshall Cemetery located in White’s Creek, Davidson County, Tennessee with a common shared monument which reads -

“Hunter, Sarah Horn 1771-1850    William David 1775-1850  
Hunter, John, Isaac, David II, Rachel

Beyond the Shadows of Our Sunset, Eternal Dawn is Breaking”

There are several other members of the Hunter family buried in this cemetery. Several of the monuments were erected in recent years and some have wrong information on them. You can view the graves at the following website -

[http://www.davidsoncemeterysurvey.com/Cemeteries/M/marshall\\_cemetery.htm](http://www.davidsoncemeterysurvey.com/Cemeteries/M/marshall_cemetery.htm).

It seems that the relatives of David were not satisfied with the division of his will and filled suit in the Chancery Court, Davidson County, Tennessee November Term 1866 (Supreme Court Records, Box 160, Middle Tennessee) William C. Hall, Executor, vs. Jos. Dean and others filed a Bill of Complaint against the following- Executor of David Hunter, dec’d, Napoleon B. Willis, Administrator of John J. Hunter, dec’d, Unity R. Hunter, Allen Hunter Administrator of Elizabeth Hunter, E.T. Horne, Executor of Jacob S. Horne, dec’d, Priscilla Walker, Charlotte Tinor and husband Josiah, Rebecca Payne, Charles Oldham and his wife Mary, James B. Horne and E.T. Horne, children of Ethelred Horne, Joel T. Horne, Elizabeth Blankenship and husband William, Emiline Rogers and husband Riley, William R. Horne, John Horne, and Sarah Ann Chandler, children of Matthew Horne, citizens of Tennessee, against Rachel Hunter, Peggy Madden, David Hunter and Catherine McEarley, citizens of Davidson

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County, Joseph Dean, David Dean and James Dean and others unknown to Complainants, non-residents and children of Charlotte Dean, and Harriet Taylor and Thomas Hunter non-residents- filled in the Chancery Court of Davidson County. David Hunter's will was admitted to probate 18<sup>th</sup> September 1861 and in the eleventh clause he gave" to the children of Etheldred Horn, to the children of Matthew Horn, and to the children of Charlotte Dean, all being the children of my dead wife, Sally, the one-third of the whole of all my perishable property.

The outcome of this lawsuit is unknown. David must have sold his property along Half-Pone/Raccoon Creeks and Sycamore/Spring Creeks and spent the later part of his life in the White Creek area of Davidson County, but records of the sale of these properties have not been found.

Wikipedia post sent by Wayne Hunter 6-16-2015

## Merchants Millpond State Park

**Merchants Millpond State Park** is a [North Carolina state park](#) in [Gates County, North Carolina](#). Located near [Gatesville, North Carolina](#), it covers 3,447-acres around a 200 year old, 700 acre [millpond](#) and [Lassiter Swamp](#). Canoeing is one of the park's major attractions. [Alligators](#) live in it's large cypress swamps. The park is located in North Carolina's Coastal Plain.

Settlement in the Gates County area began in 1660. Residents of early rural communities made a living by farming and lumbering. In the early 18th century, Hunters Millpond was built at the head of Bennetts Creek to provide a means of processing and marketing regional produce. Highway construction destroyed this millpond in 1922. But further downstream, Norfleets Millpond, which was built in 1811, thrived. Gristmills, a sawmill, a farm supply store and other enterprises made the area the center of trade in Gates County. Thus, the pond became known as Merchants Millpond.

Shortly before [World War II](#) operations around the millpond came to a halt and millers sold the land to developers. In the 1960s, A.B. Coleman of Moyock purchased the property and later donated 919 acres (3.72 km<sup>2</sup>), including the millpond, to the state. His generous donation led to the

### Merchants Millpond State Park



Cypress trees at Merchants Millpond State Park

#### Location

Coordinates [36°26'14"N 76°41'04"W](#)

Elevation 36 ft

Area 3,447 acres

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establishment of Merchants Millpond State Park in 1973. In the same year, the [Nature Conservancy](#) contributed an additional 925 acres of woodlands to the park that now encompasses more than 3,250 acres.

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## Peggy Hunter: Another Heir of Jacob Hunter?

by Charla Schroeder Murphy

Recently I visited Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina to hopefully find more information on my Sanders, Hunters, Moakes and other connected families who lived there before going to Tennessee about 1797.

