

HUNT FAMILY HISTORY

The Ancestors and Descendants of Major Samuel Hunt of Washington County, Tennessee

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reflecting changes, new findings, etc., since 1988)

Introduction

Please understand this is a work in progress. I will be attempting to update this on a regular basis as I make time to go through my files and add to and build on this written history. I hope to add references and notes along the way as well.

While I will be glad to hear from you, if you try to contact me I cannot guarantee a response at all let alone timely. Circumstances in my life right now are difficult. Please just come back to this link to check for changes, additions and updates.

Thank you for your understanding,

Robert M. Wilbanks IV, Scottsdale, Arizona, June 10, 2012

FIRST GENERATION

Simon (1) Hunt was born circa 1750 in Maryland.

Simon married Mary "Molly/Polly" Nolan(d) on October 31, 1771 in St. John's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland.

Simon took the Maryland Oath of Fidelity on February 5, 1777.

He appears as administrator of the estate of William Curle on June 9, 1784 and July 21, 1785, and appears with Elizabeth Curl as administrators of the estate of William Curl on August 10, 1791.

In 1790 Simon was still in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Simon moved his family to Washington County, Tennessee where he appears on tax lists for 1793 and 1797.

Simon bought 150 acres on Clark's Branch in Washington County, Tennessee on December 26, 1797.

Simon being "sick and weak" wrote his will on January 13, 1814 and it was proven in May 1814.

The children of Simon (1) and Mary (Nolan[d]) Hunt were:

- I. Samuel (2) Hunt
- II. John Beale (2) Hunt
- III. Sarah "Sally" (2) Hunt
Born circa 1780 Baltimore, Maryland
Married Mr. Roberts
- IV. Nancy "Nackie" (2) Hunt
Born circa 1785 Baltimore, Maryland
- V. Joshua (2) Hunt
- VI. Charles Wesley (2) Hunt
- VII. Abraham (2) Hunt
Born Baltimore, Maryland

SECOND GENERATION

Samuel (2) Hunt [Simon (1)] was born on November 28, 1773 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Samuel married Sarah Crouch on December 26, 1797 in Washington County, Tennessee. Sarah was born on November 16, 1778 in Henry County, Virginia to Joseph (3) Crouch [see CROUCH family history].

Samuel held the title of Major and he was a blacksmith and a farmer.

Samuel first resided on Boone's Creek until 1807 when he purchased a large tract of land where he lived the rest of his days. He built his home which today is still in existence and used as a grainary when that home was replaced by the large red brick building nearby.

Samuel died {apparently he just "dropped dead" in the midst of a conversation with his son-in-law Peter Miller} on July 21, 1852 in Washington County, Tennessee. Sarah died on August 29, 1852 in Washington County, Tennessee. They are buried together in the Hunt Family Cemetery about one mile south of Johnson City.

A bridge on state Route 137 approaching U.S. 19-23 on the way to Erwin, which is on land that was first settled by Samuel Hunt, was named after him on November 25, 1980.

The children of Samuel and Sarah (Crouch) Hunt were:

- I. Mary (3) Hunt
- II. Sara(h) (3) Hunt
Born 1799 Washington County, Tennessee
Married Dr. -?- Martin
- III. Nancy (3) Hunt
Born 15 November 1800 Washington County, Tennessee
Married Michael A. Clem on 19 September 1822 in Washington County, Tennessee
(see Clem family history)
- IV. Joseph (3) Hunt
Born 2 December 1806 Washington County, Tennessee
Died 15 March 1840 Washington County, Tennessee
Married Mary "Polly" McAfee on 21 January 1833

Issue:

- A. John M. (4) Hunt
Born 1836 Washington County, Tennessee
- V. Thomas W. (3) Hunt
Born 1807 Washington County, Tennessee
Married Mary Young on 20 March 1827 Washington County, Tennessee
- VI. Samuel M. (3) Hunt
- VII. Margaret (3) Hunt
- VIII. John B. (3) Hunt
- IX. Franklin (3) Hunt
Born 19 March 1818 Washington County, Tennessee
Died 27 December 1900
Married 1st Miss Vincent
Married 2nd Lorina Taylor Worley on 14 September 1859 in Sullivan County,
Tennessee
Born 1828
Died 1905
living in Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1870
- X. James Sevier (3) Hunt
- XI. William (3) Hunt
Born 1825 Washington County, Tennessee
Died before 1848 Washington County, Tennessee
Married Miss O'Brien

John Beale (2) Hunt [Simon (1)] was born on February 2, 1776 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

John married Esther Bartlett in 1802 in Washington County, Tennessee. She was born on June 27, 1783 in Tennessee.

