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UK Research on William Hunter Family

By Richard H. Hunter

Thanks to the gifts from six individuals, the Trust was able to contract with Maxine Willett, a genealogist in the UK (<https://www.archiveangel.co.uk>) to begin research into the ancestors of our immigrant, William Hunter. Miss Willett published the report of her findings on 14 Aug 2023. Her primary finding noted the following: *As per the baptism record, William Hunter was baptised 14th 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.* This connects with previous research of Hunter McKelva Cole and Martha Rester that argues convincingly that William Hunter of Ingleby Greenhow is likely our immigrant ancestor.

Confirming Research by Martha Rester and Hunter McKelva Cole

In the January 2013 issue of the *Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter* (Vol. 22, No. 1, p. 5), Hunter Cole lists the children of Nicholas Hunter of Battersby and his wife Ellen Wood.

Another William Hunter, a very promising candidate discovered by Martha Rester, is recorded in *The Register Book of Ingleby iuxta Grenhow . . . since the Yeare of Our Lord 1539*, compiled by John Blackburne from the original registry of births, christenings, and weddings (Cambridge: Cross & Jackson, 1889). Ingleby Greenhow is in North Riding of Yorkshire and west of Northumbria. A child named William Hunter was born there in the town of Battersby. The registry, which also includes several entries for Rountree, a family closely associated with the Hunters of Nansemond, reports that Nicholas Hunter and Ellen Wood were married in 1637. On 26 November 1639 daughter Mary ("Maria") was born to "Nicholai Hunter de Battersbye." On 23 May, Elizabeth, daughter of "Nicholai Hunter de Battersby," was born. On 21 June 1643, "Elizabeth 'infans vel ab ubere pendens,' " ("an infant, or still nursing ['hanging from the breast']," daughter of Nicholas Hunter, was buried. On 9 May 1644, Henry "fil of Nicholai Hunter," was born. On 12 April 1646, Sara "fil of Nicholai Hunter," was born. On 12 September 1648, Rebecca, "fil of Nicholai Hunter," was born. In 1651 (no month or date is given) Dinah, "fil

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of Nicholai Hunter,” was born. On 14 November 1653, William, “son of Nicholas Hunter,” was born. If this is William of Nansemond, he would have been thirty-two in 1685, the year his name appeared on Charles Rountree’s Virginia patent. Since the son of William of Nansemond also was named Nicholas and was included as a headright on Rountree’s patent, evidently the name Nicholas was continuing the tradition prevalent in British and Colonial families of naming the first-born in honor of his paternal grandfather.

Miss Willett noted that the records from 1500-1847 were retained by the Foulis family and were lodged with the private De L’Isle family records held in the Kent Archives at Maidstone, Kent. The Kent Archives are over 260 miles from Miss Willett’s location, so the Trust contracted with Julia Henderson of Acorn Family History Services. Mrs. Henderson obtained the kind permission of Lord De L’Isle to view the records.

Henderson Report 20 Oct 2023

The records reviewed by Julia Henderson were numerous but references to the Hunter surname within those records were sparse and did not reveal family connections. She noted a record of a Nicholas Hunter being fined in 1651 for selling ale. *From 1647 to 1651 Nicholas Hunter (presumably the Nicholas Hunter of Battersby who had a son William baptised in 1653 in Ingleby Greenhow) was fined each year at the court, along with a number of other people, for selling ale contrary to the form of the statute. Specifically in 1651 he, along with four other people, was fined because he was “a brewer of Ayle and because he hath sold it contrary to the forme of the statute.” There was a gap in the records between 1651 and 1657 and Nicholas Hunter did not appear in the 1657 record. There was then a larger gap in the records between 1659 and 1709, the 1709 record being in a different, shorter form and in Latin. Nicholas Hunter did not feature in the 1709 record (Henderson Report p. 2).* Wayne Hunter, a researcher associated with the Trust, stated that “selling beer/ale without a license was a common offense, particularly among women brewers.”

