

# JAMES HUNTER



*Statue of James "Regulator" Hunter  
Located in Alamance County, N.C.*

In September 1776 James renounced allegiance to the King of England and took the "Oath of Allegiance to the Colonies" in Salisbury.

He earned the rank of Major in the militia and fought with his cousin, Col. James Martin, at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, serving under General Nathanael Greene.

Greene sent Hunter on "a dangerous and arduous journey" to New Jersey to deliver a message to General George Washington.

After the war, James served in the North Carolina legislature, as high sheriff, treasurer, auditor and court justice. He also helped draw the lines for the new Guilford County, and participated in the laying out of lots at Rockingham County Courthouse.

After Rockingham County was formed, he was appointed justice of the peace for the county in 1786 at the first session of court.

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James Hunter (Jr) was born in Virginia 8 Apr 1740 and died in Guilford County, N.C. 30 Jan. 1821.

He married Mary McFarlane (McFarland) 3 Sep 1762 in Bedford County, Virginia.

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He may have been a son of James Hunter Sr. who was born in Northern Ireland of Scottish ancestry of the Stewart Clan of Butte and died in North Carolina.

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His mother may have been Jane Martin, sister of Rev. Hugh Martin who was the father of North Carolina Colonial Governor Alexander Martin who was born and died in Virginia.

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James Hunter's parents may have been Alexander Hunter and Elizabeth Steele.

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Info below from Annie Jaech:

Anne Bassett Stanley Chatham stated that the father of James Madison Hunter was Alexander Hunter b. 30 Oct. 1698, County Tyrone/Antrim, Ireland & d. Mar 1768. His mother was Elizabeth Steele, b. ca. 1715 same place in Ireland (?) & d. aft 1770 in North Carolina.

"Tidewater Families of the New World & Their Westward Migrations" states that his grandfather was Alexander Hunter b. ca. 1706.

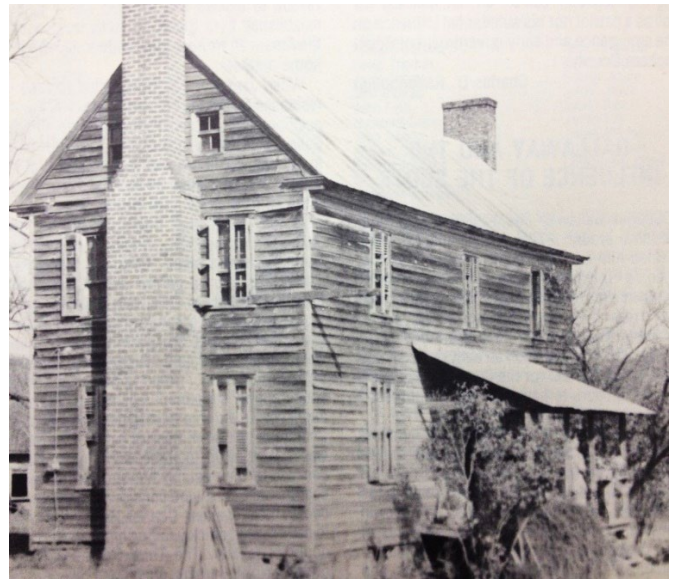
James Hunter and Mary McFarland Hunter had a daughter, Nancy Hunter, born 18 Jun 1788 in Rockingham, NC. Nancy married Rice Whiteaker in 1804 in Grainger County, TN.

Inscription  
Her Lies the Remains of  
JAMES HUNTER  
Who Was Born  
The 28th day of April 1740  
Departed This Life  
on the 30th day of January  
1821.  
aged 80 years 9 months  
and 22 days.

A sun hath set, a soul hath passed away.  
Frome earth's dull clime to Heaven's eternal day.  
Whose bright caress our eyes with rapture viewed.  
And with delight its lengthened course pursue'd.  
Christian I praise the not thy glories were not thine.  
But his who formed the splendidly to shine.  
With pious zeal the Heavenly path thou trod.  
And through redeeming love hath sought thy God.

*Gravesite Details*





The Hunter House