After four children John removed his family to Madison County, Illinois in 1811.

John served in the War of 1812 as a teamster, his duty calling him only a short distance from home.

Sometime after the war, John resettled in Bond County, Illinois, taking up much land.

Later John removed to McDonough County settling on approximately 500 acres of land near Macomb, Illinois.

In about 1836 John again moved, this time to Des Moines County, Iowa.

John Beale Hunt died on February 21, 1850 in Des Moines County, Iowa. Esther died there on September 10, 1858.

The children of John Beale and Esther (Bartlett) Hunt were:

- I. Lydia (3) Hunt
Born 23 August 1803 Washington County, Tennessee
Married Robert Coles
- II. Charles Wesley (3) Hunt
- III. Jesse (3) Hunt

- IV. Mary (3) Hunt
Born 22 November 1809 Washington County, Tennessee
Married Mr. McAdams
- V. Samuel (3) Hunt
Born 25 March 1813 Madison County, Illinois
- VI. Nancy (3) Hunt
Born 10 August 1815 Bond County, Illinois
- VII. William C. (3) Hunt
Born 21 January 1818 Bond County, Illinois
- VIII. John B. (3) Hunt
Born 25 May 1820 Bond County, Illinois
- IX. Esther (3) Hunt
Born 1 February 1823 Bond County, Illinois
Married Linus Delashmut
- X. Louisa (3) Hunt
Born 21 July 1825 Bond County, Illinois
- XI. Sarah Almira (3) Hunt
Born 8 April 1832 Bond County, Illinois

Joshua (2) Hunt [Simon (1)] was born on November 15, 1787 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Joshua married Nancy Abigail Bacon in 1809 in Washington County, Tennessee. Nancy was the daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Barnes) Bacon and was 13 years old when she married.

In 1814 Isaac Bacon deeded to Joshua 152 and 1/2 acres on Boone's Creek in Washington County, Tennessee.

In 1826 Joshua bought an adjoining 15 acres from Jacob Ellis.

On March 10, 1831 Joshua sold all 167 and 1/2 acres to Daniel Bowman for \$1500.

Joshua then removed his family to McDonough County, Illinois.

In 1832 Joshua Hunt is listed in Capt. Levi D. Boone's Company of mounted volunteers of the Illinois Militia during the Black Hawk War.

In 1839 the family moved to a 370 acre farm in Hire & Tennessee Townships.

Joshua died on November 27, 1852 and left no will. His son-in-law, James S. Woolley, was administrator of his estate.

Nancy died on October 15, 1863.

Joshua and Nancy are buried in Bean Cemetery, one mile northeast of Colchester.

The children of Joshua and Nancy Abigail (Bacon) Hunt were:

I. Abigail "Abby" (3) Hunt

Born 1810 Washington County, Tennessee

Died 2 November 1858 Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois

Buried Bean Cemetery, McDonough County, Illinois

Married John A. Chenoweth on August 3, 1831 in Washington County, Tennessee

Issue:

A. James (4) Chenoweth

Born 1834 McDonough County, Illinois

- B. John (4) Chenoweth
Born 1836 McDonough County, Illinois
- II. Isaac Bacon (3) Hunt [Dr.]
Born 30 November 1813 Washington County, Tennessee
Died 1 May 1886 Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois
Buried Bean Cemetery, McDonough County, Illinois
Married Martha A. Cole on 8 January 1846 in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama
- III. Samuel Abraham (3) Hunt
Born 31 May 1815 Washington County, Tennessee
Died 31 December 1891 Kingman County, Kansas
Buried Hunt Family Cemetery, Kingman County, Kansas
Married Elizabeth A. Heaton on 21 November 1848 in Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois
- IV. Mary (3) Hunt
Born Washington County, Tennessee
Died age 19 Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois
Buried Bean Cemetery, McDonough County, Illinois
- V. Sarah (3) Hunt
Born Washington County, Tennessee
Died Cowley County, Kansas
Married James/John S. Wool(l)ey in August 1846 in MaComb, McDonough County, Illinois
- VI. Thomas J. (3) Hunt
Born Washington County, Tennessee
- VII. John B. (3) Hunt
Born Washington County, Tennessee
- VIII. Simon Wesley (3) Hunt
Born 29 May 1825 Washington County, Tennessee
Died August 1903 McDonough County, Illinois
Married Rebecca Stookey on 18 August 1857 in MaComb, McDonough County, Illinois
- IX. Harriet (3) Hunt
Born 1827 Washington County, Tennessee
Died 7 October 1852 Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois
Buried Bean Cemetery, McDonough County, Illinois
Married Milton L. Archer on 30 December 1847 in MaComb, McDonough County, Illinois
- X. Nancy A. (3) Hunt
Born 3 November 1830 Washington County, Tennessee
Died 17 May 1850 Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois
Buried Bean Cemetery, McDonough County, Illinois
- XI. Amanda C. (3) Hunt
Born 1 November 1832 McDonough County, Illinois
Died 7 November 1852 Colchester, McDonough County, Illinois
Buried Bean Cemetery, McDonough County, Illinois

