

DR CHARLES WILLIAM HUNTER

a biographical sketch

Charles William Hunter was born in Forfar, Angus, Scotland 3 July 1861 ^{i ii}.

He qualified in Edinburgh in 1886, and registered on the 28 July 1887. For 9 years he was a respected member of his father's practice in Forfar. He came to southern Africa in 1895 after the doctors in Scotland had given him 6 months to live on account of an unspecified lung ailment, presumably either severe asthma or, more likely, tuberculosis. He practised in Kimberley, Douglas ⁱⁱⁱ and Campbell with the dry climate apparently affecting a complete cure.

He returned to Scotland in 1896, spending 3 years there gaining a Masters in Surgery, with special expertise in ophthalmic surgery and anaesthesiology. In 1909, he was awarded an M.D. by the University of Edinburgh.

On his return to South Africa in 1899, he was requested to forego Kimberley and go to Koffiefontein. There he functioned as medical officer to the Koffiefontein Mines Ltd., and surgeon to the then Republican Koffiefontein Town Hospital ^{iv} until, in May 1901, his contract with the latter came to an end "the funds being exhausted". With the occupation of Koffiefontein by the British forces ^v, he was appointed Civil Surgeon in charge of the 3rd Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers detachment. He managed two hospitals in the dorp, having turned the Town Hall into a second hospital solely for the care of Republicans. He became bilingual in English and Afrikaans, and applied himself in public service without fear or favour. The testimonial from the Officer Commanding the 3rd Battalion, Capt. Harold Crichton-Browne ^{vi}, bears testimony to his diligence, humanity and skill. After the war, he was warmly congratulated by the authorities for his services to both friend and foe alike, and was awarded both the Queen's South Africa Medal (Q.S.A) and eventually the King's South Africa Medal (K.S.A) in recognition thereof.

He acted as District Surgeon to Koffiefontein from October 1899 – April 1900, September 1900 – May 1901 and June – December 1901 ^{vii}, where after he received a full-time appointment at the princely salary of £50.00 per annum ^{viii}. This had followed considerable, inexplicit opposition on the part of the then Acting Resident Magistrate and commander of the Koffiefontein Defence Force, Capt. (later Major) J W Robertson. He mooted numerous people as suitable candidates rather than Hunter, and all this in the face of admirable references which already were lodged with the Army Administration and known to local medical illuminate ^{ix}.

Hunter, in turn, appears to have been well connected for, over a period of months, he cited Dr Ashe of Kimberley ^x, Jas(per) Hill Esq., Member of the Legislative Assembly, The Very Rev. Archdeacon Holbeck, Colonel Duke R.A.M.C ^{xi} and Colonel Allin ^{xii} as persons who could be approached for local references. However, the proposition made obliquely by H F Wilson ^{xiii} Secretary of the Orange River Colony Administration to Robertson that Dr Yule ^{xiv} be asked to adjudicate the matter, together with correspondence from the Manager of Koffiefontein Mine, Walter S Whitworth ^{xv} finally appears to have focussed minds and ended the unpleasant debate.

From correspondence with Captain Trollope ^{xvi}, Chief Superintendent, Refugee Camps, Bloemfontein, we learn that Hunter had travelled to Rhodesia to pursue a mining proposition, and preparatory to this had resigned his commission. This alleged resignation is contrary to the official record which shows him as resigning from Army service in 1905.

Aside from running a private practice, for many years, Hunter was District Surgeon, Medical Officer to the Imperial Railways and Medical Officer to the Koffiefontein Mines, which position he retained the appointment till the mines ceased operations. He served the community for a considerable period as Justice of the Peace (1902 onwards ^{xvii}), Councillor and for a time as Mayor.

He married Margaret Nicoll [b. 1 December 1864 Inverarity and Methy, Angus, Scotland do. James Nicoll and Mary Copeland] in Forfar on 9 April 1889. Together they had four children ^{xviii}. She died in Kimberley on 10 July 1941 ^{xix}; and he at Koffiefontein on 17 July 1945 ^{xx}.

