

## Hunter of Windham Twp

### *The First Generation*

**Hunter, James**, born in Scotland, died at Barton Twp., Wentworth, Co., Upper Canada on 24 Nov 1847. He married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_.

James filed an Upper Canada Land Petition in 1808 stating that he was a native of Scotland and that he had arrived in North Carolina in 1776 together with his wife and mother. During the American Revolution, he joined the Royal Standard in 1781 and served in the army under Lord Cornwallis until the army was defeated at Yorktown. James remained in North Carolina until 1794. He and his family suffered greatly for their attachment to their country. He came into the province with his wife, mother-in-law and seven children. James noted that his name was inserted on the United Empire Loyalist List and he received 200 acres in King Township.

James may have come in the 1794 party of Loyalists from Orange County, North Carolina led by the Davis family who also settled in Barton Township and in Windham Township, Norfolk Co. where James' son David settled. James himself, settled on Lots 7 and 8, Concession 7, Barton Twp., which he purchased from Abraham Horning.

All of James' children were entitled to file for grants of 200 acres of land as the sons and daughters of a United Empire Loyalist and the following filed:

Children (born in North Carolina):

- \*a i. David Hunter, born 3 Jan 1777; mar. 1st Cynthia Miller; mar. 2nd Anna Clouse
- b ii. Jane Hunter, born in 1781. She married in 1806, John Snider of Trafalgar Twp., Halton Co. OC 29 Dec 1819. Children: Abraham Snider, born 1806; George Snider; Frederick Snider; Susan Snider; John Snider, born 1814, mar. Isabella Moffett; David Snider, mar. Sophia Burkholder
- c iii. James Hunter, born in 1784, died in 1847. He married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. They settled at Barton Twp. OC 26 Mar 1811. Children: John Hunter; Walter Hunter; James Hunter; Julia Hunter, mar. \_\_\_\_\_ Goodale; Jinette Hunter, mar. \_\_\_\_\_ Brundage; Rachael Hunter, born 1815, mar. Henry Long
- d iv. Walter Hunter, born 1787. He settled at Barton Twp. OC 26 Mar 1811
- e v. Mary Hunter, born 1790, died 1871. She married George J. Young. OC 21 Feb 1821. Children: Mary Ann Young, born 1821, mar. James Hill; David Walter Young, born 1823, mar. Louisa Jane; Elizabeth Young, born 1825, mar. Philip Terryberry; John Young, born 1826, mar. Louisa Augsbury; Margaret Young, born 1833
- f vi. Margaret Hunter, born on 3 Jan 1794, died at Ancaster, Wentworth Co. on 4 Feb 1870. She married Frederick George Snider, born 24 Jan 1793, died at Ancaster on 16 Jul 1877. They lived at Trafalgar Twp. then Ancaster Twp. Children: George Snider, born 29 Dec 1816, mar. Mercy E. Hammill; Mary Snider, born 1818, mar. James Bawtinheimer; Alphaeus Snider, born 1820, mar. Mary Hammill; Susan Snider, born 1827, mar. Russell Olmstead Gage; Catharine M. Snider, mar. 1st Jacob Smith, mar. 2nd Mordecai Westbrook; Sarah Ann Snider, born 1829, mar. William Templer; Frederick Snider, born 1832, mar. Susannah Gould; Margaret Hunter, born 1834; Esther Ann Snider, born 1836; Astor Snider, born 1840; Frank Snider; Magdaline Snider
- g vii. Child Hunter, mentioned in the father's land petition.

**Sources:** 1. Winnifred Willis, "James Hunter" in *Loyalist Families of the Grand River Branch, UEL*, p. 122-124

## *The Second Generation*

### **The David Hunter Family**

**Hunter, David** (son of James and Sarah Hunter), born in North Carolina on 3 Jan 1777, died at Windham Twp., Norfolk Co., Canada West on 30 Jan 1854 ae 77y 23d.<sup>1</sup> He married first to Cynthia Miller. David married second on 2 Jan 1809,<sup>2</sup> Anna Clouse (daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Sovereign) Clouse), born on 4 Jul 1786, died at Windham Twp. 24 May 1865 ae 78y 10m 20d.<sup>1</sup> They were buried in Old Windham Cemetery, Windham Twp.