Julia Henderson: *In conclusion, the Foulis papers for the manor of Ingleby Greenhow and Battersby, as examined, do not show any particularly relevant information. They do establish that Nicholas Hunter was living in the area in the period 1647-1651 (and presumably until at least 1653). He could, as noted above, either have been a sub-tenant and so just featured as having being fined for breaching the laws of the time or he could have been a manorial tenant who moved into and out of the manor within the time period 1634-1661. The name Nicholas Hunter does not appear in the catalogue entries in reference to the land in Hutton Rudby (Henderson Report, p. 3).*

Currently the Trust is seeking a new direction for our UK research into William Hunter and his family. See our article on page 7 regarding a UK research seminar.

Hunter Family's Water Mills in the Albemarle

By Hunter McKelva Cole

The following article, a more inclusive account, supersedes "Hunter's Mill at Sunbury," which appeared in the January 2023 issue of *The Jacob Hunter Trust Newsletter* (Vol. 32, No. 1, p.11-12). While duplicating facts about the mill in Sunbury, it documents the family's connection to four different mills and during three generations.

In the seventeen hundreds the Albemarle region of North Carolina proliferated with watermills along deep streams and creeks in Chowan and Bertie Counties. Four of these were owned and operated by members of the Hunter family. The most notable and the earliest was owned by Isaac Hunter of Chowan County. It served principally for milling grain, although two generations later during the tenure of the Reverend Isaac Hunter, the original owner's grandson, both grain and lumber were milled.

When Isaac died in 1753, Hunter's Mill passed to his son Jacob of Chowan (Jacob died 1784), and then to Jacob's son, the Reverend Isaac Hunter (He died 1816). Afterward, it was passed to the minister's son Isaac Riddick Hunter, who relocated to Virginia.

The Hunter mill was mapped within Chowan until 1779. In that year the Hunter land was redistricted within the newly created Gates County, carved from Chowan. This mill and three others operated by Hunter kinsmen elsewhere in the Albemarle became mainstays for the public. The present-day map places the site of old Hunter's Mill within the town of Sunbury. Although all the mills are defunct, one Gates County township is still known as Hunter's Mill. By 1922 the original mill, long past its heyday, was demolished during the construction of Highway A32. Facsimiles of the applications and court records pertaining to the constructing of the four Hunter mills were included in 2010 in Stewart E. Dunaway's *Chowan County, North Carolina, Water Mill Records (1743-1813) and Ferry Records* and, as quoted from the courts' images in his book, they are transcribed below.

In 1743 the neighbors Isaac Hunter and John Rice, planning to create a millpond near their plantations, petitioned the justice of the Chowan County Court for permission to build a dam across Bennett's Creek, which bordered their properties. Against the forceful surge of the creek the proposed dam would create a deep-water pond whose overflow would turn the wheel for grinding grain between two huge millstones.

Soon after the mill began operation, Rice ceded his share to Hunter, a wealthy merchant, vestryman, church warden, and freeholder of multiple farms in Chowan and Bertie. The prospering new business was known thereafter as Hunter's Mill. Their petition reads thus:

To the worshipfull the justices of the sd County Court now sitting.

The petition of John Rice and Isaac Hunter Humbly sheweth

That John Rice one of your petitioners is desirous to build and erect a Grist mill on a fork of Meherren Swamp between the Land of the said John Rice and Isaac Hunter your petitioners

Your petitioners therefor pray a Warrant may issue by order of this Court Directed to the Surveyor General or his Deputy to lay out one acre of Land out of the Land of Isaac Hunter one of your petitioners adjoining to the aforesaid fork of Meherren Swamp as the law Directs, and that four persons may by order of this Court be appointed to appear the same and to make return thereof to the next Court And your petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

*John Rice
Isaac Hunter*

Granted &c

*Saml. Harral }
John Gorden }
Jno Jones }
Abraham Hill }* *To Value the acre of Land*

Rice and Hunter's petition was entered into the public record in January Court, 1744, and in April Court, 1745 (*Chowan Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Book I, 1730-1745*, p. 215), and with the court's approval the construction of the dam began.

