Sir Peter GUNTER, Knight, was born abt 1034 in Normandy, France. He married Jane (Joan) Awbrey, daughter of Sir Reginald Awbrey, married at Gunterstone (Tregunter), Brecon, Wales. She was born ca 1035 in Aber-Cynrig, Brecon, Wales.

Children were:

1. Sir William GUNTER, Knight was born abt 1069 in Gunterstone, Brecon, Wales.

Bernard Newmarch took Brecon, and built the Castle there and he brought with him the families of Aubrey, Walbriefm, Gunter and Howard. He secured the allegiance of the Welsh by marrying Nest, the grand-daughter of Griffith ap Llewellyn, the famous King who fought Saxon and Dane, and was treacherously killed at the instigation of Harold in 1062 before the latter became King.

The Parliamentary History of the Principality of Wales, from the Earliest Times to the Present ... By William Retlaw Williams: Page 128

The first of this family was "Sir" Peter Gunter, or Gaunt d'or, an assistant of Newmarch's in the reduction of Brycheiniog. He was given a manor at Tregunter, otherwise called Gunterstone—a place long ago alienated from the powerful family which indelibly inscribed their name upon it,—which his descendants possessed for six or seven generations, until they removed to Gilston, in the parish of Llanfigan, perhaps under stress of weather, or, more probably, esteeming the Vale of Usk more desirable than the colder neighbourhood of Talgarth.

Peter, the first settler at Tregunter, was followed by several vigorous representatives; but the tendency towards degeneracy soon became visible in the family, until in the seventeenth century it virtually ceased to exist. The intermarriages of the Gunters were chiefly with the families which, like themselves, were of foreign origin, such as Pitcher, Skull, Walbeoffe, Mowbray, Boys, Pierrepont, Havard. By the marriage of Walter of Tregunter into the family of Pierrepont of Gilston, the Gilston property seems to have first come into their possession. They are from this time called "of Gilston." The arms of the Gunters are said to have been sa. a chevron, or, between three gauntlets, or.

The Gunters spread widely and had many estates in the county. They were at Glan-
wern, Treberfedd, Trefecca, Ysgythrog, and Pencelli, but their tendency was downwards: no Gunter is found in the shrievalty of the county after 1689, when John Gunter of Trefecca served. The present house of Tregunter was built by Harris, which see.

Above taken from: Annals and Antiquities of the Counties and County Families of Wales

1712 Feb. 18 James Gunter of the Priory, Abergavenny, vice Viscount Windsor called to the upper house. Son of James G. of The Priory, (descended from the Gunters of Tregunter, co. Brecon,) m. Lettice dau. and co-heir of John Gunter of Trefecca, co. Brecon, (H.S. 1689,) and sat for co. Mon. 1712 until his death the following year. (New writ ordered to be issued 9 April 1713.) His ancestor was M.P. co. Mon. 1554. "The Gunters were remarkable for their good sense, comeliness, and spirit, and " were particularly noticed by William and Mary on their appearance at Court; it is a common expression " in the country, that a clever man is a Gunter, and on the contrary, that a heavy man is no Gunter. " Charles I. and Charles II. both visited The Priory, the first visit being noted in " Iter Carolum " as " 1 July 1645, To Abergavenny; supper, Mr. Gunter's." James Gunter was descended from Sir Peter Gunter, who came over with William the Conqueror, and accompanying Bernard Newmarch into Wales, settled at Tregunter, Breconshire, about 1088.

Sussex Archaeological Collections Relating to the History and Antiquities of the County By Sussex Archaeological Society:
Sir Peter Gunter "Knight of the golden glove" so called from the three 'gauntlets or,' which he bore upon his sable shield-bearings, who aided in the subjugation of Wales in the fourth year of William Rufus and is also stated to have previously followed the fortunes of the Conqueror himself. Sir Peter's motto was "Fai y Gallo" (As he may), which has been ever since retained by the Gunters.

Lower Wharfedale: Being a Complete Account of the History, Antiquities and Scenery of the ... By Harry Speight

The Gunter family is of great antiquity and traces its descent to one Sir Peter Gunter, Knight, aide-de-camp to the Conqueror who in 1079 went to Wales and received the manors called after him "Tregunter, Gunterstone".

The Welsh Bruts state that "Rhys ap Tewdwr, king of Deheubarth, was slain by the Frenchmen who were inhabiting Brycheiniog." The Brut y Tywysogion adds and with him fell the kingdom of the Britons. This passage lends evidence to the belief that the conquest of Brycheiniog (Brecon), led by Bernard de Neufmarche, was mostly finished by Eastertide 1093. The battle of Brecon opened the way to the conquest of Deheubarth.
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Cousin of William the Conqueror, Bernard de Neufmarche was of the second generation of conquerors who extended Norman influence into the Marches of Wales.

Also known as Bernard Newmarch, he took his surname from the village of Neufmarche near Rouen, the capital of Normandy.

By 1093 de Neufmarche and his knights had defeated the Welsh rulers of south Wales and began to build themselves the castles from which they intended to control their new lands.

MAP Showing location of TreGunter (Gunterstone), today is Tregunter farm
Sir William GUNTER, Knight was born abt 1069 in Gunterstone, Breconshire, Wales. He married Jennet Bois, married abt 1091 in Gileston, Brecon, Wales daughter of Sir Richard BOIS. She was born abt 1071 in Trebois, Brecon, Wales.

Children were:

i. William GUNTER was born 1104 in Gilestone, Brecon, Wales.


MAP Showing Gilestone, Brecon, Wales.
28th GENERATION

William GUNTER, was born 1104 in Gileston, Breconshire, Wales. He married Margaret (Margred) Pitcher abt 1126 in Gileston, Brecon, Wales. She was born abt 1106 in Gileston, Brecon, Wales. She was the daugther of Sir Miles Pitcher.

