

IMMIGRATION ANCESTRY OF THE HUNT FAMILY OF GALLIA COUNTY, OH.

John Hunt, younger son of Joseph Hunt, was born in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England, in 1787. Little is known of his parents or of their family, but it is told that he had a brother William in the British Navy who sailed to the West Indies and was lost to his family. Tradition speaks of a sister but her name is forgotten, It is told, also, that John Hunt, a young man of spirit and ambition, vexed with his father's plans to adhere to the old English custom of leaving his estate intact to his oldest son, left home and went to London, where he worked hard at whatever fell to his hands, skimped on expenses even to the point of living almost entirely on black bread and of sleeping among boxes and barrels, probably in store houses.

It was his ambition to found for himself a great family in America, so when he had gathered together enough money, he took steerage passage on a boat bringing a group of colonists to America in 1815. After landing in New York, they went to Pittsburg, thence down the Ohio River to Gallipolis in Southern Ohio. They explored the country between Gallipolis and Chillicothe, Ohio before making a final settlement. On account of malaria, so prevalent at that time throughout the country, especially in low, marshy places, they decided to settle among the hills of what is now Jackson County. This location in what is now known as the Jimes Community. When it was decided to establish a post office at this center, many years later the name of Symnes was suggested. David Kell, the first postmaster, later told the younger generation that he had suggested that the S be changed to J, making it Jymes. Another version is that a mistake was made in Washington and the name was officially written Jimes by the post office department.

David Kell was a typical Englishman and lived on the property owned later by Calab Shires. He was a weaver by trade and made beautiful shawls, civerlids and blankets and carpets, many of which are still in use in the country. Later, David Kell moved his family to Philadelphia.--Data supplied by Mrs. Dr. W. H. Monahan, Walnut Hills, Ohio, granddaughter of John Hunt the first.

John Hunt acquired one hundred sixty acres of land from the government and later purchased sufficient acreage to comprise a full section of land, near the present post office of Oakdale, Ohio which is in a village of the same name. His farm was about three miles from the Gallia Co. Line.

The boat that brought John Hunt to America brought, also a well-to-do Scotch family by the name of Topping. One of their daughters, Ann Topping, born in the north of England on the banks of the Tweed River, figures largely, in this History. An old Bible that had belonged to William, oldest son of John, names, Quote:-

The Children of John and Grace Topping.

John Topping was born March 6, 1814

Jane Topping was born May 22, 1816

Isabel Topping was born July 29, 1821

The list does not mention the name of Ann Topping, but it is thought that those mentioned are her brothers and sisters, As the Toppings came by first class passage and John Hunt by Steerage, it is natural that these two young people did not meet until they had reached their destination in Ohio, but again the old Bible record:-

John and Ann Hunt the father and Mother of William Hunt were married Oct. 7, 1818.

Then follows the verse:-Ann Hunt is my name
 Old Jingleland is my Nation
 America is my dwelling place and God is my
 Salvation,
 When I am dead and in my grave and all my bones
 are rotten,
 This book will remember me when I am Quite
 forgotten.

Bought of Thomas Buck Clesteder at New Zion Meeting House
 Price fourty four cents, October 12, 1839.

This Bible is now the property of Ernst Mills, oldest son of Nettis Mills, oldest child of John Hunt, Oldest son of Wm. Hunt, oldest son of John the first.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hunt Monahan, granddaughter of John and Ann Topping Hunt, in a paper in 1936 gives a very interesting reminiscences of the Jimes community where the Hunt and Topping farms were and where she was born and reared. At present she lives in Jackson, eighteen miles from Jimes. Quoting from her:-

"The Topping farm joined the Hunt farm and is now owned by the Turner family.(1936) On this farm are three graves that lie near the Hunt line. They are the graves of Ann Topping Hunt's father and mother and a maiden sister. I remember seeing the three graves when I was quite a little girl. As long as my father lived he kept a board fence around them, but Mr. Turner tells me the fence has gone to decay and trees are growing on the graves.

I know my Grandmother Hunt had a brother John. He married a second time and his wife visited my Father's home years ago. She seemed to be very much of a lady. Their daughter, Isabel, visited at our house quite often.

I know the Topping Family came from the North of England and were of Scotch extraction. Grandmother Hunt made use of a decided Scotch Brogue. She was a small woman and of a blonde type. Grandfather Hunt was a large Englishman and died when my Father (Edward) was sixteen years old.

John Hunt built a house that was considered the best in the community and later built a store room where he conducted a general store, the first in the community, and he was considered very well to do, for those times. A school house was built in the woods on his land and was known as the Hunt School House. Here his sons attended school. The Hunt School House of today is over ninety years old and many were the neighborhood gatherings held in it. Community meetings are still held there and recently I read a paper before the Society that meets regularly in the Hunt School House.

Following are some extracts from the paper Mrs. Monahan read to the "Society":-

"In the early days of the settlement there were no churches and the Meeting as it was called then, was held in different homes in the neighborhood. One Sunday, my grandfather John Hunt, mistaken in the day of the week, spent the day clearing in the woods. Returning home, and he was surprised to find the neighbors assembling for worship. To atone for his mistake, he observed the following day as the Sabbath.

The following incidents show the religious view of the times:-
 "Betsy Perkins set back six months on trial for marrying an unawakened person." "April 23, 1821, Polly Kyer set back on trial six months for marrying an unawakened person."

In Hunt History, mention is often made of the Old New Zion Church, which was a large frame building with a long porch running across the front. It was always woefully in need of paint, the pews were rather crude and the pulpit very high. Entrance was made through two

different doorways, the men passing through one and the women through the other, and each group occupying opposite sides of the church, as was the customs of the times. Dr. James Cherrington usually started the hymns, pitched so high a key that no one could possibly follow, and in most instances ending in a solo. A class meeting was organized for the New Zion Church at the home of William Buck, Oct. 12 1820. New Zion Church was built in 1832 on the site of the New Zion Cemetery.

In those first years, Chillicothe was the seat of State Government, and people journeyed there to trade and pay taxes. There were no roads and they blazed their way along the paths made by the Indians and wild animals. Often I have heard my Grandmother say that is they were in need of a sieve, they were compelled to walk to Chillicothe for it. Bands of Indians sometimes wandered about but caused no alarm as they were friendly to the settlers.

The principal wild animals in this part of the state at that time were deer, wolves, bear, raccoons, ground hogs, skunks, mink, weasels, muskrats, opossums, rabbits and squirrels. The principal feathered game were the quail, wild turkey, hawk, turkey-buzzard, crow and black-birds. Some of these animals and birds were the only meat of the early settlers, but they gave way at last to pork and chickens.

I have heard my father (Edward Hunt) tell how they caught wild turkeys. A pen was built, covered with rails, and a ditch or trench was dug leading into the pen. Into this ditch they scattered corn and the turkeys followed the corn into the house. Instead of going out as they had come in, they always made an effort to fly out at the top of pen, and in this manner they were caught. My father was then lowered into the pen to catch and often suffered bruises from the flapping of their wings.

An old landmark that I remember quite well was a frame building housing a carding machine where wool was taken to be carded. It stood on the road leading to Emory not far from the brick home of the Mossbarger family. It was quite dilapidated and had not been in use for years.

The old C.W. and B. Railroad, now known as the Baltimore and Ohio South Western Railroad, was built in Jackson County in 1853. At that time my father then a young man, heard two men conversing and one of them said in astonishment, "They say it will run thirty five miles or forty miles an hour" another exclaimer, "That is impossible, The human body could not live going through the air at such a speed." He remembered also, of a woman who had knit a pair of socks for her husband who was in the civil war, taking them to Oak Hill, she asked that they be sent to him by telegram. Mrs (Dr.) W. H. Monahan, Box 363 Jackson, Ohio.

Nettie Hunt Mills contributes the following interesting incident:- Isabel Topping, a maiden lady who was a younger sister of Ann Topping, often stayed with William and Rachel Hunt as nurse and helper when their children were little and some were ailing. John Hunt, eldest son of William Hunt and Rachel, often spoke of this to his children.

