The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter

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Emmanuel Hunter Cabin Dedication, October 17, 2007

Dr. Robert L. Mees, President of John A. Logan College, the Logan College Board of Directors, the Board of the Harrison Bruce Foundation, and representatives of the Jacob Hunter Trust held an impressive dedication ceremony on October 17, 2007 opening the historic Emmanuel Hunter cabin to the public. The ceremony included period dress, a musical group, Civil War re-enactments, and pioneer life demonstrations. Many Hunter descendants attended along with local dignitaries and College officials. Local television and newspapers covered the event. A picture of the cabin was also placed on the cover of the John A. Logan College class catalog. Logan staff will clear the fencerow between the cabin and IL Route 13 so the cabin will be easily visible to all who travel the main highway through Southern Illinois.

Richard Hunter's Remarks at the Cabin Dedication:

I am very happy to see this day finally arrive! The reconstruction of Emmanuel Hunter's log cabin as part of John A. Logan's historical village is definitely worth celebrating. There are many I would like to thank:

First, without the leadership and vision of Dr. Robert L. Mees and Logan College staff, the cabin reconstruction would have been in doubt. I would like to acknowledge Dr. Mees, J.P. Barrington, Brad McCormick, and Dwight Hoffard for their commitment to this project.

The vision and generous financial support of Carl & Ed Goodwin and the Board of the Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation were critical to the success of this project. Without the Harrison-Bruce Foundation grants, it would have been many years before we could have raised sufficient funds to restore this historic cabin. Thank you, Carl, Ed, and Board members of the Harrison-Bruce Foundation.

I would also like to thank the Grant family, especially Mary, Ruth, and Alice Grant for preserving the cabin over the years. I extend appreciation to Wendell and Tammy Grant for offering to sell me the cabin in February of 2005,

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rather than the more expeditious route of tearing it down to make way for their new storage building.

Wendell Grant, Carl & Nanette Cottingham, and Elizabeth Loomis donated money to the Jacob Hunter Trust to assist in the dismantling, transport, and storage costs prior to Logan seeking funding from the Harrison-Bruce Foundation. I thank you for your generous support.

I would especially like to extend my appreciation to Thomas Hunter, Larry Hunter, Lawrence & Lettie Hunter, Laura Johnson, and Amy Harmon. I consulted these individuals after purchasing the cabin, to help in deciding what we should do with it. Donating the cabin to John A. Logan College was our first choice.

Thomas Hunter and Larry Hunter deserve special recognition for assisting with the dismantling of the cabin and the shed surrounding the cabin. Thomas Hunter donated many hours of work assisting the Jacob Hunter Trust to maintain our family cemeteries.

Many distinguished people are here today at the invitation of the Jacob Hunter Trust. I will name only a few: Judge Robert S. Hunter of Quincy, IL is here. I especially appreciate the support he has given to the Jacob Hunter Trust over the years, including assisting with our organization papers and publishing and distributing Lawrence & Lettie Hunter's book. It was Judge Hunter's father, Clyde H. Hunter, who conducted genealogical research for many years and is responsible for most of what we know about Hunter family history. His papers now reside at the Carnegie Library in Marion. Thank you, Judge, and members of your family who came here today.

Lawrence & Lettie Hunter deserve special recognition as well. It was Lawrence & Lettie who introduced me to Hunter family history and took me to the two cemeteries we now maintain. Lawrence & Lettie joined with me in establishing the Jacob Hunter Trust in 1991. I am grateful for their many years of dedicated research and their interest in sharing family history.

Several people may want to visit the Allen Hunter Cemetery, located on the farm where Emmanuel lived after moving from the cabin and the Jacob Hunter Cemetery, where Emmanuel, his first wife Judith, and his second wife Mary are buried. If you would like to visit these cemeteries after this ceremony concludes, please let me, or Thomas Hunter, know and we will be happy to accompany you there.

In conclusion, thank you Dr. Mees; thank you Carl & Ed Goodwin and Board Members of the Harrison-Bruce Foundation; and, thanks to all of you for joining us today.

