

### FAMILY GROUP No. 003

<b>HUSBAND</b>	<b>Arthur James HUNTER</b>	Master Joiner			
Birth	28 – 10 – 1910 (1215 hrs)	Place	Sawmill House, Gatehouse-of-Fleet		
Christening		Place			
Marriage	26 – 08 – 1940	Place	Parish Church of St John & St James, Bootle, Lancs.		
Death	14 – 11 – 1975 (0610 hrs)	Place	Royal Infirmary, Dumfries		
Cremation	18 – 11 – 1975	Place	Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr		
Husband's Father	James HUNTER	Husband's Mother	Elizabeth Duguid NICOL	Parents Group Record	6
Husband's Other Wives					

<b>WIFE</b>	<b>Agnes WYSE (Nancy)</b>	trained as a hairdresser			
Birth	25 – 10 – 1910 (0245 hrs)	Place	Brentham Park Stables, Stirling		
Christening	06 – 03 – 1911	Place			
Death	26 – 12 – 1980 (1300 hrs)	Place	1 Elliot Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow		
Cremation	31 – 12 – 1980	Place	Linn Crematorium, Glasgow		
Wife's Father	Angus WYSE	Wife's Mother	Mary Hopkins HAMILTON	Parents Group Record	7
Wife's Other Husband's					

Sex M / F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	1st MARRIAGE	TO WHOM	DIED	Grp Rec
	Given Names	Surname						
1	F	Margaret Ann	HUNTER	7 – 12 – 1949	Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries	04 – 11 – 1972	Graham Henry WRIGHT	1
2								
3								

We have original birth, marriage and death certificates for Arthur & Nancy. Cremation details ex daughter Margaret. Birth & marriage certificates for Margaret.

When Arthur was about 3 years old he had an emergency mastoid operation, carried out by Dr. Alexander Dott on the family kitchen table at the Sawmill House in Gatehouse. As a result of this the nerves on the left side of his face were damaged resulting in permanent disfigurement, rather like Bell's palsy. Arthur and Dr. Dott's only son Alastair were born the same year in Gatehouse, were good friends as children and they remained lifelong friends.

Agnes, (known as Nancy), was told by her father, that she was near to death at birth and hence had no middle name and was not christened for 4 months. Nancy's mother Mary died during childbirth when Nancy was only 9 and her eldest sister Meg was 16. Meg helped her father run the home for about 3 years before leaving to train as a children's nurse, after which time Nancy looked after her father and kept the family home.

Meg met Arthur's sister Nan whilst working as a "nanny" in London. In [1938] Meg took Nancy to visit Nan in Gatehouse, where Nancy met Arthur. During WWII Arthur was drafted to various locations refitting military airfields and troop ships (Benbecula and Orkney being 2 such postings). During one of his postings Arthur and Nancy were married in Bootle in Lancashire. Nancy's father Angus stayed with them in Bootle. Later they lived at Milnathort and in 1945 they were living at 51 Bank St., Dumfries. After the war Arthur & Nancy lived at Drumaber, Gatehouse and Angus lived with them. In September 1974 Arthur & Nancy moved to 6 Catherine St. in Gatehouse (this having been renovated from Arthur's joinery workshop) .

Arthur & Nancy's wedding photos were lost during a bombing raid on Liverpool. Try the library at William Brown Street, Liverpool for photos of the church where they married.

Arthur HUNTER  
& Agnes WYSE



Arthur & Nancy c.1939



1970



Nancy with Margaret in 1950



Margaret in 1950 & 1955



Margaret in 1971 aged 21



Margaret with Arthur 4/11/1972

## **RAF Balado Bridge- a short history.**

Opened on March 20 1942 as a satellite to Grangemouth, it was hoped that its weather record would prove better than that of the parent and thus increase the amount of flying hours available for training. All 58 OTUs advanced flying was to be done from the satellite, the first batch of pupils arriving on March 23. It was soon to be designated the Advanced Training Centre, unofficially 'Synthetic City' from the number of ground training aids in use.

From 1942 the OTU's air-firing squadron, previously stationed half at Grangemouth and half at Macmerry, moved to Balado. Beginning at the end of May, in co-operation with 13 Group, senior pupil pilots from Balado were sent to Dyce to get a taste of flying under active service conditions.

