

Telephone conversation with Mrs. Jinnie Grubbs Hollinger (d/o Ada Grubbs, d/o Elizabeth Porter Hunt, d/o Andrew J. Porter) Sept. 2, 1979

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When the Andrew Porter (1822-1888) family moved away from Grayson Co. VA in 1866 and headed to Carter Co. KY, one of Andrew Porter's daughters, Elizabeth Hunt moved with her new husband Isaac N. Hunt back to his home in Allen County, KY. Jinnie Grubbs Hollinger was one of Isaac & Elizabeth Porter Hunt's grandchildren.

Isaac Newton Hunt served under Confederate General John Hunt Morgan. 15 year old Isaac Hunt was probably with Morgan in the fall of 1862 when Morgan's Raiders burned Olive Hill, KY. Isaac Hunt was later captured along with Morgan and was a POW for 20 months.

He was released in March 1865, and this may have been when he first met his future brother in law Levi Porter who was also exchanged just 3 days earlier when he was released from Point Lookout Maryland. They may have traveled together to Levi Porter's home in Grayson Co. VA where Isaac met Elizabeth Porter. Isaac Hunt & Elizabeth Porter were married 5 months later in August 1865.

The call I'm about to place is to Mrs. Jinnie Grubbs Hollinger, 1-502-237-3306, Scottsville, KY. She lives on N. 3rd St, zip is 42164. She is 78 years old and she is the daughter of Ada Grubbs, who was the daughter of Elizabeth & Isaac Hunt. Elizabeth Hunt was Andrew Porter's daughter. This lady would be a great-granddaughter of Andrew Porter. She was referred to me by a Morris Grubbs, who I called last night at 237-3820 who lives at Dumont Hill in Scottsville. Morris Grubbs is her nephew.

This is September 2, Sunday, 1979; time is 2:17 (p.m.)

Jinnie Grubbs Hollinger (H): Hello

JC: Is this Mrs. Hollinger?

H Yes

JC My name is JC Porter. I'm calling you from Marion, IN

H Uh huh

JC I talked to your nephew last night, Morris Grubbs.

H Yes, he told me you did.

JC Oh, yeah?

H Where are you?

JC Marion, IN

H Oh, is that where you live?

JC Yeah
H Uh huh
JC Did he tell you what I called about and everything?
H Yes, he said you were a relative.
JC Yeah, I guess we're distant relatives.
H Yes, I imagine so.
JC Uh, let's see. You're the daughter of Ada Hunt & John Grubbs, right?
H Uh huh
JC Their parents were Isaac Newton Hunt & Elizabeth M. Porter – Ada's parents?
H Yes, Elizabeth Porter
JC Do you know anything about the Porter family?
H Not very much
JC What have you heard about them?
H Well, (laugh) I just know that Grandma was a Porter and that they lived in VA and her father was a Methodist preacher, I think.
JC Yeah
H And, uh, course Grandma came to KY and married my grandfather when he came home from the Southern Army.
JC Oh yeah?
H and she was real young
JC Yeah, she was 17 when they got married.
H Well, I knew it was close to that.
JC Yeah
H Well, you seem to know more about them than I do.
JC (laugh) I found their original marriage bond in Grayson County, VA
H You did what?
JC Found their original marriage license in Grayson County, VA
H You did?
JC Yeah, I've got a copy of it. They were married in 1865.
H How nice!
JC I'll send you a copy of it, if you want one?
H I'd love to have it.
JC Yeah, they were married at her father's house – Andrew Porter. Have you ever heard of him?
H What was her father's name?
JC Andrew Porter
H Well, I never did know that.
JC Yeah
H You have sort of a family record there?
JC Yeah, I'd be glad to send you one.
H Oh, I'd love to have it.
JC Yeah, it's got....
JC I haven't got any farther on her father's side. They say he might have been illegitimate and he took his mother's name.
H Her father?

