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Woolman continued

PROOF OF CHILDREN

of

William & Mary Woolman Huht

John Woolman's Journal -

13th 9th month 1772: Was this day at Richmond, a small meeting, but the town's people coming in, the house was crowded. It was a time of heavy labour, and I believe was a profitable meeting.

(When I was at Richmond, I being in Yorkshire) I heard that my kinsman William Huht from North Carolina who was on a religious visit to Friends in England, departed this life on the 9th day of the 9th month instant of the small-pox, at Newcastle.
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Memoirs of William & Nathan Hunt published by Uriah Hunt, Philadelphia, 1858 -

Letters on pages 97-100 are addressed to "my dearly beloved brother" (Eloazer)

Letters addressed to Margaret Beals & Hannah Kersey: the salutation is

My Dearly beloved sisters:-

It is with feeling affection and united regard I now salute you, with our dearly beloved brother (meaning Eloazer) Although I am the youngest yet have been a pattern to you and others

Letter to Thomas Thornburg, Sen., father of his travelling companion in England, last paragraph on page 105,

Remember us dearly to Henry Mills, his wife and children, sister Ann Hunt and hers, with thy own.....

This letter is dated 1772, The sister Ann Hunt is actually his sister-in-law, the widow of Thomas Hunt, who died at New Garden 9-15-1763.

Will of Thomas Hunt, Book A, page 65, probated 1763, Rowan County, N. C., last paragraph states

"I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother Eloazer Hunt and my friend Nathan Dicks and my loving wife Ann Hunt whole and sole executors.
Signed/ Thomas Hunt"

Although Thomas Worth Marshall listed a daughter, Rachel, I have found no proof. Did he list the name because of tradition? Or did she die as a child?

William Hunt, the immigrant, was not faithful to Quaker tradition. He was disown at Falls Meeting. Mary and Margaret (her daughter) are recorded at a later date. But all came back into the Society of Friends formally at Fairfax. It is a point of humor that William Jr. who is reported to have lived with an aunt near Hopewell never formally requested membership, yet he was an accepted minister at a very early age. Henry Cadbury makes a point of this in the booklet published by Guilford College. (Journal of William Hunt's Visit to Europe, 1771-1773, Together with William Hunt- A Memoir, by Henry J. Cadbury, a Quaker Collection Publication Guilford College Library, Greensboro, N. C., 1968)

SOURCE DATAWILLIAM HUNT SR. & FAMILY

The Abington Monthly Meeting Minutes of the 50th of 1 mo., 1719 accepts his certificate from Radnor Monthly Meeting in Great Britain.

" At this meeting William Hunt late of Byberry produced a certificate from Radnor in Great Britain which was read and accepted."

This minute is the only information relative to William Hunt's ties to the homeland. When he came to America he became a member of Byberry Preparative Meeting which was a subordinate meeting to Abington Monthly Meeting. It was to Byberry that he presented his certificate.

Falls Monthly Meeting dated 5th of 6th mo. 1719, page 174,

"A certificate from Friends at Abington relating to William Hunt read approved and ordered to be recorded."

Falls Monthly Meeting dated 3rd 12th mo. 1719, page 176,

"Wm. Hunt proposed his intentions of marriage with Mary Woolman belonging to Burlington Monthly Meeting. It being the first time this meeting appoints Sam Beaks and John Hutichison to enquire into Wm^s clearness and make report at next meeting."

Burlington Monthly Meeting records the marriage of William to Mary Woolman and Mary's certificate to Falls Monthly Meeting.

"1720-2-14 - William Hunt of Bucks County, Pa., married Mary Woolman, Daughter of John of Burlington County, at the Meeting House at Springfield township."

"1720-6-1 - Mary Hunt was granted a certificate to Falls Monthly Meeting."

William Hunt did not behave himself as a Quaker should and was disowned. Falls Monthly Meeting records show:

"1725-11-5 - Wm. Hunt's conversation having been such that Truth hath been dishonored thereby for which he hath been dealt with several times by Falls overseers; but their advice taking no effect, he still continuing in disorderly practice, therefore agreed that Thos. Watson, John Satcher, Geo. Clough and Wm. Atkinson do draw a paper of condemnation between now and next meeting."

"1725-12-2 -The Friends appointed to draw a testimony against Wm. Hunt accordingly have done so and brought it to this meeting: which was read and approved and ordered to be read publicly by Thos. Watson on next First Day at Falls Meeting House after meeting."