In 1746, Ephraim Hunter, a son of Isaac's brother William, would construct a water mill, also in the Albemarle but in Bertie County. On February 5, 1742, William Downing, a yeoman farmer, had sold Ephraim, also a yeoman, ten acres on the eastern side of Woodward's Creek, "including part of [what would become] the said Hunter's milldam" (Bertie County, N. C., Deeds, Book F, p. 433). A native of Nansemond County, Virginia, Ephraim was a son of the late William Hunter of Orapeake (Corapeake) in the Dismal Swamp, who had died in 1732. For almost ten years Ephraim had been residing in Bertie County, which is separated from Chowan by the Chowan River, the main interior waterway between Virginia and Albemarle Sound. A Bertie land record proves his residence in Bertie as early as 1733: On April 7 in that year, Ephraim had been a witness to Mary Barnes's sale of 160 acres in Bertie to Alex. Carter. In 1757 and 1758 Ephraim is listed on the tax digest of Bertie. He died in Hereford County, N. C., in 1761.

In 1746, he petitioned for permission to create a dam and a watermill, evidently associated with a colleague named Captain William Downing. The court obliged him by ordering a survey of the plat at Mt. Pleasant on Mill Creek:

Bertie County, November Court 1746

To the Surveyor Generall or his Dep[uty] Greeting

We command you to admeasure & lay off unto Ephraim Hunter one acre of Land out of the Lands belonging to Capt. Wm. Downing on the West side of the Mill Creek at the most convenient Place for a Grist Water mill always observing the Law of the Province in that case made & protected - And a Platt of Certificate thereof to Return unto our court at their next sitting & for your so Doing this shall be your Sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand this 14th Day of Nover anno Dom 1746
Benj Wynns, D[illegible]

Elisha Hunter, a son of Isaac, had inherited Isaac's plantation in Meherren Swamp although not his mill, which had been a bequest to Jacob, Elisha's younger brother, but Elisha, too, planned to build a watermill. His petition to the court for permission, not dated, states his hope and intention, as follows:

To the [judge] of the Court of Chowan County now sitting

The petition of Elisha Hunter Humbly Sheweth that your petitioner prayeth an order of This Court to have Liberty to Build a Greed [?] mill on the Swamp Called Meheron Swamp [in a tract that extends] from the Land of James Constant [aka Costen] to the Land of John Jones as the main Road Runes and your petitioner is Ready to Comply with Every Thing that the Law at this province directs and your petitioner Shall in duty bound Ever Pray

Elisha Hunter

In 1772, Thomas Hunter, the only son of Elisha Hunter, Isaac's brother, petitioned the court for permission to build a watermill on Warwick Creek in Chowan. In the December session of Inferior Court of Chowan Thomas submitted his petition:

To the Worshipfull Justice of the County now sitting. The petition of Thomas Hunter humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner is desirous of building a Grist Mill on Warrick Creek That the Lands on one side of the said Creek are the property of your Petitioner and on the other side of Miles Wallis. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Worships to order such proceedings in the premises as the Law on such cases directs, that your Petitioner may be allowed to build the said mill, who on his part is ready & as is duly bound will pray

Thomas Hunter

Thos. Rountree

Charles Rountree

Jas. Sumner

Jas. Freeman

Thomas Hunter (He died in 1798) would serve as a Colonel in the Revolutionary Army, and in 1782 the war with Great Britain would rage for another year. Thomas's mill in Chowan County had existed for nearly a decade, and as can be surmised, Colonel Hunter's attentions in wartime were focused more on his military duties than on farming or milling. Not supervised properly, the mill had begun flooding an essential bridge and the public road. The outcry of citizens caused the court to take notice, and a grand jury convened to reprimand the offender. The following is the finding of the jury, as cited in Dunaway's book:

We the Grand Jury for the State of North Carolina being duly Qualified and Sworn at an Inferior Court begun and held at the Court House in Edenton the fourth Monday in March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and eighty two on our Oath do present that that part of the main road leading from Edenton in North Carolina to the Line of Virginia leading to Suffolk being the District under one Hardy Handle is Overflown by the Water of the Public Mill of Thomas Hunter late of

the said County planter and a Bridge over the said Water rendered dangerous and unsafe to all Persons passing and repassing the said Road So the said Jury on their said Oath do present [inked-out word is illegible] the said Thomas Hunter for his raising the water over the said Bridge and not keeping the said Bridge in sufficient Repair, to the great Injury of the Inhabitants and against the Peace and Dignity of the State.

James Prise, Forman

In 1783, forty years after Hunter's Mill of Chowan County was established, the Reverend Isaac Hunter, the current owner of the site, now within Gates, employed Patrick Hegerly Lesur to make a survey, write a textual description, and draw an image of the watermill's placement and situation. Lesur's meticulous work is preserved in *North Carolina's Land Grand Files, 1693-1960, Book 73, page 4*. His description and the image of the plat comprise the 75 acres at the intersection of Bennett's Creek and Oysterlong Branch. The rendering, Hegerly states, is "Laid down by a scale of 40 poles to the Half inch." The date of his entry is September 26th, 1783. The image he drew, satisfying for historians and genealogists, shows the location of the millhouse, the wheel, and the deep pond produced by the blockage of Bennett's Creek. This illuminating drawing is the only known picture of the mill and its landscape.

This Plan, Hegerly writes, represents a Tract of Land Surveyed for Isaac Hunter in Gates County Beginning at Hunter's Mill House and Running thence along his Dam No[rth] 30 E[as]t 36 poles as far as high water mark in Sd Mill pond to a point on James Jones [illegible word] side thence along Sd Jones and John Rice's according to the several Turnings & Windings of sd Swamp 66 poles to gum standing on the side of the Road thence to the run of Oysterlong Branch along the old bridge nine poles thence Down the Run to the mouth of the other Oysterlong branch to where it meets with Hunter's patent thence binding of the sd Patent to the Run of Meherin Swamp thence up the run of sd Swamp to a gum standing on the North side of the Road that leads from Hunters to Gregory's thence with sd Road 11 poles to a gum on the west side of sd Swamp thence down the West side of said swamp according to the Several Meanders thereof and as far out as the highest waters in sd Hunters Mill pond overflows joining James Gregory Cooper & James Costen 153 poles to the first [illegible word] surveyed by me October 1786 Patrick Hegerly Lesur

As depicted in the surveyor's drawing, Bennett's Creek flows from northwest to the confluence with Oysterlong Branch and there takes an acute angle to the millpond. Oysterlong Branch comes south to the confluence and then angles toward the east. The image of the dam (printed in the January 2023 *Newsletter*) indicates the position of the wheel.

DNA Tests: Which one to use?

Matt Baker produced a helpful video comparing five different DNA tests and the type of results they provide. This is a very useful introduction for deciding between

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Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe, MyHeritage, and CircleDNA.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDk9w_JEgiY Credit the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society (NDFHS) for sharing this video with the Trust.

Would you like a new and significant hobby?

J. Wayne Hunter of Marietta, GA has performed valuable research on the Hunter family in the UK for several years. He recently informed the Trust of a very interesting workshop on 17th Century Genealogy research in the UK that will be held in July 2024.

The Society of Genealogists UK (sog.org.uk) has scheduled a weeklong zoom seminar on 17th Century Genealogy Research for Jul 8 - 12, 2024 that is open to non-members. It will be 3 hours a day (0900-1200 EST) for 5 days and will be recorded for future viewing if parts are missed or if the times are not convenient. It can be viewed online for 1 month after presentation. The cost is UKL 180 - about \$225 and \$50 less for members.

Online signup with a credit card is smooth and an email link and password for the class are sent 24 hours before presentation.

The moderator is Else Churchill, a long-time researcher and member of SOG and regular webinar presenter. Dr. Jonathan Healey is guest speaker. The live presentations are informal and allow real-time questions and comments.