David Hunter came to Upper Canada in 1794 and settled at Barton Twp., Wentworth Co.

Hunter filed an Upper Canada Land Petition dated 21 Jun 1797 stating that he had been in the province since 1794. He requested a grant of 200 acres and received the recommendation of the Executive Council.<sup>3</sup> On 4 Dec 1802, he filed a petition stating that he resided at Barton Twp. and requesting a Crown Lease on Lot 4, Concession 9, Windham Twp.<sup>4</sup> On 22 Apr 1803, David purchased from Peter Hare 200 acres in Lot 5 Concession 11, Windham Twp. and made that location east of Lynneville his homestead.<sup>5</sup> David was assessed at Windham Twp. in 1809.<sup>6</sup>

During the War of 1812, David served as a Sergeant in Shaw's Company (1812) and a Private in Daniel McCall's Company (1814).<sup>7</sup> On 9 Mar 1814, he was appointed Pathmaster of Windham Twp. On 14 Jun 1814, David served on the Grand Jury of the London District Court. On 9 Oct 1816, he was sworn to give evidence to the court. David served as a Petty Juror on 14 Apr 1818, 15 Apr 1818, and 16 Apr 1818.<sup>8</sup>

David was listed in the 1826 Collector's Roll of Windham Twp. On 26 Nov 1823, David Hunter was commissioned an Ensign in the 1st Regiment of the Norfolk County Militia. He was listed in the December 1830 Muster Rolls of the Regiment.<sup>9</sup>

David aged 76 and his wife Anne aged 67 were recorded in the 1852 Census of Windham Twp.<sup>10</sup>

The will of David Hunter dated at Windham Twp. on 12 Aug 1853 named his oldest son and his other children James, John, William, Walter, David, Margaret Matthews, Polly Green, Jane McNally, and his wife Anne.<sup>11</sup>

In the 1861 Census of Windham Twp., Anna Hunter was listed as a widow, born in the United States, Church of Scotland 75. She was living with her son David.<sup>12</sup>

Child of the first marriage:

\*a i. James Hunter, born c. 1808; mar. 1st Elizabeth Axford; mar. 2nd Mariah (Wilson) Farr

Children of the second marriage:

b ii. Margaret Hunter. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Matthews

\*c iii. John Hunter, born 5 Dec 1810; mar. Emily Amelia Green

d iv. Abraham Hunter, born on 22 Aug 1812, died on 2 Dec 1839 ae 27y 3m 11d.<sup>1</sup> He was buried in Old Windham Cemetery, Windham Twp.

e v. Jane Hunter, born 8 Apr 1814, died at Windham Twp. 1 Feb 1880. She married on 15 Dec 1835, Isaac McNally (son of John and Mary (Gilbert) McNally), born at Woodhouse Twp. on 27 Dec 1809, died at Windham Twp. on 28 Oct 1897 ae 87y 10m 1d. They were buried in Lynnville Cemetery, Windham Twp. They were buried in Lynnville Cemetery, Windham Twp. See the McNally genealogy for the continuation.

f vi. Mary (Polly) Hunter, born c. 1815. She married on 26 Aug 1840, Reuben Green (son of Jeremiah and Mary (Monro) Green), born at Windham Twp. on 23 Dec 1815, died on 14 Apr 1854 ae 38y 4m 22d. See the Green genealogy for the continuation.