For the record, the following are transcripts of documents relating to Dr Hunter, and housed in the South African Archives Repository, Bloemfontein



The following are testimonials provided Dr C.W. Hunter on the completion of his training at Edinburgh University in 1886^{xxi}. The script above is from the original compendium of documents.

Wemyss Place, Edinburgh,
July 29th, 1886

I have known Mr. C. W. HUNTER, M.B., CM. for some time as a very diligent and able student of medicine. He was a member of may Class of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and took the first place in it with excellent papers His knowledge of Midwifery and Diseases of Women is thorough and accurate, fitting him admirably for medical practice. He is in every way dependably trustworthy.

D. BERRY HART^{xxii}, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,
Lecturer on Midwifery, Surgeon's Hall; Assistant Physician for Diseases of Women, Royal Infirmary. Edinburgh, &c.

34. Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.
July 30th, 1886

Mr. C. W. HUNTER is well-known to me as an excellent Student of this University, and from my knowledge of him I am of opinion that he is well qualified for practice.

THOMAS ANNANDALE^{xxiii}

University of Edinburgh.
July 30th. 1886.

I have much pleasure in certifying that Mr. C. W. HUNTER, who has passed all the Examinations necessary for the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery has been a successful Student of this University. Mr. HUNTER made a good appearance in the Practice of Physic Class Examinations, and he acted as a Clinical Clerk in my Wards in the Royal Infirmary. Mr. HUNTER is, in my opinion, well fitted in all respects to enter upon the duties of his profession.

T. G. GRAINGER STEWART^{xxiv}.

Penicuik, August 11th, 1886.

Dr. CHARLES W. HUNTER has been known' to me for three years and has frequently assisted me during that time. I found him well qualified in his professional work, more particularly in its practical departments, and especially in Midwifery, in which as a Student he received the first prize, and a certificate of distinction. He has had rare opportunities of acquiring practical knowledge in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, in my own practice and elsewhere, which I know he has taken full advantage of. I therefore consider him more than usually well qualified and can confidently recommend him to the public. He has always given me and my patients the utmost satisfaction and has been well received by them.

WILLIAM BADGER, M.B., CM.^{xxv}, Edinburgh, 1878
Parochial and Public Health Medical Officer for Penicuik.

The following are testimonials provided Dr C.W. Hunter when leaving Scotland for southern Africa in 1895^{xxvi}

Forfar Infirmary,
Forfar, 31st July, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of resignation of 22nd instant was laid before a largely attended special meeting of the Directors to-day and regretfully accepted, and as directed I beg to send annexed an Excerpt from the Minute with reference thereto.

I am,
dear Sir,
yours very truly,
A. MACHARDY, Secretary.

Dr. C. W. HUNTER. Forfar.

Excerpt from Minute of Special Meeting of the Directors of the Forfar Infirmary held within the Board Room of the Institution on 31st August, 1895, Ex-Provost DOIG, President, in the chair.
(*Inter alia*)

II. - *Resignation of Dr. HUNTER.*—The Secretary produced and read a letter of date 22nd inst., from Dr. CHARLES W. HUNTER resigning his position and appointment as one of the Medical Attendants of the Forfar Infirmary owing to his being advised to go abroad for the sake of his health. The Directors while reluctantly accepting his resignation desire to record their high appreciation of Dr. HUNTER'S valuable services to this Institution during the past eight years in which he has been on the Medical Staff, their deep sympathy and regret at the cause of his resignation, their most earnest hope that his contemplated change will as is fully anticipated completely restore him to robust health, and their most confident commendation of him both as a highly capable medical man and as a gentleman deservedly held in the highest esteem in this community. The Directors further instructed the Secretary to send Dr. HUNTER an extract of this Minute duly attested with the view of his using it if, and as he may think fit, where he may settle.

Signed in name and by authority of the Directors.
 WILLIAM DOIG ^{xxviii} Chairman.
 A. MACHARDY, Secretary.

Forfar, 1st August, 1895.

