

## THE ANCESTRY OF LUCY HUNT

William and Ann Hunt were Lucy Hunt's parents. No christening record had been found for Lucy in Great Bourton, Cropredy, or Banbury. There was a William and Ann Hunt in Cropredy parish having children in the early 1800s.

William Hunt of Bourton, a weaver, died at age 55 "from continual fits", and was buried 9 July 1838 in Cropredy parish.

1838 DEATH in the Sub-district of <u>Cropredy</u> in the <u>Counties of Oxford, War</u>							
Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant
1	9th July 1838 Bourton	William Hunt	Male	55 Years	Weaver	from continual fits	The wife of Mary Colley Hunt present at the death Bourton

*William Hunt's death certificate*

In the 1841 census for Bourton, Ann Hunt was found living with Henry Hunt, a plush weaver, age 15 and George Southam (Lucy's son), age 10.

1	Ann Hunt	55		Y.
2	Henry do	15	Plush Weaver	Y.
3	George Southam	10	100	Y.
4	George Statcher	25	Blacksmith	Y.

*1841 census, Bourton*

Ann died of pleuritis on 30 December 1846 in Bourton, Cropredy parish, age 61.

1847 DEATH in the Sub-district of Cropredy in the Counties of Oxford Warwick &							
Columns:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of Death	Signature, description and residence of informant
337	Thirtieth of December 1846 Bourton	Ann Hunt	Female	61 years	Widow	Pleuritis Hydro thorax 4 months Certified	The mark of X Sarah Batchelor in attendance Bourton

*Ann Hunt's death certificate*

These are certainly Lucy's parents – after Lucy's death, her son George Southam lived with Ann Hunt, and after Ann's death, George lived with Henry Hunt (his uncle). This same Henry Hunt had a daughter named Lucy.

The Cropredy parish register does not show a christening for Lucy, but does have christening records for:

*Elizon Hunt, daughter of William and Ann Hunt of Great Bourton, laborer, christened 6 July 1819 in Cropredy.*

*Selina Hunt, daughter of William and Ann Hunt of Little Bourton, weaver, christened 26 May 1822 in Cropredy.*

*Charles, son of William and Ann Hunt of Little Bourton, weaver, christened 3 April 1825 in Cropredy.*

*SOURCE: Cropredy parish registers*

Parish records show a christening record for a Lucy Hunt, daughter of William and Ann Hunt in Holy Trinity, Coventry, Warwickshire, about 20 miles from Cropredy. The Holy Trinity parish register shows:

*Harriott Hunt, daughter of William and Ann Hunt, baptized 18 May 1807.*

*Lucy Hunt, daughter of William and Ann Hunt, baptized 20 September 1809.*

The image shows a handwritten entry from a church register. The text is written in cursive and reads: 'Thomas Admore son of Samuel & Anne' on the first line, '20th Lucy Hunt Dr of William & Anne' on the second line, and 'and bap' on the third line. The entry is partially obscured by a black box on the right side.

*Christening record for Lucy Hunt in Holy Trinity, Coventry*

*Robert Hunt, son of William and Ann Hunt, baptized 6 February 1812.*

*Rebecca Hunt, daughter of William and Ann Hunt, weaver, Far Gosford Street, baptized 18 February 1815.*

*Maria, daughter of William and Ann Hunt, weaver, Far Gosford Street, baptized 11 February 1817. (Maria married Thomas Brain 23 February 1835 in Cropredy. They had the following children: Eliza Ann (1838 in Bourton) who died in Lehi, Utah; Thomas (1843 in Bourton); George Henry (1840 in Bourton); Eli (1844 in Coventry); Jayne Maria (1845 in Neithrop) buried in Lehi, Utah; Thomas Eli (1848 in Banbury); Solomon (1850 in Banbury); Emily Ann (1855 in Banbury); Mary Ann (1858 in Coventry). This Ancestral File record lists Maria's parents as William Hunt and Ann Smith. No primary documentation has been found to support this parentage.)*

*SOURCE: Holy Trinity parish registers, FHL# 428990 and 502210.*

The other occupations listed in the Holy Trinity parish register in this area were weavers, laborers, watchmakers, and sawyers.

William Hunt, a weaver by trade, and Ann, his wife, married before 1807. William and Ann lived in Coventry between 1807 and 1819, and then moved to Great Bourton in Cropredy parish, where William continued in his trade as a weaver. Coventry had a strong silk ribbon weaving industry. Some Ancestral File records for Maria Hunt Brain listed Ann's parents as William Hunt and Ann Smith, but no source was listed. There was an Ann Smith, christened 15 March 1787 in Holy Trinity Parish, Coventry, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Smith. No marriage record has been found for William Hunt and Ann Smith in Coventry. However, in the 1841 census for Bourton, Ann is asked if she was born in the county of Oxfordshire, and she answered yes. A marriage record exists for William Hunt and Ann Winnet in the parish of Bloxham, Oxfordshire, about seven miles from Great Bourton. Plush weaving was an industry in Bloxham. William Hunt married Ann Winnet 27 August 1804 in Bloxham. This is the only marriage record for a William and Ann Hunt in the right time period. Could this be our William and Ann Hunt?