John Hunt had a great love for his grandmother, Ann Topping Hunt and often spoke of her to his own children. One visit of hers to our home in Ohio I clearly remember. She was a sturdy, independent lady. On the occasion of the visit mentioned she was at the home of Grandmother Margaret Hunt, my Fathers stepmother, making a visit. The two walked down the hill to our place. I think the distance was about a half a mile. On the way, they met a light shower of rain and their

dresses were damp, to say the least. Mother urged the older lady to change her dress or just a woolen shawl about her shoulders but she refused, saying that a little thing like that would not hurt her and that it had always been her way to let rain-wet clothing dry as she wore it, believing that a sure way to prevent rheumatism.

She wore a dress of small figured print in a light brown material and a cap of thin material with a frilly border that we might call a ruche.

We had in the log cabin in Ohio a chest of drawers, having no mirror and made of red cherry, which had been hers and which she had either given or sold to my father, her grandson. When we were leaving Ohio for Nebraska in 1871 father was much grieved to part with his piece of furniture because it had been hers.

Great Grandmother Hunt died about 1873 with cancer of the breast. John Hunt, her husband and our immigrant ancestor, died about 1846.

First Son of John and Ann Topping Hunt.

William Hunt, was born in Jackson County, Ohio October 23, 1819.

He died near Harrison, Arkansas, in 1902, aged 83 years.

He married Rachel Parkins in October 28, 1838.

CHILDREN of William and Rachel Parkins Hunt. 1. Sarah Ann 2. Mary 3. Martha Abigail 4. John 5. James 6. Margaret 7. Rebecca 8. Louise.

SECOND MARRIAGE

William Hunt married Margaret Hadley Slagle on September 11, 1853.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM and Margaret Slagle Hunt

1. Charity 2. Minerva 3. Emma 4. Ida 5. Luvina 6. Joseph

THIRD MARRIAGE

William Hunt married Martha Henderson Stafford winter of 1863 or 1864.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM and Martha Stafford Hunt

1. Annelle 2. Willie 3. Minned 4. Elsworth 5. Edward

WILLIAM HUNT was the father of nineteen children of whom twelve grew to maturity.

Second Son of John and Ann Topping Hunt

Joseph Hunt, was born Jan. 30, 1826. He was a graduate of law school but did not practice law. Instead, he was for eighteen years Clerk of Courts of Gallia County, Ohio and was also President of one of the Banks of Gallispolis.

Joseph Hunt met and married Adeline Perry, of Shoran Vermont, niece of Judge Parry, presiding Judge of Gallispolis Ohio. This couple had no children. Joseph Hunt died in 1879 or 1880 and his wife returned to her people in Vermont where she died several years later. (Dated 1936)

Third Son of John and Ann Topping Hunt

JAMES HUNT, was born on May 28, 1828. He was a merchant of Centerpoint, Ohio, and married Ellen DELacey.

CHILDREN were 1. William Edward 2. Elizabeth 3. Laura 4. Elmer 5. Emm
The two sons, William and Elmer never married, Elizabeth married Edward Roberts and had one daughter, Zella, who became a noted harpist. Laura married first William Morgan, who died later but they had one son, Truman Robert Morgan who never married. Laura married a second husband, James Stephenson, and they had one daughter, now married. (1936)

JAMES HUNT was killed by accident in 1859, when he fell beneath a log that he was helping to carry and his neck was broken. His widow, Ellen DELacey Hunt, died many years ago in Columbus, Ohio. (1935 Dated)

FOURTH son of John and Ann Topping Hunt

EDWARD HUNT, was born in Jackson County, Ohio, on October 10, 1830. He died in the same community, now Jimes, on September 3, 1906. Edward Hunt married Elizabeth Johnson born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in November 1830 and died in Jimes Community, Ohio on June 23, 1904. She was a daughter of Dr. James Johnson. They had the following children

1. Mary Ann (Molly) Hunt married Dr. W. H. Monahan & lives in Jackson, Ohio l. Box 363. (She wrote first section of History)

CHILDREN of Ir. W. H. and Molly Hunt Monahan

- a. Edward Monahan, a civil engineer with a firm in Chicago
 - b. Myrtle Monahan at home
 - c. Will, consulting engineer with a firm in Chicago
 - d. Sam Monahan, with an automobile company in Detroit
2. Matilda Hunt married Alvin Mosebarger, she died in 1934.
 3. Ida Hunt married Fred W. Evans.
 4. Homer E. Hunt, the only son, married Evelyn Owens. He is a civil engineer living in Belline, Kentucky.
 5. Kate E. Hunt, Married Dr. D. W. Davis and lives in Akron, Ohio.
 6. Margaret Hunt married Bert Huff and livew in New Orleans.

EDWARD HUNT was a Mason and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church.

FIFTH son of John and Ann Topping Hunt.

CHARLES HUNT, was born in Jackson County, Ohio, on May 14, 1836. He married Lucina Liston, a very lovable woman. They had one son, Frank, who was connected with a large clothing house in Chicago when I last heard of him. Lieutenant CHARLES HUNT, of Civil War service went to Nebraska in 1884. He was an excellent carpenter when not under the influence of liquor and he worked at his trade there, superintending the building of the new home of his nephew, John Hunt, in the same year. CHARLES HUNT died in the National Soldiers home in Leavenworth, Kansas, his wife having preceeded him in death.

CHAPTER II

SECOND HUNT ANCESTOR IN AMERICA

WILLIAM HUNT, son of John and Ann Topping Hunt was born in Jackson County, Ohio, near the Gallia County Line, on October 23, 1819 and died near Harrison, Arkansas, 1902, aged 83 years. Rachel Parkins, daughter of Marsden Parkins was born in Gallia County, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1821, and died June 5, 1853, aged 31 years 7 mos. 21 days. WILLIAM HUNT and Rachel Parkins were married on Oct. 28, 1838 and made their home in Greenfield Township, Gallia County, one half mile from the George W. Wright home.

CHILDREN of WILLIAM and RACHEL Parkins HUNT

1. Sarah Ann hunt, b. July 23, 1839; d. Jan 11, 1843. Age 3 yrs. 5 Mo. 18 da.
2. Mary hunt, b. Set. 13, 1840; d. Oct. 23, 1845. Age 5 Ys. 10 Mo. 10 da.
3. Martha Abigail hunt, b. June 20, 1842; d. July 20, 1843. Age 1 yr. 1 mo.
4. John hunt, b. May 31, 1844; d. Apr. 5, 1921 Age 76 yrs, 10 mo, 5 da.
5. James hunt, b. Nov. 10, 1846; d. Mar. 10, 1901. Age 54 yrs. 4 mo.
6. Margaret Hunt, b. April 28, 1849; d. Dec. 28, 1932 Age 83 yrs. 8 mo.
7. Rebecca Hunt, b. March 28, 1851; d. July 21, 1934. Age 81 yrs 3mo 23da
8. Louisa hunt, b. Aptil 9, 1853; d. June 21, 1853. Age. 2mo 12da.

Of these children only John, James, Margaret and Rebecca lived to grow up. WILLIAM HUNT was often called Squire Hunt. He was justice of the Peace and school teacher. He taught in neighboring schools,

mostly during the winter months, hiring men to help with the farm work, as he had the biggest farm in the neighborhood. He helped the many of those days who were uneducated with their business and with their letter writing. In the old Bible that was his, now in the possession of Nettie Mills, there is recorded in his own handwriting an order for one hundred as wages for three months of school taught in Walnut Township, adjoining Greenfield Township, where his farm was located, dated Feb. 27, 1858, and for the period from Dec. 1, 1857 to Feb. 27, 1858.

Evidently he did not "spare the rod and spoil the child" for his son John used to tell his own children about how the old gentlemen would line all the boys up along one side of the room and beginning with the first boy, go right down the line, being sure in that way that he caught the offenders.

John related that at one time he escaped through an open window that was behind him, then slipped into place in the line again when the punishment had passed, without his father's ever having missed him.