It is with the deepest regret that we, the Sheriff Substitute of Forfarshire at Forfar the Dean, and the Members of the Faculty of Solicitors in Forfar, have learned that Dr. CHARLES W. HUNTER of our town must leave Scotland permanently on account of his health. This regret is shared by all classes of the community. Dr. HUNTER has practised his profession here for nine years, and his skilful, attention and unvarying kindness rapidly secured for him a large practice. With most, if not indeed all of us, engaged in civil and criminal practice, Dr. HUNTER has had relations in the capacities of adviser and professional witness, and we cordially testify to his ability, honesty and discretion in all matters of that nature. Wherever Dr. HUNTER'S future lot may be cast, those among whom he lives and labours will find in him every quality which distinguishes a high-principled Christian gentleman. We most sincerely wish for Dr. HUNTER a complete restoration to health, and a sphere of labour where his skill and abilities will meet the rewards he deserves.

ALEX. ROBERTSON, S.S.,	ROBERT CRABB,
ROBERT WHYTE, DEAN,	A. MACHARDY,
WILLIAM GORDON,	ALEX. FREEMAN,
D. MACINTOSH,	J. A. MACLEAN,
JOHN P. ANDERSON,	A. S. WYLIE,
A. W. MYLES,	ALEX. HAY, Secretary.
R. FREER MYLES,	CHAS. McNICOLL

Mr. C. W. HUNTER, M.B and C.M., has been known to us for periods extending from twenty to five years. His father was a leading and much respected Practitioner in the Town and District. His son for some time assisted him and ultimately succeeded to the practice which he has carried on and extended during the past nine years. He leaves solely because he is very strongly advised medically to endeavour by permanent removal to South Africa to seek restoration of a degree of health and strength which this climate has threatened and which continuance therein would seriously endanger. We, Ministers of this town and neighbourhood, desire to say that we regret very much Dr. HUNTER'S departure, that we entertain a very high opinion of his character as a gentleman, and of his skill and carefulness as a medical man, and that we believe (as we heartily wish) that he will soon gain the respect and confidence of the members of any community among whom he may resume the practice of his profession.

HUGH MACKEAN, Rector St. John's Church.
 GEO. J. CAIE, Parish Minister.
 JOHN WEIR, M.A., Parish Minister, St. James', Forfar.
 G. M. PHILIPS, B.D., East Free Church, Forfar.
 WM PATERSON, V, Congregational Manse, Forfar.
 ALEX. CUMMING, First Free Church.
 GEORGE LAUDER, Baptist Church.
 PAT STEVENSON, Minister of Inverarity.
 JOHN STEVENSON, LL.D., Minister of Glamis.
 J. B. BURNETT, B.D., Minister of Aberlemno.
 A. WALKER, Minister of Rescobie.
 HUGH MACMASTER Minister of Dunnichen.

Aberlemno, 26th August, 1895.

Dr. CHARLES HUNTER has been Parochial Medical Officer in this Parish for the past eight years. As representing the Parish Council we have much pleasure in certifying that he has discharged the duties of this office with great care and attention. The Council is sorry to lose his services, and hopes his health may be improved in his new settlement.

PAT WEBSTER, Chairman.
 JAMES STEWART, Clerk

Parish Council Office,
 Forfar. 23rd August, 1895.

The Members of the Parish Council of the Royal Burgh and Landward District comprising the Parish of Forfar have great pleasure in granting this Testimonial in favour of Dr. CHARLES WILLIAM HUNTER, M.B., CM, of Edinburgh University. Dr. HUNTER has acted in the capacity of Medical Officer of the Poorhouse for the past nine years, having been appointed to that office on the 21st February, 1887. The office was previously held by his father for many years. Nothing could have surpassed his assiduous attention to his onerous duties, to wit, alleviating the sufferings of the poor patients under his charge in that Institution. He was always tender, attentive, and indefatigable, and performed his duties with praiseworthy diligence. Courteous in his demeanour, all felt it a pleasure to meet him on the business of the Institution. Should Dr. HUNTER at any time be an applicant for a similar situation we unhesitatingly recommend him to the favourable consideration of the parties having the appointment, as we are sure if they secure his services they will have an able, skilful, and efficient medical officer. For general practice the Doctor will be found equally able and efficient and any community will be fortunate that can command the benefit of his professional services.

JAMES RODGER,

Inspector of Poor and Clerk to Parish Council.
WILLIAM GORDON,
Chairman.

