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SERIES 3 OF BBC 1 HEIR HUNTERS FEATURES CELTIC RESEARCH

'Heir Hunters' is a BBC1 television documentary series focusing on the work of Probate Genealogists as they seek to find missing heirs to unclaimed fortunes.

The programmes feature: Peter Birchwood, Hector Birchwood and Saul Marks of Celtic Research, as they find the rightful heirs to unclaimed estates and prevent the UK government from seizing the assets of deceased individuals who have died without a will and no known next-of-kin.

The 20 part series is due to be streamed every weekday at 9:15 am on BBC1 from June 2009 and will feature several companies as they uncover the life stories of families and individuals through their genealogical and investigative expertise.

Program listing:

Weds 01st July- De Keyser: Hector Birchwood of Celtic Research, investigates the case of Ethel de Keyser. Leaving Lithuania for South Africa in 1926, Ethel became an anti-apartheid activist after the imprisonment of her brother. And as Hector delves deeper, his attempt to find anyone entitled to inherit her substantial estate highlights the brutal world of South Africa's apartheid regime

Weds 08th July- Aldrick: Arthur Aldrick died leaving behind £350,000. A distant heir is discovered by Hector Birchwood, but that's just the beginning of the story. Intrigued, Arthur's heir is soon on the case and as she investigates his wartime record in the intelligence service.

Thurs 16th July- Casson: Saul Marks is investigating the case of Sylvia Casson and uncovers a compelling story of a family forced to flee Russian persecution in the 1880s, and of a young girl defying the Blitz and Nazi 'terror weapons'. But just as Saul seems close to cracking the case, an unexpected development threatens to undo all his hard work.

Weds 22nd July- Yale: Hector Birchwood delves into the case of Kenneth Yale. Kenneth died aged 79 in a Glasgow hospital after having led an apparently unremarkable life. But as Hector explores further, it becomes clear that the Yale family has a skeleton in the closet and someone will have to come to terms startling discoveries.

Fri 31st July- Sharpe: Peter Birchwood examines the case of Peter Sharpe and makes the surprising discovery that Mr. Sharpe's own brother lives a mere 10 miles away and is totally unaware of the death.

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