One focus was the Audited Accounts that were application and awards for service or supplies provided by soldiers and common people to further the cause of the American Revolution. One such file for Thomas Hunter mentioned "his brother, Humphrey Hunter" which I was very excited to see. I had hoped this was my Thomas Hunter who married Susannah Moake and it would give a clue as to his brother but it was not to be, it was not my Thomas Hunter after careful examination.

The good news was that I returned to my Hunter files that I have neglected for a while. Something that caught my eye was the following:

Davidson County, TN Deed Book 1, page 456-457. Harris D. Felts to James Simmons, made 14 Oct 1837, recorded 17 Mar 1838. Both of Davidson County, TN for \$600.00 on Sycamore Creek. Begin at a white oak and small shugartree, the north bank of said creek then running south 46 chains 40 links to a stake then east 47 chains 50 links to the middle of said Sycamore then north 50 links to an elm and beech William Purnells corner continued north with Purnell's line in all 46 chains 50 links to a stake Jacob Moakes corner then with Moakes line west passing his corner in all 47 chains 50 links to the beginning.

***Reserving however one undivided interest in said land belonging to the heirs of James Carney which interest fell to said heirs in and through the interest which their mother had to the real estate of Jacob Hunter dec'd she being a daughter of said Hunter.*** Signed Harris D. Felts in the presence of Wm. P.P.C. Bryan and Samuel X (his mark) Miles.

This deed was made in 1837 excluding one undivided interest in land to the heirs of an unnamed daughter of Jacob Hunter.

Now let's look at the named heirs of Jacob Hunter:

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Division of Estate of Jacob Hunter, deceased. Davidson County, TN Will Book 4, page 154. Division 19 Sep 1811. Made and returned into court by Thomas Hickman and George S. Allen in the July Session 1811 to us directed to said court estate of Jacob Hunter, deceased agreeable to inventory returned to said court between **Polly Hunter alias Lee and the six children** and find each of the heirs and legatees are entitled to \$161.89 cents ten mills and five seventh of a mill given under our hands this 9th day of Jul 1811.

Davidson County, TN Will Book 4, page 311 made 2 Sep 1814

Jacob Hunter deceased a Division of Estate. Recorded 2 Sep 1814. We as commissioners of the Court of Davidson County, TN for the dividing of the estate of Jacob Hunter deceased on examination from \$161.89 due to **Thomas W. Freeland who intermarried one of the heirs of that estate to wit Elizabeth Hunter** and \$5.10 for rents of land given under our hand this 21 Mar 1814.

Davidson County, TN Deed Book R. page 28. Made 1 Sep 1825, registered 29 Nov 1825. Indenture made between **Manuel Hunter, Isaac Hunter, Matthew Hunter, Thomas W. Fulin and Elizabeth his wife, Timothy Dural and Sarah his wife all heirs of Jacob Hunter of Davidson County, TN** of the first part to Frederick Carpenter of the second part. For \$550.00 to them Manuel Hunter, Isaac Hunter, Thomas W. Fulin and Elizabeth his wife, Timothy Dural and Sarah his wife in hand bargain and sold to Frederick Carpenter our rights as heirs of Jacob Hunter deceased a parcel of land containing 220 acres which said Jacob Hunter purchased of Robert Weakley 15 Oct 1798 lying on the north side of Cumberland River on both sides of Sycamore Creek. Begin at a white oak and small sugar tree on the north bank of said creek, run south 46 chains and 40 links to a stake, then east 47 chains 50 links to the middle of the said creek. Then north 50 links to an elm and beach William Purnells corner continue north with Purnell's line in all 46 chains 40 links to a stake on Jacob Moake's corner then with Mokes line west passing his corner in all 46 chains 50 links to the beginning.

Witnessed by Jas. Lovell, Jas. Lewis and Samuel Dennis.

- 1) Manuel Hunter
- 2) Isaac Hunter
- 3) Matthew Hunter
- 4) Thomas and Elizabeth Fulin
- 5) Timothy and Sarah Dural

That's only five named children, where is James Carney and his wife?? A James Carney married **Peggy Hunter** on 6 Dec 1821 in Davidson County, TN. And a James Carney married a Sarah Powell 18 May 1824 in Davidson County, TN. As to the identity of this James Carney, I am unsure.