\*g vii. William Hunter, born Aug/Sep 1817; mar. Mary Jane Ross

\*h viii. Walter Hunter, born 1824; mar. Lydia Grover

\*i ix. David Hunter, born c. 1825; mar. Susannah Grover

**Sources:** 1. Gravestones in Old Windham Cemetery; 2. Marriage Certificate quoted in NHS Marriages Publication p. 427; 3. Upper Canada Land Petition "H" Bundle 3, Doc. No. 134; 4. Upper Canada Land Petition "H" Bundle Misc 1799-1821, Doc. No. 10; 5. Abstracts of Deeds Register of Windham Twp. Vol. A, 1796-1957, Ontario Archives GS 2640; 6. Norfolk Historical Society, *Windham Assessments 1809 & 1826* (Simcoe, ON: 1975); 7. Mutrie, R. Robert, "The Norfolk Militia in the War of 1812," in *The Long Point Settlers*, Log Cabin Publishing (Ridgeway, ON: 1992), p. 252-256; 8. Fraser, Alexander, "Minutes of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace For the London District, 1800-1809, 1813-1818, in *Twenty-second Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario*, 1933 (King's Printer, Toronto, ON: 1934), p. 130, 158, 182, 183, 184; 9. Nominal Rolls of the 1st Regiment Norfolk County Militia, Dec 1830, National Archives of Canada RG9, IB1, Vol. 16; 10. The 1852 Census of Windham Twp. p. 33; 11. Windham Township Deeds, Inst. No. 8821; 12. The 1861 Census of Windham Twp. p. 65

### ***The Third Generation***

**Hunter, James** (son of David and Cynthia (Miller) Hunter), born at Windham Twp., Norfolk Co., Upper Canada c. 1808, died on 13 Aug 1877.<sup>1</sup> He married first to Elizabeth Axford (daughter of Jonathan and Lana (Pace) Axford), born at Oxford Twp., Sussex (Warren) County, New Jersey c. 1801, died at Charlotteville Twp., Norfolk Co. on 13 Jan 1863.<sup>2</sup> James married second on 26 Jun 1864,<sup>13</sup> Mariah (Wilson) Farr (daughter of William and Esther Wilson), born in England c. 1830, died on 22 Feb 1898 ae 68y.<sup>1</sup> James and Mariah were buried in Salem Cemetery, Charlotteville Twp. Elizabeth was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Forestville, Charlotteville Twp.

In Dec 1830, James Hunter mustered as a private in the 1st Regiment of the Norfolk County Militia.<sup>4</sup>

In the 1852 Census of Walsingham Twp., Norfolk Co., James Hunter was listed as a blacksmith at Port Rowan, born in Canada 44 with his wife Elizabeth, born in the United States 51 and children Roxy 17, Walter 14 and Samuel 12, born in Canada.<sup>5</sup>

He then moved to Charlotteville Twp., recorded in the 1861 Census.

In the 1881 Census of Windham Twp. Div. 1 p. 68, Maria Hunter was listed as a widow born in England 49 with her children George 13 and Gertrude 11 both born in Ontario. All were English and Baptist.<sup>6</sup>

Children of the first marriage:

- a i. David Hunter, born c. 1832. In the 1852 Census of Walsingham Twp., David was recorded a labourer, born in Upper Canada, Methodist, 20, with William and Harriet Gillaspay at St. Williams.
- b ii. Roxy Hunter, born c. 1835
- \*c iii. Samuel James Hunter, born 8 Sep 1836; mar. Edna Blandena (Dena) Woodward
- d iv. Walter Hunter, born at Townsend Twp. c. 1838. He married on 18 May 1862,<sup>7</sup> Catharine Smith (daughter of Isaac and Hannah (House) Smith), born at Charlotteville Twp. c. 1844. James was listed as a sailor in the 1861 Census of Charlotteville Twp.
- e v. Susannah Hunter, born on 19 Dec 1844, died on 20 Dec 1866.<sup>2</sup> She married William Brown (son of William and Maria M. Brown), born on 11 May 1836, died on 1 Dec 1906.<sup>2</sup> They were buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Forestville, Charlotteville Twp.