Migration to the Americas will be discussed as well as changes in UK documentation after the Civil War, which directly affect our own research. Wayne highly recommends this seminar. As we have experienced, finding records in the 1600s and earlier for our immigrant, William Hunter's family, is challenging. For those of you who enjoy solving mysteries of the past, this would be an excellent way to get started on a wonderful lifetime hobby.

Click here for detailed information.

<https://members.sog.org.uk/events/65303e7ecc4d040008c1cfe4/description?ticket=65303e7ecc4d040008c1cfe6>

Hunter Family in UK Continues in weaving and textiles, 1851

Our immigrant, William Hunter, was known as a weaver and lived in an area of the UK known for textiles before immigrating to America around 1685. The Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Journal (Winter 2023, Vol. 48, No. 4, p. 158) lists an ad reproduced from the Hagar & Co.'s Directory of Durham University of Leicester Historic Trade Directories of 1851 that shows a Repository owned by a Thomas Hunter selling a variety of silks, cottons, and other items associated with the textile industry.

**THOMAS HUNTER,
BERLIN AND FANCY REPOSITORY,
61, SADLER STREET, DURHAM,**

Dealer in Berlin, Fleecy, and Lamb's-wool Angolas; Knitting, Crochet, and Tatting Silks and Cottons; Ditto Needles and Meshes, of all sorts; Berlin Paper and Commenced Patterns and Books; Crewells, Chenilles, Silk and Chenille Tassels, Purses, Purse and Floss Silks, Purse Rings, Tassels, and Snaps, Gold and Silver Cords, Beads of all kinds, and several other Articles connected with Fancy Work, of the superior quality only.

JEWELLERY.

A great variety of Tooth, Nail, Curl, Hair, Shaving, Hat, Clothes, Shoe, and other Brushes.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF COMBS, IN TORTOISESHELL, IVORY, AND HORN.

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Sponge and Bags; Pens, Note Paper, and Envelopes; Sealing Wax and Wafers; Penknives, Scissors, Tweezers, Button Hooks, Thimbles, Needles, Hair and Dress Pins, of all sorts;

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DRESSING CASES AND COMPANIONS;

Rosewood and Leather Writing Desks and Work Boxes, Tea Caddies, Blotters; Cedar, Netting, and other Boxes; Camp Stools, Draught Boards and Chessmen, Games, Puzzles, Toys, Cricket Bats and Balls, Fishing Rods and Tackle, Archery, Walking Sticks, Canes, and Whips.

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The Improved Solid Leather Portmanteau and Railway Companion, Trunks, Ladies' Dress and Bonnet Cases, Reticules for Caps, Leather and Carpet Bags, Hat Cases, &c.

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Jewellery, Cabinet Ware, and Trifle Jobs carefully Repaired.

T. H. embraces this opportunity of tendering his acknowledgments to the Ladies, Gentlemen, and Public generally, for their patronage since his commencement in business; and hopes, by pursuing the same steady and prompt attention to orders or purchases favored with, to merit a continuation of their support.

N.B. REGISTER OFFICE FOR SERVANTS.

