

## HUNT LINE

1. Thomas Hunt married Margaret Webster on 5 June 1632 in Cossington, Leicestershire, England. She was a daughter of John Webster (later Gov. of Conn.) and his wife Agnes Smith. This generation of the Hunt family has been erroneously identified in many works.

Gov. Webster's will (dated 25 June 1659) mentions his grandchildren Jonathan and Mary Hunt but does not give the names of his daughter and son-in-law, presumed deceased. {Webster, 1915} Webster and other references {e.g. Wyman and Flagg} give their names as John Hunt of Sudburrowe Thrapstone, Northampton Co., England, and his wife Mary, although not always with certainty and with no evidence. Flagg uses John and Mary Hunt as their names, referring to Webster, but also points out that Savage says the names of the parents of Jonathan and Mary are unknown and that Noah Webster wrote that Mary Webster had married "one Hunt". However, DeForest has a well-written account of the Webster family which appears to correct this and lists Margaret as the daughter of John and Agnes (Smith) Webster who married Thomas Hunt at Cossington, Leicestershire, England, on 5 June 1632, and says they were the parents of the Hunt children mentioned in her father's will. Since DeForest refers to a 1931 publication by Charles E. Banks on the early Webster family in England, this may be the place to look for further proof of the Hunt ancestry.

The following records from the parish register of Cossington, Leicestershire, relate to this connection {Hunt, letter, reporting 1977 research of Mrs. David H. Hunt}:

John Webster m. Agnes Smith, 7 Nov. 1609  
Margaret Webster, daughter of John, bapt. 21 Feb. 1611/12  
Thomas Hunt m. Margaret Webster, 5 June 1632

These records and other Webster records of Cossington were known to deForest.

DeForest (p. 588) quotes a letter from Gov. George Wyllys of Hartford, CT, to his son George in London, dated 28 Oct. 1644, as saying: "mr webster hath writ a Lre to his daughter at leyster I pray use meanes to haue it conveyed safely she purposeth if she can come to hir father, be a help unto hir if you may, hir father hath writ vnto her that she may inquire to speake with you at my brother bisbeyes howse in London."

Children of Thomas and Margaret (Webster) Hunt (per Flagg)

2. i. Jonathan Hunt, b. 1637
- ii. Mary Hunt m. John Ingersoll in 1667. Hunt (Early Hunt Families) says she married, as his third wife, Jonathan Ingersoll, an early settler of Westfield, MA.

2. JONATHAN HUNT. According to Flagg and to Webster, Jonathan Hunt was born in 1637 at Sudburrowe, Trapstone [sic], Northampton, England. Perhaps this is subject to revision if he was the son of Thomas Hunt of Cossington rather than the presumed John Hunt.

Jonathan Hunt came to Connecticut in 1658 and moved to Northampton, Mass, about 1660.

He "was admitted freeman of the MA Colony in 1662, Selectman of Northampton in 1675, tithing man in 1678, church deacon from 1680 to 1691, Representative to the MA General Court (Legislature) in 1690 and died of an epidemic 29 Sept 1691." {Hunt, Early Hunt Families}

His tombstone in the Old Burying Ground at Northampton, Mass., reads: DEACON JONATHAN HUNT AGED 54 yEARS He DyED Sept 29 1691. {Bridgman} On 3 Sept. 1662, he married Clemence Hosmer, daughter of Thomas Wyman says he was aged 54 when he died and that his widow married John Smith of Milford, Conn., as his second wife. "Clemence was admitted to the First Church, Milford, 13 Oct. 1695, from the Church in Northampton; her gravestone or the reading of it, must therefore be in error in the statement that she died 20 Sept. 1695; perhaps the year should be 1698." {TAG v. 25 p. 91}

#### Children of Jonathan and Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt (per Wyman)

- i. Thomas Hunt, b. 23 Jan. 1663
- ii. Jonathan Hunt, b. 1664, d. 1664
- iii. Jonathan Hunt, b. 20 Jan. 1665, d. 1 July 1738
- iv. John Hunt, b. 22 Dec. 1667, d. 4 April 1712
- v. Hannah Hunt, b. 7 or 8 Jan. 1669, m. Ebenezer Wright
- vi. Clemence Hunt, b. 8 Jan 1671, d. 8 July 1689
- vii. Ebenezer Hunt, bapt. 3 May 1673, d. 1675
3. viii. Ebenezer Hunt, b. 6 Feb. 1675, d. 23 Feb. 1742/3
- ix. Mary Hunt, b. 24 Mar. 1679, m. Ebenezer Sheldon
- x. Sarah Hunt, b. 20 July 1682. This Sarah m. Gideon Buckingham of Milford, CT. {Hunt, letter}
- xi. Samuel Hunt, b. 15 Sept. 1684

