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CORRECTED GENEALOGY OF RALPH HUNT OF NEWTOWN, L.I., NEW YORK

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Diagrams of the statements pertinent to the subject, from the following numbered bibliography, precede a documented account which displays the true facts for the first time in print. (1) T. B. Wyman, Jr., <u>Genealogy of Hunt</u>, 1862-3, p.160: Richard Hunt = of Shrewsbury, England, traditional ancestor Ralph Hurt == Subbased Thomas Hunt == Cicely of Newtown, L.I. of Westchester Co., d. early in 1677. Pasley N.Y. 3 d. 1694. Thomas Hunt, Jr. == Elizabeth Jerson Ralph Edward = Sarah John Samuel Ann Mary Betts (Jamaica, (KuntonA) (Sentonns (Jamaica, m. Phillips L.I.; 4.174) **ム.エ)** L.I.) L.I.)

Edward Richard Ralph Thomas Jonathan Sarah Elizabeth Hannah Abigail (both of Huaterdon Co, 11) (both of Newtown, L.I.) m. 1715 (of Newtown Edward M. Elizabeth Elizabeth Jazard,# dev of Jonathan and Hannah (Lawrenson) Hanard of Newtown, L.I.

*Error. Elizabeth Hazard was in fact his step-mother as will be shown hereafter. L.D.C.

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(2) <u>New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</u>, XLIII, 115: A. W. Savary, "Lieut. Col. Benjamin Hunt, the Loyalist, his Ancestry....", cites Wyman (<u>supra</u>) as "not only obscure in construction but abounds in errors, as it professes to rely on Bolton, <u>History of Westches-</u> <u>ter County</u>, for the earlier section of the New York line," and proceeds with pedigree:

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(eldert son) Thomas Hunt

(b. 1666, d. 25 Oct. 1739 av. 73, m. Elizabeth Gardiner.)

These three Thomas Hunts confused by Bolton and by Wyman. Bolton shows that the Hunt family came into possession of Hunt's Point in West Farms, by the marriage of Thomas Hunt to the daughter of Edward Jessup and held it 160 years.

(3) James Riker, <u>Annals of Newtown</u>, <u>L.I., N.Y.</u>, 1852, page 85:

Ralph Hunt Edward Heat John Hunt Samuel Hunt Ann Hunt Mary Hunt 605 Janaica, L. I.) (d. Newtown 1716.) (of Newtown.) (of Janaica, L.I.) M. Theophiles Phillips

Edward Richard Rayh Thomas Jonathan Sarah Martha Elizabeth Hannah Abigail b. 4 Feb. 1684. Cof Hunter- (both of Newtown, L. I.)

(of Hunterdon don. Co.) Co., N. J.)

(4) Rev. Dr. Eli F. Cooley, <u>Genealogy of The Early</u> <u>Settlers of Trenton and Ewing</u>, <u>Hunterdon Co., N.J.</u>, 1883, edited by his son Prof. Wm. S. Cooley, and arranged for printer by the latter's niece, Hannah L. Cooley, in 1882 "without any previously acquired skill in the ordinary compilation of family lineage, other than as accurate copyist," from the originals compiled 1839-1842, says

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publisher's preface, and this unique work on the genealogy of its region is almost entirely undocumented and unreliable.



700; m. Phele = Elizabeth daw. of Content daw of Jonathan Titus and had and Hannah issue, g.r.) Laurenson Tsic for Hazard; the was in fact his step-mother: L.1.C.] (et lust one son) John Hunt (d. 1769 [sic], having wife Margaret, and issue : Noah, Wilson, John, Jonathan, Enoch, Gershow, Daniel, Johanna, and thanity Hunt.)*

*Correction by contributor: John Hunt "of Hopewell, N.J." and Margaret Moore were married 8 Feb. 1714 per register of Presbyterian Church of Newtown, L.I. The will of John Hunt of Hopewell, Hunterdon Co., N.J., dated 11 Feb. 1740/1 and proved 1 Oct. 1748, names eldest son Wilson, 2nd son Jonathan, wife Margaret, daughters Johanna and Charity, sons John and Noah, sons Gershom, Daniel and Enoch. (N.J. Archives, XXX.)

(5) Rev. George Hale, <u>History of the Presbyterian</u>

Church of Hopewell at Pennington, N.J., 1876, pages 39 and 42: narrative accounts of some "London" Ralph Hunt, "Stony Brook" Ralph Hunt, and an Edward Hunt "of quite another family"; no dates or documentary identifications. (6) Anne McIlvaine, Hunt Family of Hopewell, N.J., in W. M. Mervine's <u>Genealogical Register</u>, 1913, vol. 1 (only), page 76: Insists that John Hunt who married Margaret Moore, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Sackett) Moore of Newtown, L.I., came to America 1708, resided on

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Long Island, where he met his wife, and removed with others to Hopewell, N. J., where he died testate 1745 isic], was son of one John Hunt of Hams in Chudleigh, Devonshire, England, by wife Elizabeth Chudleigh, and not as stated in Cooley, (4) supra.