William Hunt helped his neighbors in sickness, as they did not often have a doctor or any medicine except herbs and homemade remedies. He had a much prized doctor book with directions for practical home treatment for diseases and accidents. Neighbors went to him for advice and he kept quite a supply of simple medicine that he dispensed to them. Among these were "Ayers Cherry Pectoral" for coughs and colds, and Dr. Jayne's Tonic for small children. The latter was considered good for feverish troubles.

Though he was not a member of the church, he attended church and Sunday School when they had only hymn books and Bibles. They read lessons and discussed them. Men often got into such heated discussions that some lost their tempers and even carried the spirit into their every day lives. Squire Hunt's chief opponent was Billy Heptonstall, for the United Brethren.

Rachel Parkins Hunt, his first wife, died at an early age, 31 years. She was revered as a most nearly perfect Christian, having had so wonderful an "experience" and so clear and modest way of telling it that it was called "Perfect Love" or "Holiness" at that time.

Theodore Parkins writes of her:-Rachel Hunt and my father (Wm. Parkin) were cousins and while I have, of course, no recollections of ever seeing her, I often heard our folks speak of her. She was one of those old time shouting Methodists. Mother told me she even shouted on her death bed. Mother, Rebecca Wickline Parkins, and Rachel were great friends and when Rachel died mother took her two little girls (Rebecca and Margaret Hunt) into our home and mothered them until William Hunt married the widow of Samyel Slagle.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND RACHEL HUNT

John Hunt was born May 31, 1844 in Gallia County, Ohio. He married Martha Wright born Dec. 30, 1840 daughter of George and Rachel Slagle Wright. Married on November 29, 1862. Eleven CHILDREN were:-

- a. Anzonette (Nettie) b. Nov. 10, 1863 not living (1957)
- b. Samuel Elmer b. March 24, 1865 Died Oct. 21, 1934
- c. Lester Newton b. Feb. 14, 1867 Died Sept. 28, 1958
- d. Frankie Elsworth b. Jan 15, 1869 Died July 1, 1870 Age 18 mo
- e. Emerson Eddy b. Feb 23, 1871 Died Feb 13, 1936
- f. Luella May b. Aug 41, 1873 Died
- g. Jennie violet b. Dec. 31, 1875
- h. Calvin Munroe (Bud) b. Nov. 30, 1877 Died
- i. Edna Lucina b. Feb. 29, 1880
- j. Clinton Leroy (Roy) b. May 24, 1882 (Still living 1962)
- k. Clyde Ernest b. Sept. 26, 1884 Died 1959?

James Hunt was born Nov. 10, 1846 Died March 10, 1901 Age 54yr. 4 mos.

James Hunt--Con't.

James Hunt married Rebecca J. McCoy on Nov. 15, 1866.

CHILDREN of James and Rebecca were:

- a. Eldora (Mrs. Albert Shelton). She was the mother of 13 children, second among the cousins only to Nettie Mills, who had 14.
- b. Elizabeth (Mrs. Noah Slagle)
- c. William (Bachelor)
- d. Laurie (Mrs. John Wood)
- e. Leister, married
- f. Charled, died in boyhood

JAMES, son of William and Rachel Hunt, was born in Greenfield Township, Gallia County, Ohio, Nov. 10, 1846. He died on the morning of Aug 12, 1901. aged 54 yrs 9mo and two da. At the age of six he lost his mother, a noble Christian lady. At eighteen years of age he enlisted in the Union army to battle for his home and country and served until the war was over.

On Nov. 15, 1866, he and Rebecca McCoy were married and to this union were born three sons and four daughters, namely, Mrs. Laura Wood of Holcomb; Mrs. Eldora Shelton of Peniel; Mrs. Elizabeth Slagle of Gallia; William and Mary and Leister Hunt still at home, and Charlie who died at childhood.

JAMES Hunt filled many offices of public trust in the township and served nearly four years as Commissioner of Gallia County, and no one questioned his honesty and integrity. He was a kind husband, an indulgent father, a friend to the needy, and generous to a fault.

And now we would like to say a few words about our brother's religious life. During the winter of '71 and '72 he was converted and joined the Methodist Church (Episcopal) at the old Wagner school house. A year or two later, Bethel Church was built, an enterprise in which he took an active part, and when in the spring of 1876, he removed from the neighborhood, he kept his membership here and has been through all these years a great help to our society, especially in its finances. Owing to his living so far away from the church and a natural timidity which always hindered somewhat in his religious life, he did not take so active a part in the church services as some others in the society. He told the writer some months ago, that this was the great regret of his life as he looked back over it. But we are glad to say that our brother's afflictions "have worked for him afar and more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" In his last days his timidity gave way and like Paul, he gloried in the cross.

In conclusion, we would love to say some words of consolation and encouragement. We have had some long talks with our brother this summer. Seated by the bedside of my friends I could almost hear the footsteps of death, but the cheering words of the dying man made me think of the Scripture: "O Death, where is thy sting? Where is thy Victory?" In that death chamber, death was not victorious, for victory was perched upon the cross of Calvary". (A Friend)

MARGARET HUNT, was born April 28, 1849; died at Commerce, Okla. Dec. 28 1932. David Austin Russell was born Feb. 5, 1848 in Jackson Co. and married Margaret Hunt on Dec. 26, 1867. Their CHILDREN were:

- a. Lucina Mary (Mrs. E. E. Hunt) b. Oct. 4, 1868 Died
- b. John Walter, b. Feb. 28, 1870
- c. Viola (Mrs. James Morris) b. Oct. 9, 1872
- Garnet Born Aug. 20, 1874
- e. Laura Born Oct. 12, 1876

REBECCA HUNT, born March 28, 1851. Died in Clearwater, Nebr. July 21, 1914. Leven Daniel Loudermilk, his mother a Parkins, was born Aug. 31, 1845. Died in Tilden, Nebr. Dec. 23, 1915.

REBECCA HUNT--Cont

Rebecca Hunt and Leven Loudermilk were married April 10, 1867 in the John Hunt log cabin in Gallia County, Ohio. There were no children, however they adopted:

a. Mary J. Collier born April 7, 1869, adopted May 16, 1873 from the Gallia County Infirmary in Ohio. She died when 19 years of age on April 14, 1869.

Rebecca later married Fred Graesing Nov. 19, 1919.

Rebecca died July 21, 1934 at Clearwater, Nebraska.

The following article written by Nettie Mills is of interest here as it pertains to this couple.

"Rebecca Hunt and Emily Wright were babies the same year, 1851; a half mile of distance between their homes, a month's difference in their ages, Emily a short chubby baby, Rebecca a slender build. All who remember them as women, lifelong friends, know how short and chubby Becca was and how tall and slender Emily was, the slenderest of the Wright sister, when they grew to womanhood.

At sixteen Rebecca was very small and slender, but since her father was then gone, her step-mother, having so large a family to care for, thought Rebecca should go work out to provide for herself, so she went to stay with her brother, John Hunt, and his wife Martha, and there in the little log cabin that was the birth place of Sam, Lester, Frankie, and Eddie, was married to Leven Loudermilk at the age of sixteen. The same log cabin was the scene of another wedding, that of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Parkins, Jan. 1, 1874. The Loudermilks the wife of a Parkins, had come over from Virginia and lived in a small house on a hill near the old Wagner School House.

After their marriage and Lev and Becca went to Gallipolis, where Rebecca learned both dressmaking and Milinery, and Lev attended school preparing himself for teaching, which was his vocation during many years of his life. In the spring of 1885, the Loudermilk's moved to Nebraska where they bought a farm not far from Tilden and West of the Ansink Place, and he taught school for some years in near-by districts. They had no children of their own, but a few years after their marriage in 1873, they adopted an orphan girl three years of age named Mollie Cheeseman. Mollie had been born in 1870. She was tenderly cared for and carefully educated and was for two or three years a teacher in the country schools near Tilden, Nebr. During the year of 1887, she lost her health and after a long illness, she died on April 1889. After Mollie's death, Lev and Becca were completely broken up, so they sold their place and moved to Tilden, Nebr. where he taught school for several years. In May 16, 1873 they adopted Mary J. Collier who was born April 7, 1869. Died when she was 19 years old on Apr 14, 1888. She was engaged to Ed Downey of Pierce County, and was dressed for burial in the complete costume which she had made ready for her wedding, nearly a year before. She was buried in the cemetery at the top of the hill on the old Hunt homestead in Nebr. next to the graves of the three little ones of George and Nettie Hunt Mills. Her grave is marked with a stone and is surrounded by a picket fence.