Emmanuel Hunter's Cabin Dedication

On the campus of John A. Logan College Carterville, IL October 17, 2007

Selected photos of Cabin Dedication Ceremony



L-R: Carl Goodwin, Harrison-Bruce Foundation; Rev. Earl Webb as President Lincoln; Rich Hunter, Trustee, Jacob Hunter Trust; Dr. Robert Mees, President, John A. Logan College.

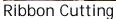
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Period Music

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Background Left: Hiroko & Thomas E. Hunter. Foreground: L-R: Lawrence Lee Hunter, Judge Robert S. Hunter, and Nell Madigan.



L-R: Lucas, Kefren, Larry, & Lawrence Lee Hunter

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2007 Income & Expense Statement

The Jacob Hunter Trust Account for 2007

DATE	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	CREDIT	BALANCE
1/1/07	Balance Forward			\$14,811.58
1/5/07	Judith A. Mathews		\$200.00	\$15,011.58
1/5/07	Richard H. Hunter		\$100.00	\$15,111.58
1/18/07	Interest on checking Acct		\$17.85	\$15,129.43
2/16/07	Interest on checking Åcct		\$16.83	\$15,146.26
3/16/07	Interest on checking Acct		\$16.27	\$15,162.53
4/18/07	Interest on checking Acct		\$19.19	\$15,181.72
4/27/07	Ella L. Abney		\$100.00	\$15,281.72
5/5/07	Judge Robert S. Hunter		\$1,000.00	\$16,281.72
5/15/07	Ferrell's Mowing Service (AHC X4; JHC X 1)	\$230.00		\$16,051.72
4/30/07	T-Bill Interest		\$212.50	\$16,264.22
5/18/07	Interest on checking Acct		\$18.12	\$16,282.34
6/18/07	Interest on checking Acct		\$19.38	\$16,301.72
7/3/07	Ferrell's Mowing Service (AHC X4; JHC X 2)	\$260.00		\$16,041.72
7/18/07	Interest on checking Acct		\$18.74	\$16,060.46
7/24/07	Williamson County Treasurer	\$10.14		\$16,050.32
7/26/07	Hunter Sign Service (restore & Paint both signs)	\$1,549.75		\$14,500.57
8/16/07	Fred E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,600.57
8/17/07	Interest on checking Acct		\$17.35	\$14,617.92
8/23/07	Ferrell's Mowing Service (AHC X3; JHC X1)	\$185.00		\$14,432.92
8/29/07	Herrin News Lithographers (newsletter)	\$149.50		\$14,283.42
8/30/07	Postmaster (Newsletter)	\$41.00		\$14,242.42
9/10/07	Robert P. Cowsert		\$50.00	\$14,292.42
9/18/07	Interest on checking account		\$17.75	\$14,310.17
10/18/07	Interest on checking account		\$15.45	\$14,325.62
10/25/07	Thomas E. Hunter		\$100.00	\$14,425.62
10/31/07	T-Bill Interest (10-K matured, reinvest 2 5-K)		\$212.50	\$14,638.12
10/31/07	3 5/8 Note 5-K (2-yr) reinvest refund		\$9.36	\$14,647.48
10/31/07	3 7/8 Note 5-K (5-yr) reinvest refund		\$26.50	\$14,673.98
11/16/07	Interest on checking account		\$14.45	\$14,688.43
12/10/07	Lawrence & Lettie Hunter		\$50.00	\$14,738.43
12/11/07	Herrin News Lithographers (first check lost)	\$149.50	\$149.50	\$14,738.43
12/18/07	Interest on checking account		\$13.71	\$14,752.14
12/22/07	Ferrell's Mowing Service (AHC X3; JHC X1)	\$180.00		\$14,572.14

The major expense item this year for the Trust was the sandblasting and repainting of both of our cemetery signs. Kelly Hunter of Herrin opened a new sign business and he spent several days making our cemetery signs look like new. The Trust would like to thank the people who donated to this year's account. Without your generous donations, the Trust would not be able to maintain our two family cemeteries. A special thanks goes to Thomas E. Hunter who assisted with tree trimming and fence maintenance this year.

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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. 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.