Children of the second marriage:

- f vi. John James Hunter, born at Windham Twp. c. 1865. He married at Delhi on 13 Nov 1889 (VR8340/89), Minnie Burns (daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Burns), born at South Norwich Twp. c. 1868. John was a cheese maker at Windham Twp.
- g vii. George Hunter, born c. 1868
- h viii. Gertrude Hunter, born c. 1870

**Sources:** 1. Gravestones in Salem Cemetery, Charlotteville Twp., Norfolk Co.; 2. Gravestone in Hillcrest Cemetery, Charlotteville Twp.; 3. Brant County Marriage Register; 4. Nominal Rolls of the 1st Regiment Norfolk County Militia, Dec 1830, National Archives of Canada RG9, IB1, Vol. 16; 5. The 1852 Census of Walsingham Twp. p. 35; 6. The 1881 Census of Windham Twp. Div. 1 p. 68; 7. Norfolk County Marriage Register

**Hunter, John** (son of David and Anna (Clouse) Hunter), born at Windham Twp., Norfolk Co., Upper Canada on 5 Dec 1810, died 23 Oct 1854 ae 43y 11m 18d.<sup>1</sup> He married to Emily Amelia Green (daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Monro) Green), born c. 1824. John was buried in Old Windham Cemetery, Windham Twp.

In Dec 1830, John Hunter mustered as a private in the 1st Regiment of the Norfolk County Militia.<sup>3</sup>

In the 1850 Assessment of Windham Twp., John had a household of 2 males under 16, 2 males over 16 and 1 female over 16. In the south part of Lot 5, Concession 11, he had 40 acres uncultivated, 26 acres cultivated, 2 oxen, 2 milch cows and 1 calf all valued at £49.<sup>4</sup>

John and Emily then farmed in the homestead on Lot 5, Concession 12, Windham Twp., recorded in the 1852 Census.

After John died, Emily remarried on 15 Sep 1860,<sup>5</sup> John Sheldrick. John and Mary inherited about 65 acres in the south part of the homestead, shown on the 1877 Historical Atlas map.<sup>6</sup>

In the 1881 Census of Windham Twp., John Sheldrick was listed as a farmer born in England 62 with his wife Emily 54 and children Lousa A. 16, Alvin 15 and John 13 all born in Ontario. Emily was German and the rest were English. John was Canada Methodist and the rest were English.<sup>7</sup>

Children:

- a i. Abraham Hunter, born c. 1847, died at Port Ryerse, Woodhouse Twp. on 18 Sep 1893.<sup>9</sup>
- b ii. Reuben Hunter, born c. 1848
- c iii. Emily Hunter, born c. 1851

**Sources:** 1. Gravestone in Old Windham Cemetery, Windham Twp.; 3. Nominal Rolls of the 1st Regiment Norfolk County Militia, Dec 1830, National Archives of Canada RG9, IB1, Vol. 16; 4. The 1850 Assessment of Windham Twp., Regional History Collection, James J. Talman Room, Weldon Library, University of Western Ontario; 5. Norfolk County Marriage Register; 6. *Illustrated Historical Atlas of County of Norfolk, Ont.*, H. R. Page & Co. (Toronto, ON: 1877); 7. The 1881 Census of Windham Twp. Div. 3 p. 53; 9. *Norfolk Reformer* 28 Sep 1893

**Hunter, William** (son of David and Anna (Clouse) Hunter), born at Windham Twp., Norfolk Co., Upper Canada in Aug/Sep 1817, died on 17 May 1881 ae 62y 8m.<sup>1</sup> He married on 25 Jan 1843,<sup>2</sup> Mary Jane Ross, born in the United States in Feb/Mar 1821, died on 28 Jun 1855 ae 74y 3m.<sup>1</sup> They were buried in Windham Centre Cemetery, Windham Twp.

They farmed 133 acres in the homestead Lot 5, Concession 11, Windham Twp., recorded in the 1852 Census.