Lev was restless and traveled about over the country, going to Oregon once, down South once and in the fall of 1903 to California, where Becky joined him at Thanksgiving time. They remained in California till late summer of 1904, but became very ill with malaria, which spoiled California reputation with them and they returned to their two acre home on the outskirts of Tilden, Nebraska.

Lev was a great lover of little children and was always most kind to them. He died after a short illness on Dec. 23, 1915, and was buried in Tilden. On Nov 19, 1919 Rebecca Loudermilk was married to a German, Fred Graesing, and went to live in Clearwater, where they owned two place. Here she died on July 21, 1934 after a sudden and short illness.

Chapter II--Part II

SECOND MARRIAGE OF WILLIAM HUNT

Margaret Handley Slagel, a neighbor of John Hunt with an adjoining farm, was the widow of Sam Slagel, oldest brother of Rachel Slagel Wright Lafe Wright wrote "He and my mother were real pals. She told us kids how they grew up in the woods instead of at school and that they just tore through the woods all day long. She could tell you the name of every tree or shrub or flower or weed or anything that belonged to the woods. Sam Slagle grew up to be quite a deer hunter and killed many deer in our neighborhood before they became extinct there. He is buried beside his father in the graveyard on the old Slagle Place.

CHILDREN of SAM and MARGARET HANDLEY SLAGLE

- a. Sarah Jane Slagle married Tom Harshbarger and lived in Centerville. No Children.
 - b. Frankie Slagle, a farmer living in the old Hunt-Wright neighborhood in Ohio married Rhoda Boggs and raised quite a family.
 - c. Henry Slagle was invalided by rheumatism and walked with crutches. He never married and died at about thirty five or forty years old.
- WILLIAM HUNT and MARGARET SLAGLE were married Sept. 11, 1853 and lived on the Hunt farm in Jackson County, Ohio, after Sam Slagle died.

CHILDREN of WILLIAM AND MARGARET HUNT

- a. Charity Hunt was b. Sept 1, 1854 She became Mrs. John Williams Sims on Oct. 3, 1876
- b. Minerva Hunt was b. Dec 29, 1855. She became Mrs. George W. McCoy on Oct. 3, 1876. She and sister Charity had a double wedding.
- c. Emma Hunt was born Oct. 26, 1859. She became Mrs. John Brooks
- d. Ida Hunt was born March 17, 1861. She became Mrs. Friend McDaniel
- e. Lucinda Hunt was born July 9, 1862 Died July 19, 1864.
- f. Joseph Hunt was born June 16, 1863 Died April 20, 1873.

These children of William and Margaret Hunt lived their lives in Ohio and had all passed away by 1929.

E. E. Hunt, D.D. write of Margaret Slagle Hunt:-

"A few years before he died, I asked Father (John Hunt Second) what sort of woman his stepmother had been and he replied slowly:-I now think that she was about as good a woman as ever lived, but it took me forty years to come to that conclusion. He added, "When she died, she had the greatest funeral that ever happened in that community." When abandoned by her husband in the winter of 63 or 64 this woman kept the three sets of children together--there was twelve of them--though John Hunt was married -and with the help of the farm, raised them to maturity. She deserves credit for courage and stamina.

CHAPTER II PART III

THIRD MARRIAGE OF WILLIAM HUNT

It has been said that William and his second wife were not congenial and there were other difficulties, so one day in the winter of 1863 or 64 William Hunt mounted his best horse and rode away telling his family that he was leaving, and taking with him all the available cash that he had on hand, which left Margaret Hunt in such straightened circumstances that it was necessary to sell most of the stock on the farm it is said.

The following is an explanation of the sad affair written by Lafe Wright to the children of John Hunt and at their request.

Chapter II Part III con't--

"Samuel Parkins, after the death of his first wife, married one widow Henderson, who had two daughters by her first husband. The oldest of the two was Martha Jane Henderson and the younger was Adelind Henderson. Martha Jane had married Thomas Stafford and they had three children, Lydia, Jennie, and John. Thomas Stafford seemed a very fine man, he was a blacksmith and was in the army in that capacity. Martha quit housekeeping after he went to the war and went to live at Samuel Parkins' home with her mother and finally got to be considered talk in the neighborhood regarding the two Wm. Hunt and Martha Stafford, I think, her children were at this time with Grandfather Stafford. Then, Jeff Davis, discovered about this time that he had bitten off more than he could chew and held up his hand and ceased fighting, so that our soldiers were expected home most any time. It seems that the two were not over anxious to meet Mr. Stafford, so Martha and her sister Adeline went to Pennsylvania on a visit. While they were gone Mr. Hunt got on his best horse and rode up to his brothers Hames' home six or seven miles away, and that was the last that the family knew of him at the time being. I really think that his brother James knew his whereabouts and all about him all the time but you know very well that it would not have been very safe proposition for anybody to have been wise to their whereabouts just then.

William Hunt had the confidence which was not misplaced, of all the neighbors, until this episode. He was Justice of the Peace as far back as I can remember and settled many disagreements among the neighbors and satisfied them all. In short, he was a man with a broad mind and a big heart. No one was a better friend to my mother, who was his kinswoman through his second wife, Margaret Handley Slagle, Widow of Mothers Brother Sam. My poor father passed on in 1859 and left us none too well fixed. My mother made a sale and he managed and cried the sale and did everything in his power for us.

"I can remember very well that when we boys got behind with our work in clearing next spring, he yoked up his big oxen, brought them and the four boys, John, James Hunt and Henry and Franklin Slagle over and helped us to haul and string out rails for the fence and just any old thing that had to be done before we could put in the crop.

If you think I am going to forget this and many other good deeds done by William Hunt, the quicker you forget it the better, for that is not my idea of justice. He did very wrong once, I'll have to admit but he has kindness itself to the widow and the fatherless and this fact will not be lost sight of by one who knows. I want the one among us who is without sin to cast the first stone. Many of us might go right where he went wrong and then turn around and go wrong a thousand times where he went right. Try to make that balance. While on the subject I want to say that Hunt came back later and met his son James at the home of his brother Edward and fixed it so that all the children of his first and second wives got their share of the property. His second wife, Margaret Slagle Hunt, got none of the property, but she apparently had the use of all the land until the children came of age. Then it was turned over to the heirs, her only surviving son Frank, built her a cabin on the place left by her first husband, Sam Slagle. In the meantime Frank had bought out the interest in the place of his sister Sarah Jane Slagle Harshbarger, and he and his mother lived on the old Slagle place until their deaths!"

By Lafe Wright, Junction City,
Oregon

And this tribute from another friend:-

"I was well acquainted with WILLIAM HUNT. He was probably the most influential citizen of Greenfield Township until he took to drinking and finally ran away with a soldier's wife in 1864 or 65, which of course, almost ruined his good reputation. In spite of his faults, he will always have a warm place in my heart on account of the many good qualities, especially because he took such good care of my father (Wm Parkins) during a long seige of brain fever when we thought he would surely die in spite of everything we could do. I have always thought he owed his life to William Hunt's careful nursing and care more than to any other one thing."

By Theodore Parkins, Rio Grande, Ohio

Of late years it has been learned that William Hunt and his third wife Martha Stafford, went from Ohio to Indiana, where they lived until 1873. He drove a mule team with one big gray mare in the lead, from Indiana, where they lived to Harrison, Arkansas, where he purchased town property of some sort. He did hauling for some years, bringing in freight from Springfield and St. Louis, Missouri, in the absence of the railroad. Later he moved to a farm about ten miles South of Harrison, on Hill Top Route, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1902. His youngest daughter, Mrs. Minnie Ferndale, still lives at this place. He must have been a man of determination and of iron constitution to start with three new families and to build up three new homes in three pioneer countries. The daughter wrote that William Hunt was one of the best men in Arkansas those days, paying all his debts and meeting all his obligations. The daughter also told, that he had been converted and baptized by a Baptist minister, though he was very old and did not unite with a church.