The airfield itself was gradually improved as the mud dried out and the grass grew beside the two runways. (Three had been planned but only the tiny stub of the third was laid, similar to what happened at Charterhall.) Some of the living sites however did not have water laid on for many months and only four Blister hangars were provided. The aerodrome is also recorded as having a combined 'BI' and a Super Robin hangar, an unlikely alliance which perhaps dated from later in the war.

Simulated night flying started from Balado on August 5 1942, the pilots wearing special goggles to reproduce dark conditions; eight sodium flares marked the run-way in use.

No.58 OTU became 2 Tactical Evaluation Unit on October 17 1943 and it's Spitfires and Hurricanes continued to use Balado until the unit closed in June 1944. The airfield was then transferred on loan to the War Department on November 3 1944.

After the war it became an aircraft graveyard when Mc.Donnell Aircraft of nearby Milnathort broke up many hundreds of surplus FAA aircraft. The work reached its peak in 1946/7, but even as late as February 1952 their many airframes still to be seen in various stages of dismemberment. The most numerous were Harvards but there were also Fulmars, Fireflies, Martinets, Barracudas, Expeditors and a rare Fairchild Cornell FT673. Three Expeditors were all that remained in 1955.

The most interesting relic present in March 1952 was not naval at all, being a Vultee BT-13A with the American Civil registration NX54084.

This was the aircraft in which Mrs. Morrow-Tait finished her round-the-world flight in 1950, having crashed her Proctor G-AJMH 'Thursday's Child' in Alaska There were also some gliders and light aircraft based at Balado from 1946 up to the time it was closed for flying in 1957 and all operations transferred to a new site at Portmoak. It is now a radio station with aerials inside a 'golf-ball' housing.

EXTRACT ENTRY OF BIRTH, under the 37th Sect. of 17 and 18 Vict. Cap. 80.

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
23.	Arthur James Bunter.	1900. October twenty eighth 6. to 15. m. h.m. Laurmill House Carlhouse	M.	James Bunter Clock Works Elizabeth Bunter A.S. mist. 17 June 1904 Parish of Kellon	(Signed) James Bunter Father Present.	1900. November 15 <sup>th</sup> At Carlhouse (Signed) D. P. D. Registrar.

Extracted from the Register Book of Births, for the Parish of Carlhouse in the  
 Vicarage of Parkeunagh, this fifteenth day of November 1900. D. P. D. Registrar.

EXTRACT ENTRY OF BIRTH, under the 37th Sect. of 17 and 18 Vict. Cap. 80.

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
543	Agnes Wyse	1900 October Twenty-fifth 24.5 m. A.C. Stables Bretham Park Stirling	F.	Angus Wyse Motor-man Mary Wyse M. S. Hamilton 1903 January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Netherton Farm, Darnley	(Signed) Angus Wyse Father Present.	1900 November 11 <sup>th</sup> At Stirling (Signed) H. J. D. Registrar.

Extracted from the Register Book of Births, for the District of Stirling in the  
 County of Stirling, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1900. H. J. D. Registrar.  
 Applied by me to the Clerk 1911 J. Robertson D.D.

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE Pursuant to the Marriage Acts, 1811 to 1934.



[Printed by authority of the Registrar-General]

M. Cert. Church.

Registration District		BOOTLE	
1	2	3	4
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.
9.	August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur James Hunter.	29. Bachelor.
	1940.	Agnes Wyse.	29. Spinster.

Married in the Parish Church of St. John and St. James according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church in the Parish of Bootle in the County Borough of Bootle.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Arthur James Hunter in the presence of H. K. Bridges and Margaret Lou Wyse, James Hunter (deceased) and Agnes Wyse of Lochbrae Lodge, New Kilpatrick, Bearsden, Scotland by me, B. M. M. D. S. (Vicar).

I, George Mackintosh Maudsley, Vicar of St. John and St. James, Litherland in the County of Lancaster do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 9 in the Register Book of Marriages of the said Church.

WITNESS MY HAND this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1940.

CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this Certificate, or (2) uses it as true, knowing it to be falsified, is liable to Prosecution.