Children were:
i. Phillip GUNTER was born abt 1139 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.
ii. Oliver Gunter
iii. Wilcock Gunter

The Gilestone - standing stone on map above

27th GENERATION

Phillip GUNTER, was born abt 1139 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. He married Elizabeth Skull, married abt 1163 in Gileston, Brecon, Wales. She was was born 1141 in Gileston, Breconshire, Wales daugther of William Skull.

Children were:

i. William GUNTER was born 1174 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.
26th GENERATION

William GUNTER, was born 1174 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. He married Elinor Walbieffe, married abt 1194 in Cantref Mawr, Brecon, Wales. She was was born abt 1174 in Mawr, Brecon, Wales, daugther of Philip Walbieffe & Jane Solers.

Children were:

i. John GUNTER was born abt 1209 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.

ii. Joan Gunter, was born abt 1210 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. She married William de Sancto Alberico, and was Mother to Thomas Aubrey.

iii. Sibyl Gunter, was born abt 1211 in Cantref Mawr, Brecon, Wales. She married Owain Ap-Cynharwy. He was a child of Cynharwy Ap-Llywelyn and Joan Pitcher.
25th GENERATION

John (Jenkyn) GUNTER, was born abt 1209 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. He married Agnes (Verch John) Mowbray, daughter of John Mowbray.

She was born abt 1211 in Growe, Brecon, Wales.

During six generations, the commentator states, his descendants married Norman wives, and of one of the many Jenkyn, or John Gunter, the following chivalrous action is recorded:—"Jenkyn (Gunter fought with and killed Sir Philip Chambray, Kt., on behalf of Sir John Mowbray, Kt., whereupon Sir John gave him his daughter and sole heiress in marriage;" but in vain do we search for details of the combat. What were the charges brought against the Mowbray? in what manner was his fair fame aspersed? and why was he not his own champion? Was it that he was absent from home—a witness perchance of his monarch's broken fortunes at Bannockburn—or was his arm, now palsied by age, powerless any longer to conch the lance in his own defence? and did Sir Jenkyn, for either of these reasons, take up the gage on behalf of the father of his lady lore? All these points might, indeed, suggest themes for a romance. Be it, however, as it may, Jenkyn Gunter killed his opponent, and won Anne Mowbray, and from that day the "Lion rampant Argent" was quartered on the same shield with the "Gauntlets Or."

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Children were:

i. Richard GUNTER was born abt 1244 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.

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24th GENERATION

Richard GUNTER was born abt 1244 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. He was also known as Richard ap John Gunter. He married Cissil Bois, daughter of Morgan Bois. She was born abt 1250 at Llandyfalle, Wales

Children were:
i. Walter (Watkin) GUNTER was born 1279 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.

23rd GENERATION

Walter (Watkin) GUNTER was born 1279 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. He married Mary (Maud) Pierrepoint daughter of John Pierrepoint of Gileston, Talybont. John was descended from Sir Giles Pierrepoint who had received the manor of Gileston from Bernard Newmarch

Children were:

i. (William) Wilcock GUNTER was born abt 1310 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.

ii. Philip Gunter, was born in Tregunter, Talgarth, Brecon, Wales. He married ferch Watkin, daughter of Watkin ap Henry. Phillip had one child, Mawd Gunter, born at Tregunter.

In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's *Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales* described Talgarth like this:

"TALGARTH, a village, a parish, a sub-district, and a hundred, in Brecon. The village stands on the Hereford and Brecon railway, 8½ miles SW of Hay; had anciently a castle; is a borough by prescription; and . has a post-office‡ under Hereford, a r. station with telegraph, a good church, three dissenting chapels, an alms-house, charities £31, a weekly market, and eight annual fairs. Real property, £2,965. Pop., 684. Houses, 172.-The parish contains also Trefecca, Pwlywrach, Forest, Grwyne.fawr, and Grwyne-fechan hamlets; and comprises 16,900 acres. Pop., 1,330. Houses, 297. Trefecca house is a chief object of interest. Porthaml belonged to the Vaughans, and Tredustan and Tregunter, to the Gunters.

22nd GENERATION

(William) Wilcock GUNTER was born abt 1310 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. He married Lucy Havard, daughter of Meredith ap Madoe Havard.

Children were:

i. Sibil Gunter was born abt 1341 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.

ii. Jane Gunter was born abt 1343 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales.


According to the "History of Brecknockshire" by Jones, the ancestry of Thomas Gunter was as follows.

Thomas Gunter married Gwladis daughter of Morgan Ieuan Morgan. He
was the son of Howel Gunter who married Margery daughter of Richard Lewis of Albercaniad
wh was the son of William Gunter who married Margaret a daughter of Thomas Goffith ap
Owen, who was the son of Jenkin Gunter who married Margaret daughter of Gwilyn ap Rys
Llwyd, who was a son of William of Gilestone who married Lucy daughter of Meredith ap
Madoc Harvard son of Watkin Gunter who married a daughter of Pierrepont of Gileston, son of
Richard Gunter by Cissil daughter of Morgand Bois, son of John Gunter, son of William Gunter
son of Philph Gunter son of William Gunter son of William married Jennet daughter of Sir
Richard Bois, son of Sir Peter Gunter and Jane daughter of Sir Reginald Awbrye living 1088.

iv. Lewis Gunter was born abt 1347. He married Cecil Awbrey.
v. Meredith Gunter was born abt 1349 in Gilstone, Brecon, Wales. He
inherited Tregunter. His daughter Margaret married William Vaughan of Tretower.
vi. Gwilym (William) GUNTER was born in Sgethrog, Llansanffraid, Breconshire, Wales.
Scethrog Tower - Much altered, probably early C14, square tower with strongly battered walls, now a cottage. Within an earthwork enclosure at least 60m east-west by 70m. The tower occupies a 1.8m high mound on its southern edge, which rests above the flood plain. Has been suggested this might be a remnant of a larger castle. 'One of the earliest and simplest tower houses in Wales. Built by a branch of the Pichard family to provide protection against welsh marauders in Breconshire. It was initially a 3-storied structure but is now a cottage of two storeys and attics. Door was originally approached by an external stair' (Emery, A, 2000, 655).
Gwilym (William) GUNTER born abt 1350 in Sgethrog, Llansanffraid, Breconshire, Wales

In Medieval England, the Black Death was to kill 1.5 million people out of an estimated total of 4 million people between 1348 and 1350. After 1350, it was to strike England another six times by the end of the century. The Black Death arrived in Wales in late 1348. What records survive indicate that about 30% of the population died, in line with the average mortality through most of Europe.

