

# Family History Research Report

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**Subject:** Undertake research concerning William Hunter (1653-1728)

**Purpose of Report:** To provide details of research undertaken to develop lines of enquiry

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## Summary:

As per our recent communications, I have now had an opportunity to review existing research and the identification of William Hunter of Nansemond, an immigrant from England c1685, as the individual baptised at Ingleby Greenhow in 1653. I have explored the following records to help determine his suitability as a candidate.

## Findings:

I will not reiterate here the tenacious steps taken by previous researchers to identify the individual baptised in Ingleby Greenhow in 1653 as William Hunter of Nansemond, but I will note the names of interest relevant to my explorations.

As per the baptism record, William Hunter was baptised 14<sup>th</sup> November 1653 at Ingleby Greenhow, the son of Nicholas Hunter of Battersby, this place being 1 mile NE of Ingleby Greenhow and within the Parish of Ingleby Greenhow, within the West Langbaurch wapentake, all within the North Riding of Yorkshire, latterly North Yorkshire.

Of relevance to my research is that Sir David Foulis was Lord of the Manor of Ingleby Greenhow from 1609; a name I shall revisit later in my report, on page 4.

The Headright of Charles Rountree dated 1685 names William Hunter, Nicholas Hunter, Joane Hunter, Rebecka Hunter, Robert Rountree and John Sayer (variant spellings noted) and these names have also featured in my explorations.

## Local Records

In England many of the archival records are held relative to place, thus I commenced my searches at the North Yorkshire County Record Office (NYCRO) via its online catalogue as this is where the majority of records for the locality of Ingleby Greenhow are placed. I identified some collections worth exploring further, namely

- PR/ING Parish Records (not registers) for Ingleby Greenhow, dated 1706-1834, therefore too late in date to identify William Hunter et al
- ZDS Dawnay Family Archives, including Battersby Title Deeds dated 1721, therefore too late in date
- ZDU Marwood of Busby including Langbaurch related records 1620-1660 & 1706-1792, nothing of relevance here.
- ZIQ Meynell Family of Kilvington, including Battersby Title Deeds dated 1334, therefore too early in date
- ZK Kirkleatham Hall Archives including Langbaurch Wapentake records 1610-1737, nothing of relevance here.
- ZLT Solicitors papers including court books covering the manor of Ingleby Greenhow and Battersby, dated 1753-1850 therefore too late for our period of focus.
- ZRI including Manor Court Records for Ingleby with Battersby, dated 1577-1582, therefore too early in date
- ZYP Solicitors records, uncatalogued, relating to the Vavasour, Foulis and other families, all C19th

Langbaugh Wapentake Hearth Tax Records, 1673. I appreciate these have been reviewed online previously and include various individuals bearing the names of Hunter and Rountree in Stokesley, the closest town, with Christopher Hunter being a neighbour of Henry Rountree

It should be noted that there is a gap in the recording of Parish marriages between November 1652-March 1654 which may have an impact on the Hunter family line.

ZAC Manuscript of unpublished book '*History of Cleveland*' by Reverend Canon J C Atkinson including Ingleby Greenhow – not viewed as the scope is likely too generalised.

#### Published sources

Nothing specific held at NYCRO

Reviewed at Northallerton Library:

- *History of Cleveland*, John Graves, 1808
- *Ingleby Greenhow Parish Church Memorial Inscriptions* – no relevant individuals identified
- *Yorkshire Archaeological Society Index of Wills*, a probated will for William Hunter, c1729 possibly connected with death of same in Hutton Rudby in 1728
- *Yorkshire Archaeological Society Yorkshire Deeds Vols I-X* (also accessible via Internet Archive), no relevant entries identified
- *The History and Antiquities of Cleveland Comprising the Wapentake of East and West Langbargh, North Riding, County York*, John Walker Ord (1846), no relevant entries identified

## Online records

I also explored the following online catalogues and databases using combinations of keywords:

+Greenhow +Hunter +Ingleby +Ro\*ntree +Ro\*ndtree +Say\* +Sawyer +Yks +Yorkshire

Unless indicated, nothing of apparent relevance was identified.

- ArchivesHub
- Cause Papers : cases dated 1300-1858 heard in the Courts of the diocese of York
- Cleveland Family History Society – searched Journal indexes available 1980-1994 plus other resources only accessible to members
- Dave King Genealogy pages (latterly understood these records were previously explored) a William Hunter is witness to a Will of Henry Ogle, Minister for Rudby March 1683/4. I refer to this under the Foulis papers section
- Discovery, The National Archives – Identified a Will of Thomas Rountree of Husthwaite, 1656 – this location is 20 miles due south of Ingleby Greenhow PROB 11/256/474, not viewed
- Durham County Record Office – John Rountree paying land tax in Durham in 1791 and J R Rountree in Stockton in 1826 plus property in Ingleby Greenhow listed under Stockton ward 1759-1826
- Durham Records Online
- Durham University Library & Special Collections – identified a probate bond for Anthony Rountree in 1583 and a probate bond for William Rountree in 1649 plus a list of clergy for Ingleby Greenhow 1180-1968 HUD 49/11
- East Riding of Yorkshire Archive Service
- London Gazette, commencing 1665
- London Lives 1680-1800, in case of a London sailing or other activity
- North East Inheritance Project, being Durham & Northumberland Probate Records 1527-1857 (latterly understood these records were previously explored)
- Northumberland Archives – holds images of Ingleby Greenhow church
- Slave voyages – covering transatlantic voyages plus details of slaves and slave owners
- Teesside Archives – Pennyman Family Papers U/PEN/5 Estate Records (1657-1899) & U/PEN/7 Personal Records (1698-1961) detailed catalogues reviewed, but little relevance; a map of 1758 for Ingleby Greenhow is closest match
- AALT – Anglo American Legal Tradition, digitised documents from the National Archives
- West Yorkshire Joint Archive Service