State "Rector," " Vicar,"



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## EXTRACT OF AN ENTRY IN



## A REGISTER OF DEATHS

kept under the Registration of Births,

Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

<b>DEATH</b>		District No. 834	Year 1975		Entry No. 536
REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT OF DUMFRIES.					
1. Surname HUNTER					2. Sex
Name(s) Arthur James					M.
3. Occupation Joiner (Master)(retired)					
4. Marital status Married	5. Date of birth	Year 1910	Month 10	Day 28	6. Age 65 years.
7. Name(s), surname and occupation of spouse(s) Agnes Wyse					
8. When and where died 19..... 75 November, Fourteenth 0610 hours. Royal Infirmary, Dumfries.					
9. Usual residence (if different from 8 above) 6, Catherine Street, Gatehouse of Fleet.					
10. Name(s), surname and occupation of father James Hunter Joiner (Master) (deceased)			11. Name(s), surname(s) and maiden surname of mother Elizabeth Hunter m.s. Nicol (deceased)		
12. Cause of death I (a) Cerebro Vascular Accident. (b) (c) II					
Certifying registered medical practitioner Anne C. Houston.					
13. Informant's signature, qualification (Signed) H.K. Bridges. Friend. and address Maryhill Cottage, Locharbriggs, Dumfries.					
14. When registered	Year 1975	Month 11	Day 14	15. (Signed) Annie J. Waugh. Asst. Registrar	
16.					

Form D2/72

EXTRACTED from the Register of Deaths for the District of DUMFRIES.

this First day of December, 1975

Annie J. Waugh  
Asst. Registrar



Extract of an entry in a REGISTER of DEATHS  
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

File Copy

District No.	650	Year	1980	Entry No.	607
Death registered in the district of Eastwood & Mearns					
1. Surname	Hunter				2. Sex F.
Name(s)	Agnes				
3. Occupation	-----				
4. Marital status	Widowed.	5. Date of birth	Year 1910	Month 10	Day 25
6. Age 70 years					
7. Name(s), surname and occupation of spouse(s) Arthur James Hunter, Joiner.					
8. When and where died 80 December Twenty-sixth 1300 hours. 19..... 1 Elliot Drive, Giffnock.					
9. Usual residence (if different from 8 above) 6 Catherine Street, Gatehouse-of-Fleet					
10. Name(s), surname and occupation of father Angus Wyse, Chauffeur (deceased)			11. Name(s), surname(s) and maiden surname of mother Mary Wyse, m.s. Hamilton (deceased)		
12. Cause of death I (a) Acute Gastric Haemorrhage (b) Gastric Erosion (c) II Myocardial Ischaemia.					
Certifying registered medical practioner John C. McBride.					
13. Informant's signature, qualification and address Signed G.H. Wright, Son-in-law. 1 Elliot Drive, Giffnock.					
14. When registered	Year 19.80..	Month 12	Day 29	15. (Signed) Wm. Jamieson Registrar	
16.					

The above particulars are extracted from a Register of Deaths for the district of Eastwood & Mearns on .....29th. December 1980.....

*Wm. Jamieson* Registrar

The above particulars incorporate any subsequent corrections or amendments to the original entry made with the authority of the Registrar General.

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# Arthur James HUNTER by daughter Margaret

<b>NAME</b>	<p>He was the first Arthur in the family Middle name after his father James Hunter 3<sup>rd</sup> child and 1<sup>st</sup> son of James and Elizabeth (née NICOL) HUNTER He had two older sisters – Freda and Ann.</p>
<b>BIRTH</b>	<p>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 1910 at 6.15 p.m. At Sawmill House, Gatehouse of Fleet, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<p>At Gatehouse School. The school was in two parts. The main part was the old Anwoth School on Dromore Road at the bottom end of the town but some lessons were also held at the Girthon School on Castramont Road at the top end of the town. Arthur and his friends would take as long as they possibly could to walk between the two sites. They would wait in Birtwhistle Street until the teacher came out into the street looking for the class and then run round the corner pretending to have run all the way. The teachers were very strict and Arthur got the belt on several occasions. Mr Learmonth was the head teacher</p> <p>Arthur did not enjoy school and left as early as he could – aged c.14</p>
<b>MEDICAL HISTORY</b>	<p>At the age of about 3, Arthur had an emergency mastoid operation. Dr. Alexander Dott, the local doctor, performed this on the kitchen table. During the operation, the nerves in his face were damaged causing a permanent disfigurement and total deafness in his right ear.</p> <p>In his teens, Arthur was referred to Prof. Dott (maybe a cousin of Dr Dott) for a corrective operation. This operation was a failure and resulted in more disfigurement which made speaking more difficult.</p> <p>In the late 1940's he was again referred for treatment but the specialist decided that the injury had happened too long ago and no treatment took place.</p> <p>During his forties and fifties, Arthur had back problems and had two spells in hospital in Dumfries on traction to recover from slipped disks.</p> <p>In August 1973 Arthur suffered a stroke and was treated in Kirkcudbright Hospital. He had been under a lot of stress, running the joinery business and converting the workshop in Catherine Street into a house for his retirement. He came home in November 1973 but had a paralysed right arm and needed help with walking.</p> <p>In September 1975 Arthur had a second stroke from which he never recovered. He died in Dumfries Infirmary on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1975 at 6.10 am and was cremated on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1975 at Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr. He died aged 65.</p> <p>Nancy added his name to the 'HUNTER' gravestone at Anwoth Churchyard.</p>
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<p>When he left school Arthur worked in a local solicitors office in Gatehouse. After his second operation his speech impediment made it difficult for him to speak to clients, so he left.</p>

