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Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter Family Cemetery

By Richard H. Hunter

In January of 2021 Josh Price, an attorney in Raleigh, researched old land deeds in Gates County, NC and discovered the location of the Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter Family Cemetery. Josh was joined by Dr. Surry P. Roberts to make a visit to this long-abandoned cemetery. Dr. Roberts and the Jacob Hunter Trust initiated efforts to plan for the cemetery's restoration. Dan Rountree of Rountree Engineering & Contracting in Gatesville, NC was contacted to develop a work plan. The Jacob Hunter Trust began raising funds for the restoration and authorized Rountree Engineering to begin the restoration efforts. The work is scheduled for January 2022.

Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter descends from our immigrant William Hunter as follows: William Hunter > Isaac Hunter (of Chowan/Gates) and wife Elizabeth Parker > Major Jacob Hunter and wife Sarah Pugh Hill > Rev. Isaac Hunter and wife Sophia Riddick > Edward Riddick Hunter and wife Martha Sumner Riddick > Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter (b. 3-17-1830 d. 9-4-1888) and wife Mary Hinton Cheek (Hunter Cole).

Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter was a noted physician in the Civil War. He graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania and practiced in Gates County, NC. When the war broke out, he was commissioned on July 16, 1861, and assigned to the First Cavalry, Ninth Regiment, North Carolina, CSA. He witnessed the horrors of war in his attempts to save the lives of both Confederate and Union soldiers.

He served under J.E.B. Stuart and saw action at First Manassas, Frederick, Sharpsburg, Harpers Ferry, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and in many other battles.

Mr. Terry Reimer, Director of Research at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, referenced a manuscript by Hambrecht and Koste (Hambrecht, F.T. & Koste, J.L. (2011). *Biographical register of physicians who served the Confederacy in a medical capacity*. Unpublished database) that provided the following information on our Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter:

HUNTER, Henry Holmes

03/17/1830 - Born, Sunbury, Gates Co, NC

1858 - M.D. degree, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Thesis:

Acute peritonitis (from NC before medical school)

02/16/1858 - Married Mary Hinton Cheek, Warren Co, NC

06/06/1862 - Appointed Asst. Surgeon by the state of NC

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07/31/1862 - Appointed Asst. Surgeon to rank from 07/01/62 by Confederate States of America
 10/00/1862 - Asst. Surgeon, 54th NC Infantry
 11/30/1862 - Asst. Surgeon, 61st VA Infantry
 12/00/1862 - Asst. Surgeon, 61st VA Infantry, Fredericksburg, VA
 01/06/1863 - Patient, Robertson Hospital, Richmond, VA (typhoid pneumonia)
 02/03/1863 - Furloughed for 30 days
 02/28/1863 - Asst. Surgeon, 61st VA Infantry
 04/27/1863 - Appointed Surgeon
 05/25/1863 - Surgeon, 1st NC Cavalry (9th NC State Troops)
 07/09/1863 - Appointed Surgeon to rank from 04/27/1863
 07/22/1863 - Sick in Gen. Hospital #4, Richmond, VA (chronic diarrhea)
 09/22/1863 - Sick in Gen. Hospital, Charlottesville, VA (stricture of urethra)
 09/22/1863 - Relieved as Surgeon, 1st NC Cavalry (9th NC State Troops)
 11/22/1863 - Returned to duty from Gen. Hospital, Charlottesville, VA
 12/14/1863 - Surgeon, Way Hospital No. 1, Weldon, NC
 01/30/1864 - Confirmed as Surgeon by the Confederate States Senate
 06/01/1864 - Surgeon, Weldon, NC
 07/26/1864 - Surgeon, Weldon, NC
 09/25/1864 - Stationed at Kittrells Springs, NC
 10/06/1864 - Surgeon, Way Hospital No. 2, Greensboro, NC
 01/10/1865 - Medical Officer, Way Hospital No. 1, Weldon, NC
 02/08/1865 - Surgeon, Way Hospital No. 2, Greensboro, NC
 04/00/1865 - Paroled, Greensboro, NC
 1870 - Practiced medicine, Holly Grove, Gates Co, NC
 1874, 1886 - Practiced medicine, Sunbury, Gates Co, NC
 09/04/1888 - Died, near Sunbury, Gates Co, NC

After the war Dr. Hunter returned to service in Gates County, NC. He was offered a place on the staff of Bellevue Hospital in New York, but he chose to remain in Gates County, NC. and serve the people in his home county. William T. Cross (*William T. Cross Report*, www.JacobHunterTrust.org) stated that Dr. Hunter “was a man of sterling character.”