When WILLIAM HUNT returned to Ohio to settle up his business, as mentioned by Lafe Wright, he went to the home of his brother, Edward at Jackson, Ohio, where he met his son James, and they went to Gallipolis Here he signed such legal documents as made it possible for the Ohio property to be divided up among the children of the first and second wives, Rachel and Margaret. At the time of the visit he remarked to Eliza, wife of his brother Edward, "Don't ask me any questions. I am a very unhappy man. Had Rachel lived, all this would never have happened

CHILDREN of WILLIAM AND MARTHA STAFFORD HUNT:

- a. Annabelle Hunt born April 18, 1864 Died Jan. 28, 1920.
- b. Willie Hunt born May 23, 1866
- c. Minnie Hunt (Mrs. Ferndale) born Sept 12, 1868.
- d. Elsworth Hunt born March 17, 1871 Died Feb 23, 1933
- e. Ed Hunt born March 13, 1876, Lives now in Oklahoma
- f. July Hunt born May 5, 1877 Died at birth.

CHAPTER III

THIRD HUNT ANCESTOR IN AMERICA

JOHN HUNT, son of William and Rachel Parkins Hunt, was born in Greenfield Township, Gallia County, Ohio on May 31, 1844. He died in Meadow Grove, Nebraska on April 5, 1921, at the age of 76 years, 10 Months, 5 days.

Martha Ann Aright, oldest daughter of George Washington and Rachel Slagle Wright, was born one half mile from the Hunt home on Dec. 30, 1840 She died in Meadow Grove, Nebr. three months after the death of her husband, on July 13, 1921 at the age of 80 years, 6 mo., 13 days.

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John Hunt and Martha A. Wright were married when he was eighteen and a half years old on Nov. 19, 1862 in Gallia County, Ohio. John and Martha first started housekeeping in an old round-log school house that stood on the "forty" that lay just North of the old Wright home, up the hollow toward Morgan's place. Here the first child, Nettie was born. The Gallia Furnace Company bought some timber from William Hunt and built on his land a log house for Mr. Kyre, who came here to take coal off the land. Mr. Kyre was the boss collier and he and his family lived in the house for two or three years, moving there in 1861 or 1861.

Jim Slagle, brother of Rachel Slagle Hunt, did the building. He was a rough carpenter and built quite a number of log houses in that country. He was a great hand on ox yokes and ox bows, also made thousands of shaved shingles. A chimney was added during the winter of 1864 and 1865, while John Hunt was out in the army. Cal Keller's grandfather, Ammam Ripley, was the mason that "laid up" the chimney, assisted by Lafe Wright. When the Coaling had been finished, John Hunt bought the Kyre house, as it was called at the time, and moved his wife and baby Nettie into it. Here, in due season were born the four older Hunt boys, Samuel, Lester, Frankie and Eddie. The house was on the farm of his father, William Hunt, but it is not known whether or not any land was deeded to John by his father. ---Facts by Lafe Wright.

Nettie says that the land was deeded to him and that he sold it to his brother James for seven hundred dollars before going to Nebraska.

JOHN HUNT'S military service was in two parts, for after he had been in the army for a while, a foot that he had cut badly with an axe earlier in life gave out in the marches and he was sent home. He enlisted the second time in the company of Captain Gilliland, and served as Corporal in Co. C. 173rd. Ohio Infantry. When the war was over he was mustered out with an honorable discharge and returned home to his little family.

In the late sixties government land opened for settlement in Nebraska and Martha Hunt's brother, John Wright, went there in 1870 and sent back a favorable report so John Hunt sold everything except what he and his wife decided they must take with them, and bidding goodbye to home and friends the little pioneer family set out for Nebraska early in 1871. They sailed down the Ohio to Cairo, up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Missouri then up the Missouri to St. Joseph, where the boat could go no further because of mud. Here the travelers disembarked and JOHN HUNT bought a wagon, hitched it to two faithful horses that they had brought from Ohio, loaded into it his family and household goods from the Ohio home and the necessary supplies and started off across the trackless prairies in search of one of the many homes Uncle Sam had to give away. Doubtless the children enjoyed the beautiful days and camping out life, but it was a long trek for a mother with a babe who had been six weeks old when they left Ohio.

Finally they reached the brothers, John Wright, who had taken a claim near what is now Pierce, Nebr. and built a cabin on it and here they spent a long hard winter. In the spring of 1872, they joyfully journeyed up to what was to be their own home, on a quarter section of land that is about six miles North of the present town of Tilden. The farther had previously dug a well and had a house under construction and it was a beautiful spring on the prairies.

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Of the Hardships that followed, Emerson E. Writes:-

"In later years, father told me that for one whole twelve month period, all the cash that passed through his hands amounted to eighty-two cents. He had traded animals hides and lumber and such things as he could spare for the necessities of life--when we had them.

He had tried for two years to sell the home and everything for a total of fifteen dollars to buy food to last while we drove back to Ohio or elsewhere, but no buyer was found. The grasshoppers took every sprout of the crop for six years and in the seventh year a hail storm swept the fields clean just before harvest.

At that time the nearest town where trading could be done was Norfolk, and the nearest railroad station was at Columbus, seventy miles away. When supplies were required John Hunt loaded into his wagon such produce as he had to exchange, maybe forty or fifty bushels of grain loose in the wagon box and one or two butchered hogs, and the trip made there. It required four days of travel, and at night he drove in to the brush or a weed patch, picketed the horses, heavily blanketed them and himself and slept in or under the wagon.

The government and charitable societies sent aid to the thousands of struggling pioneers of Nebr. or they would have all starved. However, John Hunt would take very little of those supplies for his own family because he was distributor and he did not like to be thought unfair. He had brought to Nebraska with him a new rifle and he was a superior marksman and game on the prairies was plentiful. Were it not for this combination of circumstances, his steadily growing family must have perished.

So the Hunt's struggled on, planted many acres to seedling trees from a nearby creek, some of these grew into beautiful grove sheltering the house and barns from storms, year by year they broke more land and planted more crops, the older boys became a great help to the father, the weather became less severe, more acres were bought and added to the original one hundred and sixty. Times improved and at last prosperity smiled upon them. In 1872 the family had started life in a log cabin, but in 1884 a comfortable six room frame house was built and the Hunts were comfortable and happy. The six younger children of John and Martha Hunt were born on this farm in Elm Grove Township, Antelope County, Nebraska.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

From News Paper of 12/3/1920

Monday of this week was the fifty eighth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt who were married on Nov. 29, 1862, in Gallia County, Ohio. It was unusual for a couple to be spared to raise a large family and to celebrate their 58th anniversary.

Fifty eight years of married life, with all the hardships incident to pioneer days is something that one here and there ever lives to enjoy, and yet they have come through it all with a family who are a credit to the communities where they reside and are able to look back over the years that have come and gone and recount their many joys and sorrows together on the pathways of life.

The aged couple planned to celebrate the occasion by having all their children at home and to enjoy a bounteous repast with father and Mother. Circumstances over which they had no control prevented their getting the entire family together but the following were present:-

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Wedding Ann. that appeared in Newspaper continued--

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin (Bud) Hunt, Roy Hunt and family, G. W. Kibler and family, Clyde Hunt and Family, Mr. and Mrs Charles Miller of Neligh, B. H. Roscoe and family of Sulphur Springs, Montana, Rev. and Mrs. Antrim, and Mrs. Marian Brittell.

After partaking of a dinner that could not be surpassed, the afternoon was spent in singing and visiting. All present united in wishing the aged couple many more happy returns of the day when they promised to stand by each other until death shall part them.

It is said that JOHN HUNT arrived at his destination in Nebraska with but seventy-two dollars of cash in his pocket. He sold the old family home near Tilden in 1920 for seventy-two thousand dollars. A thousand dollars for every dollar that he had brought into Nebraska with him in 1871.