	<p>He decided to be a joiner like his father and served an apprenticeship with Robison and Davidson (?) in Castle Douglas. He travelled to work on his motorbike.</p> <p>In 1927, he and his father started J &amp; A Hunter, Joiners and Undertakers, based at 6 Catherine Street, in the workshops previously used by Henry Brothers, joiners.</p> <p>Arthur was particularly interested in drawing up plans and often worked as the main contractor for bigger jobs. He regretted not having stayed on at school, as he would have liked to have been an architect, although he did enjoy his joinery work.</p> <p>Before his final illness, he had become quite disillusioned with people who were slow to pay their bills and who were less than honest with him.</p> <p>During the Second World War, Arthur wanted to join the Navy but was not allowed to because of his deafness. Instead, he moved around the country building airfields and army bases. Before his marriage in 1940 he worked at Heathhall, Dumfries, Benbecula in the Western Isles and Orkney. After his marriage he worked in Liverpool (refitting troop ships) and Milnathort, Kinross and in the Dumfries area.</p>
<b>MARRIAGE</b>	<p>Married Agnes (Nancy) WYSE on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1940 at Parish Church of St John &amp; St James, Bootle, Liverpool. They were both 29. Margaret Wyse (Meg, Nancy's sister) was bridesmaid Harry K. Bridges (a friend) was best man As it was wartime very few family and friends were able to attend but Angus WYSE, Nancy's father was there.</p> <p>All their wedding photos were lost in the Liverpool blitz – a bomb hit the chemist shop where they were being developed. Arthur and Nancy spent their honeymoon in Ambleside in the Lake District (travel was restricted due to the war)</p> <p>Meg and Arthur's sister Nan were responsible for Arthur and Nancy meeting. Meg and Nan were introduced to one another by May Galone. May was from Gatehouse and a family friend of the Hunters who met the Wyse family while she was working in Stirling. Both Meg and Nan were trained Nannies and worked in the London area and became firm friends. In 1938, Nan invited Meg and Nancy to visit Gatehouse for a holiday and Nancy met Arthur.</p>
<b>CHILDREN</b>	<p>Arthur and Nancy had only one child – Margaret Ann HUNTER born Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1949 at Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries.</p>
<b>HOMES</b>	<p>Arthur was born in the Sawmill House in Ann Street, Gatehouse. This was the sawmill for the Cally Estate. His father James was the Clerk of Works on the estate. Originally this had been built as a cotton mill and was called Scott's Mill but was converted to the estate sawmill in the 1800's. The lade which had turned the mill wheel, ran through the garden but had now been converted to run the band saw. The grounds were quite large with a vegetable garden and some fruit trees. There were a number of outbuildings including the old stables and kennels.</p> <p>Around 1924, James bought some land (two old cottages) in Garden Street, Gatehouse to build his own house. The cottages were demolished and a bungalow was built. It was called Drumaber – Drum from Drumburn, James'</p>



birthplace and – aber from Aberdeenshire, where Arthur's mother Elizabeth was born.

During the war Arthur lived in several different places. He lived at 21 Annie Road, Bootle in Liverpool when he married.

Later he and Nancy lived in Milnathort, Kinross and in 1942 they lived in Bank Street, Dumfries although Arthur was still sent away to various jobs through out the country.