The following are testimonials provided Dr C.W. Hunter in 1899 on his completion of a Masters in Surgery (1896-1899) *inter alia* gaining expertise in Ophthalmic surgery and anaesthesiology^{xxviii}

Glasgow Eye Infirmary,
Berkeley Street, Glasgow,
27th October 1899.

I have much pleasure in stating that Dr. C. Hunter is personally well known to me, and I have been led to form a very high estimate of his professional ability and his worth as a Gentleman.

He was Resident Surgeon to the Infirmary and Physician to the Fever Hospital, Paisley; was also Resident Physician and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

During the past three years he has devoted all his time to the study of Surgery and all its branches, and has acted as clinical assistant at this institution. Thus he has had a varied experience and well fitted for any Surgeon's post, and I cordially wish him the success he so well merits.

(Signed). Wm.Cochran Murray^{xxix}, M.B., G.M.
Assistant Surgeon, G.E.I.

I have much pleasure in stating that Dr. C. Hunter has, during the last three years, taken out several courses of operative Surgery at St. Mungo's College, and is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of procedure in conducting all the various operations likely to fall to the Province of the Surgeon.

During the whole of that period Dr. Hunter was assiduously adding to his store of knowledge by constant attendance in the Surgical and Medical Wards of the Royal Infirmary, the Dispensaries and the Eye Infirmary. Few are so well versed in their Profession, and I can with confidence recommend him for any surgical post.

(Signed) James Whitson^{xxx}, M.D.
Teacher of Operative Surgery,
St. Hung's College,
Glasgow

191, Pitt Street, Glasgow,
26th October 1899.

This is to certify that Dr. C. Hunter was my Assistant in the Royal Infirmary here for six months. During that time he saw a great variety of disease, and ably assisted me in all my work. He is a gentleman of great strength of purpose in all he undertakes, and a most loyal co-worker.

As a Chloroformist he is one of the most valuable men I have met, and as an all round trained Medical man he is fit to fill and position.

I wish him every success.

(Signed). Quintin M'Lennan,
Surgeon,
Glasgow Royal Infirmary,
formerly Extra Honorary Surgeon Royal,
Hospital for Sick Children.

27 Embank Crescent,
GLASGOW,
October, 1899.

All who know, as I know, how perseveringly and successfully

Mr. C. Hunter has pursued the practice of Ophthalmic Surgery and General Surgery - as House Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, &c., and for three years as Clinical Assistant Surgeon in the Glasgow Eye Infirmary - will agree that he has done everything to prepare him self for the practice of the higher branches of Surgery.

He informs me that he is an applicant for service in the Trans-vaal, and I have every confidence in recommending him to Her Majesty's Government for such an appointment,

(Signed) T.Spense Meighan^{xxxi}, M.D., F.F.P., &c,
Surgeon
Glasgow Eye Infirmary.

11th May 1901

Your letter of 27th April relating to the termination of my appointment as Acting District Surgeon for Dr Cottam reached me today. I now beg to apply for the District Surgeony of Koffyfontein.

I am a graduate of Edinburgh University and have been resident here for over two years during which time I have been surgeon to the Koffyfontein Town Hospital, that appointment however ceases at the end of this month owing to, I am told, the funds being exhausted. I have been acting District Surgeon here on two occasions during the absence of Dr Cottam – from October 1899 to April 1900, and from Sept 1900 to the present time, and I hold the appointment of Civil Surgeon to the Troops stationed here.

Before coming to Koffyfontein I had the appointment of Acting District Surgeon at Douglas, Griqualand West, for six months.

Reference

Dr Ashe, Kimberley

Jas. Hill Esq. MLA Kimberley

The Very Rev. Archdeacon Holbeck, Kimberley

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C.W.Hunter

The following are testimonials written in support of Dr C.W. Hunter's application for the District Surgeony of Koffyfontein in 1901
Koffyfontein^{xxvii}

To:

H.F.Wilson Esq.