Dempsey Hunter 1745-1833 and William David Hunter 1775-1861

By Thomas E. Hunter

Jacob Hunter (1755-1806), the Revolutionary War Soldier for whom this Trust is named, is thought to have had 4 brothers - Dempsey, Thomas (b. 3-17-1763, d.2-27-1834), Allen (b. before 1764, d. 5-13, 1820), and William David. Thanks to a letter from Mr. Wallace Williams of Birmingham, AL to Richard Hunter, Editor of the Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter, we can now straighten out some of the relatives of William David Hunter and Dempsey Hunter. William David is thought to be Jacob Hunter's youngest brother. Dempsey Hunter is Jacob's older brother as is stated in

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the Will of Allen Hunter, in which he mentions Dempsey, along with Jacob Hunter, son of Emmanuel Hunter. Dempsey's son John T. Hunter has at least three children buried in the Marshall Cemetery (# 15, 21, & 22). Letters written by John T. verifying Dempsey's service in the Revolutionary War and stating he is Dempsey's son can be found on Ernest E. Hunt's website at http://www.mindspring.com/~hunterfamily/index.htm. Allen Hunter's Will is also available at this website.

Mr. William's letter contained copies of some grave stone inscriptions located in the Marshall Cemetery, 7343 Old Hickory Blvd., Whites Creek, TN. The inscriptions are found at the following web address: http://davidsoncocemeterysurvey.com/Cemeteries/M/marshall_cemetery.htm. In addition to William David Hunter and his wife Sarah, it is believed that most of the Hunters listed in this cemetery are sons, daughters, and relatives of Jacob's brothers William David and Dempsey Hunter. The following represents the Hunter grave inscriptions:

- 1. Hunter, Sarah Horn/1771-1850/William David 1775-1850/Hunter/ John/Isaac/David II/Rachel/ Beyond the shadows/of sunset/eternal dawn is breaking
- 2. Hunter, Miss Rachel Hunter, 1814-1882/ An unclaimed blessing/Reclaimed only by her maker [most likely daughter of William David and Sarah Hunter-see 1]
- 3. Hunter, Margaret Amelia Murff/1810-1850/William David II/1805-1850 [most likely son of William David Hunter & Sarah Horn-see 1]. Side inscription: Hunter/John Fed I/Rebecca/Catherine/Mary/Uriah J.I./Thomas H./Sarah/Henry Clay I/William David III/Martha Ann/Margaret Jane/George W.
- 4. Hunter, PVT/ George W./ Co. D/4 Tenn. Cav/CSA/ Feb 22, 1846-Nov. 3, 1918 [son of Wm David Hunter II & Margaret Amelia Murff]
- 5. Hunter, Tennessee Sadler/wife of/George Washington Hunter/Dec 15, 1858/Sept. 6, 1924.
- 6. Hunter, Laura Meadows/wife of/Noah Clay Hunter, Sr./Apr. 18, 1922.
- 7. Hunter, Eric Marshall/1986/ Goodnight sweet Prince/ Angels attend thy slumber.
- 8. Hunter, Margaret Mallissia/Henderson Hunter/May 1, 1842/Aug 14, 1892.
- 9. Hunter, Precia Ann/1892-1918/Daughter of/John Fedrick II and Dora Ann Hunter/A life, given in service to humanity.
- 10. Hunter, PVT/Henry Clay Hunter/Co. G/2nd Tenn. Inf./CSA/Jul. 11, 1840/Sept. 9, 1925. [son of Wm David II & Margaret Amelia Murff]
- 11. Hunter, Millie/1839-1843/Daughter of/John & Ann Marshall Hunter.
- 12. Hunter, Philip Marshall/Hunter/May 13, 1954.
- 13. Hunter, Mary Hunter/Consort of Isaac/ Hunter/Departed this life/Jan. the 2nd 1839/Aged 36 years.
- 14. Hunter, PVT/W. David Hunter III/Co G/2 Tenn. INF/CSA/Sept 23, 1842/Dec. 31, 1862. Footstone Inscription: Go Stranger! And Tell Tennessee/That her son David has died for her. [son of Wm David II & Margaret Amelia Murff]