By 1944, he and Nancy had moved to Drumaber, Gatehouse to live with his widowed mother Elizabeth who was very ill with cancer of the throat. Elizabeth died in August 1944.

Arthur and Nancy continued to live at Drumaber until 1974. Arthur's father in law Angus Wyse lived with them during the late 1940s until his death in March 1954 and Margaret lived at home until she went to university in 1969.

Arthur arranged for the conversion of his workshop at 6 Catherine Street Gatehouse and he and Nancy moved there in September 1974.

## **FRIENDS**

Alastair Dott, the local doctor's son was his best friend and although Alastair moved away after his father's death in 1918(?), Arthur and Alastair remained lifelong friends. Alastair and Arthur were both born in Gatehouse in 1910. Another childhood friend was Rob McMurray.

The boys had a gang and would meet in the old stables at the Sawmill House. Arthur's sisters Freda and Nan and Alastair's sister Marjorie did not like being excluded from this all male gang and would make water bombs to attack the gang shed.

They had a lot of freedom and would cycle down to the beach – e.g. Sandgreen to swim, play in the woods and go down by the river to fish and swim. In summer Arthur often ran around in bare feet. His mother would rub margarine into them at night to try to remove oil and tar from them. In winter he wore boots.

When Arthur was doing his apprenticeship in Castle Douglas, in summer, he would arrive home for dinner, then go out to Mossyard to camp with his friends. They would leave fishing lines in the bay and catch flounders for their supper. In the morning he called in at home for breakfast before going on to Castle Douglas.

During the War, Arthur became friendly with Harry Bridges from Dumfries. Harry was also a joiner and they worked on several projects together including Heathhall and in Liverpool. After the end of the War, he and Harry lost touch for many years. In the 1960's he took Margaret's dog to kennels near Dumfries and discovered that Harry and his wife Ella ran it. Rikki the dog got preferential treatment and Harry and Ella and Arthur and Nancy resumed their friendship.

Jean and Jock Mitchell from Kirkcudbright were also great friends. Jeannie's mother was a friend of James and Elizabeth Hunter. Lorenza and Tom Bogie in Dumfries were also close friends. Lorenza was from Aberdeenshire and her family may have known Elizabeth's family in Aberdeenshire. Sadly Tom died when his children were quite young but Nancy and Arthur continued to visit Lorenza frequently.

	<p>Later in life his friends were his golfing partners – Bob Graham, Pim Riddick and Jamsie Gordon. He always enjoyed visits from Alastair and Mary Dott and Rob McMurray when they would all enjoy playing golf.</p>
<p><b>HOBBIES</b></p>	<p>Most of Arthur’s hobbies revolved around sport.</p> <p>As a young man he was a keen footballer and he also played cricket for the Cally team.</p> <p>He loved his motor bike and would go on touring holidays around Scotland with Alastair Dott. On at least one occasion he attended the TT Races on the Isle of Man.</p> <p>As young adults hill walking was a popular activity, especially when friends and relatives returned home for a holiday. The Merrick and Cairnsmore of Fleet were popular destinations.</p> <p>After the War his main interests were badminton and golf. He played badminton for the Gatehouse team and on one occasion (1948?) he went to play a game in Borgue and was trapped in a snowstorm. He and his friends abandoned the car and walked home along the tops of the dykes, eventually arriving home two days later.</p> <p>He was a keen member of Gatehouse Golf Club and played in the team. He won the monthly medal on several occasions and was the Club Captain for two years in the 1960’s.</p> <p>He was interested in most sports and would take Margaret to see football at Palmerston Park, Dumfries (Queen of the South), to see swimming and also badminton matches. Once he had a television in the 1960’s he loved to watch the snooker and the football.</p> <p>He enjoyed listening to Scottish music on the radio and particularly like slapstick humour like the Marx Brothers and cartoons like Tom and Jerry on the television.</p>
<p><b>CHARACTER</b></p>	<p>Arthur was a shy person, mainly due to his difficulty in speaking to and being understood by strangers as a result of his facial deformity. His hearing problem meant that he found large groups of people difficult to understand.</p> <p>With a small group of friends he was more at ease and had a good sense of humour.</p> <p>He was a well liked (‘ken-speckled’) and respected tradesman and although he regretted not having continued his education he enjoyed running his own business.</p>