He married (1) Jonet ferch Hywel. She was born in Brycheiniog, Breconshire, Wales. He married (2) Elizabeth Corbet. She was born in Sgethrog, Llansanffraid, Breconshire, Wales abt 1355.

Children by Elizabeth Corbet were:

i. Thomas GUNTER was born in Wales abt 1380.

ii. Hywel Gunter was born in Sgethrog, Llansanffraid, Wales abt 1382.

iii. William Gunter was born abt 1385 in Wales.

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20th GENERATION

Thomas GUNTER was born in Wales abt 1380.

Children were:

i. Philip GUNTER was born 1405 in Wales.

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Source: Burke's General Armory
Philip Gunter was born in 1405 in Wiltshire, England. Philip died in Wiltshire, England in 1470, he was 65.

Children were:

i. William GUNDER was born abt 1430 in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales.
William GUNTER was born abt 1430 in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales. William died in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales.

In 1450 when William was 20, he married Elizabeth Gethin, daughter of Howell Gethin, in Abergavenny. Born in 1430 in Oswbert, Wales. Elizabeth died in Abergavenny.

Children were:

i. Henry GUNTER was born in 1450 in Andover, Hampshire, England.
ii. Louis GUNTER
iii. Thomas GUNTER
iv. William GUNTER born about 1450 - William Gunter had been chosen sheriff of Southampton in 1475, and two years later was elected to his first term as mayor, a second coming in 1485. Although he believed he felt the approach of death when he drew up his will, in 1492, this appears to have been a false alarm. Not only did he live into the following year, he was elected to his third term as mayor, and took advantage of the situation to have his will copied into the borough records during his term of office. In fact he was still alive in 1496 and, since we have no probate record, we do not know when he died, but he was dead by 1500.

William apparently founded a chantry at Holy Rood or St. Cross. Church in Southampton in 1493. This was given for the souls of his parents and himself.

Again like Soper, Gunter had no son to inherit, and was able to dispose of much of his property for the benefit of his soul. He had some association with Andover, perhaps having spent his early career there. In a commission of arrest, issued to him and the sheriff of Southampton in 1467, he was described as William Gunter
esq. of Andover; and his first wife Agnes was buried there. On another occasion he was referred to as "merchant". Whether a removal to Southampton or his marriage to John James' widow came first is uncertain; his wish to be buried next to her former husband is curious, but perhaps he looked upon James as an indirect benefactor, since James had died childless and his widow had been left with some of his property in Holy Rood parish. There Gunter settled. Gunter's chantry was still in operation in the reign of Edward VI, but the revenues assigned it had declined in value to £7 and the obit had been dropped as a result.

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17th GENERATION

Henry GUNTER was born in 1450 in Andover, Hampshire, England. Henry married Joan Gunter. Born in Wales. Joan is mentioned in Henry's brother William's will:

"I bequeath to Joan, the widow of my brother Henry, one of my fur-lined gowns red in colour, called "murrey gown". I bequeath to my kinsman John, son of my brother Henry, one of my fur-lined gowns called "deep sanguine". I bequeath to John's brother William the other of my fur-lined gowns also called "deep sanguine". I bequeath to each daughter of my brother Henry 6s.8d cash, or other of my goods to the same value at the discretion of my wife Alice."

Children were:

i. John GUNTER was born in 1480 in Kintbury, England.

ii. Raufo (Ralph) GUNTER was born in England abt 1480, died Est. 1477-1579.

iii. Fowler GUNTER was born in England.

Gunter. Sable three gauntlets argent. (gaunt d' or)

**Gauntlet:** a glove of mail. **Argent:** two bars azure, on a canton gules a gauntlet grasping a broken sword proper
16th GENERATION

John GUNTER was born in 1480 in Kintbury, England. He was married to Unknown Fuller in Kintbury, England abt 1485.

Children were:

i. Walter GUNTER was born about 1500 in England.

ii. Geoffrey (George) GUNTER was born about 1505 in Milton, Wiltshire, England.

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15th GENERATION

Geoffrey (George) GUNTER was born about 1505 in Milton, Wiltshire, England. He was married to Agnes Yale she was born about 1508 in England daughter of Simon Yale of, Highworth, Wiltshire, England.

Children were:


In 1578 the demesne of Milton Lilbourne manor was sold by Thomas Essex to Simon Gunter, a lunatic in 1586, and as Milton Lilbourne manor it passed to Simon's son Nicholas subject to successive beneficial leases to Nicholas's brothers Geoffrey and William. In 1630 Nicholas sold the reversion to Sir Edward Clerk (d. 1639), a master in Chancery. The reversion descended to Sir Edward's son Edward (d. 1664) and to Edward's son Thomas (d. 1714). About 1675 Thomas married Christian Gunter, to whose mother Grace Gunter (fl. 1663) a 90-year lease from 1595 had passed.

From: 'Milton Lilbourne', A History of the County of Wiltshire: Volume 16

ii. Edward GUNTER was born in Axford, England. He died in 1585. In his will he left his brother Brian his interest in the North Moreton rectory.

iii. John GUNTER, Gentleman was born in 1535 in Kintbury, England.


Brian Gunter, a member of the old Kintbury family of that name who has been immortalized by the famous North Moreton witchcraft case.