In the 1861 Census of Windham Twp., Wm. Hunter was listed as a farmer, born in Canada West 44 with his wife Jane, born in the United States 40 and children Nelson 18, Rhoda 16, Elizabeth 13, Ellen 10, David 7, Mary 2 and Janet 1, all born in Canada West.<sup>3</sup>

They then farmed in Lot 15, Concession 8, Windham Twp., listed in the 1867 Gazetteer.<sup>4</sup>

In the 1881 Census of Windham Twp. Div. 1 p. 58, William Hunter was listed as a farmer 62 with his wife Jane 60 and children Ellen 30, David 27, Mary 24, Jannet 21, Mava 18, Agnes 13 and Eliza 1. All were born in Ontario. Jane was German and the rest were Scottish. William was Church of England and the rest were Canada Methodist.<sup>5</sup>

Children:

- a i. Joseph N. Hunter, born c. 1844
- b ii. Emily J. Hunter, born c. 1846
- c iii. Elizabeth Hunter, born c. 1848
- d iv. Ellen V. Hunter, born c. 1851
- e v. David Hunter, born on 11 Jun 1855. He married at St. Thomas, Elgin Co. on 7 Mar 1883 (VR2703/83), Mary Jane Vanetter (daughter of John and Louisa Vanetter), born in Norfolk Co. on 31 Oct 1861. They were recorded in the 1901 Census of Aldborough Twp., Elgin Co. Children: Lora Hunter, born on 11 Mar 1884; Nellie Hunter, born on 31 May 1887; Mamie Hunter, born on 4 Sep 1889; Reuben Hunter, born on 18 Aug 1892
- f vii. Mary Hunter, born c. 1857
- g viii. Jannet/Jennet Hunter, born c. 1860. She married at Teeterville, Windham Twp. on 3 Nov 1886 (VR7881/86), Ewing R. Crombie (son of Ewing and Janet Crombie), born at Windham Twp. c. 1860
- h ix. Mava Hunter, born c. 1863
- i x. Agnes Hunter, born c. 1868

**Sources:** 1. Gravestones in Windham Centre Cemetery, Windham Twp.; 2. Talbot District Marriage Register; 3. The 1861 Census of Windham Twp. p. 49; 4. *Oxford and Norfolk Gazetteer & Directory*, Sutherland & Co. (Woodstock, ON: 1867); 5. The 1881 Census of Windham Twp. Div. 1 p. 58

**Hunter, Walter** (son of David and Anna (Clouse) Hunter), born at Windham Twp., Norfolk Co., Upper Canada in 1824, died in 1856.<sup>1</sup> He married on 8 Feb 1852,<sup>2</sup> Lydia Grover (daughter of John and Ellena Grover), born in Canada West c. 1832. Walter was buried in Old Windham Cemetery, Windham Twp.

In the 1852 Census of Windham Twp. each was living with their parents.

Child:

- a i. Clinton Otto Hunter, born at Windham Twp. c. 1854. He married at Waterford on 24 Dec 1876 (VR7002/77), Clara Robins (daughter of Edward and Isabella Robins), born at Windham Twp. on 14 Feb 1855. In the 1881 Census of Windham Twp., Div. 3 p. 20, Clara Hunter was listed as a widow born in Ontario 26 with her son Clayton 3. Both were English and Canada Methodist. They were recorded in the 1901 Census of Windham Twp. In the 1911 Census of Windham Twp. Clara Hunter was living with her son Clayton and his family,

Child:

- a i. Clayton Otho Hunter, born on 24 Sep 1877. He married at Waterford on 10 Jun 1903,<sup>5</sup> Jennie Irene Phillips, born in Aug 1880. They were recorded in the 1911 Census of Windham Twp. Children: Aileen Hunter, born in Jan 1903; Gladys Hunter, born in Dec 1910

**Sources:** 1. Gravestones in Old Windham Cemetery, Windham Twp.; 2. Talbot District Marriage Register; 5. Simcoe Reformer 26 Jun 1903

**Hunter, David** (son of David and Anna (Clouse) Hunter), born at Windham Twp., Norfolk Co., Upper Canada c. 1825. He married on 10 Jan 1854,<sup>2</sup> Susannah Grover, born in Pennsylvania c. 1835.

David farmed about 65 acres in the homestead in the centre of Lot 5, Concession 11, Windham Twp.