John Hunt retired a few years before his death and built a modern home for himself and his faithful wife in Meadow Grove in 1917 where they passed the remaining days of their lives. When General Harvey Post #182 of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Tilden, he became a charter member and was a member at the time of his death, which occurred April 5, 1921. At that time he had been a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows for thirty five years. Fifty members of the Tilden Lodge, where he was a member, as well as a delegation from Meadow Grove Lodge were present at the funeral, and the impressive burial ceremony was performed by Tilden Lodge at the grave in the Oakdale Nebraska cemetery.

In the words of his son Emerson:--"On the afternoon of April seventh nineteen hundred and twenty one, in the beautiful cemetery at Oakdale, Nebraska on a great bluff overlooking the historic Elkhorn River Valley and adjacent territory, where he had lived more than fifty years and where his lifes work had been finished, we gently laid him down to sleep that last long sleep that knows no waking, his BRONZE BUTTON on his coat, his OLD GRAND ARMY BADGE on his breast, and the STARRY FLAG OF HIS COUNTRY, which he loved beyond expression of words, wrapped about his coffin as his winding sheet. We bade him final farewell until the resurrection morn and turned our feet again to the family home, and came to it only to find the first time in our lives that FATHER was not here."

Martha Hunt the faithful wife, was anxious to go to the church, where funeral services were conducted by their pastor, Rev. E. T. Antrim. She was helpless, owing to old age and to an accident which had been a great affliction to her, so five of her sons put her in a wheel chair, and took her to the church and after the services there, carried her back to the room before the procession started away.

In her girlhood, Martha Wright had been a teacher and throughout her life she was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. "Grandma Hunt, as she was lovingly called by young and old alike, after a brief illness during which she was in an unconscious state most of the time, passed peacefully out into the great beyond about eight o'clock on Wednesday morning July 13, 1921. And so, in the short space of three months, both father and mother, husband and wife were called to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler ever returns."

CHILDREN of JOHN AND MARTHA HUNT

1. Anzonetta (Nettie) born Nov. 10, 1863 JAN 31, 1941 75
2. Samuel Elmer born March 24, 1865 Died Oct 21, 1924
3. Lester Newton born Feb. 14, 1867 Died Sep 28, 1958
4. Frankie Elsworth b. Jan 15, 1869 Died July 1, 1870

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5. Emerson Eddy Born Feb 23, 1871 Died Feb 13, 1936 23
1870
6. Luella May Hunt born Aug. 4, 1873
7. Jennie Violet (Biermeyer) born Dec. 31, 1876 ~~23~~ 1870?
8. Calvin Munroe (Bud) born Nov 30, 1877 Died ? 23 1871?
9. Edna Lucina Hunt born Feb 29, 1880 20 1872?
10. Clinton Leroy (Roy) born May 24, 1882 (Living 1972) MAY 5, 1977 or 1976
11. Clyde Ernest born Sept 26, 1884 Died 1958 or 1959

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FIRST CHILD OF JOHN AND MARTHA HUNT

1. Anzonetta (Nettie Hunt was born in Greenfield Township, Gallia County, Ohio on Nov 10, 1863. When she was in her eighth year, the family moved to a claim on the prairies of Nebraska near the present site of Tilden. She was educated in the common schools of Antelope Co. took teachers examinations and taught several terms of school in nearby districts when she was a young girl. She has been active in church and social work throughout her lifetime and in 1932 became a member of the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution of North Platte, Nebr. basing her claim to this distinction on the war record of her Revolutionary ancestor, Isaac Wiseman.

George Washington Mills a son of George S. and Margaret Ragan Mills was born in Oakland, Pennsylvania Dec 10, 1854. He was a teacher for many years and was later engaged in the government mail service. He died at the family home in North Platte Nebr. April 5, 1924, aged 69 years, 3 mo, 26 days.

George W. Mills and Nettie Hunt had a quiet wedding at the home of her parents near Tilden Nebr. on the afternoon of June 15, 1884. The Rev. William H. Stubbins of Willowdale, Nebr. performed the ceremony. CHILDREN OF GEORGE AND NETTIE MILLS

- a. Earl Vivian b. March 16, 1885 Died July 7, 1886.
- b. Ernest Royal, b. Pierce County, Nebr. July 6, 1886. He has his home in North Platte, Nebr. and has been for many years a trusted engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad, running out of North Platte, Nebr. Died ??

Ernest Royal Mills and Lena Gooden, daughter of Elias and Olive Thomas Gooden, were married in Logan, Iowa Dec. 25, 1906.

- Twin sons were born to Ernest and Lena Millsoan Feb. 10, 1908 Leonard
- c. Elsie May born Jan 9, 1888, died Oct 8, 1888
- d. Olive Estella born near Oakdale, Nebr. March 15, 1889. Beryl H. Roscoe, son of Bertus F. and Sadie E. Waldo Roscoe and Olive Estella Mills were married in Lewiston, Montana, Nov. 17, 1917. Two sons were born this union; Ivan near Lewiston Nov. 17, 1918 and Noel near Lewiston May 29, 1919.
- e. Cecil Elmer Mills born May 5, 1891 near Oakdale, Nebr. Cecil E. Mills and Frances Ludwick, daughter of Dr. Samuel and Mary Williams Ludwick, were married at Long Pine, Nebr. Nov 21, 1917. Frances, wife of Cecil Mills, lost her life in an automobile accident in April 29, 1929. They had no children. Cecil Mills and Leona Pasek, daughter of Pioneer settlers of Bristlow, Nebraska were married Sept 25, 1933
- f. Bertha Luella Mills born at Oakdale, Nebr. August 28, 1892. Alfred Johnson, son of James and Mary Jensen Johnson, and Bertha Luella Mills were married in Loretta, Nebraska. Jan 1, 1914. Three children to this union: 1. Glenetta Maren Johnson born at Loretta, Nebr. Sept 23, 1914--2. Donald Alfred Johnson born

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CHILDREN OF ANZONETTA (NETTIE) HUNT MILLS CON'T.

- at Loretta, Nebraska June 4, 1917. 3. Stanley Dean Johnson, Petersburg, Nebr. March 13, 1933
- g. Luther Laflin Mills born in Oakdale, Nebraska April 2, 1894
Luther L. Mills and Edith Davis, daughter of Andrew and Minerva Campbell Davis were married in Cheyenne, Wyo. in July 1922. Two children were adopted 1. Ernest Raymond born March 17, 1929
2. Jeannine Mills born March 2, 1931.
- h. Donald Elsworth Mills was born in Oakdale, Nebr, Oct. 8, 1895 and died Jan. 13, 1906.
- i. Dorothy Hope born at Oakdale, April 13, 1897
Cecil G. Foote, son of George H. Sarah Tomlinson Foote, and Dorothy Hope were married at Lorretta, Nebr. Oct. 17, 1917. Six children were born 1. Marguerite L. Aug. 14, 1919
2. George Cecil June 9, 1923 3. Mildred J. Oct. 6, 1924.
4. Helen I. August 20, 1926 5. Vivian J. May 29, 1928
6. Norman Luther Dec. 1. 1929.
- j. Lynton Erwin Mills was born Feb 1, 1899 Oakdale, Nebr.
Lynton E. Mills and Irene Cross were married at No. Platte, Nebr. June 7, 1925. One son Robert Edward Mills June 7, 1926.
- k. Iva Leona Mills was born March 28, 1900 at Loetta, Nebr.
Ralph Doggett, son of Charles B. Doggett of Townsend, Montana, and Iva L. Mills were married at Townsend, Montana June 21, 1920.
1. Maxine, b. June 29, 1922 2. Robert b. Aug. 29, 1923 3. Cecelian Ann b. June 22, 1925 4. Laura b. March 12, 1928 5. Doris b. Feb. 5, 1930 6. Iva b. July 4, 1935 7. Jerry b. Nov 16, 1936
- l. Milton Wright Mills was born Dec. 21, 1902 at Loretta, Nebr.
Milton W. Mills married Florence Phelps, no children.
- m. Wayne Windsor Mills was born Aug. 10 1905 at Loretta, Nebr.
Wayne married Jayne Kathleen Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snyder on April 16, 1927 2. Darrel Wayne (Jackie) born Jan 2, 1929 in North Platte, Nebraska.
- n. Ronald Maurice Mills born Sept. 20, 1908 Loretta, Nebr.
Ronald and Evelyn Naomu Davis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lou S. Davis were married Sept. 13, 1936 in North Platte, Nebraska. They have no children listed