The whole affair started with an innocent football match (one of many informal street games, but the first recorded in Berkshire) of which the parish register for May 1595 says:

Gunter's son and ye Gregorys fell together by ye years at football.
Old Gunter drew his dagger and both broke their heads, 
and they died both within a fortnight after.

During the game, Gunter's son had apparently stepped in to break up a fight when he was attacked by the Gregory brothers. His father intervened and hit Gunter's daughter, Anne, became sick while he was away at Oxford. Upon his return, he found that she fitted continuously and even sneezed pins! During the fits, she babbled about Elizabeth Gregory, the dead boys' sister-in-law, and other Gregory relatives, Agnes Pepwell and her daughter, Mary. Agnes had long been reputed to be a witch and so the story quickly arose that poor Anne Gunter had been bewitched by the vengeful Gregories. The situation continued for several years. Gunter failed to get a conviction against the Gregories at the Abingdon Assize Courts, but would not let the matter drop. Friends at Exeter Collage filed a suit at the Court of Star Chamber in London. The Bishop of Salisbury took a great interest in the case and, in 1605, so too did the King. Brian Gunter was, eventually, locked up in the Archbishop of Canterbury's London home at Lambeth Palace, when his daughter admitted that he had bullied her into feigning all her attacks and given her potions to make her ill. The case dragged on but seems to have never reached a conclusion. No-one knows what happened to poor Anne. Lets hope the rumours that she found happiness with one of the Archbishop's servants are true.

Gunter returned to North Moreton where he remained litigious and even physically aggressive into his eighties. Accompanied by a mob, wielding pikes and staves, including his widowed daughter, Susan, he had a pitched battle with the vicar over a tithe dispute in 1620, and he again found himself in the Star Chamber. Susan Gunter had been the wife Thomas Holland, Regius Professor of Divinity and Rector of Exeter Collage, Oxford. He was one of those who translated the Bible for King James, working mostly on the Old Testament. The two were married at Moreton in 1593 and all their children were christened here. Anne had stayed with them at Oxford during her 'illness'.

v. Jane Or Joan GUNTER was born ca 1545 in England.

vi. Elizabeth GUNTER was born abt 1547 in England. She married Robert Hynchman of Wiltshire abt 1568.

vii. Humphrey GUNTER (Berkshire gentleman) was born abt 1542 in Wiltshire Co, England. He married Mary Creswell. A 1621 monument was erected in memory of Mary at Fawley in Berkshire states 'My mornefull soule doth wish it where tho art./ Till then farewell sweet saynt, myhalfe, my hart!'

viii. Ellen GUNTER was born in England.

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14th GENERATION

John GUNTER, Gentleman was born in 1535 in Kintbury, England. He died on 2 Jan 1624 in Kintbury, England. He was married to Alice Keeblewhite before 1561 in England. A contemporary of William Shakespeare, John was an upper middle class and highly influential wool merchant in Kintbury. He had a memorial Brass 24" x 42" in the church at Kintbury and an identical one for Alice in the cathedral at Cirencester where she was buried.

Memoir.—By the kindness of the Rev. A. W. H. Edwards, M.A., Vicar of Kintbury, I copied the following from the Kintbury Registers:—" 1624, John Gunter, gent'
was buried the second day of January." Tradition says his brother was slain in trying to save John Hampden, at the Battle of Chalgrave Field, June, 1643.


Children were:

i. Dorothy GUNTER was born on 15 Mar 1561. She married WILLIAM (RICHMOND) Webb, b. 1554, Kintbury, Berkshire, England, on June 28, 1582

ii. Charles GUNTER was born on Nov. 2, 1562.

iii. Edward GUNTER was born on 1 Jan 1564/65 in England.
iv. Mary GUNTER was born on 26 Jul 1566 in England.
v. Elizabeth GUNTER was born on 22 Oct 1567 in Kintbury, England.
vi. Ann GUNTER was born on 11 Jan 1575/76 in England.

"Gunter" book pg 18 has ref: Ann Gunter, dau of John Gunter, Esq. of Barton, Berkshire; wife of John Ellys; died 17 SEP 1617, buried at Shinfield Church, Berkshire County.

vii. Suzan GUNTER was born on 5 Mar 1576/77.
viii. Elenor GUNTER was born on 12 Apr 1579 in England.
ix. Bridgett GUNTER was born on 9 Oct 1580 in England.

13th GENERATION

Charles GUNTER was born on 2 Nov 1562 in Kintbury, Berkshire, England. He first married Ann Turville daughter of Richard Turville before Jan. 1590. His second marriage was to Jane Grey who was from Carbrook, Norfolk, England. She was Christened on August 19, 1576. Her Parents were Anthony Grey and Alice Ball. He died about 1643 in Berkshire, England.

Children were:

i. John GUNTER was born on 9 Feb 1590 in England.
ii. Urslea GUNTER was born on 6 Feb 1591 in England.
iii. Alice GUNTER was born on 15 Jun 1600 in England. She married William Baker of East Shefford, Berkshire.
iv. Anthony GUNTER was born on 24 Jul 1602 in England.
v. Anne GUNTER was born on 18 Sep 1603 in England.
vi. Pardingando GUNTER was born on 10 Feb 1605 in England.
vii. Temperance GUNTER was born on 16 Oct 1608 in England. She married
William Smith.

viii. Charles GUNTER Jr was born on 14 Oct 1610 in England.

ix. Jane GUNTER was born on 2 Jun 1612 in England. She married Richard Perrot of Sutton, Berkshire.

x. Robert GUNTER was born on 25 Sep 1614 in England.

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12th GENERATION


Children were:

i. Jeffrey GUNTER was born on 18 Aug 1622 in England.

ii. John GUNTER was born on 27 Dec 1624 in England.

iii. Ane GUNTER was born on 25 Nov 1627.