I engaged a London based researcher who has access to State Papers Online database with a view to pursuing any findings at The National Archives, which was not required. Their report states “

*On accessing the State Papers Online database various combinations were explored for 1600-1750:*

*William /Will / Wm Hunter - nothing except a petition of 1653, Master of the Jacob - too early*

*Nicholas / Nicolas Hunter - 1580 musters of Eskdale ward Cumbria*

*Hunter + Greenhow / Ingleby / Battersby*

*Charles Rountree / Rowntree / Roundtree - nothing and Rountree etc alone yielded a Leonard and a Ralph (NB I have identified Leonard and son Ralph and refer to later under Foulis)*

*There were more John Sayers / Sawyer / Sayre - but assumed it wasn't Sir John Sayer or John Sayer the master cook; another had a pass for Holland in 1703 and one was murdered in 1713. Nothing really seemed relevant but possibly need more info on him to rule everything out.*

*I also tried all names + Virginia and all combinations of Hunter + Rountree etc and Sayer etc*

## Kent Records

As indicated on page 1 of this report, Sir David Foulis was Lord of the Manor for Ingleby Greenhow from 1609; rather than the Manorial Court Records having been deposited at NYCRO, they have been retained amongst the Papers of the Foulis Family of Ingleby Greenhow, N Yks, (Ref: U1886/M1-M12) held at Kent Archives in Maidstone, Kent. The reason for this is due to later marriages resulting in the Foulis Family Papers (Ref: U1886) being lodged with those of the de L'Isle family. As this repository is some 260+ miles distance, I haven't explored these records which date 1500-1847, due to their location. Such records provide a rich source, documenting lives of individuals, their neighbours and the vicinity in which they live.

Returning to the Leonard and Ralph Rountree identified in the State Papers Online database, these individuals are listed in the Foulis Family Papers as is Agnes, wife of Leonard concerning property in Stokesley, the closest town to Ingleby Greenhow.

I'd also like to refer back to the William Hunter who is a witness to Henry Ogle's will in Rudby 1683/4; I believe this might be the same individual who is listed as a Linen Weaver in Hutton Rudby (about 9 miles east of Ingleby Greenhow) in a bond dated 1659; there are also property disputes dated 1638 which refer to a deceased father of this name, so unlikely to be the individual we seek.

Looking at the wider catalogue, I have not been able to identify records pertinent to the individuals of interest directly listed, but this collection is one likely to contain such material. It should be noted that in order to access these records, written permission must be obtained from the current Viscount de L'Isle via Kent Archives

Other records which are part of the wider De L'Isle deposit are

- U1475: Sidney papers formerly deposited with the Historical Manuscripts Commission
- U1500: Sidney papers which were left at Penshurst Place

As I am based in Northallerton it would be a costly enterprise for me to review these records, although I am more than happy to do so. I have enquired of the London based researcher I use who has indicated an 8 hour day would incorporate 3 hour round trip plus 5 hours research time (c£360) plus travelling costs (c£50) totalling £410.

## **Conclusion and other avenues to pursue:**

In light of my findings in this area which have resulted in very little, I appreciate you may wish to move your research focus to those records held in Kent in order to see if there is anything further there.

If so, I can forward the details of the London based researcher I work with or you may wish to work with someone closer to Kent Archives to reduce costs for travelling time and expense.

**Websites used:**

<http://aalt.law.uh.edu/IndexPri.html>  
<https://www.ancestry.co.uk>  
<https://archive.org/> Internet Archive  
<https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/>  
<https://archivesunlocked.northyorks.gov.uk/CalmView/default.aspx> NYCRO  
<https://clevelandfhs.org.uk/>  
<http://www.davekinggenealogy.co.uk/index.html>  
<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>  
<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/manor-search>  
<https://www.dhi.ac.uk/causepapers/index.jsp>  
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/departments/library/>  
<https://durhamrecordoffice.org.uk/>  
<https://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/>  
<https://www.eastridingarchives.co.uk/>  
<http://epns.nottingham.ac.uk> Survey of English Place names  
<http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/> North East Inheritance Project  
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>  
<https://www.genuki.org.uk/>  
<https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/>  
<https://kgbighistory.org.uk/> Kirby, Great Broughton & Ingleby Greenhow Local History Group  
<https://www.londonlives.org/>  
<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/leisure-culture-and-parks/teesside-archives/>  
<https://www.northumberlandarchives.com/>  
<https://www.slavevoyages.org/>  
<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/> London Gazette  
[https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://waalt.uh.edu/index.php/Main_Page)  
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