In 1820 in Montgomery County, TN Federal Census there is a James Carney with 4 males under 10, 1 male 26-44, three females under 10 and 1 female 26-44 and 4 male slaves under 14, 2 male slaves 14-25 and 3 female slaves 14-25.

James Carney appears in the 1830 Montgomery County, TN Federal Census with 1 male under 5, 1 male 10-14, 1m 15-19 and 1m 40-49, 1 female under 5, 1 female 10-

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14, 1 female 15-19 and one female 30-39. Also 1 male slave under 10, 4 male slaves 10-23, 3 males slaves 23-45 and 1 female slave 24-35 and 1 female slave 36-54.

The above referenced deed of 1837 says the “*heirs of James Carney*” so we must conclude he is dead as is his wife the daughter of Jacob Moake which would lead me to believe there are guardianship papers for the children of Jacob Moake’s daughter who has died before 1836. Someone would have been appointed guardian for the children to look out for their one part interest in their grandfather’s land. More research needs to be done to find the guardianship papers and hopefully the finale settlement to the James Carney’s heirs. I copied this deed because of the reference to the Moakes and Simmons not realizing what it implied. I hope this is of some help to the Jacob Moake descendants.

## Tennessee Supreme Court 1881 Case involving Allen Hunter

by Charla Schroeder Murphy

[Charla found the case described below at the TN State Library and Archives. It involves H.J. Batts et. al. vs. Allen Hunter, Administrator]

**Supreme Court Case: H.J. Batts et. al. vs. Allen Hunter, Admr.** Processed Box MT 793 (Middle TN Division)

Cheatham County, County Court house, Ashland City, TN on 1st Monday Dec 1881, it being the 5th day of said month... Allen Hunter was appointed Admr of James Hunter dec'd, made bond in the sum of \$2000.00 with H.C. Hunter, W.J. Gossett and D.R. Hunter his securities and letter of administration was granted. All men of the county of Cheatham...5 Dec 1881. Allen Hunter to make a true inventory of all singular goods and chattels, rights and credits of dec'd which will come to the hands of said Allen Hunter to be on exhibit to the court in 90 days from the date of these presents and the same goods and chattels of the dec'd at the time of his death... To Allen Hunter, James Hunter has died leaving no will and the court satisfied to the claim as administrator...

Copy of petition H.J. Batts et als to Allen Hunter Adm. To the County Court of Cheatham, TN H.J. Batts in his own right and as next friend of Dora and Ida Hunter and Mary Ella Batts wife of H.J. Batts formerly Hunter all residents of Cheatham County, TN Complainant vs. Allen Hunter same residence defendant. Your claimant would respectfully show to your worship that James Hunter died intestate in Cheatham County, TN at his residence in Cheatham County on or about the 9 Nov 1881 and that the same James Hunter was the Father of complainants Mary Ella Batts and the minors Dora and Ida Hunter and they are the only children and heirs at law of the said James Hunter his wife having previously died and complainant H.J. Batts being the Husband of Mary Ella Batts will further show that soon after the death of James Hunter complainants heard that Allen Hunter the Brother of deceased