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11th GENERATION

John GUNTER was born on 27 Dec 1624 in England. He died in 1696 in Henrico or Chesterfield Co., Virginia.

He immigrated from England to Turkey Island, Virginia in 1644 and, with his son John (b.1679), helped Capt. William Claiborne survey the present state of Virginia.
Children were:

i. John GUNTER was born about 1679 in Henrico or Chesterfield Co., Virginia.

10th GENERATION

John GUNTER was born about 1679 in Henrico or Chesterfield Co., Virginia.

Children were:

i. Thomas GUNTER was born about 1700 in Henrico or Chesterfield Co., Virginia.

ii. John GUNTER was born in 1710 in Henrico or Chester, VA. He died in 1784 in Halifax Co., NC. He married Sarah Goodson, daughter of Thomas Goodson and Elizabeth Plate. She was born 1713 in Bertie, Va, and died AFT 1762.
This is where the line of John Gunter, founder of Guntersville, Alabama came from, he was born 1755/1760 in Chesterfield, Virginia, and died 28 Aug 1835 in Guntersville, Marshall, Alabama. He married Katherine Ghe-No-He-Li Bushyhead, daughter of Ghi-Go-Ne-Li. She was born 1770 in Alabama, and died 11 Aug 1835 in Guntersville, Marshall, Alabama.

iii. Charles GUNTER was born in 1716 in Lancaster Co., VA. He married Judith Gutterie April 14, 1734 in Middlesex Co., VA. 

107=p.231 5 May 1752 George Daniel, gdn to William Gunter, John Gunter and Charles Gunter, orphans of Charles Gunter. It appears that Judith married this George Daniel.

http://home.comcast.net/~p.a.miller/genealogy/docs/danielmiddlesex/msexwillscourtdaniel.htm

iv. Richard GUNTER died 1779 in Jones Co., NC. Will dated Nov 17, 1779 lists wife as Elizabeth (leaving her 100 acres of land in Jones County), children as William, John, Marting, Francis, and Charles. Witnessed by John Gunter, Sr., Isham, and Thomas Gunter. Michael Koonce is appointed Executor.

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9th GENERATION

Thomas Gunter was born about 1700 in Henrico or Chesterfield Co., Virginia. Death abt 1756 Brunswick Co. Virginia. Thomas married Martha before 1722 in Prince George County, Virginia. Martha was born about 1703 in Chesterfield, Virginia.

Children were:

i. John GUNTER was born 19 Oct 1722 in Bristol Parish, Prince George County, VA.

He died in 1784 in Jones Co., NC at age 62.

ii. Mary GUNTER was born Dec 17,1724 in Prince George County, VA.

iii. Sally Ann GUNTER was born abt 1724
8TH GENERATION

John GUNTER was born 19 Oct 1722 in Bristol Parish, Prince George County, VA. He died in 1784 in Jones Co., North Carolina. We don't know who his first wife was, but assume that they were married abt 1735. He was married a second time to Lucy Koonce in Jones Couty, NC abt 1771.


Lucy (Lucinda) KOONCE was born in Jones County, NC abt 1741. She died May 28, 1797 in Jones County, NC. She was the daughter of George Koonce. The Koonce family originated in the Palatinate region along the upper Rhine River in southern Germany which supplied a large portion of the Swiss and German colonists who founded the town of New Bern in 1710 under the leadership of Baron Christopher DeGraffenried. The immediate founder of the family in North Carolina was John Koonce/Cunitz, who was born in 1675 and who died in Sept. 23, 1711 during the Tuscarora Indian War at Core Creek, NC. George Koonce in 1725 owned an estate of over 20,000 acres known as Chinquapin Plantation. GEORGE KOONCE married abt 1724, MARY L'EARGE, daughter of JACOB L'EARGE, Sr. They lived on the plantation on the north side of the Trent River and the east side of Chinquapin Creek and raised seven sons.

As Admstrx for John Sr, she sold 100 a. of estate to Abraham Simmons on 28 Mar 1785 just before she married him. Lucy had one son, Thomas Simmons who sold Lucy & Abraham's lands in 1815 after his father died in 1807.

Lucy married Abraham Busset Simmons 3 APR 1785 in 44th year of her life (b.1741). Lucy first married John Gunter Sr and had three children by John. Remarried after John's death on 3 Apr 1785 a Abraham Busset Simmons by Col Harget, Esq;

ABSTRACTS OF THE RECORDS OF JONES CO NC 1779-1868 VOL1

p.149 # 228-229-May 26,1788. John Gunter of Chatham CO, NC to BENJAMIN WILCOCKS of Jones Co, NC for 150 pds. 100 acres on S. side of Trent River at Deep Neck being plantation whereon John Gunter formerly lived at dividing line between Hunter and Michael Koonce to old mill.

Children were:

i. John GUNTER Jr  was born about 1737 in Virginia. Died 1804 in Moore Co. He married Prisilla Morton and had seven children: Nancy, Sarah, Pennelepy, John, Charnel, Malcom, and Priscilla.

ii. Lucy GUNTER was born about 1739 in Virginia. She married John Duncan. When Lucy's brother Samuel dies prior to DEC 1789 in Orangeburg,SC Lucy directs Samuel's estate should go to Sam'l's sisters & brothers. She sold her share to Isham
iii. Isham GUNTER was born about 1740 in Virginia. Died July 29, 1834 aged 103 years (Western weekly review).

iv. Joshua GUNTER was born about 1744 in Brunswick Co., Virginia. He left NC & settled along the Edisto River in SC shortly after the American Revolution. He married Keziah Banks who was born abt 1755 in VA. He died ABT 1833, Lexington Co., South Carolina. His children were Joshua, Russell, Abraham, Balaam, Rivers, William, Banks, Benjamin.

v. Charles GUNTER was born about 1748 in Virginia. He died 1809 in Elbert, Clark County, Georgia. He married Mary Bell. Mary acted as Administratrix to Charles will and sold a Negro slave for $581 per Jones Deed Book (1806-1810) Pg 320 Est date at 1810?? Mary settled estate 1809 & may have remarried later in life? Par 296 refers to Mary Gunter suing Jonathan Bancroft with sale of his property to pay off debts owed Mary.

vi. Richard GUNTER was born about 1749 in Brunswick Co., Va.