3. EBENEZER HUNT was born 6 Feb. 1675/6, [Early Hunt Families has 1670, but this is more or less an aside] presumably at Northampton, Mass. He married Hannah Clark, daughter of William Clark of Northampton, on 27 May 1698. Ebenezer died 23 Feb. 1742/3 and Hannah married (2) Thomas Bissell on 20 Dec. 1743. [In the corrections, Wyman says Bissell has been given as Loomis elsewhere.] Thomas Loomis (1684 - 1765) married (2nd) Hannah Hunt on 20 Dec. 1743. She died 10 June 1758. {Loomis, 1981}

#### Children of Ebenezer and Hannah (Clark) Hunt (per Wyman)

- i. Hannah Hunt, b. 4 Oct. 1699. This Hannah was b. 4 or 12 Oct. 1699 and married Saxton Bailey on 24 June 1731. {Hunt, letter}
- ii. Stephen Hunt, b. 24 July 1701, d. 1784
- iii. Ebenezer Hunt, b. 28 Aug. 1703, d. 21 Feb. 1788
- iv. William Hunt, b. 12 Oct. 1705,
- v. Abigail Hunt, b. 30 May 1707, d. 24 Aug. 1708
- vi. Abigail Hunt, b. 16 July 1708. This Abigail m. Isaac Bailey on 16 April 1730 {Hunt,letter}
- vii. Daniel Hunt, b. 17 Aug. 1711, d. 1808. This Daniel was a pioneer of Sharon, CT, went to Tunbridge, VT, and died there. {Hunt, letter}
- 4. viii. Simeon Hunt, b. 3 Nov. 1713, d. 1795 (but see below)
- ix. Phinehas Hunt, b. 24 May 1716 (twin), d. Aug. or Oct. 22, 1787. He followed brother Daniel to Sharon, Ct., and left a son Phinehas. {Hunt, letter}
- x. Esther Hunt, b. 24 May 1716 (twin)
- xi. Esther Hunt, b. 27 Oct. 1718. d. 16 Feb. 1743. She probably m. Isreal Loomis on 15 Dec. 1737. {Hunt, letter}
- xii. Sybil Hunt, b. 7 Nov. 1720, d. 1 Aug. 1748. She m. Moses Spear on 12 Dec. 1744. {Hunt, letter}
- xiii. Beulah Hunt, b. 16 Mar. 1723, m. Jacob Parsons

4. SIMEON HUNT was born 3 Nov. 1713. He is called "of Coventry" by Wyman who says he was married three times. He married Hannah Lyman on 29 July (or June) 1735 at Lebanon, Conn. {Bell from Barbour} She was born 15 Feb. 1715, a daughter of Lt. Jonathan Lyman and his wife Lydia Loomis, married Simeon Hunt on 29 July 1736 at Coventry, Conn., and died 10 July 1775. {Loomis, 1880} Simeon's third wife was Mrs. Submit Troup. {Wyman}

Simeon Hunt, First Lieutenant, Capt. Baker's Company, French and Indian War, d. 26 April 1793, age 79, is buried in the Strong Cemetery, Coventry, Conn. {CN 17:216}

The following family members are buried in the Silver Street Cemetery, Coventry, Conn. {CN 17:33}:

Esther, dau. of Lt. Simeon & Hannah Hunt, d. 6 Jul 1757, age 10  
 Hannah, dau. of Lt. Simeon & Hannah Hunt, d. 12 Aug 1756, age 18  
 Hannah, wife of Lt. Simeon, d. 2 Jan 1758, age 41

These records leave some doubt as to the marriage and death dates of Hannah (Lyman) Hunt and perhaps, therefore, to her true identity. The first thirteen children below are given as the children of Hannah Lyman, born at Coventry. {Loomis, 1880}. In particular, there is support for Wyman's claim that Simeon was married more than once, but no identification of three wives.