N <sup>o</sup> 36	William Hunt	of this Parish
Bachelor, & Anne Winnet of the same		
Parish, Spinster		
Married in this Church by Banns		
this Twenty seventh Day of August in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred		
and Four		
By me Harry Davis par. of Southnewington		
This Marriage was solemnized between Us		
		William Hunt
		Anne Winnet
In the Presence of		
		Samuel Orreist
		Rebekah Hunt

*Marriage record for William Hunt and Anne Winnet in Bloxham*

An important clue is found in the christening record of Patience Hunt. Patience is known to be an older sister of Lucy Hunt, but no christening record was found for her in Cropredy or Coventry. Patience Hunt, the daughter of William Hunt and Anne Winnet was christened 19 May 1805 in Bloxham, a year after they married. No other children are born to William and Ann Hunt in Bloxham, and they are not buried

there. This would make sense for our William and Ann, as their next child, Harriott, was christened in 1807 in Coventry. William was a weaver, and the pattern of movement from Bloxham to Coventry to Cropredy makes sense, as the economy in England was difficult at that time.

### **FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM AND ANN HUNT**

William Hunt was christened 9 October 1783 in Holy Trinity Parish, Coventry, Warwickshire, the son of William Hunt and Mary Russell. He worked as a weaver. William Hunt married Ann Winnet 27 August 1804 in Bloxham. William died 5 July 1838 in Bourton at the age of 55. Ann died 30 December 1846 in Bourton, Cropredy parish, age 61.

William and Ann had the following children:

1. **Patience**, christened 19 May 1805 in Bloxham; died 1842.
2. **Harriott**, christened 18 May 1807 at Holy Trinity, Coventry, Warwickshire; married Thomas Jackson 14 November 1831 in Cropredy (witnesses at the wedding were Robert Hunt and Mary Hunt). Thomas' occupation was plush weaver. Harriott and Thomas had the following children: Lucy (born 1833 in Neithrop), Emma (born 1835 in Neithrop), Ann (born 1837 in Bourton), and Amos (born 1838 in Bourton). Harriott died in 1857. *(1841 census, Neithrop; 1851 census, at 79 Brooks Yard, Neithrop - Harriet's birthplace is shown as Coventry)*
3. **Lucy**, christened 20 September 1809 at Holy Trinity, Coventry; married Justinian Southam 15 October 1829 in Cropredy (witnesses at the wedding were George Clay and Harriet Hunt); buried 5 October 1831 in Great Bourton. *(George Clay was a plush weaver who is found living next door to Lucy's sister, Maria, and brother, Robert, in the 1841 census in Bourton.)*
4. **Robert**, christened 6 February 1812 at Holy Trinity, Coventry; married Sarah Humphries 15 July 1833 in Cropredy (witnesses at the wedding were Thomas Jackson and Maria Hunt); had the following children, all born in Cropredy: William (1834 in Little Bourton), Rebecca (1835), Eliza (1837 in Little Bourton), William (1840 in Cropredy), Mary Anne (1842), Rachel (1845 in Little Bourton), Harriett (1850), Ezra (1851), and James (1854 in Bourton). His occupation as listed in the 1841 and 1851 English census was plush weaver. In 1861 he was an agricultural laborer. *(1841 census, Bourton, living next to Maria and Thomas Brain; 1851 census, Bourton - his birthplace is shown as Coventry; 1861 census, Bourton, at Lt. Bourton Village)*
5. **Sarah**, died 1829.
6. **Rebecca**, christened 18 February 1815 at Holy Trinity, Coventry; died 1867.
7. **Maria**, christened 11 February 1817 at Holy Trinity, Coventry, married Thomas Benjamin Brain in 1835 in Cropredy. They had the following children: Eliza Ann (1838 in Bourton) who died in Lehi, Utah; George Henry (1840 in Bourton); Thomas (1843 in Bourton); Eli (1844 in Coventry); Jayne Maria (1845 in Neithrop) buried in Lehi, Utah; Thomas Eli (1848 in Banbury); Solomon Benjamin (1850 in Banbury); Emily Ann (1855 in Banbury); Mary Angenline (1858 in Coventry). The family are found in the 1851 English census in Banbury, and are neighbors of George Southam's stepmother and family on Pepper

Alley. Maria's occupation was dressmaker, and Thomas' was plush weaver. In 1861, the family is found in Coventry. Maria died in 1887. (*1841 census, Bourton, Maria shown as Meriah, with husband Thomas Brain, plush weaver, children Eliza and George, living next door to brother, Robert Hunt; 1851 census, 127 Pepper Alley, Banbury - Maria's birthplace is show as Coventry; 1861 census, Drapers Field, Coventry - Maria's birthplace is shown as Coventry*)

8. **Elizon** (Elizabeth), christened 16 July 1819 in Great Bourton, Cropredy parish; married James Dunn 31 October 1863; died in 1867.