ABSTRACTED DEEDS IN CHATHAM COUNTY pg. 20, Aug. 5, 1771
REUBIN PETTY and WINNY, his wife, to RICHARD GUNTER, 100 acres of the land that Petty received as a grant from Lord Granville, S. of Haw River. The land included the "plantation that Petty now lives on"

pg. 11, Oct. 26, 1774
Richard Gunter and Elizabeth his wife, sell to Robert Patterson, for 110 pds, 100 acres on S. side of Haw River, including the plantation the said Gunter now lives on. Wit: James Patterson, Even (x) Thomas, John (x) Gunter Sr.

Fought in the battle of Alamance with the Chatham County, North Carolina: Regimental Return of 23 September 1772 commanded by Capt. Stephen Poe

His will proved Nov. 17, 1779 in Jones County, NC. GUNTER, Richard - Pg 197 - wife Elizabeth; my five children: William, John, Marting, Francis, Charles Gunter; Exr: John Perry, Michael Koonce; Wts: Thomas Gunter, Isham Gunter, ???.

vii. Thomas GUNTER was born about 1755 in Brunswick Co., VA. It would appear that Isham & his brother Thomas witnessed the Will of Richard Gunter, written in Jones County, NC on 17 NOV 1779.

viii. Mary GUNTER was born about 1765 in North Carolina. She married Robert Duncan and they lived in Lexington Co. S.C.

ix. Samuel GUNTER was born aft 1765, died prior to 13 DEC 1789 in Lexington CO SC without direct descendants. Indicated his estate divided among sisters & brothers with Lucy selling her share to brother Isham. Samuel served along with Robert Duncan (Mary's husband) under Capt George Dawkins's Cavalry Co., SC Royalists, 24 OCT 1781 for 61 days, DEC 1781.

x. Charles Grandison Gunter was born 1772 in Jones County. Moved to Alabama in 1833. A planter & lawyer, he served in the Alabama legislature 1848-48. During this time he secured a bill that secured women's property rights in marriage. Following the War between the States he moved to Brazil where he died in 1883.

xi. Wiley GUNTER was born 1774 in Jones County. He married his step sister Rezin Simmons on Thursday Jan. 30, 1800 by James Smith, Esq. She was born April 19, 1772 in New Hanover Co. She died on Sat. Nov. 22, 1800 in New Hanover Co. during
childbirth. He died Aug. 2, 1837 in Ramer, Montgomery County, AL.

xii. Nancy GUNTER was born 1777

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Chatham County was formed in 1771 from Orange County. The act became effective April 1, 1771. It was named in honor of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham who was a most eloquent defender of the American cause in the English Parliament during the Revolution.

7TH GENERATION

Isham Gunter was born about 1731 in Virginia. He can be confirmed as living in Chatham County, NC for a period of 70 years (4 MAY 1773 until his death on 29 JULY 1834). He was married to Hester (Esther Pilkinton?) est. 1767 – 1799

Was married to Wife #1 est. 1757

A Warrant #816, dated 22 OCT 1777, was issued by Entry Taker John Ramsey to surveyor D.S. Rutherford to survey 100 acres of land for Isham Gunter on South side of Robinson's Creek in Chatham Co, NC. Grant #507 issued 1 APR 1780 in support of this Warrant. See Chatham Co, NC Deed Book B, Pg 554.

A second Warrant #143, dated 30 SEP 1778, was issued by Entry Taker John Ramsey to Surveyor J.T. Rutherford to survey 300 acres of land both sides of Stinking Creek in Chatham County, NC. (The actual plot surveyed was only 277 acres?). Grant #85 issued 1 JUL 1779 in support of this Warrant. See Chatham Co, NC Deed Book
A third Warrant #255, dated 19 DEC 1778 & Grant #183 issued 31 MAR 1780 for 400 acres both sides of Stinking Creek in Chatham Co, NC. See Chatham Co, NC Deed Book B Pg 545.

Chatham Co, NC Deeds 1770-1782 (Laird & Jackson) P342- 1 JUL 1779 deed of 275 acres by State of North Carolina to Isham Gunter, both sides of Stinking Creek.

Chatham Co, NC Deeds 1780-1785 (Laird & Jackson) 1780-Isham boundary line mentioned in several deeds written in the 1780's. (Ref Pages 481; 484; 504; 506; & 75. Also P554-1 April 1780 State of North Carolina to Isham Gunter, 100 acres on South Side of Robinsons Creek.

Isham Gunter Sr. is mentioned in John Gunter Sr's will written 21 JUN 1781 (Jones Co, NC Will Book A, Pg 26 & 27). Children listed in order as John, Lucy Duncan, Isham, Thomas, Samuel, Mary Duncan, and Joshua. Children listed from father's second marriage were Charles, Wiley & Nancy Gunter. The latter children were born by Isham's step mother Lucy Koonce Gunter (of Jones County, NC). Lucy is documented as being born in 1741.

Chatham Co, NC Deeds 1783-1786, Deed Book C, p335 (Laird & Jackson) 9 AUG. 1793-Isham Gunter and Hester his wife to William Sanders...2 tracts...on both sides of Robinsons Creek...400 acres. Also on South side of Robinsons Creek-joins George Herndon – 100a.

The above Land Grants #507 & 183 (Total 500 Acres) were contiguous parcels and sold by Isham & his wife Hester, to William Sanders on 9 AUG 1783. Witnesses were Zack. Harmon & John Sanders. Ref Register of Orange Co, NC Deeds 1752-1768 & 1793; Deed Book C p.335.