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intended to Administrate upon the estate of said Hunter upon this information coming to complainant Mary Ella she wrote to Allen Hunter that she did not want him to Administrate upon the estate of said Hunter upon this information coming to complainant Mary Ella she wrote to Allen Hunter that she did not want him to Administrate upon the said estate of her Father James Hunter whereas the said Allen Hunter came to see complainant upon talking the matter over Allen Hunter promise that he would have nothing to do with the matter and turned the Keys of the house of her Father over to her and left after promising to have nothing to do with the matter complainant telling him that she would get someone to administrate upon the Estate complainants would show with this understanding. Complainant procured the consent friend and neighbor to administrate upon the Estate of said intestate who according to the request and at the solicitation of the complainant the party as requested attended the December Term of your worship Court 1881 with his bondsman ready and willing to receive the appointment as Administrator at the request of the parties interested in the Estate. But objection was made by the Brothers of the Decedent and Allen Hunter claimed the right to administer as next of Kin and was so appointed by the court complainant H.J. Batts was in Town on the day of said appointment was made but the other complainants were not in Town being at home in a distant part of the County but would have bin present to have objected to the appointment of Allen Hunter as administrator but for his agreement with her and the other parties interested that he would have nothing to do with the matter and this acted as a supprise and fraud upon her wrights and had she bin present she would have resisted his appointment and would have appealed from the action of the Court in appointing him had she bin present she insist that she and none of the rest of the parties interested in the Estate of her father had any notice of Allen Hunter intended application to be appointed as such admr complainants state that H.J. Batts and wife are the full age and that Dora Hunter is 18 and Ida Hunter is about 11 years old and that they all except to the appointment of said Allen Hunter as administrator as aforesaid they insist that while he is a Brother of the Decedent he is not the next of Kin and has no earthly interest in the Estate complainants would further show that Demcy Hunter the Father of James Hunter the decedent was twice married that his last wife was the Grand Mother of Mary Ellen, Dora and Ida and that their Mother was the wife of James Hunter and the only child of Demcy Hunters last wife and consequently they are the only parties interested in he (sic) Estate that Demcy Hunter died before their Grand Mother his last wife and she left a small estate which should descend to them in preference to Allen Hunter and the other children of Demcy Hunter of whose estate W.C. Hunter a Brother of Allen Hunter is administrator *de monis non* and it would be to the interest of Allen Hunter and his other Brothers to cover up and appropriate the entire estate of the Grand Mother Mary Hunter as complainant charge upon information that the Hunters have already said that Mary Hunter their maternal Grand Mother left no estate if she had left any that it would revert to the estate of Dempsy Hunter so that this would be a nice arrangement by which to swallow up the small estate of their Grand Mother no Administrator as yet having been appointed on her estate Complainants charge that the appointment of

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Allen Hunter was both unprovident under the circumstances and also illegal as he is neither the next of Kin nor neither is he the largest creditor of the estate. Complainants charge that they being the children of and the only parties interested in the estate of James Hunter in by reason of their relationship and interest in the estate entitled to the Administrator of the same the premises considered they pray that Allen Hunter who is named in the Captin [sic complaint] as Defendant be made such by proper process that copy and show to answer issue that he answer but not on oath that being waived that in hearing your Worship annul the appointment of Allen Hunter Administrator of James Hunter and revoke the letters of Administration granted to him at the December term of your worshipful Court in the year 1881 and appoint either your petition Mary Ella Batts or H.J. Batts or both of them jointly as Administrators is appoint some other Competent individual choses by complainant and grant complainants further different or general \_\_\_\_\_ to which they may show themselves entitled and they will as in duly (sic) bound ever pray and c. S.D. Lowe, Sol for Complainants. Subscribed 15 Dec 1881, signed H.J. Batts and Mary E. Batts.

(Note from Charla: I did not copy the rest of the file, the request was denied, Allen Hunter remained the Administrator. I believe after carefully reviewing this case the plaintiffs are saying they have a right to their grandmother's estate through her only child, the wife of James Hunter, Parthenia Jones who was also James Hunter's step-sister.)

Dempsey Hunter married first to Lucretia Martha Nicholson. Second he married Mary Ann Clifton the widow of Jordan Jones (died 17 Ma 1840 Robertson County, TN) on 16 Nov 1844 in Robertson County, TN. From the Pension papers of Dempsey Hunter for the War of 1812 no. 40.209 Mary Hunter of Thomasville, Cheatham County, TN and widow of Dempsey Hunter died 19 Dec 1879. Mary Ann Clifton and Jordan Jones had a daughter Parthenia A. Jones who was born 1 Aug 1838 TN and died 28 Mar 1875 in Cheatham County, TN. Parthenia A. Jones married James A. Hunter on 9 Apr 1858 in Cheatham County, TN, James Hunter being the son of Dempsey Hunter and Lucretia Nicholson. James A. Hunter and Parthenia Jones had three children Mary Ellen Hunter who married Henry James Batts 16 Dec 1879 in Cheatham County, TN, Eudora P. Dora Hunter who married James W. Poole 15 Oct 1882 in Cheatham County, TN and Ida J/I Hunter all plaintiffs in the case above.