Secretary to

O.R.C. Administration

Bloemfontein

I have the pleasure in certifying that Dr. C.W. Hunter has been acting as Mine Surgeon from October 1899 to Apr. 1900 and from Sept 1900 to March 1901 when the compounds were closed owing to the unavoidable stoppage of all work. Dr Hunter during the above mentioned periods visited the Native compounds daily and I am pleased to be able to state that the health of the boys during his supervision was quite exceptionally good – and several serious operations were very successfully carried out by Dr. Hunter alone without assistance.

pp. The Koffyfontein Mines Ltd

Walter S Whitworth

Manager

May 13th, 1901

Koffyfontein 13th May 1901

Having heard that Doctor C.W. Hunter is applying for the appointment of District Surgeon, I have much pleasure in recommending him for the position.

Doctor Hunter has been Hospital Doctor for the last two years and has given satisfaction. He is a family man and a sober Doctor which I regret to say has not been the rule in Koffyfontein. In conclusion I may state that Doctor Hunter's testimonials are the best ever submitted to the Hospital Board.

Thos. G Osbourne

Manager

L & O.F.S. Ex. Co. Co

Member of Hospital Board.

3rd Bn. Kings Own Scottish Borderers

Koffyfontein

O.R.C.

May 13th 1901

I have much pleasure in stating that Dr C.W. Hunter M.B. C.M. Edinburgh has acted as the Civil Surgeon in charge of the Detachment 3rd Bn Kings Own Scottish Borderers under my command during the last six months and has done everything in his power for the N.C.Os and men of the Detachment.

The general Health of the N.C.Os and men has been particularly good under exceptionally trying circumstances which I chiefly attribute to his skillful care and kind attention.

Several men have expressed to me their appreciation of the treatment they have received in the Hospital. I must add that I found Dr. Hunter a most pleasant Gentleman to work with and he gave me valuable advice and assistance with regard to the Sanitary arrangements Etc. the Forts making constant inspections of same.

Harold Crichton-Browne Capt

OC. Detachment

3rd Bn. Kings Own Scottish

Borderers

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12.12.1901 From C Hunter to Deputy Administrator, Refugee Camps, Bloemfontein offering services "I have served 15 months as Civil Surgeon part of the time under Colonel Duke R.A.M.C who is now - I am told - P.M.O. Bloemfontein"

17.12.1901 Response untitled seeking Testimonials and "reason for leaving the army"

21.12.1901 From C Hunter to Captain Trollope , Chief Superintendent, Refugee Camps, Bloemfontein wherein he informs that he "resigned for the purpose of proceeding to Rhodesia to try to develop a mining proposition in which I was interested" and is wishing to position himself for later employment. He refers him to Colonel Allin , then P.M.O. Bloemfontein

24.12.1901 Telegram: doctor Hunter regrets he has accepted another appointment. Lt Nash Kimberley

The last and seemingly deciding testimonial written in support of Dr C.W. Hunter's application for the District Surgeoncy of Koffyfontein

dated 18th February 1902 from by Walter S Whitworth, Manager of Koffyfontein Mine
addressed to H F Wilson, Secretary to the O.R.C. Administration

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 188/02 Public Health Dept (Confidential) dated Jan., 31st but only received here this morning.

With reference to Dr C W Hunter, it is quite true that Dr Hunter has been promised the appointment of Mine Medical Officer, when we are able to recommence work, and with regard to your query, as to whether in my opinion it is advisable that he should be confirmed in the appointment of District Surgeon at Koffyfontein, I should be inclined to say yes-

Here is Koffyfontein – and especially we the Mining Company – have had a good deal of trouble in the past with regard to a good Medical Officer, - so many Medical Men out in the country being utterly & entirely unreliable & unfitted for their professional duties owing to their drinking, while others again are too lazy to be worth their salt.

Now with a family of from 500 to 1,000 Kaffirs to keep in good health – (because it does not pay to have to feed a Compound full of sick boys and get no work from them) having a good Medical Man is a very important point and when DR Hunter spoke to me with reference to this appointment at the Mine, just before he went to Bloemfontein. I told him he should have it on our recommending work but he must understand that his keeping it would depend upon his keeping our Kaffirs in as good health as possible – while in the future if we got a railway communication and increased our native employees to probably 2,500 to 3,000 – it would then probably be necessary to have a Medical Officer to attend to our Compound only & be restricted from other practices.