(7) Ralph Ege, <u>Pioneers of Old Hopewell</u>, N.J., 1908, pages 87-95: cites "The Family of Hunt, 1860," quotes Riker, both <u>supra</u>, and adds:

Capt. Relph Hunt == Elizabeth (of L. I. and of Maidonhoad, N. J. ; will 5 Nov. 1732.)* Edward Ralph Elizabeth Jemima John Kezia Samuel (Will 28 Octo1757.)†

*Addenda by contributor: The will of Captain Ralph Hunt of Maidenhead, Hunterdon Co., N.J., Gentleman, dated 5 Nov. 1732, proved 9 Feb. 1732/3, names wife Elizabeth, eldest son Edward Hunt, to whom is devised 150 acres in Hopewell; second son Ralph, a minor, he to pay legacies to testator's eldest daughter Jemima Hunt, daughter Kezia, and son John; third son Samuel, he to pay legacy to testator's daughter Elizabeth Hunt when he is 25; fourth son John, aged under 30; and appoints wife Elizabeth, Maj. Alex. Lockhart of Hopewell, Esq., and Theophilus Phillips, Esq., executors. On 20 Jan. 1732/3, Theophilus Phillips renounced the appointment as co-executor, and on 24 Oct. 1734 Elizabeth Phillips late Elizabeth Hunt the executrix testified to accuracy of the inventory. (N.J. Archives, XXX, 256.) Elizabeth widow of Capt. Ralph Hunt of Maidenhead married secondly, in 1733-4, Philip Phillips (ca. 1706-1773), son of Theophilus Phillips (b. 15 May 1673, d. 1709), of Maidenhead, N.J. (See Phillips outline in A. V. Phillips, Lott Family, 1942, p.158.) But cf. will of Edward Hunt "son of Ralph Hunt of Maidenhead, deceased, dated 12 Sept. 1741. (N.J. Archives, XXX, 256.)

Revised and Corrected Genealogy of Ralph Hunt

1. Ralph Hunt, of Newtown, L. I., died testate there in February 1676/7. The name of his wife or wives does not appear. She is named as Elizabeth Jessup, daughter of Edward Jessup, in <u>Rev. John Moore of Newtown, L. I.,</u> 1903, page 182, but this is an error as shown in the well documented account by H. G. Jessup, <u>Edward Jessup</u> <u>of West Farms, Westchester Co., N. Y., 1887, page 172,</u> and the said Elizabeth daughter of Edward Jessup married before 1666 Thomas Hunt, Jr., of Westchester County. Compare (2) Savary, <u>supra</u>. The will of Ralph Hunt of Newtown, Queens Co., L. I., N. Y., dated 12 Jan. 1676/7, with codicil dated 13 Jan. 1676/7, and proved 26 Feb. 1676/7 when administration

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thereof was granted to son Edward Hunt, devises: "It is my will to have my son Edward sole executor, and he is to give to his three brothers, as they come of age, their portions by equal divisions"; "as for my daughter Anna's three children, I give to each of them a sheep"; "Captain Betts and John Burroughs to be overseers." Witnesses: Edward Stevenson, John Hayter, Thomas Morell. Codicil: "My daughter Anna shall have as good a portion, with what she hath already, as any of the rest of my children, and as for the red coat she now has in possession, it is to be valued and one-half given to my daughter Mary." [Abstract published in <u>Collections of New</u> <u>York Historical Society</u>, 1892.]

Evidences for two of the three sons mentioned but not named in the above will of Ralph Hunt are as follow: (1) Assignment dated 20 March 1685 by "Edward Hunt unto my brother John Hunt" [Jamaica Town Records, pub. 1914, II, 326].

(2) The will of Edward Hunt of Newtown, L. I., dated
15 Jan. 1715/16, names "brother Ralph Hunt" [N. Y. Gen.
and Biog. Record, LXV, 322; vide postea].
(3) Assignment dated 5 Aug. 1683, John Hartt "unto my
brother-in-law Ralph Hunt" [Jamaica Town Records, supra,
351].
Issue of Ralph Hunt:

i. Edward, d. 1715/16, Newtown, L. I., testate.
ii. Ralph, of Jamaica, L.I., 1686-92, with wife Susannah (?widow Smith); of Maidenhead, N.J., 1700, with wife Susannah. (Jamaica Town Records, II, 394 and 385; N. J. Archives, XXI, 393, 452, 536; XXIII, 433.)
iii. John.
iv. Samuel, d. 1718-1720, Maidenhead, N.J., testate. (N.J. Archives, XXI, 248.)
v. Anna, d. 6 Feb. 1681/2, first wife of Theophilus Phillips of Newtown, L.I. (See The Lott Family, 158, and N.Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, LXIV, 32.)
vi. Mary, m. John Hart, who d. 1712-13, Maidenhead, N.J. (See N.Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, XXVI, 175 and 177.)