JC Yeah, her father could have been illegitimate. I haven't found anything on his parents yet; it might be true.

H My grandfather's name was I.N. Hunt – he was always known as I.N. and I think he was illegitimate.

JC He was? On the marriage record, it says his parents were right.....

H I can't hear you very well.

JC On the marriage record, it says.....

H I can't hear you very well; your voice is fading & I can't hear you very well.

JC Can you hear me now?

H You can call your operator and I'll hang up and you can tell them you've had a bad connection.

JC Okay, I'll call back.

H I can't hear you.

JC I'll call you back.

H You want me to hang up?

JC Yeah, I'll call back! Can you hear me now?

H I can't hear you.

JC OK, I'll call back. I'll call you back, okay?

(Hang up) calling operator

Op Long distance?

JC Could you connect me? I was talking with a lady and I got a real bad connection. She couldn't hear me at all.

Op Yes

JC Uh, the # is 1-502-237-3306

Op 237-

JC 3306

Op Your #?

JC 674-5374

Op I'll have that taken off your bill. Just a minute.

JC OK

H Hello

JC Mrs. Hollinger?

H Yes, I can hear you a little better, but not much.

JC Oh (laugh)

H Did you ask the operator to give you a better connection?

JC Yeah, I hope.....

H What was your father's name?

JC Huh?

H What was your father's name?

JC Don Porter

H Don Porter?

JC This Andrew Porter is my great, great, great-grandfather.

H Yes

JC So he's pretty far back on my line.

H Well, the only person I've heard my mother mention was Jim Porter that came to Allen County and lived here for a time.

JC Yeah, he did. I found out he lived with them in 1880.
H He did?
JC Yeah, I found that in the 1880 census. He was living with them. That was her brother.
H Uh huh
JC He was 20 and she was 33 at the time.
H Uh huh
JC Uh, did they just have 4 kids – Isaac & Elizabeth?
H No, they had a....ah....well, they had ah....the oldest one's name was Alex and then the next was named Chasteen, uh, Mama, Mama was Ada, and John that lived and the son that died in between there.
JC Yeah? Was his name George?
H No, you mean that died?
JC Yeah
H No, no, the ones that died was named Lucy and a boy Winton – W I N T O N.
JC You know that's strange. One of the Porters is named Winton.
H Well, I guess....
JC Yeah
H Uh huh
JC Alex, he'd probably be named after her brother who was my great, great-grandfather.
H Is that right?
JC And Alexander had a son named Winton.....and he was named Winton and so the family names run along together there.
H Well, now my Uncle Alex's family went to Florida and they lived down there and most of.....well, there's some of 'em living down there.
JC Yeah? Do you have their address?
H Well, I'd have to look it up. I'll have to send it to you.
JC OK
H Now, George Hunt in Florida... he's made a lot of money down there. He's a contractor.
JC Who's he? Is he your.....?
H He's Alex's son.
JC Oh, he'd be your first cousin then.
H Yes, he's my first cousin.
JC You don't have any aunts or uncles living, do you?
H You what?
JC Aunts or uncles? They're all dead, aren't they?
H Yes, they are. In fact, I'm the oldest child living.
JC Oh, yeah?
H Of Ada Hunt's
JC Yeah.
H And I went to lunch today with Marguerite Hunt who is..ahUncle John Hunt. That was my mama's brother and she's their oldest living child, too.
JC She what?

H Marguerite, that I went to lunch with today is the oldest child living of Uncle John Hunt.

JC She's Margaret McClellan?

H Yes, Marguerite McClellan.

JC Yeah, Morris Grubbs – he told me of her.

H Oh, he did?

JC Yeah, I thought I'd write her a letter, too. I was going to send him all the information and write you and send you all the information I have and send her some information.

H Well, that's mighty nice of you and your first name is what?

JC JC

H JC?

JC That's my initials. That's what I go by.