# Agnes WYSE

by daughter Margaret

<b>NAME</b>	<p>AGNES WYSE - known as Nance to her family – Nancy to friends later in life.</p> <p>Nancy was told that she was near to death when she was born and therefore was not given a middle name like her brothers and sisters.</p> <p>She was named after her father's sister Agnes who had emigrated to the USA with her husband Hugh Robertson about the time of her birth and her paternal grandmother Agnes McPherson.</p>
<b>BIRTH</b>	<p>Nancy was born on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1910 at Brentham Park Stables, Stirling</p> <p>She was the 4<sup>th</sup> child and 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter of Angus WYSE and Mary Hopkins HAMILTON</p> <p>J.M. Robertson D.D christened her on The 6th March 1911 when she was 4 months old.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<p>1915 – 1921 Craig School Stirling</p> <p>1921 – 1923? Cambusbarren School, Stirling</p> <p>1923 - 1924? Bearsden Academy</p>
<b>MEDICAL HISTORY</b>	<p>As a young child Nancy was very ill with Rheumatic Fever and possibly with Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever. As a result she was left with a weakness to her heart.</p> <p>While she was working in a munitions factory in Milnathort in the 1940's she damaged her elbow on some machinery. This left her with a weakness and subsequently arthritis in that joint.</p> <p>In the 1960's she started to experience angina attacks and she was in hospital for tests on several occasions. In later life she did not enjoy good health and found walking up the hill in Gatehouse very difficult. For this reason Arthur converted his workshop at the top of the town into a house so that she was near the shops and her friends.</p> <p>She died suddenly of a burst ulcer while staying on holiday with her daughter Margaret and son in law Graham at 1 Elliot Drive, Giffnock, Glasgow on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 1980. Her heart condition was a complication. She was cremated on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1980 at the Linn Crematorium, Glasgow. She was 70 years old.</p>

<p><b>EMPLOYMENT</b></p>	<p>Nancy started training as a tailoress with J. S. Nicol in Glasgow (?)</p> <p>About 1925/6 she left the tailors to keep house for her father and brother Douglas in Bearsden</p> <p>Sometime later she trained as a hairdresser and worked in this trade until her marriage.</p> <p>During the war Nancy did various jobs including fire watching while in Liverpool, working in a munitions (?) factory in Milnathort, and in a bicycle shop in Dumfries.</p> <p>After the War she looked after her mother in law Elizabeth Hunter at Drumaber Gatehouse. After Elizabeth's death she kept house for Arthur and her father Angus WYSE. She helped Arthur with his joinery business by doing the accounts.</p> <p>In the 1960's she worked for Mrs Murray Usher in her new gift shop at the Murray Arms hotel.</p> <p>For several years in the late 1960s she took in tourists for Bed and Breakfast She was a good hostess and Several of the couples returned for further visits and kept contact with her for many years.</p>
<p><b>MARRIAGE</b></p>	<p>Nancy married Arthur James HUNTER on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1940 at Parish Church of St John &amp; St James, Bootle Liverpool</p> <p>Nancy and Arthur were both aged 29 Margaret Wyse (Meg, Nancy's sister) was bridesmaid Harry K. Bridges (a friend) was best man As it was wartime very few family and friends were able to attend but Angus WYSE, Nancy's father was there.</p> <p>All their wedding photos were lost in the Liverpool blitz – a bomb hit the chemist shop where they were being developed. Arthur and Nancy spent their honeymoon in Ambleside in the Lake District (travel was restricted due to the war)</p> <p>Meg Wyse and Arthur's sister Nan were responsible for Arthur and Nancy meeting. Meg and Nan were introduced to one another by May Galone. May was from Gatehouse and a family friend of the Hunters who met the Wyse family while she was working in Stirling. Both Meg and Nan were trained Nannies and worked in the London area and became firm friends. In 1938, Nan invited Meg and Nancy to have a holiday in Gatehouse. While she was there Nancy met Arthur.</p>
<p><b>CHILDREN</b></p>	<p>Nancy and Arthur had only one child – Margaret Ann HUNTER, born at 4.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1949 at Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries. It was not an easy pregnancy and she spent the last few weeks of her pregnancy staying with friends (Tom and Lorenza Bogie) in Dumfries. Nancy was aged 39.</p> <p>Nancy and Arthur had given up hope of having a child of their own. Nancy had several miscarriages – probably caused by Nancy having Rhesus negative blood while Arthur had Rhesus Positive blood. Margaret had Rhesus negative blood and did not cause any problems.</p>