Now, it was through my endeavours as a Member of the Koffyfontein Hospital Board that Dr Hunter originally came to this place – and at first, I must say, I was not very favorably impressed with Dr Hunter, he certainly did not gain my confidence as a medical man, although I could not have mentioned quite why! – but as regards being absolutely steady, reliable & not lazy I have never had any complaint whatever to make against Dr Hunter – whilst as he treated our native employees through the early part of the war very successfully & has been very successful I consider with many surgical cases during the war and in practice generally – I am inclined to consider my little earlier prejudice against Dr Hunter as not correct nor fair.

It was therefore, looking at the matter from this point of view, only wise to try and make sure of Dr Hunter's services – as I know of no one who will suit us better, but a good many who would suit us worse – Dr Hunter had some private feud with our late Commander Major Robertson – but although I am a much greater friend of Major Robertson than I am of Dr Hunter, I can, on a point of this kind, only look upon it as an unfortunate occurrence, but not one to make any difference as to Dr Hunter's appointment being advisable or otherwise.

I should therefore personally be glad to hear that Dr Hunter's appointment as District Surgeon of Koffyfontein has been confirmed.

Hoping that I have not treated this matter to [sic] fully -

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours obediently

Walter S Whitworth,

Manager of Koffyfontein Mine

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ⁱ Son of (Dr) Charles Hunter m. 6 January 1856 to Jane Howell Mac Craw [b. 3 May 1833 Edinburgh Parish, Edinburgh, Midlothian to John Mac Craw & Ann Love]

ⁱⁱ Sibling of Charles William Hunter was Jane Ann Hunter b. 28 November 1856, Forfar, Angus, Scotland

ⁱⁱⁱ Was Acting District Surgeon to Douglas and Campbell for six months prior to October 1899

^{iv} In 1896, Koffyfontein Hospital is stated as having 12 beds. (Ref: SA Med Dir 1897:67)

^v The 3rd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers were bivouacked In Koffyfontein

^{vi} Capt. (later Lieutenant-Colonel) Harold Crichton-Browne F.R.G.S (1866-1937) was a graduate of Cambridge; and, in 1884, obtained a Commission in the 3rd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers. After the Anglo-Boer War became an inveterate explorer and writer of some renown. He was the only son of Sir James Crichton- Browne, M.D., L.L.D., F.R.S., which probably explains his considered tone when writing of C W Hunter.

^{vii} This was in lieu of Dr F H W Cottam, District Surgeon to Koffyfontein (1899-1901), who left Koffiefontein periodically, eventually returning to England permanently for "the cure", and dying soon after.

Dr Francis Henry Warburton Cottam (1862-1901), M.R.C.S. (1886) L.R.C.P. (1890) was first appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Throat, Manchester. He registered in the Cape Colony in 1897 his first address being Barkley West followed by Koffiefontein.

^{viii} The trivial and bureaucratically parsimonious nature of much of the archived correspondence in a sense is comforting for it suggests that such actions are more part of the human condition than idiosyncratic of a particular people, process or period. (Ref: VAB CO VOLUME_NO 568: 1088/9)

^{ix} VAB CO VOLUME_NO 18 REFERENCES 567/01 , 1538/01, 1633/01 DESCRIPTION: Application for Appointment. Received from Dr. C W Hunter, Acting District Surgeon Koffyfontein.

^x Evelyn Oliver Ashe (1864 -1925) was a well-known medical practitioner in Kimberley He arrived in the Cape in 1892, his qualifications Lic. Soc. Apoth (Lond) 1888, M.B. (Univ Lond) 1888, M.D. (Univ Lond) 1889, F.R.C.S (Eng) 1892. During the Second Anglo-Boer War, he was Mentioned in Despatches by Lt. Col. Kekewich in his despatch of 15 Feb 1900. He received a QSA bar DoK (sold July 2008). With the cessation of hostilities, he authored the book: Besieged by the Boers: a diary of life and events in Kimberley during the siege. Publ: Hutchinson & Co. 1900

^{xi} Colonel Alexander William Duke, R.A.M.C. (1845-1912) MD., R.U.I 1867 joined the army in 1868 retiring in 1905.