H Uh huh

JC JC Porter

H JC Porter and you live in Marion, Indiana?

JC Uh huh. Whenever I write you, do you think you guys could send me all the information on...like your mom, all her kids and grandkids and all that?

H Yes, I'll be glad to

JC And I'll ask for some more information like who're some of the kids of your other aunts and uncles so they can send me that information, if that'd be ok?

H Alright.

JC Uh, when did Isaac Hunt die?

H Well, he died in about 19.....see my grandmother Hunt died in 1913 – uh, just second. (lays down the phone)

JC Okay
(Pause)

H He died November 2, 1916

JC Yeah

Hand my grandma died May 8, 1913

JC You don't know her full birth date, do you?

H Who? My grandmother? She was born April 18, 1848. Now I have her as Elizabeth Matilda Porter.

JC Matilda?

H Uh huh

JC I knew it was an M but I didn't know that's what the M stands for.

H That's what it is.

JC And when was Isaac born....his full date?

H Uh, he was born September 16, 1847

JC I had the years for both of them, but I didn't have the month and day.

H Now, this says they were married August 13.....uh 30th, 1865. Is that right?

JC Yeah, that's right.

H Uh huh

JC That's what the marriage record says. Yeah, they were married at her father's house in Grayson County, VA

H They were?

JC Yeah, umm. Well, keep going. I don't want to(laugh)

H Well, then that Samuel Winton Hunt was born 1867 and died in 18..... He was born May 26, '67 and died Oct 4th.

JC His name was Samuel Winton?

H Uh huh

JC Hmm, that's strange – my uncle, uh.... Alex.....I mean my great, great-grandpa Alexander....he had a son Samuel and a son Winton. (laugh)

H Well, what did you say your....grand....well, this Jim Porter that came to Allen County, was he your great-grandfather?

JC No, he wouldn't be a direct ancestor, but he'd be a brother to your grandmother and my great, great-grandfather.

H Great, great-grandmother?

JC Grandfather. I'll send you a chart with everybody on it so you can understand who everybody is.

H ...information I have, I'll be glad to send it to you. I'll send you the address to one of the relatives in Clearwater, Florida, so if you want to write to them. Now they won't know much about it.

JC OK, I was gonna ask you, have you ever heard anything about an old Bible, an old family Bible?

H No, I don't have it

JC Do you know of anybody who would?

H No, no I don't.

JC Do you have any pictures of Isaac & Elizabeth?

H Well, hmm..I really don't. I had some larger pictures. I gave 'em to one of my granddaughters that's interested in the family &.....

JC Yeah?

Hshe lives in Texas.

JC Oh, well, see I do my own photography and I've had several people send me pictures in the mail and I copy them and send them back and send them copies and I'm gonna send you guys a picture of all your grandmother's brothers and two of her sisters. I've got a bunch of pictures of them.

H Oh, you have?

JC Yeah, I figured you might be glad to get 'em. (laugh)

H Yes, I would. Well, you've really accumulated some information there. Now I do have, I think, somewhere a picture of my grandfather Hunt, I. N. Hunt.

JC Yeah?

H He was quite a....He was quite successful.....He bought and sold tobacco in this county.

JC Oh, yeah?

H And, ah, he was a very nice looking old man.

JC Yeah, but you don't think you have a picture of his wife?

H I might have one of him, but I think I gave my grandmother's picture away.

JC Hmm? Well, yeah, if you know of anyone that's got one of her, I'd like to have one of both of them, you know, copy them and send them back and give copies to people.

H Well, I tell you Marguerite McClellan might have one.