In the 1861 Census of Windham Twp., David Hunter was listed as a farmer 36 with his wife Susan 27 and children John J. 7, Walter W. 5 and Adelle 2. All were born in Canada West. David belonged to the Church of Scotland and the rest were Wesleyan Methodist.<sup>3</sup>

David Hunter was listed on his farm in the 1867 Gazetteer and shown on the 1877 Historical Atlas map.<sup>4,5</sup>

In the 1880 Census of Edenville, Midland Co., Michigan, David Hunter was listed as a farmer born in Canada 55 with his wife Susanna born in Pennsylvania 45 and children Wellington 23, Adella 21, Charles 18 and Minnie 14 all born in Canada. David's father was reported born in Scotland (sic) and his mother in New Jersey. Susanna's parents were born in Pennsylvania.<sup>6</sup>

Children:

- a i. John J. Hunter, born c. 1854
- b ii. Walter Wellington Hunter, born c. 1856
- c iii. Adelle Hunter, born c. 1859
- d iv. Charles Hunter, born c. 1863
- e v. Minnie Hunter, born c. 1866
- f vi. David Hunter, born on 31 Dec 1867, died on 13 Sep 1872 ae 4y 8m 13d. He was buried in Old Windham Cemetery, Windham Twp.

**Sources:** 2. *Christian Messenger* Newspaper; 3. The 1861 Census of Windham Twp. p. 65; 4. *Oxford and Norfolk Gazetteer & Directory*, Sutherland & Co. (Woodstock, ON: 1867); 5. *Illustrated Historical Atlas of County of Norfolk, Ont.*, H. R. Page & Co. (Toronto, ON: 1877); 6. The 1880 Census of Edenville, Midland Co., Michigan p. 157D

### ***The Fourth Generation***

**Hunter, Samuel James** (son of James and Elizabeth (Axford) Hunter), born at North Walsingham Twp. on 8 Sep 1836, died at Essex Co., Ont. on 7 Oct 1912. He married Edna Blandena (Dena) Woodward, (daughter of Joseph Hiscock and Mary (Trotman) Woodward), born at Broadtown, Wiltshire Co., England on 30 Mar 1836, died at Essex Co. on 11 Sep 1915. They were buried in North Ridge Cemetery, Essex, Ont.

They farmed in Lot 17, Concession 11, Walsingham Twp., recorded in the 1867 Gazetteer, then with Dena's brother Ira in Lot 18, Concession 9, North Walsingham Twp. from 1868 to 1872.

In the 1881 Census of Walsingham Twp., Samuel Hunter was listed as a farmer 44 with his wife Edna 45 and children Mary Anne 21, Ira 19, Edward S. 8, William C. 6. All were born in Ontario, Canada Methodist.<sup>3</sup>

They were recorded in the 1901 Census of St. Thomas, Elgin Co.

They then moved to Essex Co., Ont.

See also *The Woodward Family Album*, by R. Robert Mutrie, p. 17.

Children:

- a i. Mary Ann Hunter, born 2 Apr 1860, She married at Walsingham Twp. on 12 Oct 1885 (VR7873/85),<sup>4</sup> Oliver Howe (son of Oliver and Jane Howe), born in Ireland c. 1859. Oliver farmed in Walsingham Twp.
- b ii. Ira Hunter, born 20 Sep 1862
- c iii. Mary Blandena Hunter, born 30 Dec 1866, died 16 Apr 1869 ae 2y 3m 17d. She was buried in Wycombe Cemetery, Walsingham Twp.
- d iv. Myra D. Hunter, born 19 Feb 1871, died 18 Mar 1871. She was buried in Wycombe Cemetery, Walsingham Twp.
- e v. Samuel Edward Hunter, born on 12 Jul 1873. He married at Bealton, Townsend Twp. on 7 Jun 1899, Minerva Eva Rogers (daughter of Henry Rogers), born on 30 Dec 1878. They were recorded with Edward's parents in the 1901 Census of St. Thomas, Elgin Co. The marriage notice mentions a brother Thomas Hunter. Child: Ruth Hunter, born on 15 May 1900
- f vi. William Clement Hunter, born 4 May 1874, mar. Emma Lepper

**Sources:** 3. The 1881 Census of Walsingham Twp. Dist. 2 p. 25; 4. *Norfolk Reformer* 29 Oct 1885