#### Children of Simeon Hunt (per Wyman)

- i. Hannah Hunt, b. 15 March 1737
  - ii. Eliphaz Hunt, b. 25 Jan. 1739
  - iii. Simeon Hunt, b. 26 July 1740 (or 25th, Bell from Barbour)
  - 5. iv. Medad Hunt, b. 2 Jan. 1743, d. 1814
  - v. Simeon Hunt, b. 20 Jan. 1745
  - vi. Esther Hunt, b. 27 Feb. 1747
  - vii. Gad Hunt, b. 16 Jan. 1749
  - viii. Simeon Hunt, b. 8 July 1751
  - ix. Ebenezer Hunt, b. 6 Sept. 1753
  - x. Eliphalet Hunt, b. 1 Aug. 1755
  - xi. Hannah Hunt, b. 1 Sept. 1757. This Hannah m. Dr. Amos Carpenter {Hunt, letter}
  - xii. Esther Hunt, b. 28 Aug. 1759 m. \_\_\_\_\_ Dorman
  - xiii. Elijah Hunt, b. 23 June 1761, soldier in army
- Here Wyman draws a line, separating the last two children from the others.
- xiv. Stephen Hunt, b. 24 Oct. 1765
  - xv. Asahel Hunt, b. 20 Sept. 1767, d. 30 March 1839

5. MEDAD HUNT was born 2 Jan. 1743, in Lebanon, Conn. {Bell from Barbour} He burned to death in his bed in 1814. {Wyman} I have not yet found Medad Hunt among the Revolutionary War soldiers of Connecticut.

I found no Medad Hunt in the 1790 census of Connecticut. Medad is listed in the 1790 census of the town of Freehold, Albany Co., NY, with 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16, and 3 females. Greene County was formed from Albany in 1800. Medad Hunt is listed in the 1800 census of Catskill township, Greene Co., NY, with 2 males 45 or over, 1 m. 16-26, 1 f. 26-44, and 1 f. 10-16, 1 f. 26-44, and 1 f. 45 or over. Stephen Simmons and his wife were in the town of Windham, age 26-44, with several children. For some reason, I have no notes on Medad Hunt from the 1810 census. He is not listed in the 1820 census of Greene County, although Jehiel Tuttle and a Daniel Hunt are.

A 1798 list of persons under sixty years of age owning more than sixty pounds of real estate value in Windham, (then in Ulster County) NY, includes Stephen Simmons, but no Hunt, no Daniel Gunn and no Jehiel Tuttle. {Scott et. al.}

Medad Hunt lived in what was later called Ashland. The first permanent settlers appeared in the area of Ashland in 1788. Medad Hunt was one of the earliest. In 1789, the village (first called Scienceville) included the store of Sanford Hunt and the inn of Medad Hunt {Greene Co. History} On 6 April 1790, he was one of those who was given a contract to build a road. Because it was such a financial burden, the contractors were given more money in 1793. {Bell}

The only paper in Medad Hunt's estate file in the office of the Clerk of Surrogate Court, Greene County, NY, is an administrator's bond. Medad Hunt died intestate, a resident of the town of Windham. The bond for his estate is dated June 24, 1814. The administrators were Sarah Hunt, Jehiel Tuttle, and Daniel Gunn. These were surely the widow and two sons-in-law. His daughter Sallie had married Daniel Gunn and his daughter Hannah had married Jehiel Tuttle. {Kappel, 1971}

There are few clues to the identity of Sarah, wife of Medad Hunt. In 1778, one Medad Hunt was administrator of the estate of Aaron Barnard of Tolland, Conn. {Bell} Mabel (Hunt) Simmons named her children Medad Hunt Simmons, Lora Martin Simmons, Stephen Simmons, Hannah Reed Simmons, and Orenda Parker Simmons. Medad Hunt Simmons and Hannah Reed Simmons were named after their grandparents, Stephen Simmons after his father, but what are the origins of Orenda Parker and Lora Martin? However, since other Simmons relatives used the names Lora Martin and Orenda, these would appear to be Simmons connections.

The will of Sarah Hunt of Windham was probated 5 Sept. 1827. Her executors were Jehiel Tuttle and Levi H. Alden of Windham, witnesses were Reuben Hosford, Wm. Douglas, and Hezekiah Thompsons. Her heir was her daughter, Hannah, wife of Jehiel Tuttle. {Sawyer}

#### Children of Medad and Sarah ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Hunt

- i. Hannah Hunt, daughter of Medad and Sarah Hunt, married Jehiel Tuttle, son of John Tuttle, at Tolland, Conn., on 11 Feb. 1774, and died 30 Oct. 1840. Jehiel Tuttle was born 28 Sept. 1769 at Wallingford, Conn., and died 11 Feb. 1852 at Ashland, NY. {Tuttle}
- ii. Sarah Hunt m. Daniel Gunn; lived Greene Co., NY
6. iii. Mable Hunt, b. ca. 1768

6. MABLE HUNT married Stephen Simmons at Tolland, Conn., on 12 Oct. 1786. She was 19 years old and he was 20. She died 18 Jan. 1831 {Simmons Bible} (no doubt in Wabash County, Ill.)

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