Charles Wesley (2) Hunt [Simon (1)] was born circa 1788 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Charles married Margaret Patton on July 15, 1820 in Washington County, Tennessee. She was born circa 1790 in Pennsylvania.

Charles died before September 16, 1850 in Washington County, Tennessee.

The children of Charles Wesley and Margaret (Patton) Hunt were:

I. Nancy (3) Hunt

Born circa 1823 Washington County, Tennessee

Married James Sevier Shannon

II. John B. (3) Hunt

Born circa 1826 Washington County, Tennessee

III. Elizabeth (3) Hunt

Born circa 1828 Washington County, Tennessee

Died before 1896

Married Henderson A. Lilburn on 16 March 1849

IV. Margaret (3) Hunt

Born circa 1833 Washington County, Tennessee

V. Mary A. (3) Hunt

Born Washington County, Tennessee

Married James R. Robertson

THIRD GENERATION

Mary (3) Hunt [Samuel (2); Simon (1)] was born on October 10, 1798 in Washington County, Tennessee.

Mary married Peter Miller, Jr. on August 27, 1817 in Washington County, Tennessee.

Peter was born on June 22, 1792 in Tennessee. Mary died on May 19, 1852 in Washington County, Tennessee. Peter died on April 27, 1863.

The children of Peter and Mary (Hunt) Miller were:

I. Samuel (4) Miller

II. Nancy (4) Miller

Born 1830 Washington County, Tennessee

III. Mary F. (4) Miller

Born 1833 Washington County, Tennessee

IV. William R. (4) Miller

Born 1838 Washington County, Tennessee

V. Emily S. (4) Miller

Born 1840 Washington County, Tennessee

Samuel M. (3) Hunt [Samuel (2); Simon (1)] was born in 1810 in Washington County, Tennessee.

Samuel married Elizabeth Hayes circa 1840 in Washington County, Tennessee. She was born in 1816 in Tennessee.

Samuel died circa 1868 in Washington County, Tennessee.

The children of Samuel M. and Elizabeth (Hayes) Hunt were:

- I. Lucinda (4) Hunt
Born 1841 Washington County, Tennessee
- II. Robert (4) Hunt
Born 1843 Washington County, Tennessee
- III. Mary (4) Hunt
Born 1845 Washington County, Tennessee
- IV. Alexander (4) Hunt
Born 1847 Washington County, Tennessee
- V. Elizabeth (4) Hunt
Born 1849 Washington County, Tennessee

Margaret (3) Hunt [Samuel (2); Simon (1)] was born in 1814 in Washington County, Tennessee.

Margaret married George W. Vincent by 1842 in Washington County, Tennessee. He was born in 1813 in Tennessee.

They were living in Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1850.

Margaret died sometime after 1880.

The children of George W. and Margaret (Hunt) Vincent were:

- I. John (4) Vincent
Born 1843 Washington or Sullivan County, Tennessee
- II. Samuel (4) Vincent
Born 1846 Washington or Sullivan County, Tennessee
- III. Elbert (4) Vincent
Born 1848 Washington or Sullivan County, Tennessee
- IV. Eldrige (4) Vincent
Born 1848 Washington or Sullivan County, Tennessee

John Bell (3) Hunt [Samuel (2); Simon (1)] was born on September 19, 1815 in Washington County, Tennessee.

John married Rachel Vincent on April 14, 1844 in Washington County, Tennessee. She was born in 1820 in Tennessee.