A study is underway to determine the people buried in this Hunter family cemetery. The Jacob Hunter Trust will add this historic cemetery to our list of cemeteries we oversee and maintain. Please consider making an annual donation to the Jacob Hunter Trust so we can maintain this cemetery and ensure it does not again fall into ruin.

2021 Photos of the Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter Cemetery (photographs by Josh Price)



A New Theory on the Many Early Hunters Named "Isaac"

Since our immigrant William (the weaver) gave the name Isaac to one of his sons, Hunter Cole supposes that the origin of the name could be a Hunter kinsman in Yorkshire, Northumberland, or Durham. However, Isaac could have been derived from a maternal line, William's wife's. My present theory is that she was Joan Collyer of Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, UK. If her father's name was Isaac, that would be a valuable find. A generation after William Hunter settled in Nansemond, a Robert

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Rountree was residing in Houghton-le-Spring. It was a Charles Rountree that brought our William Hunter to America around 1685.

My (Hunter Cole) current theory is that our William Hunter was born in Ingleby Greenhough, Yorkshire, but moved to County Durham and married Joan Collyer of Houghton-le-Spring, Durham. This is hypothesis only. Perhaps they were Puritans but were members of the Church of England. William's great-granddaughter Sacharissa Hunter Voorhies of Tennessee recalled that William had "learned the weaving business as a youth."

Book: *WILLIAM HUNTER Of Nansemond Co. and His Early Descendants*: Now available in limited quantities

by Raymond Hunter

Several years ago, when our research group regarded our reconstruction of the descendants of William Hunter to be worthy of publishing as a book, we did not think that that book would continue to find purchasers for over twenty years. During that time, there have been multiple reprintings and nearly 400 books have been distributed. Thanks to the assistance of my daughter (Janis) Lynn Hunter Palmer we now have newly printed books now in hand.

It was decided that we would make no changes of content in the new books except for a few edits for typos, naming the new publisher, and removing the original price of the book. By not making new entries, as several of our group proposed, we did not add a paragraph and map, with photos, of the original burying ground of William Hunter of Nansemond County. Nor did it include our efforts last year, under the aegis of the Jacob Hunter Trust, of erecting a monument (more properly a "stele") on the site of that historic burying ground on the land patent to our immigrant, William Hunter. That may be included in future editions long after I have vanished from the scene.

Information about the book can be found on the Jacob Hunter Trust website: www.jacobhuntertrust.org.

Lynn will handle orders and she can be contacted via email at lynn.hunter.palmer@gmail.com or by mail at 2739 Freeman Road, Royston, GA 30662. The cost is \$ 34.00 that includes mailing.

My ancestor died of Dropsy. What is that?

Judith Hunter Mathews sent the Trust an interesting link that describes early medical terms and causes of death often found when researching old family records. <https://www.thornber.net/medicine/html/medgloss.html?fbclid=IwAR3-XaARCDHa4wl6Xf6cemu0FhJ1kZrug-qO5xKgXlmjhNJs2AY926SC4il>

This document clarifies the meanings of old terms and conditions.

An even more extensive listing of old medical terms, chemicals and drugs is contained in the 1899 version of the Merck Manual. *Merck's 1899 Manual* remains in print and available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other booksellers.

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Rural Commerce in the 1800s: The Huckster Wagons

By Leona Newton White

Leona White, b. 1-5-1886 d. 5-29-1982, was a granddaughter of Jacob Hunter, b. 1-18-1809 d. 12-21-1874, and Mary Moore Duncan Hunter, b. 5-1-1814 d. 8-21-1896. She lived in Franklin County, IL until it was divided, and her family farm ended up in the newly formed Williamson County, IL.

The visit of the huckster wagon was a big event in the life of a farm child. It was a wagon with a box like top, covered with oil cloth to keep out the rain. In it was almost anything a housewife would need: a variety of spices and flavorings, all kinds of sewing equipment, combs, small mirrors, brushes of all kinds, soap, matches, pots, pans, brooms, mops, and a lot of other things.

They would take butter, eggs, chickens, honey, or anything else in trade. A large chicken coop was fastened to the back of the wagons for the chickens. Then when the purchase was made, we children had to chase and catch the chickens. Their feet were tied together, they were weighed, and the price traded out in goods on the wagon.

You could hear him coming a long way off by the rattle of the tubs, wash boards, tin buckets, and the pots and pans.