JC Yeah?
H I'll have to see.
JC OK
H I was telling her about your calling, but I didn't know much about it then.
JC Yeah? Well, I'll send you and Morris and her all three information on it and I'll ask her in the letter if she does, and you can ask her for me also, if you would?
H Uh huh, well you know, I'll tell you we're all getting old. I'm 75 and she's 69 and she's retired and I had a stroke in March of this year and I'm just learning to walk again.
JC Yeah? Yeah, I think it's a shame that's there only a few pictures and
H Beg your pardon?
JC I think it's a shame only a few people have pictures and then eventually everybody dies and the pictures are lost.
H Yes
JC And I've copied probably a hundred pictures of relatives and I'm trying to get all I can, you know, so we'll be able to keep 'em. Someday I hope to write a book and put everybody's in it, you know, and I'd include a chapter on Isaac and Elizabeth Hunt
H Uh huh
JC ...and have their pictures in there and maybe their children.
H Well, I'll see what I can do.
JC OK
H Marguerite is more likely to have one of my grandmother Hunt because I don't think I have one. I gave it to my granddaughter in Texas.
JC Yeah, well, OK, if you can dig anything up, let me know, and I'll write all three of you a letter and send you a bunch of information.
H Well, that's certainly very nice of you and if you'll ask me for any information in there, I'll try to supply what I have.
JC OK, I sure appreciate it.
H ...cause, uh, you see, uh, my mother and her brothers and sisters are all dead.
JC Yeah
H ...and as I told you, I'm the oldest granddaughter of Ada Hunt; I'm the oldest child of Ada Hunt living and Marguerite is the oldest one of John Hunt.
JC Yeah
H ...and now, let's see, Chasteen's children are all dead.
JC Oh, they are?
H Do you have anything on him?
JC I just have his name, but you could send me, perhaps, some of his descendants in the letter maybe, if that'd be ok?
H Uh huh
JC That was his real name, Chasteen?
H C H A S T double E N
JC Where'd they get that at? That doesn't sound like a man's name.
H My grandfather had a brother named that, I think.
JC Oh, really?
H Uh huh

JC That is an unusual name, isn't it?
H Uh huh, it is, but now Uncle Chasteen's family is all dead.
JC Hmm, and this George Hunt, born in 1869, he wasn't one of your uncles?
H George? George Alexander. That's Uncle Alex.
JC Oh, that's who that is. Yeah, I found him in the census and I couldn't put him together since you guys didn't mention him.
H I'll send you the address of his son in Florida that I told you has done real well and he has been worth a lot of money, but I don't think he's worth as much now as he was. But since I've grown older, I used to go down there, but I haven't been in several years.
JC Well, okay, that'll be fine, if you send me that.
H I certainly thank you for calling me.
JC Well, I appreciate talking to you. I'm really glad to get to talk to all those people down there. I might come down there some weekend and talk to some of the distant relatives.
H Maybe you can. We'd be glad to have you.
JC I'm only 19.
H Beg your pardon?
JC I'm only 19.
H Oh, you're only 19.
JC Yeah
H Well, that's lots of difference between that and 76.
JC (laugh) Yeah, I'm just a youngster, I guess.
H I can't hear you again.
JC Oh, am I fading out?
H Uh huh
JC Ok
H How large a family do you have?
JC Oh, I'm not married. I still live at home
H Oh, you do?
JC Yeah
H Uh huh. What do you do?
JC I'm a draftsman at a factory here in Marion. I'm going to school part-time also.
H Oh
JC I keep pretty busy between that and family tree.
H Well, my occupation.. I first worked in a bank where my cousin Marguerite worked
JC Yeah?
H ...but I went into the income tax business and I made some money there and I retired.
JC Oh, yeah?
H Uh huh, that's what Morris Grubbs is doing.
JC Oh, he's in the income tax business?
H Uh huh
JC Yeah, he seemed like a real nice man. How old is he?
H Oh, yes, he's a fine boy. I think he's 50 now

JC Oh, he's that old?. I figured he was a little younger. I got that impression.
H He's 50 years old.
JC Hmm, well, I'll send you a bunch of information on the family.
H I'll try to send you some. Thank you so much for calling me.
JC Thank you very much. I'll talk to you later. Bye bye.