Trust 2023 Income and Expense Detail

The Jacob Hunter Trust Account for 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
1/1/23	Balance Forward			\$5,338.02
1/2/23	Richard H. Hunter (500 for UK)		\$1,000.00	\$6,338.02
1/2/23	Tom & Amy Harmon		\$500.00	\$6,838.02
1/2/23	PayPal fee	\$14.94		\$6,823.08
1/2/23	Bruce M. Lantrip		\$200.00	\$7,023.08
1/2/23	PayPal fee	\$6.27		\$7,016.81
1/2/23	Mark Smith		\$50.00	\$7,066.81
1/2/23	PayPal fee	\$1.94		\$7,064.87
1/3/23	Ray E. Smith		\$1,000.00	\$8,064.87
1/5/23	John & Laura Hunter Johnson		\$250.00	\$8,314.87
1/6/23	Judith A. Mathews		\$300.00	\$8,614.87
1/10/23	Michael M. Norman		\$100.00	\$8,714.87
1/18/23	Interest on checking acct		\$0.64	\$8,715.51
2/5/23	Rebecca Lawrence		\$100.00	\$8,815.51
2/5/23	Jeannette Johnson		\$100.00	\$8,915.51
2/6/23	Stacey Hodges		\$100.00	\$9,015.51
2/8/23	Dwight Packard		\$100.00	\$9,115.51
2/9/23	Kim & David Adams		\$100.00	\$9,215.51
2/17/23	Interest on checking acct		\$0.73	\$9,216.24
3/6/23	Kenny Eure (Dr. HHH Cem maintainece)	\$300.00		\$8,916.24
3/13/23	J. Wayne Hunter (UK research)		\$1,000.00	\$9,916.24
3/14/23	Hunter McKelva Cole (UK research)		\$1,000.00	\$10,916.24
3/14/23	Web security LLAR Plugin (1-yr)	\$49.99		\$10,866.25
3/17/23	Dr. Surry Parker Roberts (UK research)		\$2,000.00	\$12,866.25
3/17/23	Interest on checking acct		\$1.20	\$12,867.45
3/27/23	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$150.00		\$12,717.45
3/31/23	Dr. Raymond E. Hunter (WHC)		\$600.00	\$13,317.45
4/18/23	Interest on checking acct		\$2.30	\$13,319.75
4/26/23	Todd Grounds (AHC X3)	\$150.00		\$13,169.75
5/18/23	Interest on checking acct		\$2.18	\$13,171.93
5/27/23	Todd Grounds (AHC X3)	\$150.00		\$13,021.93
5/30/23	Judith Hunter Mathews		\$200.00	\$13,221.93
6/16/23	Interest on checking acct		\$2.10	\$13,224.03
6/18/23	John & Laura Hunter Johnson		\$100.00	\$13,324.03
6/29/23	Todd Grounds (AHC X 2)	\$100.00		\$13,224.03
7/9/23	Phillip Lane Web Design	\$225.00		\$12,999.03
7/11/23	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$150.00		\$12,849.03
7/11/23	WISE verify transaction		\$0.52	\$12,849.55
7/12/23	M. Willett, UK genealogist 5-hrs	\$295.00		\$12,554.55
7/18/23	Interest on checking acct		\$2.32	\$12,556.87
7/19/23	Judge Carolyn Quinn		\$400.00	\$12,956.87
7/19/23	PayPal fee	\$12.05		\$12,944.82
8/1/23	Todd Grounds (AHC X 2)	\$100.00		\$12,844.82
8/15/23	M. Willett invoice (UK research)	\$577.50		\$12,267.32
8/18/23	Interest on checking acct		\$2.21	\$12,269.53
8/28/23	Judith Hunter Mathews		\$200.00	\$12,469.53
8/28/23	Todd Grounds (AHC X3)	\$150.00		\$12,319.53
9/11/23	Bruce M. Lantrip		\$200.00	\$12,519.53
9/11/23	PayPal fee	\$6.27		\$12,513.26
9/18/23	Interest on checking acct		\$2.10	\$12,515.36
9/19/23	Todd Grounds (AHC X 2)	\$100.00		\$12,415.36
9/25/23	Williamson Co Treasurer (taxes)	\$10.52		\$12,404.84
9/25/23	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$150.00		\$12,254.84
10/13/23	Todd Grounds (AHC X 1)	\$50.00		\$12,204.84
10/16/23	Transfer to savings acct	\$5,000.00		\$7,204.84
10/18/23	Interest on checking acct		\$1.96	\$7,206.80
10/20/23	Julia Henderson (UK Research)	\$518.00		\$6,688.80
11/17/23	Interest on checking acct		\$1.11	\$6,689.91
12/13/23	Joe's Lawn JHC Year mowing + fence work	\$440.00		\$6,249.91
12/14/23	Transfer to savings acct	\$3,500.00		\$2,749.91
12/19/23	Interest on checking acct		\$1.04	\$2,750.95
12/22/23	Kelly Godfrey (WHC)	\$150.00		\$2,600.95
12/22/23	Kaye Barker		\$100.00	\$2,700.95
12/23/23	Tom & Amy Harmon		\$200.00	\$2,900.95
12/23/23	PayPal fee	\$6.27		\$2,894.68