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SECOND CHILD OF JOHN AND MARTHA WRIGHT HUNT

SAMUEL ELMER HUNT was born in his fathers log cabin in Gallia County, Ohio on March 24, 1865. When he was six years of age the family moved to Nebraska, early in 1871, and here he grew up on his father's farm about six miles north of the present town of Tilden. He helped his father faithfully through lean and prosperous years alike until he was 21. Valuing education highly he then worked for hire for neighboring farmers or rented and farmed for himself, saving his money carefully and taking several terms of schooling in what is now Doane College, one term of several months in business college in Lincoln, Nebr. where he specialized in penmanship, acquiring considerable proficiency under Courtney and

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Maderass, and taking one or more summer course in methods of teaching. He took teachers examinations and taught four terms of school in near by districts, where his work was much approved. At one time he filed a claim in Colorado that looked desirable to him, built a cabin on it and went away to raise some money by hauling freight across a desert stretch where water was so scarce and so full of alkali that the teamsters used tomatoes instead of water to quench their thirst. He took a bad case of LA Grippe that almost cost him his life, returned to his claim to find no water, and vegetation all scorched and dried, and discouraged seized upon a chance to return to Nebr. with an acquaintance, bidding goodbye to Colorado forever. The one hundred sixty that he abandoned was later developed into a very valuable farm by a more persistent settler. In 1896, because of a condition left by lagrippe, and on the advice of his doctor, he bought a railroad ticket to Clipper Gap, California, arriving Sunday March 8, at the home of Mrs. Susan Bancroft, whose brother, Jeptha Hopkins, and old friend of John Hunt's had recommended her to him as in need of a farm hand. In the fall of 1896 he rented the farm of Mrs. Bancroft and on Dec. 19, 1896 was married in Auburn, California to Olive Bancroft, daughter of William and Susan Hopkins Bancroft, who had been born on the farm near Clipper Gap on Oct 13, 1874. During the 38 years of married life that followed, Samuel Hunt spent sometime at farming. There were two ventures at farming in Nebr.: worked at times in lumber camps in the Sierras, sometimes in the employ of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in Placer County, and in 1920 bought a place in the city of San Mateo which was the official home of the family until 1923. At this time, because of the serious illness of his wife, Samuel Hunt sold his home in San Mateo and bought lots in Concord, Calif. upon which he built three houses and accompanying garages. Here he spent a few years of gradually waning strength, working among his shrubs and flowers, keeping the places in good repair and enjoying his books and his family and his friends, passing away on Sunday morning Oct. 21, 1934.

Tribute to a brother: Rev. Emerson E. Hunt to his congregation on Nov. 4, 1935.

"I have suffered a very great personal bereavement. I had word a week ago last Wednesday that my oldest brother died and later I learned that he had had his funeral and been cremated before I had known of his death.

During my ministry I have comforted, perhaps a thousand bereaved families and have known some sorrows and disappointments, but nothing ever struck me as hard as this has.

He was the best brother a wayward boy ever had. Out of a thousand troubles he extracted me. Nothing ever ruffled him. However badly anyone ever wronged him he always said "let it go. No difference." When we would have fought, bled and died for a cause, he saw some way out without trouble. He was the most even tempered Character I ever met. Thirteen years ago last spring, father and mother went on before and I have missed them increasingly each year since and now the loss on my brother is growing upon me and life will never again be as it was before."

Tennyson must have suffered such a loss when he wrote:

Break, break, break.

On they cold, gray stone, I Sea

And I would that arise in me.

Oh well for the fisherman's boy

That he shouts with his sister at play

Oh well for the sailor lad that he sings in his boat on the bay.

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And the stately ships go on
 To the haven under the hill,
 But oh, for the touch of a vanished hall
 and the sound of a voice that is still.

Break, break, break,
 At the foot of they crags, O Sea,
 But the tender grace of a day that is dead
 Will never come back to me.

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CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND OLIVE BANCROFT HUNT

- a. Robert Raul Hunt born Sept. 27, 1897 on Columbia Ranch near Clipper Gap, Calif. Robert and Lyla Margaret Worthley, daughter of Charles T. and Amy McKee Siminds Worthley, married May 21, 1922 in Sacramento, Calif. Children were 1. Robert Paul Hunt Jr. born Sept 5, 1923, Auburn Calif. 2. Margery Lucille born Feb. 25, 1925 in Sacramento, Calif.
- b. Harold Homer Hunt born January 26, 1899 Columbia Ranch. Harold and Eunice Edith Holland, daughter of Cephas H. and Ida Elledge Holland were married Aug 16, 1925 in Sacranebto, no fam
- c. Elsie Neola born Feb 27, 1902 on Rose Hill near Clipper Gap, C. Albert Edward McCloud, son of John G. and Etta Jones McCloud and Elsie were married October 16, 1920 at the home of the bride's parents in San Mateo, Cal. 2 Children: 1 John Gordon, the Third, born Aug 3, 1921 San Mateo, Cal.:2 Albert Edward McCloud Jr. born Oct 6, 1922 Sacramento, Calif.
 SECOND MARRIAGE--Harry A. Gillespie, son of James and Nellie Kenison Gillespie and Elsie Hunt McCloud were married Nov. 10, 1931 in Portland, Ore and no children.
- d. Alice Perkins Hunt was born on Rose Hill July 4, 1903. Laurence B. Honegger, son of Emil and Anna Hipschenberger, and Alice were married July 4, 1922 in Sacramento, Adopted one son 1. Kenneth Honegger born March 25, 1928 San Francisco, Calif.
- e. Donald Bancroft Hunt was born at Rose Hill near Clipper Gap. Cal. Oct. 13, 1904. Donald B. Hunt and Gladys Louise Hilding, daughter of Karl J. and Hildur Louise Hilding were married Sep 1924 in Sacramento, Cal. One son: Donald Bancroft Hunt, Jr. wa born Oct 12, 1927 in Concord, Calif.
 Donald B. Hunt and Gladys Hilding Hunt were separated by divor
 Donald B. Hunt and Lucetta Annabelle Warner, daughter of Georg E. and Edith Odell Warner were married Aug. 25, 1934 in Reno, Nevada. No children listed.
- f. Kathryn Adele Hunt was born Dec. 8, 1911 in Lodi, Calif. Thomas R. Broyles, son of James and Ruth Ratcliffe Broyles and Kathryn were married Dec. 25, 1933 at the home of parents in Concord, Cal. One son: Gerald Thomas Broyles born Aug 3, 1937 in Martinez, California.

CHAPTER IV

THIRD CHILD OF JOHN AND MARTHA HUNT

LESTER NEWTON HUNT, was born Feb 14, 1867 in his father's log cabin in Gallia County, Ohio. The family moved to Nebr. when he was four years old and he grew up on the Hunt farm on the prairie six miles North of the present town of Tilden, Nebr. He remained on the farm with his parents and the other children until he became of twenty one years of age, helping through the good and lean years alike. Desiring further education, after he became of age he attended what is now Doane College, and also he received some education in business colleges, after which he taught school for a few years.

Lester N. Hunt and Nancy Morrison, daughter of Nathan M. and Abigail Hinds Morrison were married March 28, 1895 and moved to the farm he had purchased southwest of Neligh, Nebr. just north of the road that ran east and west north of the Antelope Creek Methodist Church. Nancy Morrison was born Oct. 8, 1874 at Nevada, Illinois. She came to Nebr. in a covered wagon with her parents when she was eight years old. They settled on a homestead southwest of Royal, Nebraska. Two children were born to this union: 1. Grier Elwell Hunt, Born April 18, 1896 at Neligh, Nebraska and 2. Oakley Ellis Hunt, born March 22, 1899 at Neligh, Nebr.

The following is the OBITUARY as published in Harvard paper.

