

737. HUNT

Although there has been a genealogy of the descendants of Enoch¹ Hunt,^[1] it is now over a century old and its organization is decidedly unorthodox. Men named *Hunt* are alphabetized and sorted by earliest ancestor. Generally there is also an introductory notice that relates the family's earliest recorded appearances but is separated by several pages from the immigrant ancestor's family summary.^[2]

The sketch below is intended to perform three functions. First, it consciously avoids the more difficult artifices involved in the original published presentation of this line. Secondly, it synthesizes what is known of this family from original sources. Finally, it further aims to integrate the results of recent research on closely related families.

1. **Enoch¹ Hunt** died before 1647.^[3] Two documents have been found in Massachusetts that indicate an English origin. On 2 July 1688, Jonas Humphrey and Robert Randall deposed that they had known Enoch Hunt as a resident of Titenden, parish of Lee, Buckinghamshire.^[4] In 1646, his son Ephraim gave power of attorney for collection of property in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, that had belonged to John Hunt of Agmondsham.

Enoch married, probably as his second wife, **Dorothy (____) Barker**, who had three known children by her former husband.^[5] After Enoch's death she married John King.^[6] In her will of 14 August 1652, proved 21 October 1652, Dorothy mentioned her Barker children as well as son Ephraim Hunt and daughter Sarah Hunt.^[7]

Children of Enoch¹ Hunt, probably by an unidentified wife, are:

- i. EPHRAIM² HUNT, b. ca. 1610, d. Weymouth, Suffolk (now Norfolk) Co., Mass., 22 Feb. 1686/7, aged about 77 years;^[8] m. (1) ANNA RICHARDS, bp. Pitminster, Somerset, England, 1 Nov. 1626, dau. of Gov. Thomas and Welthian (Loring?) Richards;^[9] m. (2) before 1655 EBBOT BRINSMEAD, dau. of William Brinsmead,^[10] d. Milton, Suffolk (now Norfolk) Co., Mass., 9 Sept. 1712.^[11]
2. ii. PETER HUNT, bur. 21 Oct. 1692, m. ELIZABETH SMITH.

Child of Enoch¹ and Dorothy (____) Barker Hunt is:

¹ T. B. Wyman Jr., *Genealogy of the Name and Family of Hunt* (Boston: John Wilson & Son, 1862–3).

² For Enoch Hunt, the introduction appears at 251-2, and the summary at 271.

³ Charles Henry Pope, *The Pioneers of Massachusetts: A Descriptive List, Drawn from the Records of Colonies, Towns, and Churches, and Other Contemporaneous Documents* (Boston, 1900; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965), 248, citing *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 5 (1851): 239.

⁴ Wyman, *Hunt Family*, 252.

⁵ Pope, *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, 248.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 248, 279.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 248.

⁸ *Vital Records of Weymouth, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1912), 2:287.

⁹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995), 3:1577. See also Pope, *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, 384, and George Ernest Bowman, "The Wills of Thomas and Welthian Richards: Abstracted from the Original Documents," *Mayflower Descendant* 9 (1907): 89-91.

¹⁰ Wyman, *Hunt Family*, 273; [William B. Trask, Samuel G. Drake, and Walter K. Watkins,] *Suffolk County Wills: Abstracts of the Earliest Wills Upon Record in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, from The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1984), 30-1.

¹¹ Wyman, *Hunt Family*, 273; *Milton Records: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1642–1873, Alphabetically and Chronologically Arranged* (Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, Printers, 1900), 230.

- iii. SARAH HUNT, b. Weymouth 4 July 1640,^[12] d. there 3 Aug. 1729,^[13] m. there 1 Aug. 1661 MATTHEW PRATT,^[14] bp. Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, England, 7 June 1629, son of Macuth and Elizabeth (Kingham) Pratt, d. Weymouth 12 Jan. 1712/3.^[15]

2. Captain **Peter² Hunt** (*Enoch*¹) was buried 21 October 1692 at Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts.^[16] He married there, on 14 December 1646, **Elizabeth Smith**,^[17] daughter of Henry and Judith (____) Smith. Peter is referred to as “sonn hunt” in Henry Smith’s will of 3 November 1647.^[18] The inventory of Henry’s estate was taken 21 December 1647.^[19] His widow Judith’s will of 24 October 1650, proved 4 June 1651, refers to Elizabeth as “Daughter Hunt.”^[20]

Children of Capt. Peter² and Elizabeth (Smith) Hunt, all born in Rehoboth, are:

- i. SARAH HUNT, b. 21 Jan. 1646[7],^[21] d. Rehoboth 27 Oct. 1673,^[22] m. there 1 June 1666 Dea. SAMUEL PECK,^[23] bp. Hingham, Suffolk (now Plymouth) Co., Mass., 12 July 1646, son of Joseph Peck,^[24] d. Rehoboth 30 April 1708.^[25]
- ii. JUDITH HUNT, b. 24 April 1648,^[26] d. 7 Apr. 1724, bur. Newton, Middlesex Co., Mass.,^[27] m. (1) Rehoboth 17 May 1667 NATHANIEL COOPER,^[28] bp. Hingham 26 March 1643,^[29] son of Anthony and Frances (____) Cooper,^[30] bur. Rehoboth 12 Nov. 1676;^[31] m. (2) Rehoboth 13 Nov. 1677 Capt. ISAAC WILLIAMS,^[32] b. Roxbury, Suffolk Co., Mass., 1 Sept. 1638, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Stalham) Williams,^[33] d. Newton 11 Feb. 1707/8, aged 69y.^[34]
- iii. PETER HUNT JR., b. 14 June 1650,^[35] bur. Rehoboth 25 Aug. 1676,^[36] m. there 24 Dec. 1673 REBECCA PAINE,^[37] b. there 20 Dec. 1656, dau. of Stephen and Mary (Chickering) Paine;^[38] she m. (2) Dea.

¹² *Vital Records of Weymouth*, 1:152.

¹³ *Ibid.*, 2:322.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, 2:102.

¹⁵ Frederick J. Nicholson, “The English Origin of Macuth¹ (or Matthew) Pratt and Edward¹ Bates of Weymouth, Massachusetts,” *American Genealogist* 65 (1990): 34-43, 89-96, at 90.

¹⁶ James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth, 1642–1896: Marriages, Intentions, Births, Deaths* (Providence: Narragansett Historical Publishing Co., 1897), 838.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, 198.

¹⁸ “Plymouth Colony Wills and Inventories,” *Mayflower Descendant* 10 (1908): 159-64, at 159.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 160.

²⁰ George Ernest Bowman, “Widow Judith Smith’s Will and Inventory,” *Mayflower Descendant* 10 (1908): 172-4.

²¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 646.

²² *Ibid.*, 861.

²³ *Ibid.*, 198.

²⁴ [George Lincoln,] *The History of Hingham, Massachusetts*, 3 vols. (Hingham: town, 1893), 3:108.

²⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 861.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, 646.

²⁷ Henry Ernest Woods, ed., *Vital Records of Newton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1905), 516.

²⁸ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 198.

²⁹ [Lincoln,] *History of Hingham*, 2:138.

³⁰ See Clarence Almon Torrey, “The Clark and Cooper Families of Hingham, England,” *American Genealogist* 13 (1936/7): 151-4, at 153.

³¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 817.

³² *Ibid.*, 110.

³³ Patty Barthell Myers, comp., *Ancestors and Descendants of Thomas Rice Lyon and His Wife Harriet wade Rice with Related Families* (San Antonio, Tex., 2003), 637-8.

³⁴ Woods, *Vital Records of Newton*, 516.

³⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 646.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, 838.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, 897.

³⁸ Sidney L. Paine, “The English Ancestry of Stephen Paine of Rehoboth, Plymouth Colony,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 143 (1989): 291-302, at 302.

- Samuel Peck, widower of his sister Sarah,^[39] and d. there 27 June 1699.^[40]
- iv. ENOCH HUNT, b. 28 Feb. 1652,^[41] d. Rehoboth 5 March 1711/2,^[42] m. there 29 Oct. 1678 MARY PAINE,^[43] sister of Rebecca, b. there 11 July 1659,^[44] d. there 20 Sept. 1707.^[45]
 - v. ELIZABETH HUNT, b. 1 March 1654,^[46] bur. Rehoboth 1 March 1676,^[47] m. there 17 April 1678 JAMES WILLETT,^[48] b. Plymouth, New Plymouth Colony (now in Plymouth Co., Mass.), 24 Nov. 1649, son of Thomas and Mary (Brown) Willett.^[49]
 - vi. JOHN HUNT, b. 15 Oct. 1656,^[50] d. Rehoboth 21 Oct. 1716,^[51] m. MARTHA WILLIAMS, d. Rehoboth 2 Oct. 1701.^[52]
 - vii. MARY HUNT, b. 15 June 1658,^[53] bur. Rehoboth 23 Aug. 1676.^[54]
 3. viii. EPHRAIM HUNT, b. 31 March 1661, bur. 9 May 1694, m. REBECCA [WARD?].
 - ix. TABITHA HUNT, b. 14 Sept. 1663,^[55] bur. Rehoboth 14 Oct. 1676.^[56]
 - x. DANIEL HUNT, b. 14 Feb. 1665,^[57] bur. Rehoboth 15 Sept. 1673.^[58]
 - xi. BENJAMIN HUNT, b. 29 Sept. 1668,^[59] d. between 4 Jan. 1732 (will) and 30 Aug. 1732 (inventory),^[60] m. Rehoboth 4 Feb. 1690/1 MARY PECK,^[61] b. there 17 Nov. 1662, dau. of Joseph and Hannah (____) Peck,^[62] d. after 19 Sept. 1732.^[63]
 - xii. NATHANIEL HUNT, b. 31 Dec. 1670,^[64] d. Rehoboth 28 Aug. 1671.^[65]