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- 15. Hunter, Hanah F./Daughter of/John T. & Anna Hunter/Born/Feb 24, 1834/ Died Sept. 22, 1839/Sleep on sweet babe and/ take thy rest/God called thee home, He/thought it best.
- 16. Hunter, Noah Clay/Oct 24, 1910/Nov. 3, 1972.
- 17. Hunter, Uriah J./Co. G/2 Tenn. Inf/CSA/1834-1919. [son of Wm David II & Margaret Amelia Murff]
- 18. Reasoner, Rebecca Hunter/Nov. 30, 1828/Sept. 16, 1917.
- 19. Dewchampe, Susan/1882-1889/Dau of/ Margaret Hunter/Dewchampe-Lyons.
- 20. Durand, Martha Ann Hunter/Durand/Aug 2,1847/June 8, 1924.
- 21. Hunter, Martha A.R./Daughter of John T. & Anita [Anna?] Hunter/Born Feb. 13, 1853/Died/Aug. 13, 1853/A child, she was obedient/A student kind and true/A Christian Firm and Faithful/She died with Heaven in view.
- 22. Hunter, Elizabeth M./Daughter of John T. & Anna Hunter/Born/Jan. 18, 1828/ Died/June 30, 1853/Bright was her stay rich in worth/Faithful and True her Christian way/Strong the ties she formed on earth/Death given to her celestial day.
- 23. Dickson, Molly/1844/Daughter of/Dr. Franklin & Margaret Hunter Dickson.
- 24. Pybus, Sarah G. Hunter/Wife of Wm. Pybus/Born/Oct 20, 1829/Died/Mar. 18, 1854/ and child/John E. Pybus/Wm Pybus/Born/Feb. 15, 1818/Died/Feb. 26, 1861.

The Marshall Cemetery is near Whites Creek, TN, just a few miles East of Ashland City where Jacob Hunter lived. This suggests that Jacob and his four brothers moved to Tennessee (Jacob in 1793) and lived in the same general area.

A Visit To Ashland City, TN: Murry & Susie Hawkins' Home

On January 10, 2008 Lawrence Lee Hunter, Thomas E. Hunter, and Richard Hunter traveled to Ashland City to visit the old Lee and Hunter family home sites. Murry Hawkins and his wife Susie presently own the home that was believed built by Braxton Lee for his second wife Mary Polly Dancer Hunter, widow of Jacob Hunter and mother to Jacob Hunter's children. Mary Polly married Braxton Lee on May 20, 1808, the same day that her son Emmanuel Hunter married Braxton Lee's daughter, Judith Lee (Father and daughter marrying mother and son).

The Hunter and Lee plantations were located on the north banks of the Cumberland River. Jacob Hunter purchased 220 acres on October 15, 1798 on both sides of Sycamore Creek where it joined the Cumberland River. The Lee Plantation was east of the Hunter land on the Cumberland River at the mouth of Marrowbone Creek. Braxton Lee and Jacob Hunter were good friends as well as neighbors.

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It is believed that around 1811, 3 years after marrying Mary Polly Dancer Hunter, Braxton Lee built a home for her on a hill east and south of the original Lee home place. On an interior wall is the inscription "1811" and on a facing wall are the initials "MP." It is believed that MP was for Mary Polly and 1811 was the probable year the home was completed. The home sits high on a hill with a beautiful view overlooking what was the Lee Plantation (called Leeland Station), the Cumberland River, and what is now Ashland City.

Murry and Susie Hawkins were generous hosts and allowed us to visit their home and take pictures. They are outstanding guardians of this historic home. Murry, as City Manager of Ashland City, was instrumental in keeping previous developers from tearing down the home when a residential development was being planned. Murry and Susie have made improvements to the home, as did the previous owner, country music artist Randy Travis. Travis used the home as an office.



L-R: Thomas Hunter, Lawrence Lee Hunter, Richard Hunter, Susie Hawkins, Murry Hawkins & Lisa Walker, Cheatham County Historian and TN State Library, 1/10/2008 at Merriman's Tea Room, Ashland City.

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Believed to be the second home of Braxton Lee built for Mary Polly Dancer Hunter Lee in 1811. Presently owned by Murry and Susie Hawkins. Originally this was a double log cabin that has been sided and updated.



Initials "MP" carved on an interior log in the living room of Murry & Susie Hawkins' home

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The Old Lee Cemetery

During our visit to Ashland City on January 10, 2008 we (Rich Hunter, Lawrence Lee Hunter, Tom Hunter, and Murry Hawkins) had the opportunity to survey the yard at 104 Hibiscus Drive where the Old Lee Cemetery is located. This is where Jacob Hunter, namesake of the Jacob Hunter Trust, is buried, along with Braxton Lee, Elizabeth Ann Hatcher Lee, and Mary Polly Dancer Hunter Lee. We located 9 adult graves and one child/baby grave.