# Trust 2015 Income and Expense Detail

## The Jacob Hunter Trust Account for 2015

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
1/1/15	Balance Forward			\$2,361.72
1/2/15	Richard H. Hunter		\$500.00	\$2,861.72
1/6/15	Judith A. Mathews		\$500.00	\$3,361.72
1/6/15	Julie Shedd Website Development	\$200.00		\$3,161.72
1/13/15	John & Laura Hunter Johnson		\$100.00	\$3,261.72
1/16/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.11	\$3,261.83
2/18/15	GoDaddy web service to 2-17-2025	\$128.38		\$3,133.45
2/18/15	GoDaddy Domain Reg to 1-16-2025	\$152.95		\$2,980.50
2/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.16	\$2,980.66
3/4/15	R. Fred Hunter, Dallas, TX		\$250.00	\$3,230.66
2/24/15	GoDaddy email charge	\$6.99		\$3,223.67
3/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.13	\$3,223.80
4/13/15	Kenneth Pankey		\$100.00	\$3,323.80
4/17/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.13	\$3,323.93
4/27/15	Judge Carolyn Quinn		\$300.00	\$3,623.93
4/27/15	Shellie Hunter Bebble		\$75.00	\$3,698.93
4/27/15	PayPal charge	\$2.48		\$3,696.45
5/7/15	Hotze Lawn Ser. (AHC X2, JHC X1)	\$135.00		\$3,561.45
5/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.15	\$3,561.60
5/28/15	Brinson Venable County Collector	\$9.66		\$3,551.94
5/30/15	Hotze Lawn Ser. (AHC X2, JHC X2)	\$170.00		\$3,381.94
6/18/15	John & Laura Hunter Johnson		\$100.00	\$3,481.94
6/21/15	Ava & June Harmon		\$100.00	\$3,581.94
6/24/15	Hotze Lawn Ser. (AHC X2, JHC X1)	\$135.00		\$3,446.94
6/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.15	\$3,447.09
7/16/15	Linda & Ron Hermann		\$125.00	\$3,572.09
7/17/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.14	\$3,572.23
8/10/15	Hotze Lawn Ser. (AHC X2, JHC X2)	\$170.00		\$3,402.23
8/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.16	\$3,402.39
9/11/15	Hotze Lawn Serv (AHC X3, JHC X3)	\$255.00		\$3,147.39
9/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.14	\$3,147.53
9/29/15	Donald Sanders		\$100.00	\$3,247.53
9/29/15	Bruce M. Lantrip		\$300.00	\$3,547.53
10/16/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.13	\$3,547.66
10/23/15	Hotze Lawn Ser. (AHC X1, JHC X 1)	\$85.00		\$3,462.66
11/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.16	\$3,462.82
12/1/15	Thomas E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$3,562.82
12/7/15	Earl Ray Smith Trust		\$100.00	\$3,662.82
12/7/15	Ray E. Smith		\$100.00	\$3,762.82
12/18/15	Interest on checking account		\$0.15	\$3,762.97
	TOTAL	\$1,450.46	\$2,851.71	

## CORRECTION:



In the March, 2005 JHT Newsletter we reported locating a picture of Elizabeth Lee, wife of the Reverend Allen Hunter. This picture was found in a closet of Belva Hunter Hall's home in 2004 and identified by one of the Hunter descendants as being Elizabeth Lee, wife of Reverend Allen Hunter. Recently, this photo was seen in an antique store in S. Beloit, IL. It must have been a common image purchased by Belva for home décor. The Trust is sorry for this mis-identification and has removed the image from our website.

## 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, 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.

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.

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 (1919-2012) 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.

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# Gifts and Bequests to the Jacob Hunter Trust

By Judge Robert S. Hunter (1919-2012)

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 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.

## Notice to Readers:

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

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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** maintains a genealogical record of our line of Hunters on his website: <http://mindspring.com/~hunter-family/index.htm>. We work closely with Mr. Hunt and maintain a link to his website from the Trust's website. If you discover new information about our family, please contact Mr. Hunt and the Trust.

Please visit these sites often along with the other family-related websites found in our "Links" section at [www.JacobHunterTrust.org](http://www.JacobHunterTrust.org).

***Thank you for your support of the Jacob Hunter Trust.***