3. **Ephraim³ Hunt** (*Peter², Enoch¹*) was born 31 March 1661,^[66] and buried 9 May 1694 in Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts.^[67] He married **Rebecca [Ward?]**, whose parentage and birth date are unknown. After his death she married, 22 November 1697 at Rehoboth, **David**

³⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 198.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, 861.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁴² *Ibid.*, 839.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, 198.

⁴⁴ Paine, "Ancestry of Stephen Paine," 302.

⁴⁵ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 839.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, 889.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, 198.

⁴⁹ Anderson, *Great Migration Begins*, 3:2000.

⁵⁰ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 646.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, 839.

⁵² *Ibid.*, 839.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, 838.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, 838.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, 838.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁶⁰ H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records, 1687–1745* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987), 208.

⁶¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 198.

⁶² *Ibid.*, 703.

⁶³ Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 208.

⁶⁴ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 646.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, 838.

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, 646. His family is also covered in Richard LeBaron Bowen, *Early Rehoboth: Documented Historical Studies of Families and Events in This Plymouth Colony Township*, 4 vols. (Rehoboth, Mass.: privately printed, 1945–50), 2:91-4, although this account neglects his widow's subsequent marriages and children.

⁶⁷ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 838.

Carpenter.^[68] He was born there 17 April 1675, son of Samuel and Sarah (Redway) Carpenter,^[69] died there 26 July 1701,^[70] and she outlived him.^[71] She married third, 25 November 1706 at Rehoboth, **Samuel Wilson**,^[72] of Newton, Middlesex County, who was born at Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on 10 June 1666, son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Crafts) Wilson.^[73] She had no issue from this marriage, and was married fourth, at Rehoboth on 25 May 1713 to Lt. **John Wilson** of Billerica, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.^[74] He was born about 1651 in England, son of John and Hannah (James) Wilson, and died at Bedford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on 1 February 1734/5, in his 84th year.^[75] She returned to Rehoboth and died there, a widow, on 14 April 1749.^[76] Her will of 4 December 1747, proved 18 September 1749, names her sons David Carpenter, Daniel Hunt (deceased), and John Hunt; and daughters Sarah, wife of Thomas Bowen; Hannah, wife of John Willmouth; and Rebeka Abell.^[77] The maiden surname *Ward* has been proposed for Rebecca on the grounds that her second husband, David Carpenter, named "my two brothers Samuel Carpenter and John Ward" as overseers of his will. The latter surname does not reflect any known husband of David's mother and sisters.^[78]

Children of Ephraim³ and Rebecca (Ward?) Hunt, all born in Rehoboth, are:

- i. DANIEL⁴ HUNT, b. 12 July 1687,^[79] d. Rehoboth 25 Feb. 1739,^[80] m. (int. Rehoboth 9 Jan. 1707/8) DOROTHY BALLARD,^[81] b. Lynn, Essex Co., Mass., 30 Jan. 1684, dau. of John and Rebecca (____) Ballard,^[82] d. 14 Oct. 1765.^[83]
- ii. JOHN HUNT, b. 19 March 1689,^[84] d. Rehoboth 15 Oct. 1751,^[85] m. Rehoboth 11 Dec. 1712, SUSANNA SWEETING,^[86] b. there 30 Sept. 1690, dau. of Henry and Martha (Cole) Sweeting,^[87] d. there 21 Oct.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, 198.

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, 571, 899 (birth), 78 (parents' marriage).

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*, 808.

⁷¹ She was still living, and had not remarried, when she gave an administration account for David's estate, 16 June 1703 (Rounds, *Bristol County Probate Records, 1687–1745*, 28).