	<p>Nancy and Arthur were in the process of adopting a baby boy when Nancy became pregnant. They did not go ahead with the adoption.</p>
<b>HOMES</b>	<p>Nancy was born at Brentham Park Stables, Stirling. Her father Angus was a chauffeur (Motorman). Later the stables were converted to garages.</p> <p>In July 1920, Nancy's mother Mary died giving birth to her 7<sup>th</sup> child. Nancy was aged 9. After Mary's death the family were looked after for a while by their aunts – Mary's sister's Clementina and Jeannie.</p> <p>About 1921 the family moved to 13 Dowan Place, Cambusbarron, Stirling.</p> <p>About 1923 the family moved to Lochbrae Lodge, New Kilpatrick, Bearsden to be nearer relatives in Paisley and Barrhead. Nancy lived here until her marriage in 1940.</p> <p>During the war Nancy lived in Bootle Liverpool (21 Annie Road?), Milnathort, Kinross and in a flat above a bicycle shop in Bank Street Dumfries.</p> <p>About 1944, Nancy moved to Drumaber, Gatehouse to nurse her mother in law, Elizabeth HUNTER who was dying from cancer of the throat. Arthur returned home after the War ended in 1945.</p> <p>In the late 1940's Nancy's father Angus WYSE came to live at Drumaber until his death in March 1954.</p> <p>Nancy and Arthur lived at Drumaber until they moved to their retirement house at 6 Catherine Street, Gatehouse (previously the site of Arthur's joiner's workshop)</p>
<b>FRIENDS</b>	<p>Little is known of Nancy's friends when she was young.</p> <p>As a teenager she was friendly with her cousin May Wyse and they went on holiday together e.g. to Tighnabruaich in 1931.</p> <p>During the War, she and Arthur became very friendly with Harry and Ella Bridges from Dumfries who were in Liverpool with them in the early 1940s.</p> <p>Once she was settled in Gatehouse, she was got to know Arthur's friends – Mary and Alastair Dott, Jean and Jock Mitchell and Lorenza Bogie.</p> <p>Her closest friend in Gatehouse was Mary Park, a local schoolteacher.</p>
<b>HOBBIES</b>	<p>In her teens Nancy was a keen Girl Guide and Ranger. She volunteered to look after the War Memorial in Bearsden as part of her guiding duties.</p> <p>At the start of the War she was a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, where she learned First Aid.</p> <p>She was a keen tennis player and enjoyed ice skating at Crossmyloof Ice rink in Glasgow.</p> <p>Nancy loved dancing and enjoyed learning all the latest dances. She also enjoyed going to the cinema. One of her first dates with Arthur was to see 'Gone with the Wind' at Green's Playhouse in Glasgow (then the largest in Europe).</p> <p>Nancy was a talented seamstress. She made most of her own and Margaret's clothes and also curtains and chair coverings for the house. She also enjoyed</p>

	<p>making costumes for fancy dress parades and plays and concerts held in Gatehouse.</p> <p>She was a good cook and baker and won several prizes at the local shows for her jams. She enjoyed experimenting with food and made up some new recipes. One of the most successful was an apple pudding, which became known as 'Nancy's Pudding'.</p> <p>She enjoyed music and particularly Gilbert and Sullivan Operas.</p> <p>In Gatehouse she was a member of the Woman's Rural where she enjoyed the competitions and the outings, and she belonged to the WRVS.</p> <p>She attended church regularly (Girthon Parish Church)</p>
<b>CHARACTER</b>	<p>Nancy was a very good housekeeper and mother – a job that she did from an early age when she ran the house for her father.</p> <p>She was close to her brothers Douglas and Angus although she rarely saw them once they left home. She saw more of her sisters Meg and Isa but there was always a rivalry about who had achieved most in life.</p> <p>As a young person she was full of life and enjoyed life near Glasgow but although she liked Gatehouse she found it rather quiet. It always annoyed her that she was always looked upon as an incomer – always Arthur Hunter's wife, not a person in her own right.</p> <p>In later life she became very frustrated when her health restricted her activities and this made her quite bitter about some things that had happened to her in the past.</p>