There is no record of William Hunt returning to the Quaker Faith.

Falls Monthly Meeting Womans Minutes of 5th of 3rd mo. 1750, pages 229 & 230,

"A certificate for Mary Hunt was brought to this meeting read approved and signed."

Unfortunately there is no other information. Note that the certificate was brought to Falls ^{MON}mor. It is my belief that she was already in the neighborhood of Nottingham, Cecil County, Maryland.

Mrs. Edna Harvey Joseph found this record in Nottingham Monthly Meeting Women's Minutes:

"1 mo. 1735/6 Mary Hunt, a member of our Meeting requested a certificate (meeting addressed not named, probably Hopewell, Va.)."

" 5rd mo. 1736 - Certificate signed for Mary Hunt and her daughter Margaret Hunt."

Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Va., Page 513, Vol. VI Hinshaw,

"Hannah HUNT, born 1730 in Pa., daughter of William and Mary (Woolman) Hunt both deceased, received on request 5-27-1746."

"Eleazar HUNT, son of William & Mary (Woolman) Hunt both deceased, received by request 1-28-1747."

"Hannah HUNT married contrary to discipline 1 mo. 1749 to Wm. Kersey, both members."

"Thomas HUNT received on request 6-26-1749."

"Wm. & Hannah Kersey both made acknowledgement 7-26-1749 of their marriage contrary to discipline which were accepted by the meeting."
and wife

26-25-1750 Thomas HUNT/ were granted certificates to Carver's Creek Monthly Meeting, N. C." (Note: They were original members of Cane Creek M, N. C., established in 1751; transferred to New Garden M, N.C., 1754; Lived in Roan Co., N.C. later).

"8-26-1751 Eleazar HUNT granted a certificate to Cane Creek M N. C. Removed and settled in N. C.."

Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Virginia, p age 405 VI Hinshaw,

"6-1-1752 William HUNT granted a certificate to Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, N.C."

Fairfax Monthly Meeting, Loudon County, Va., page 524, Vol. VI Hinshaw,

"William Kersey b. 1720 in Pa. d. in N.C. 11-20-1764; appointed Overseer of Monocacy PM, Md.; m 1st Elizabeth, d before 1749; by whom he had one child, William Kersey Jr. b. 15-19-1745(sic); m 2nd 1 mo. 1749 to Hannah Hunt (b 1730 in Pa. dt of William & Mary (Woolman) Hunt both deceased in 1744). William & Hannah Kersey with their children and William's son William Jr. (by his 1st wife) were granted certificates to New Garden M N. C. 6-24-1758."

In November 1968 I engaged genealogist, John V. Hollingsworth, Chadds Ford, Penna., 19317, to check out all records in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia to find out if William Hunt, the emigrant, was related to other Hunts in those states, determine when and where he and his wife died and whether they owned any property which would prove family ties and the number and ages of their children. Mr. Hollingsworth checked out all of these facets and found nothing about William. Neither William nor Mary owned any property. One researcher, a Mrs. D. F. Hardesty, 210 Rice Street, Berryville, Virginia, did find an interesting bit of information about the Mary Ann Beals who married Thomas Hunt. Her letter to Mr. John V. Hollingsworth is copied in part on the next page.

WILL OF
ELEAZAR HUNT
(Son of William & Sarah Mills Hunt) ✓

I, Eleazar Hunt, of the County of Guilford of the State of North Carolina, being old and well stricken in years and well knowing according to the course of nature cannot remain much longer in the land of the living and being myself of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz:

I will and devise that all my effects be sold and the proceeds equally divided among a ll my children share and share alike and all the monies and bonds and everything that I possess be equally divided among my children: giving to my deceased son Zadoc's children their father's share equally divided among them.

I appoint mt sons Ithamar Hunt and John Hunt Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I, the said Eleazar Hunt, do set my hand the 30th day of September, A. D. 1840.

SGD/ Eleazar Hunt

Signed, sealed and pronounced in the presence of:

William Watson
Ziara Hunt

Do it remembered that the part given William Hussey, my son-in-law and his wife Boulah, I now will and bequeath to their two daughters Rebecca and Lydia.

Witness my hand and seal this the 30th of September 1840.

SGD/ Eleazar Hunt

*Died 11-23-1840
Wife, Lydia died 10-29-1832*

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