LESTER NEWTON HUNT

Lester Newton Hunt, son of John and Martha Hunt, was born in Gallia, County, Ohio, February 14, 1867 and passed away on Sunday morning Sept. 28, 1958, at the age of 91 years, 7 months and 14 days.

He came with his parents to Nebraska at the age of four years, and the family lived in Pierce for a year before moving to Neligh where Mr. Hunt resided until he moved to Harvard in 1917.

He received his early education in the pioneer schools of Antelope county, and was graduated from the Fremont Normal School in 1892, and attended Gage College in Neligh for two years. For a number of years he taught in the Neligh Schools and later engaged in Real Estate, Auto Sales, and farming.

He was married to Miss Nancy Morrison on March 30, 1895, and to them were born two sons, Grier and Oakley, both of whom preceeded the father in death. Grier was a Methodist minister having served a number of churches in Nebraska. Mrs. Hunt passed away Nov. 11, 1901

On Dec. 14, 1911, he married Mrs. Susan Leonard, who passed away November 4, 1955.

In 1917 Mr. and Mrs. Hunt moved to Harvard, Nebr. where he has since resided. He was a member of long standing of the Methodist Church of Neligh.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Edna Kibler and Mrs. Jennie Birmeier, both of Calif. brothers, Clyde of Tilden, Roy of Lincoln and Calvin of Calif. There remain also 13 grandchildren and 31 great-grand children and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church in Harvard, Nebr. Wed. P.M. with Rev. F. C. Friedericks of Lincoln in charge. Mrs. Marvin Lovgren sang, and Karen McCune was at the organ. Six grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial was at Neligh, Nebraska.

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CHILDREN OF LESTER NEWTON AND NANCY MORRISON HUNT

1. Grier Elwell Hunt born April 18, 1896 at Neligh, Nebraska. Viola Magdalene Gallentine, daughter of Samuel and Frances Gueck Gallentine were married August 27, 1919 at Inland, Nebraska. Viola was born May 19, 1897.
CHILDREN OF GRIER AND VIOLA HUNT
 1. Bernadine Eunice born July 1, 1920. Died Dec. 4, 1920. Harvard
 2. Lester Grier Hunt born March 9, 1922 at Inland, Nebr.
 3. Clayton Daryle Hunt born Dec. 5, 1923 at Harvard, Nebr. Clayton married Dolores Swanson, born May 17, 1929, at Mead, Neb on May 27, 1951. Three children: (Married by husband's father)
 - a. Richard Grier born Feb 22, 1952 at Omaha, Nebr
 - b. Robert Gordon born Sept. 24, 1954 at Hastings, Nebr
 - c. Sharon Marie born Nov. 28, 1967 at Bagdad, Ariz
 4. Joyce Lerene Hunt born August 5, 1925 at Harvard, Nebr. Joyce married Glen Hayes at Ten Sleep, Wyo on Sept 12, 1953. They have two children:
 - a. Rex Allen born Nov 14, 1955 at North Platte, Nebr.
 - b. Glenda born June 22, 1957 at North Platte, Nebr.
 5. Eugene Merton Hunt born Dec. 6, 1926 at Harvard, Nebr. Eugene married Ila Esther Retzlaff, daughter of Walter and Gussie Barr Retzlaff, born Nov 6, 1930, married Jan 1, 1948. at Loup City, Nebraska by father of husband. Four children:
 - a. Eugene Ralph Hunt born May 29, 1949 at Lincoln, Nebr.
 - b. Walter Grier Hunt born July 22, 1950 at Lincoln, Nebr.
 - c. Rita Faye Hunt born Feb. 5, 1952 at Kearney, Nebr.
 - d. Nita Jo Hunt born June 8, 1954 at Scottsbluff, Nebr.
 6. Donald Louis Hunt born July 16, 1928 at Harvard, Nebr. Donald married Mary Elizabeth Johnson, born Jan 3, 1930 at Hawk Springs, Wyo, at Boulder, Colo on Dec. 3, 1950. Five children born to union:
 - a. Dale Owen Hunt born Sept. 4, 1951
 - b. Donna Marie Hunt born Apr 3 1953 died Feb 5, 1962
 - c. Wayne Allan Hunt born June 5, 1955 died Oct 16, 1972
 - d. Myra Sue Hunt born June 23, 1956 died Oct. 25, 1958
 - e. Paula Jean Hunt born Apr 15, 1958 died Oct. 20, 1958
 Myra and Paula died at University Hospital in Omaha
Donna, Wayne, Myra, and Paula buried Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook, Nebraska
 7. Leah Janice Hunt born Aug 13, 1929
Robert Sigler, born July 26 married Janice at Loup City, Nebr on June 8, 1947 by Janice's father. Three children:
 - a. Carol Jean Sigler born Aug 23, 1948 at Kearney, Nebr
 - b. Joy Louise Sigler born Sept. 19, 1952 at Ainsworth, Neb
 - c. Janet Rae born June 3, 1954 at

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8. Wilfred Lyle Hunt born May 17, 1932 at Brunswick, Nebr
Married vada Faye Stider, born Feb 18, 1934, on Jan 25, 1953
 - a. Steven Edward Hunt born Apr 6, 1958 at Denver, Colo
 - b. Scott Eugene Hunt born Sept 17, 1970 at Belvoir, Va.
9. Ruth Elaine Hunt born Sept 16, 1937 at Haigler, Nebraska
Married Floyd DeWoody of York, Nebr born Nov 23, 1932 on
Feb 3, 1956. Floyd died July 12, 1967
 - a. adopted Floyd Dean DeWoody, Jr. born May 2, 1964 at
Phoenix, Ariz adopted May 15, 1967

RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Lester entered the army March 24, 1943, was in Signal Corps in England and in France. He was discharged April 2, 1946. He was T-5 when discharged.

Daryle entered the army June 8, 1943. Served in the battle of Normandy and at St. Malo where he was wounded August 8, 1944. He was in the hospital in London till the following Jan 1945, when he was transferred to Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver, Colo where he was until April 1945 when he was transferred to Camp Carson at Colo Springs. He was discharged in June 1945.

Eugene was in the Air Force from June 1945 until November 1946. He served in France and Germany. He made rank of Sergeant.

Donald entered the army Jan 10, 1951 but was discharged June 1, 1951 because of physical disability which he had when he entered the army at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Wilfred entered the Air Force in Dec 1950 for a period of four years. He is a Camera Technician with the rank of Sergeant at the time of this writing. (Unknown when written) 1962 - First Lieutenant serving in Japan.

2. Oakley Ellis Hunt, born March 22, 1899 at Neligh, Nebraska. Died at Harvard, Nebraska in 1948 or 49. He married Grace Miriam Gallantine, who was born April 9, 1899 at Inland and she died in 1947 at Harvard. They were married April 12, 1920.

1. Aileen Doris Hunt born Nov 3, 1920, married Harold Goedert and they have three children: a. Jerry Joe Goedert born Sept 6, 1941 b. Sheila Goedert born Feb 25, 1947 c. Nedra Jolene Goedert born August 22, 1952.

2. Jewell Carmen Hunt born March 22, 1922, married James Swanson and they have three children: a. James E. Swanson, Jr. born March 18, 1945 b. Dixie Adair Swanson born Jan 14, 1952 c. Tye

3. Virginia R. born ~~May~~ or June 6, 1923 died June 16, 1923

4. Bernard Newton Hunt born July 9, 1927 married Wyvetta Lorraine Peterson in 1948 (?) and have five children: a. Edward, born July 25, 1950 b. Tommy Lee born July 7, 1951 in Omaha, c. Karen Lynn born Jan 27, 1953 d. Terry Alan born Oct. 6, 1954 e. Donna Jean born Nov , 1956 in Omaha.

5. Margretha Ann Hunt born Aug 22, 1932 married Berdon Cayhill and has two children. Living at Riverton, Nebr.

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6. Merle Edward Hunt born Jan 5, 1934 married Jo. at Hastings. They have two adopted children and two of their own: a. Jerry, adopted boy b. Pamela, adopted c. Stephen Edward, born 1958 d.

Five children of Grace and Oakley died in infancy.