Old Lee Cemetery. Red flags outline the location of graves. Standing in background are Lawrence Lee Hunter, Thomas Hunter, and Murry Hawkins.

In talking with the present owners, we learned that they are planning to sell this property in the next 2 to 3 years. The brick building to the east is an apartment complex. We are concerned that a developer might purchase this property and build additional apartments, thereby destroying this historic cemetery. The Jacob Hunter Trust is interested in ideas people have that would allow us to purchase this property, add a fence around the cemetery, and provide ongoing maintenance.

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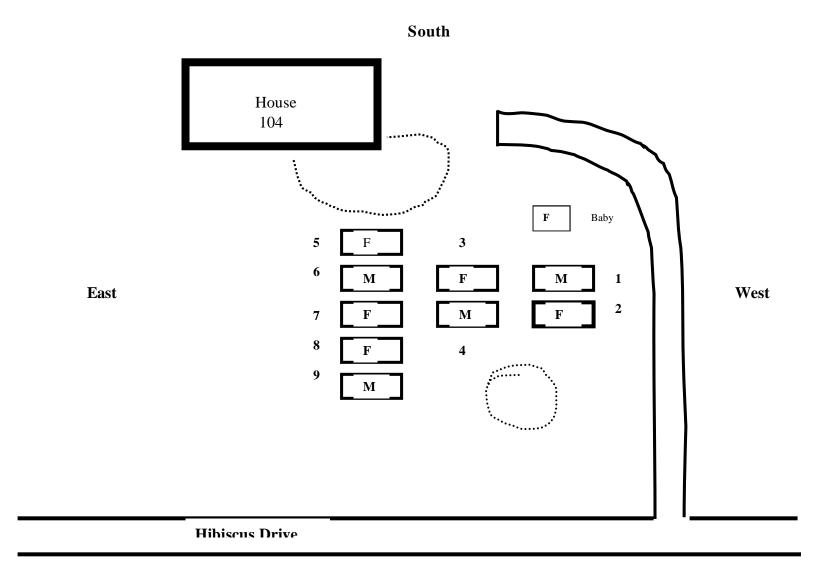
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<u>Please contact the Trust if you are willing to assist in attempting to save this historic family cemetery.</u>

Sketch of the Old Lee Cemetery, 104 Hibiscus Drive, Ashland City, TN



North

Rough sketch of graves located January 10, 2008 by Rich Hunter, Lawrence Lee Hunter, Thomas Hunter, and Murry Hawkins.

Buried in this cemetery are Braxton Lee (b. 8/2/1766, d. 1841) (1 ?); Elizabeth Ann Hatcher Lee (b. 7/7/1768, d. 11/23/1807) (2 ?); Mary Polly Dancer Hunter Lee (b. 1770; d. 1842-1850) (3 ?); and Jacob Hunter (b. 1755, d. 1806) (4 ?).

This property was part of the Braxton Lee Plantation (Leeland Station) and his original home was south and slightly east of this location.

The Fate of Leeland Station Meeting House

In 1834 Braxton Lee deeded 2 acres of land for a church that was known as "Leeland Station Meeting House." This log structure later became known as "Forest Hill Church" and was used by all congregations. This church was used also as the county courthouse of Cheatham County from about 1857 to 1860. In 1913 this church was torn down and the logs were used to build a residence located in front of the Cheatham County Central High School. [Information taken from a letter written by James "Bud" Hallums on 5/20/1965 to Lorene Cruse of West Frankfort, IL] The letter is presently in the files of the Jacob Hunter Trust. The original location of Leeland Meeting House was at Forest Hills Cemetery where the present mausoleum sits.

On our January 10, 2008 visit to Ashland City, we found that the residence constructed with the logs from Leeland Station Meeting House/Forest Hill Church was being torn down. Lisa Walker contacted County Mayor Bill Orange and was informed the logs will be moved to land next to the Cheatham County Library where the County Museum is located.



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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 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.

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