1791 July 6 - Chatham County, North Carolina: Jessey Tatum of Chatham County, North Carolina deeded to George Lucas of same, for 100 lbs, tract or parcel of land lying the fork of the Haw River of Robinsons Creek...to Isham Gunter’s line...to the mouth of a branch on the River... 260 acres. Signed; Jessey “x” Tatum. Witnesses: Overton Daniel, Salley “X” Letbetter. August Court 1791. (DB E/224)

Children of Isham & Hester:

i. Mary Gunter was born 1784, CHATHAM COUNTY, NC; d. Est. 1822-1882. She married James Marks born abt 1780 in Chatham County. He died in 1834.

ii. WILLIS GUNTER, b. 1777, CHATHAM COUNTY, NC; d. Aft. 1855, CHATHAM CO, NC.

iii. CATHY (CATY) GUNTER, b. 1784, CHATHAM COUNTY, NC; d. Est. 1806-1878. She married John Marks abt 1800, he was born abt 1780 in Chatham County.

Children of Isham Gunter and WIFE #1) are:

iv. SUSANNAH GUNTER, b. 1759; d. WFT Est. 1793-1854. She married Isham Johnston from Northampton county, NC.

v. BENJAMIN GUNTER, b. Abt. 1760, NC or VA?; d. 1823, CHATHAM CO, NC. Revolutionary War Pension depositions reveal that Benjamin Gunter served a tour for his father Isham Gunter. After that he served two or three more tours, and was at the defeat of General Gates at the Battle of Camden. He was also at the battle that took place at what is now called Lindley’s Mills in Orange Co., NC. He married Elizabeth Long abt 1783 born in Rowan county. She died Feb. 14, 1841.
Inventory and account of Sales of Estate of Benjamin Gunter, decd. Buyers (include) Benjamin G. Gunter, Joseph Gunter, Elizabeth Gunter, the widow, Elizabeth Gunter, Junr. William Marks, Isham Gunter, Jesse Bryant, William Marks, David Poe, John Lasater.

vi. REBECCA GUNTER, b. June 18, 1765, CHATHAM COUNTY, NC; d. Dec. 2, 1853, CHATHAM CO, NC. She married William Lassiter on Oct. 26, 1786. He was born Dec. 22, 1756, died 1845. William was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Children were: George(1817-), Mariah(1819-), John Laster(1822-1897), Mary Ann(1826-), Elizabeth T(1829-1879), William Bennett(1843-1910), and Katy.

vii. RICHARD GUNTER, b. 1770, CHATHAM CO, NC; d. 1831, ESTATE 1832 (Will) Will of Richard Gunter of Chatham Co - Written on 27 Oct 1829 to wife Elizabeth my plantation and slaves son Terrel Gunter, plantation on Haw River where I live, negro boys Oliver & Peter one fourth of remainder of my estate that the said Terril Gunter pay to my four grandchildren Bennet, Elizabeth, Elijah and Charity HOLOMON, $200 son John Gunter, plantation on stinking Creek, and two boys Nelson and Isaac, John Gunter to pay to my three grandchildren William, Richard, and James Gunter $200 appoint ? Lasater & Abner Gunter executors. Signed: Richd Gunter-seal - Wit: Stephen Petty, T. Boling proved Nov 1831 - Chatham County, NC, Wills--LDS Film #018,463: Book B, 1798-1833: pp. 213-214

viii. ISHAM GUNTER Jr., b. November 1771, CHATHAM COUNTY, NC. Died in Jan of 1863, buried in Hebron Cemetary near Atlanta Georgia. He married Persia Gunter who was b. 1784 and died in 1867.
6TH GENERATION

Willis Gunter was born 1777 in Chatham Co. NC. He married Nancy Stedman. 1850 Census shows Willis living with his youngest son Abner. He died in Chatham County about 1855. In his will he left all of his property to Emily Gunter, wife of his son Alandson Gunter. This included 90 acres of land on Stinking creek. Upon his 18TH birthday, the property would go to Napolean B Gunter & his heirs.

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p136 WILLIS GUNTER IS APPT’D OVERSEER OF THE ROAD FROM ROBERSONS CREEK TO STINKING CREEK IN THE PLACE OF PETERSON YARBROUGH AND THE FOLLOWING HANDS (INCLUDED) WILLIAM POE

Children of Willis & Nancy:

i. John Wesley Gunter, born abt 1802 in Chatham County, died 1858

ii. Elisha Gunter, born Dec. 6, 1805 in Chatham County, died Feb. 10, 1873
   He was married to Mary Burns on Aug. 21, 1833, bond by John W. Gunter & Nathan A. Stedman.
   Buried at Gunter Family Cemetery, Cape Fear township, Merry Oaks
   Elisha's son Elisha B. Gunter named one of his son's John Wesley Gunter

iii. Alandson Gunter, born 1814 in Chatham County. He died abt 1860. He married
     Mary Emily A Ferrell.

iv. Abner Gunter, born 1815 in Chatham County
5TH GENERATION

John Wesley Gunter was born 1802 in Chatham Co. NC
He died in Chatham County in 1858 and is buried in the family cemetery down in the fork of Deep & Rocky rivers.
He was married to Elizabeth "Betsy" Williams abt 1825. She was the daughter of John Williams and Delilah (Mann) Williams and was born 1809 and died Jan. 23, 1889. She is buried at Asbury United Methodist Church.

John W. Gunter & Nathan A. Stedman posted bond for Elisha Gunter & Mary Burns to be married on August 21, 1833. *For more information on Nathan A. Stedman see Nathan_Stedman_research.rtf.

His Obituary - Died at his residence in Chatham County, N.C. on the morning of the 6th inst., of Dropsy (Heart problems), John W. Gunter aged about 57 years.