⁷² Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 79.

⁷³ Ken Stevens, *Wilsons from New England, Volume "J," Descendants of John Wilson of Woburn, Massachusetts* (Waldpole, N. H., 1991), 9.

⁷⁴ Eugene Cole Zubrinsky, "Abiah³ Carpenter of Warwick, Rhode Island, and His Family: With Additional Material Concerning William¹ Carpenter of Providence, Rhode Island, and William² Carpenter of Rehoboth, Massachusetts," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 159 (2005): 43-68, at 60-1.

⁷⁵ Henry Ernest Woods, ed., *Vital Records of Bedford, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1903), 141; Stevens, *Descendants of John Wilson of Woburn*, 1, 3, 9.

⁷⁶ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 891.

⁷⁷ H. L. Peter Rounds, *Abstracts of Bristol County, Massachusetts Probate Records: Book 2, 1745–1762* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988), 68.

⁷⁸ Zubrinsky, "Abiah³ Carpenter of Warwick," 63.

⁷⁹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 646.

⁸⁰ Bowen, *Early Rehoboth*, 2:92.

⁸¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 464.

⁸² *Vital Records of Lynn, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass: Essex Institute, 1905–6), 1:38. See also Charles Frederick Farlow and Marcia Lindberg, "William Ballard of Lynn," *Essex Genealogist* 16 (1996): 71-7, at 72-3. They, as well as Bowen (*Early Rehoboth*, 2:92), take the date to mean 1684/5.

⁸³ Bowen, *Early Rehoboth*, 2:92; Farlow and Lindberg, "William Ballard of Lynn," 73.

⁸⁴ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 646.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, 839.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, 199.

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, 750. Bowen, *Early Rehoboth*, 2:91. Susanna's parents were married by marriage bond posted in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 22 June 1688, and Henry's will identifies Susana Hunt, wife of John Hunt, as a daughter (Janet K. Pease and Robert S. Wakefield, "Additions to the Family of Hugh² Cole [ca. 1627–1699] of Swansea, Mass.," *American Genealogist* 67 [1989]: 139-41, at 141).

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- iii. SARAH HUNT, b. 16 Oct. 1690,^[89] m. Rehoboth 8 Aug. 1710 THOMAS BOWEN ESQ.,^[90] b. there 20 Aug. 1689, son of Richard and Mercy (Titus) Bowen,^[91] d. there 17 July 1774.^[92]
- + iv. HANNAH HUNT, b. 12 July 1693,^[93] d. Rehoboth 1 Dec. 1781,^[94] m. there 8 March 1710/1 Dea. JOHN WILLMARTH,^[95] b. there 11 Dec. 1685, son of Sgt. John and Ruth (Kendrick) Willmarth^[96] (see 23. *Willmarth*, no. 3), d. there 24 July 1774.^[97]

Children of David and Rebecca (Ward?) (Hunt) Carpenter, born in Rehoboth, are:

- i. REBECCA CARPENTER, b. 17 Oct. 1698,^[98] named in mother's will; m. Rehoboth 16 June 1720 JOSHUA ABELL,^[99] b. there 8 Aug. 1695, son of Lt. Preserved and Sarah (Bowen) Abell,^[100] d. there 16 March 1731/2.^[101]
- ii. DAVID CARPENTER, b. 1 June 1701,^[102] named in mother's will; m. Rehoboth 12 Nov. 1724 JOANNA WALKER,^[103] b. there 18 July 1704, dau. of Ebenezer and Mehitable (Willmarth) Walker,^[104] d. there 5 May 1749.^[105]

⁸⁸ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 839.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, 199.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, 545 (birth), 42, 365 (parents marriage).

⁹² *Ibid.*, 801.

⁹³ *Ibid.*, 646.

⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, 890.

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, 199, 403.

⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, 780.

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, 890.

⁹⁸ *Ibid.*, 572.

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, 79.

¹⁰⁰ Bowen, *Early Rehoboth*, 1:135. This date differs from Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 517, by two months (8 June). The difference probably arose because the record gives the date as in the sixth month, which is June in New Style but August in the Old Style that prevailed at the time.

¹⁰¹ Arnold, *Vital Record of Rehoboth*, 789.

¹⁰² *Ibid.*, 572.

¹⁰³ *Ibid.*, 79.

¹⁰⁴ *Ibid.*, 761 (birth), 371 (parents' marriage).

¹⁰⁵ *Ibid.*, 810.