^{xii} Lieutenant Colonel (later Colonel) William Briggs Allin, R.A.M.C. (1851-1903) M.B. (Glasg), L.R.C.P. (Ed.), L.R.C.S. (Ed) joined the army in 1877 and had extensive battlefield experience (Egypt, Afghanistan, Sudan, India) and South Africa where he was P.M.O. in the Field Army in Natal and Lines of Communication (including

Bloemfontein). He was mentioned in despatches four times (London Gazette 26 August 1885; 30 March, 19 June 9 November 1900). He died in India in 1903.

His decorations included The Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Officer Brother's breast badge, silver; Afghanistan 1878-80, no clasp (Surgn., M.B., A.M.D.); Egypt and Sudan 1882-89, undated reverse, 1 clasp, The Nile 1884-85 (Surgn., Med. Staff); Queen's South Africa 1899-1902, 6 clasps, Cape Colony, Tugela Heights, Orange Free State, Relief of Ladysmith, Laing's Nek, Belfast (Colonel, R.A.M.C.); King's South Africa 1901-02, 2 clasps (Colonel, R.A.M.C.); Jubilee 1897, silver, Khedive's Star 1882, unnamed.

He was the uncle of Colonel Oliver Richard Archer Julian, C.B., C.M.G .

Col. Oliver Richard Archer Julian (1865-1925) first registered 1885; LSA (Lond)(1885), MRCS (End)(1885) LRCP (Eng)(1886), DPH (RCPS, Lond)(1905); he was a career officer in the R.A.M.C.

^{xiii} Sir Henry Francis Wilson (1859-1937) K.C.M.G., K.B.E., MA (Cambr), scholar and fellow of Trinity College; a barrister and civil servant; inter alia legal advisor in the Colonial Office; Secretary of the Trinidad Judicial Enquiry Commission (1892); Secretary of the Orange River Colony (1902-07); Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute (1915-21), University of Cambridge Commissioner (1923).

^{xiv} Dr George Pratt Yule (1874-1955) first registered in 1896; M.R.C.P. (Edin). MB CM (Edin)(1894); BSc (Public Health) 1896; M.D (1899)(University Edin); Resident Phys Leith Public Health Hospital; Deputy MOH (Cholera regulations) Port of Leith; late Clin Asst Larbert Dist Asyl and Pathol and Extra Asst Crichton Roy Inst. He was PMO/MOH Oranje Vrij Staat/Orange River Colony 1901-1912, founded the Orange River Colony Medical Society, forerunner of the Medical Association of South Africa; MOH County Fife 1912-1938. (Ref: Br Med J. 1955 (2); 421)

^{xv} Walter Stanley Whitworth (1867-1909) arrived at Koffyfontein in 1893. His son, Walter Stanley Whitworth Private 268613, Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment), was to die in the Great War.

^{xvi} Lt.-Col. Sir Arthur Grant Trollope, (1866-1937) Chitral Relief (1895); Justice of the Peace (J.P.); mentioned in despatches 1901; Chief Superintendent, Refugee Camps, Bloemfontein in Orange River Colony Civil Service; Lieutenant-Colonel The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) retired 1905; Great War mentioned in despatches twice; succeeded to the title of 13th Baronet Trollope of Casewick, Co. Lincoln 29 May 1935. (Ref: Gazette Issue 27850 3 November 1905: 7332; <http://thepeerage.com/p30899.htm#i308982>)

^{xvii} He, together with Walter Stanley Whitworth, Thomas Glasson Osborne, Hampden Langworthy Smithers and Arthur Humphreys were motivated to be made Justices of the Peace on 10th August 1902 by Izak Gerhardus Horak, at the time Detached Assistant Residential Magistrate in Koffyfontein and later Assistant Resident Magistrate, Fouriesburg. Ref: VAB CO VOLUME_NO 91: 3207/02

^{xviii} Offspring listed in the Death Notices of Charles William Hunter and Margaret Nicoll:

1. Ethel Mary d. 14 October 1987 (MSC CPT 8236/1987) m. Kenneth McKenzie MACLENNAN
 - 1.1 Margaret Joyce MacLennan
2. Dorothy Jane m. ESAU
3. Eva Isobel m. Frank Newton CRITTENDEN
 - 3.1 Patricia Crittenden b. 9 February 1925
 - 3.2 Margaret Hunter Crittenden b. 3 December 1926
4. Charles James Gordon HUNTER b. Koffiefontein 9 November 1899 d. Johannesburg 1978
 - 4.1 Kenneth John Hunter b. 24 April 1928 m. Frances Louise Hunter CROSSE
 - 4.2 Jean Donan Hunter b. 3 October 1933

Charles James Gordon HUNTER (1899-1978) followed in his father's footsteps. He qualified in Edinburgh (LRCP & LRCS, 1926) and Glasgow (LRFPS, 1926) as a doctor and was registered on 13 July 1926. He first practised in Nelspruit, Transvaal, and was awarded the D.P.H and D.T.M&H (Univ WWR) in 1939. In 1948, he moved to

Waterkloof, Pretoria, and in 1954 became a Medical Officer within the State Healthcare System in Windhoek, South West Africa. (Ref: *inter alia* The Medical Register. 1957[1]:1037; Glasgow Med J 1926:105/106;221)

^{xix} VAB MHG Ref: 33112 Description: Hunter, Margaret. Nooiensvan: Nicoll. Eggenoot: Charles William Hunter. 1941

^{xx} VAB MHG REF: 37882 Description: Hunter, Charles William. Eggenote Margaret (Gebore Nicoll). 1945

^{xxi} VAB CO VOLUME_NO 19: 1633/01 DESCRIPTION: Application for Appointment. Received from Dr. C W Hunter, Acting District Surgeon Koffyfontein.

^{xxii} Professor David Berry Hart (1851-1920) first registered in 1878; MB ChB (1877), M.D (1880), F.R.C.P (Edinb.)(1880), Scottish Obstetrician / Gynaecologist, teacher and author of medical texts

^{xxiii} Professor Thomas Annandale (1838-1908) FRCS Eng (1859) FRCP (1888) M.D. (1863) Edinburgh; English anatomist and surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery, Edinburgh University (1877)

^{xxiv} Professor Sir Thomas Grainger Stewart (1843-1928) first registered in 1900; M.D (1912), F.R.C.P (Edinb.) Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

^{xxv} William Badger (1852-1931) first registered in 1878; M.B. C.M. (Edinb.)(1878) Fellow of Obstetric Society (1880) Penicuik, Midlothian

^{xxvi} VAB CO VOLUME_NO 19: 1633/01 DESCRIPTION: Application for Appointment. Received from Dr. C W Hunter, Acting District Surgeon Koffyfontein.

^{xxvii} Dr. William Doig (-1922) practitioner in Galashiels, first registered 1881; M.B., C.M. (Edinburgh)(1881), M.D. (1892), D.P.H. (1918), entered general practice in Galashiels and volunteered as surgeon lieutenant in the Galashiels detachment of the Border Rifle Volunteers (1899), transferred to the 4th or Border Battalion (T.F.) of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and attained the rank of major (1912); during the Great War served in several military hospitals in Edinburgh, Berwick-on-Tweed, and elsewhere in the east of Scotland. (Ref: Br Med J. 1922 December 30; 2(3235): 1285)

^{xxviii} VAB SRC VOLUME_NO 35:A444 testimonials provided Dr C.W. Hunter in 1899 on his completion of a Masters in Surgery (1896-1899) *inter alia* gaining expertise in Ophthalmic surgery and anaesthesiology

^{xxix} William Cochrane Murray (-1922) M.B., C.M (1892) (Glasgow), one of the surgeons to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary.

^{xxx} James Whitson (1847-1907) M.D., F.F.P. and S.G., Surgeon to the Dispensary of Anderson's College; Late Extra Dispensary Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary; co-founder of St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

^{xxxi} Thomas Spence (Spense) Meighan (-1909), Surgeon to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary, 1875-1909, lecturer in Ophthalmic Surgery Anderson's College [Obituary BMJ 1909; 23 Oct:1262]

^{xxxii} VAB CO VOLUME_NO 19: 1633/01 DESCRIPTION: Application for Appointment. Received from Dr. C W Hunter, Acting District Surgeon Koffyfontein.