Underwear

By Leona Newton White

Knitted underwear was a thing unknown. If you had underwear, you made it. In the fall mother would purchase a bolt of what was called cotton flannel. It was a thick cloth napped on each side. A bolt was a roll of material just as it came from the mill and containing thirty or forty yards. It was always chosen for warmth and not show dirt. It was usually a drab grey or dark brown. Out of this each girl got two underskirts with a waist, high neck, and sleeves. Two pair of drawers made roomy with a band that buttoned around the waist. The legs came down to the shoe tops and the stockings were pulled over them. A very bunching affair until you got big enough to learn to wrap the legs tightly around the leg before pulling the stockings on. Over this you wore a tight sleeveless under skirt. The top part was made of a strong material such as bed tacking with a gathered skirt of either blue or red flannel.

Later on the stores began to get knitted cotton union suits (all in one). We thought that was something and always managed to let a little of the sleeve show below the cuff of the dress sleeve. It was a mark of distinction to be able to wear knitted underwear, and it was not so burdensome under your stockings.

One time ma got bright red and made Lorin and Lebron two suits a piece. They were very proud of them, so they put them on and went to bed. By the next morning the suits had faded and rubbed off on them and they were as red as beets.

It took several boilings to get them faded out so they could wear them. It took some scrubbing to get the boys back to their natural color.

Cemetery News

During 2021 the Jacob Hunter Cemetery near Whiteash, IL had several dead trees removed. The fence on the east side of the cemetery needs repair as it was damaged by a tree. The cemetery sign needs cleaning and repainting. We hope to have this work done in 2022. We are continuing to clean the tombstones in that cemetery.

The Allen Hunter Cemetery required tree and brush trimming along the north, east, and south fence. Rebecca Lee and her two delightful daughters assisted in removing fallen tree limbs from the cemetery.

Trust 2021 Income and Expense Detail

The Jacob Hunter Trust Account for 2021

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
1/1/21	Balance Forward			\$3,234.20
1/4/21	Ray E. Smith Rev. Trust		\$ 500.00	\$3,734.20
1/4/21	Earl Ray Smith Rev. Trust		\$ 500.00	\$4,234.20
1/4/21	Richard H. Hunter		\$ 500.00	\$4,734.20
1/6/21	Fred Hunter		\$ 250.00	\$4,984.20
1/7/21	John & Laura Hunter Johnson		\$ 100.00	\$5,084.20
1/7/21	Judith Hunter Mathews		\$ 200.00	\$5,284.20
1/8/21	Tom & Amy Hunter Harmon		\$ 200.00	\$5,484.20
1/9/21	Kaye Barker		\$ 100.00	\$5,584.20
1/15/21	Interest on checking acct		\$ 0.16	\$5,584.36
1/25/21	GoDaddy hosting upgrade	\$ 97.68		\$5,486.68
1/28/21	Mark Smith		\$ 50.00	\$5,536.68
1/28/21	Merle Hunter		\$ 50.00	\$5,586.68
1/28/21	PayPal fee	\$ 1.75		\$5,584.93
2/3/21	Dr. Surry Roberts (Gates Co Cems)		\$ 3,000.00	\$8,584.93
2/8/21	Phillip Lane (Website repair)	\$ 175.00		\$8,409.93
2/11/21	Website Security 2-yrs	\$ 159.98		\$8,249.95
2/11/21	GoDaddy hosting upgrade	\$ 84.73		\$8,165.22
2/18/21	Interest on checking acct		\$ 0.32	\$8,165.54
3/13/21	Login Security App for website (1-yr)	\$ 49.99		\$8,115.55
3/18/21	Interest on checking acct		\$ 0.32	\$8,115.87
4/6/21	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$ 150.00		\$7,965.87
4/16/21	Interest on checking acct		\$ 0.32	\$7,966.19
5/4/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 3)	\$ 150.00		\$7,816.19
5/18/21	Interest on checking acct		\$ 0.35	\$7,816.54
6/1/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 3)	\$ 150.00		\$7,666.54
6/6/21	Carlee Mahajan		\$ 100.00	\$7,766.54