John settled in Sullivan County, Tennessee by 1850.

John may have returned to Washington County by 1870.

John died on February 16, 1895.

The children of John Bell and Rachel (Vincent) Hunt were:

- I. Rufus (4) Hunt
Born 1845 Washington or Sullivan County, Tennessee
- II. Eliza (4) Hunt
Born 1846 Washington or Sullivan County, Tennessee
- III. Creed (4) Hunt
Born 1849 Sullivan County, Tennessee

James Sevier (3) Hunt [Samuel (2); Simon (1)] was born on December 24, 1820 in Washington County, Tennessee.

James married Mary Frances Easley who was born in 1824 in Tennessee.

James had acquired his father's old farm and he had built the red brick house in 1835 keeping the old home as a grainary.

In 1870 he and his family were living in District # 9 in Washington County, Tennessee with their Post Office in Johnson City. James was a farmer.

James died in 1905 Washington County, Tennessee.

The children of James Sevier and Mary Frances (Easley) Hunt were:

I. John (4) Hunt

Born 1851 Washington County, Tennessee

II. Samuel H. (4) Hunt

Born 1855 Washington County, Tennessee

Charles Wesley (3) Hunt [John Bealle (2); Simon (1)] was born on May 25, 1805 in Washington County, Tennessee.

Wesley was a soldier of the Black Hawk War from McDonough County.

After living in Madison, then Bond, and then McDonough Counties, Illinois he went to Des Moines County, Iowa in 1835, being one of the earliest teachers in that State.

Charles married Eliza L. (nee Foster) Berry in 1840 in Sangamon County, Illinois. Eliza was the daughter of Constantine and Margaret (Sayre) Foster and was born on May 13, 1820 in Cape May, New Jersey. Eliza was a widow with one daughter named Frances.

Eliza died on January 28, 1895 in Des Moines County, Iowa where Wesley died on November 6, 1903.

The children of Charles Wesley and Eliza L. (Foster) Berry Hunt were:

I. Harriet (4) Hunt

Married John H. Shepherd

II. J. Benton (4) Hunt

III. Catherine (4) Hunt

Married H. Woods Robinson

IV. Elbridge (4) Hunt

Died at 28

V. Charles (4) Hunt

VI. Joseph (4) Hunt

Died at 23

VII. Lee (4) Hunt

Died at 3

VIII. William B. (4) Hunt

IX. Lou E. (4) Hunt

Married Charles E. Peasley

Jesse (3) Hunt [John Bealle (2); Simon (1)] was born on June 20, 1807 in Washington County, Tennessee.

Jesse went to Edwardsville, Bond County, Illinois in 1813 and freighted from there to St. Louis with ox-teams.

Jesse later entered a large tract of land in McDonough County, Illinois where he farmed until about 1834 when he pre-empted a farm of about 500 acres in Sections 7 and 18 in Burlington Township, Des Moines County, Iowa.

Jesse's wife died on June 25, 1871 and Jesse died on July 16, 1893.

The children of Jesse Hunt were:

- I. Mary (4) Hunt
Married Ellison Smith
- II. Illinois (4) Hunt
Married William Smith
- III. John (4) Hunt
- IV. unknown
- V. unknown

FOURTH GENERATION

Samuel H. (4) Hunt [James Sevier (3); Samuel (2); Simon (1)] was born in 1855 in Washington County, Tennessee.

Samuel H. inherited the "old homestead" and continued farming what was left of it. When his health began to fail he was forced to give up the farm.

The children of Samuel H. Hunt were:

- I. Hattie (5) Hunt
still alive in 1980
- II. Marjorie (5) Hunt
still alive in 1980
- III. Lena (5) Hunt
Died by 1980
Married Mr. Henderson

William B. (4) Hunt [Charles Wesley (3); John Bealle (2); Simon (1)] was born on October 4, 1857 in Union Township, Des Moines County, Iowa.

William married Miss Alice M. Stewart on December 23, 1885 in Iowa. She was the daughter of W. H. and Sybil (Higley) Stewart.

William was a prominent farmer, having inherited his father's estate. William also served four years in the State Legislature having been elected in 1896. He eventually sold the "old homestead" and moved to Burlington, Iowa.

The children of William B. and Alice M. (Stewart) Hunt were:

- I. Clara Louise (5) Hunt
- II. Helen (5) Hunt