2. Edward Hunt of Newtown, L. I., son of Ralph Hunt [No. 1], died there testate between 15 Jan. and 29 Feb. 1715/16. He married firstly, Sarah Betts, who died before 16 March 1711, a daughter of Richard Betts of Newtown; and he married secondly, as has not previously been stated in print, Elizabeth Hazard, who died there testate 11 Oct. 1747, a daughter of Jonathan Hazard of Newtown.

The will of Richard Betts of Newtown, Queens Co., N. Y., dated 16 March 1711 and proved 26 Nov. 1713, devises <u>inter alia</u> "to the children of my daughter Sarah Hunt deceased." [Collections of N. Y. Hist. Soc., 1893, page 113.]

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The will of Jonathan Hazard of Mewtown, Queens Co., N. Y., dated 16 Oct. 1707 and proved 20 Sept. 1711, devises to wife Sarah; son Thomas, he paying £25 to my daughters Elizabeth and Sarah each; son James; son Nathaniel; appoints son Thomas executor. [N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, LXV, 320.] See Hazard family in Gen. John R. Delafield's Genealogy, 1947.

The will of Edward Hunt of Newtown, L. I., Gent., dated 15 Jan. 1715/16 and proved 29 Feb. 1715/16, devises to wife Elizabeth one-third the personal estate, and the portion left to her by her father now in the hands of her brothers Thomas and James Hazard, with the use of a negro man and of the real estate in Newtown during her widowhood or until my son Thomas comes of age, and the use of other lands until my son Jonathan comes of age; a slave to be sold and the proceeds for the benefit of my daughters Elizabeth and Martha; to my son Edward Hunt the land he now lives on in Hunterdon County, also 4 Pounds and a small kettle as his birthright; to son Richard the land he now lives on in Hunterdon County, as divided between him and his brother Edward; to son Thomas the house and land I live on, as divided between him and his brother Jonathan in the presence of James Renne and Nathaniel Hazard, he to pay to his sister Elizabeth 30 Pounds ten years after he comes of age; to son Jonathan the lands Samuel Wright lives on; to son Ralph the land due from my brother Ralph; to daughter Sarah Titus 18 Pounds and a third of said land; to daughter Martha 30 Pounds out of said lands; to daughters Hannah and Abigail the house and lands formerly of Isaac Grey when they come of age; to granddaughter Sarah Reeder 2 Pounds; to daughters Martha, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Abigail, twothirds of the personal estate; appoints wife sole executrix, with John Hunt and Thomas Hazard as overseers. [Abstracts of Queens County Wills, published in N.Y. Gen. and Blog. Record, LXV, 322; also in Collections of N.Y. Hist. Society, 1893, p. 170.] "Elizabeth Hunt, widow, died Oct. 11, 1747," according to the register of the Presbyterian Church of Newtown, L. I., published in Collections of the N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Society, VIII, 50. The unrecorded will of Elizabeth Hunt of Newtown, Queens Co., Nassau Island, N. Y., widow, dated 3 Sept. 1747 and not proved, devises to son Jonathan Hunt, 10 Pounds; to daughter Hannah wife of Thomas Smith of New Jersey, my negro wench Dinah; and the residue of estate to grandchildren: the children of son Jonathan and the children of daughter Hannah (not named); and appoints my brother James Hazard and friend Cornelius Berrian the executors. [Abstracts of Unrecorded Wills in the N.Y. Surrogate's Office, published in Collections of the N.Y. <u>Hist. Society</u>, 1902, p. 176.]

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Issue of Edward Hunt and first wife Sarah Betts:

- i. Edward, b. 4 Feb. 1683/4 (Newtown Town Records, pub. in N.Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, LXIV, 32); of Hunterdon Co., N.J., 1716.
- ii. Richard, of Hunterdon Co., N.J., 1716.
- Ralph, of Maidenhead, Hunterdon Co., N.J. iii. Sarah, m. in Jan. 1715 (Presb. Church, Newtown), Silas iv. Titus of Newtown, L.I., who d. 2 Nov. 1748. (Coll. N.Y. Gen. and Biog. Society, VIII, 30; Titus Family in America, 1943, pp. 4 and 7.)
 - v. Martha, living 1716; possibly m. one Reeder and had daughter Sarah Reeder named in Edward Hunt's will, supra.

Issue of Edward Hunt and 2nd wife Elizabeth Hazard:

- vi. Thomas, b. after 1698; possibly by first wife; supposedly d. between 1716 and 1747.
- vii. Jonathan, b. after 1698; living 1747, with issue. (See F. B. Lee, Genealogical and Personal Memorial of Mercer County, N.J., 819.
- Elizabeth, apparently d. between 1716 and 1747. viii.
 - ix. Abigail, b. after 1698; apparently d. between 1716 and X. 1747. "Deaths: 1747 Aug. 26, Abigail Hunt," Presb. Church Records, Newtown, L.I.

Hannah, living 1747, wife of Thomas Smith of New Jersey.