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6/6/21	PayPal fee	\$	3.20		\$7,763.34
6/6/21	Betsy Hunter Amos			\$ 100.00	\$7,863.34
6/6/21	PayPal fee	\$	3.20		\$7,860.14
6/10/21	Raymond Hunter (WHC)			\$ 600.00	\$8,460.14
6/10/21	Linda & Ron Hermann			\$ 100.00	\$8,560.14
6/11/21	Hunter Harris			\$ 200.00	\$8,760.14
6/11/21	PayPal fee	\$	6.10		\$8,754.04
6/11/21	Judith Hunter Mathews			\$ 400.00	\$9,154.04
6/12/21	Ernest E. Hunt, IV			\$ 1,000.00	\$10,154.04
6/17/21	Kaye Barker			\$ 100.00	\$10,254.04
6/17/21	Joe's Lawn Service (JHC X2)	\$	70.00		\$10,184.04
6/18/21	Interest on checking acct			\$ 0.35	\$10,184.39
6/20/21	John & Laura Hunter Johnson			\$ 300.00	\$10,484.39
6/20/21	Isabella & Charles Long			\$ 100.00	\$10,584.39
6/23/21	Kavin Hunter			\$ 100.00	\$10,684.39
6/27/21	Merle Hunter			\$ 50.00	\$10,734.39
6/27/21	PayPal fee	\$	1.75		\$10,732.64
6/28/21	Kenneth Pankey			\$ 100.00	\$10,832.64
7/1/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 3)	\$	150.00		\$10,682.64
7/2/21	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$	150.00		\$10,532.64
7/6/21	Delphine Peck			\$ 2,000.00	\$12,532.64
7/6/21	Transfer to savings acct	\$	7,000.00		\$5,532.64
7/10/21	Judge Carolyn G. Quinn			\$ 350.00	\$5,882.64
7/16/21	Interest on checking acct			\$ 0.33	\$5,882.97
7/26/21	Williamson Co Tax Collector	\$	10.34		\$5,872.63
8/2/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 3)	\$	150.00		\$5,722.63
8/2/21	Kim E. Adams			\$ 100.00	\$5,822.63
8/18/21	Interest on checking acct			\$ 0.27	\$5,822.90
9/1/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 2)	\$	100.00		\$5,722.90
9/4/21	JHT email (3 yrs)	\$	86.04		\$5,636.86
9/7/21	Michael M. Norman			\$ 75.00	\$5,711.86
9/17/21	Interest on checking acct			\$ 0.24	\$5,712.10
10/1/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 2)	\$	100.00		\$5,612.10
10/1/21	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$	150.00		\$5,462.10
10/18/21	Interest on checking acct			\$ 0.24	\$5,462.34
11/1/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 1)	\$	50.00		\$5,412.34
11/14/21	Carlee Mahajan			\$ 101.00	\$5,513.34
11/14/21	PayPal fee	\$	3.41		\$5,509.93
11/15/21	Jennifer Pessa			\$ 200.00	\$5,709.93
11/15/21	PayPal fee	\$	6.27		\$5,703.66
11/24/21	Kaye Barker			\$ 100.00	\$5,803.66
11/18/21	Interest on checking acct			\$ 0.23	\$5,803.89
11/27/21	Belle Long			\$ 100.00	\$5,903.89
11/27/21	Hunter McKelva Cole			\$ 100.00	\$6,003.89
12/2/21	Todd Grounds (AHC X 1)	\$	50.00		\$5,953.89
12/4/21	Fred E. Hunter			\$ 150.00	\$6,103.89
12/6/21	Fitz Clarke			\$ 300.00	\$6,403.89

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12/6/21	PayPal fee	\$	9.16		\$6,394.73
12/10/21	Ethel & Doc Holladay			\$	100.00
12/15/21	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$	150.00		\$6,344.73
12/17/21	Interest on checking acct			\$	0.24
12/25/21	Tom & Amy Hunter Harmon			\$	200.00
12/25/21	PayPal fee	\$	6.27		\$6,538.70
12/27/21	Ray E. Smith Rev. Trust			\$	1,500.00
	Total	\$	2,274.87	\$	14,079.37
	Transfer to Savings	\$	7,000.00		

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE JACOB HUNTER TRUST

In addition to publishing family history through the Jacob Hunter Trust website and the JHT Newsletters, the Trust maintains, or oversees, historic family cemeteries. Costs associated with maintaining these cemeteries in a manner that respects our ancestors are substantial and will increase over time.

We are asking all interested individuals to donate every 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, or "payable on death" (POD) accounts that include investments, savings accounts, certificates of deposits, etc. 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.

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 Trust can support research, provide cemetery maintenance, and cemetery restoration 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 Hunter family descendants 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)

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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:

Trust recruiting assistance: If you, a child or grandchild, have skills in computer programming, especially having skills in WordPress, and are willing to volunteer a couple of hours a year, we need your help. The Jacob Hunter Trust’s website is programmed in WordPress and we need someone to assist us to upload newsletters and make minor updates and adjustments during the year. If you are able to help, please contact rich@jacobhuntertrust.org. Your expertise would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support of the Jacob Hunter Trust.