Children of John & Elizabeth:
i. Oren Green Gunter, born abt 1829 in Chatham County, died July 30, 1864. He married Sarah Davis of Wake County on Jan. 8, 1862. He enlisted on July 8, 1862 for the War between the States as part of the Chatham Rangers. Mustered in by Capt. John B. McClenahan in Pittsboro and by August 8 joined into service of the Confederate States in Goldsboro, NC. According to his Muster-in document he was 6 feet 3 inches tall and his occupation was farmer. On May 11th or 12th 1864 during the battle of Yellow Tavern, Oren suffered a gunshot wound as part of Gordon’s Cavalry Brigade while in pursuit of Phil Sheridan and his raiders. He was admitted to General hospital # 9 in Richmond on May 13th 1864. On June 3, 1864 Oren was admitted to a hospital in Farmville, Va. with a gunshot wound and died of that wound July 30, 1864 at home. My Dad & I have visited the hospital in Farmville, which is now a private home on the banks of the Appomattox river.

ii. Delilah (Dillane) Gunter, born July 4, 1835 in Chatham County, died March 17, 1881. Buried at Asbury UMC. She married John K Riddle. John moved to Woodruff County, AR, where he joined the Confederate Army. He died in a prison camp in Alton, IL. Family lure says a family member went to Arkansas to bring Delilah home in a covered wagon. Children were Artemus J Riddle, Norah E Riddle, and John K Riddle. She was married a second time to Charles F Gunter. Children of Charles & Dillane were Eddie G. Gunter (the Ed Gunter place), Jeremy J. Gunter, Compton Gunter.

iii. Sally (Sarah) Gunter, born abt 1839 in Chatham County, died 1866 in Chatham County, married to James McDaniel (Mac) Dickens Sept 5, 1857 (Oren Gunter bond). He was the son of Merritt & Ruth Ann Buchanan Dickins abt 1835. They had one son Orin Foster Dickens born 1859, who married Martha Ann Pattishall May 3, 1885, he died March 3, 1918 in Wake County.


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4TH GENERATION

John Wesley Gunter Jr was born Jan. 18, 1844 in Chatham County
He died Jan. 5, 1924 and is buried at Asbury United Methodist Church
He was married to Martisha Williams on March 24, 1865 (John A. Williams, bond, no wit.) She was born Dec. 17, 1847 and died Nov. 25, 1934. She was the daughter of William J. and Empriah (Tysor) Williams.
He served during the War between the States following his older brother Oren Gunter who on July 8, 1862 enlisted at age 25 for the Confederate Calvary, Chatham Rangers. He was present or accounted for through July 1864. On March 27, 1863 John enlisted in Lenoir County for the same unit, and on May 1, 1864 he was discharged.

Children of John & Martisha:

i. Oren Jackson Gunter, born August 4, 1869 in Chatham County, died Oct. 29, 1954 and is buried at Asbury UMC. He married Lillie D Richardson.


iii. Lorah Gunter, born April 9, 1874 in Chatham County, died July 15, 1875

iv. Ada L (Gunter) Williams, born April 9, 1877, died Nov. 4, 1932. She married Josie George Williams. They are both buried at Asbury UMC.

v. Fred A. Gunter, born Jan. 20, 1880, died Sept. 26, 1954. He is buried at Asbury UMC. In his will he left all of his property to his sister Pearl Riddle in her lifetime and then to her children Rommie & Edward Riddle.

vi. Offie G. Gunter, born July 2, 1883, died Nov. 3, 1960. He married Luna Richardson. They are both buried at Asbury UMC.

vii. John Cole Gunter, born Dec. 12, 1886, died April 20, 1970. He married Alta A Wicker. They are both buried at Asbury UMC.

viii. Pearl E (Gunter) Riddle, born June 26, 1890, died Nov. 13, 1957. She married P Clinton Riddle. They are both buried at Asbury UMC.

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3RD GENERATION

Joseph Edward Gunter was born Dec. 30, 1871 in Chatham County. He died April 27, 1958 and is buried at Asbury UMC. He was married to Clara Burns Gunter who was born August 17, 1902 in Chatham County. She was the daughter of William Newton and Fannie (Rosser) Burns, who are both buried at Asbury. She died March 18, 1985 and is buried at Asbury UMC.

Children of Joe and Clara:
1. Mable Louise Gunter, born March 18, 1920, died May 07, 1979. She married Leighton R Kremer. They both are buried at Asbury UMC. Children are Renny, Billy, Eddie, and Debbie.

2. Lorah Irene Gunter, born October 16, 1922. She married Roy Allan Hart. She died Sept. 27, 2008 in Reidsville, NC and was buried at Lakeview Memorial Park in Greensboro. Children are Roy, and Ruby. She also raised a grandchild, Timmy.
3. Ira Wesley Gunter, born May 19, 1925, died Feb. 22, 2010 at Manorcare Health Services in Pinehurst. He married Johnsie Patterson Gunter. They both are buried at Asbury UMC. Their only child was Ira Wesley Gunter, Jr.

4. Leonard Newton Gunter, born October 07, 1928. He died Sunday evening May 3, 2009 at Duke University Medical Center in the presence of his loving family. His funeral was held Wednesday May 6 at Asbury UMC.

5. Herbert Burns Gunter, born November 03, 1936

2nd Generation

Leonard Newton Gunter was born Oct.07,1928
He died on Sunday May 3, 2009 at 6:30 PM and is buried at Asbury UMC.
He married Betty Lou Morrison who was born Mar.08,1932 in Lee County. She is the daughter of John Robert Morrison and Clara Cummings of Colon, Lee County, NC. They celebrated their 60TH wedding anniversary on Oct. 7, 2008.

Children of Leonard and Betty

1. Leonard Newton Gunter, Jr.
2. Linda Lou Gunter
3. John Edward Gunter

1st Generation


Children of John and Terri

1. Tiffany Dawn Gunter
2. Adam Shane Gunter
3. Evan Bennett Gunter