9. **Selena**, christened 26 May 1822 in Little Bourton, Cropredy parish; in the 1841 census, she is a servant in a merchant's home in Banbury; married John Clarke, had children Sarah Ann and Selina. In 1851, Selena, husband John Clarke (shown as "*lab axletree manufactory*"), daughter Sarah Ann, age 4, and Eliza Hunt, visitor, age 14, are shown in Hopcrafts Yard, Deddington. In 1861, Selena, husband John Clarke (shown as "*coach smith maker*"), and daughters Sarah Ann (born 1845, shown as "*candidate for a teacher*") and Selena are found in Deddington. In 1871, Selina, husband John Clarke, and daughter Selina (born 1860) are found in Deddington, Oxfordshire. John is a laborer in an axle factory. Selena died in 1875. (*1851 census, Deddington; 1861 census, Deddington; 1871 census, Deddington*)

10. **Charles**, christened 3 April 1825 in Little Bourton, Cropredy parish.

11. **Henry**, born in about 1826 in Little Bourton; married Elizabeth in about 1846. Henry was a [plush weaver](#) in Neithrop, Oxford. Henry and Elizabeth had eight children – Lucy (1847 in Little Bourton), Ellen (1849 in Little Bourton), Hiram (1850 in Neithrop), Henry (1853 in Banbury), George (1855 in Neithrop), .Harriett (1863 in Coventry), Albert (1861 in Coventry), and William (1868 in Birmingham) George Southam is found living with them in the 1851 census. The census showed Henry Hunt (age 26) plush weaver, living at 30 Hobleys Lane, Neithrop, Oxford with wife Elizabeth (age 23), daughters Lucy (age 4), and Ellen (age 2), and son Hiram (age 3 months) with lodger, George Southam (age 20), plush weaver. Henry was mentioned in a magazine article about an 1850 survey for the Anglican church in Neithrop, "*No. 648 housed Henry Hunt, a Baptist plush weaver; his wife, their three children, and a plush weaver lodger.*" (*Cake and Cockhorse, Banbury Historical Society, Winter 1966, Vol. 3, No.6*) In 1853, Henry had four of his children baptized, and they appeared in the Neithrop parish register. Their son, George, appeared in the Neithrop parish register in 1855. Thomas White and Anna White, their aunt and uncle, appeared as sponsors. Henry and Elizabeth are also sponsors for Thomas and Anna White's children in 1853, and Thomas' occupation was weaver. The plush weaving industry began to decline in the 1850s with the introduction of power looms. In the 1861 census, Henry and Elizabeth and seven of their children are found living in Coventry. Coventry had a silk ribbon weaving industry, which began to collapse in the 1860s, due to cheap imports. The 1871 census holds a bit of a surprise - Henry is shown as a prisoner in Banbury in the home of a police officer, while Elizabeth, Henry, George, Harriett, Arthur and William are shown in a separate household in Banbury. Elizabeth had the occupation of girth weaver listed. Henry Hunt is found in the 1881 British census, and had remarried: Henry Hunt, age 56, born in Little Bourton, Oxford, England, occupation - plush weaver; Ann Hunt, wife, age 36, born Waddeson, Buckinghamshire, England; living at 48 Calthorpe St, Neithrop ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)). In the 1901 census, Henry lives in the Banbury Union Workhouse. He is 79 years old, and is shown as a retired plush weaver, and pauper inmate. Henry died in 1907 in Banbury, age 86.

*SOURCES: Bishop's Transcripts, Cropredy Parish, FHS# 95235; Holy Trinity parish registers, FHL# 428990 and 502210; Cake and Cockhorse, Banbury Historical Society, Winter 1966, Vol. 3, No.6; IGI; Ancestral File; death certificates for William and Ann Hunt from the General Register Office; Cropredy parish registers on CD; Neithrop parish register on CD.*

*1841 census, Bourton, Oxford, FHS# 474571, showing Ann Hunt, age 55, born in this county, Henry Hunt, age 15, plush weaver, and George Southam, age 10.*

*1851 census, Little and Great Bourton, Oxford, FHS# 193644, showing Henry Hunt, age 26, plush weaver, wife Elizabeth, age 23, daughters Lucy, age 4, Ellen, age 2, son Hiram, age 3 month, George Southam, age 20, plush weaver, lodger, at 30 Hobley Lane, Neithrop, Oxford.*

*1881 census, Neithrop, Oxford, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)*