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Cemetery News

In February 2023 Kenneth Eure cleaned and mowed the Dr. Henry Holmes Hunter Cemetery near Sunbury, NC. Because the cemetery was not maintained for over a year, Mr. Eure hired two other men to assist him. Donations have not kept up with costs for this cemetery, and at this point Al Byrum, owner of the land, reported he will have someone spray the cemetery once per year. The Trust continues to seek an individual in Gates County to help maintain this cemetery. We hope you will consider donating to the Trust so we can ensure the cemetery is maintained in the future and will not again fall into ruin. Donations continue to be sought for maintenance of the Allen Hunter Cemetery and the Jacob Hunter Cemetery.

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

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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:

New postings on our website

During 2023 the Trust added four historic documents under the tab, “Research Reports and Records” and three under the tab, “Hunter Family: Stories, Legends, and Lore.”

1. The **Jacob Hunter** report provides a summary of his life by Ernest E. Hunt, IV previously posted on his website mindspring.com. Added to this was a description of furniture he built along with the provenance of a chest of drawers he built around 1840. Pictures included. This Jacob was the grandson of the Revolutionary War Jacob for whom this trust is named.
2. **The Delamar Papers** along with the commentary of Ernest E. Hunt, IV was added. This early genealogical study has been influential in understanding our line of descent from William Hunter, our immigrant.
3. **Research on William Hunter in the UK** was posted as a summary of many years of work by Martha Rester and Hunter Cole and included the recent work of UK genealogists Maxine Willett and Julia Henderson.
4. **Colonel Samuel Nase Hunter: His Life and Accomplishments** represents a recent biography written by Richard H. Hunter. This report covers the many different careers of this interesting man, but more importantly it describes his active involvement in the 1922 Herrin Massacre and as an important first responder in the 1925 Tri-State Tornado, the deadliest tornado to ever hit the United States. The record of his work to prevent the Herrin Massacre includes information from his personal notes and diary that have never before been published.
5. **William Hunter-Martyr March 26, 1555** describes a William Hunter that was burned at the stake at age 19 by Queen Mary I for refusing to convert to Catholicism. During her five-year reign over England, she had over 280 religious

dissenters burned at the stake. Wayne Hunter of Marietta GA sent this report to the Trust.

6. **Memories of George Washington Hunter & Laura Jane Nase Dial Hunter** by granddaughter Faye Lillian Dial Lewis.
7. **Civil War Experience of Corydon McElvain, 81st Illinois.** Story includes his experience at Andersonville Prison in Georgia, his eulogy, and a brief summary of his life after the war. Cordon McElvain was Colonel Samuel Nase Hunter's father-in-law and great grandfather of Richard H. Hunter.

Trust recruiting assistance.

The Trust wishes to recruit new members to assume leadership roles and ensure the work of the Trust continues for many years into the future. Please consider volunteering your skills and join in our many projects. We need people who will continue to correspond with family researchers, edit our newsletter, manage our website, pay the bills of the trust, hire people to mow and maintain our cemeteries, and improve our fundraising efforts. Please share the value of what we have accomplished with your children and grandchildren. We need "next generation" folks who appreciate and value our family history and possess a genuine respect for what their ancestors meant to the development of our country and our family.

If you, a child, or grandchild, have skills in website development, in WordPress, and a willingness to volunteer a few 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 can help, please contact rich@jacobhuntertrust.org. Your expertise would be greatly appreciated.

A special moment of reflection and thanks from our home to yours:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3QbHNOxzcY>

Thank you for your support of the Jacob Hunter Trust.