

NAME: HUNT, Robert

PARISH: Not given**

ENTERED SERVICE: 1849

DATES:

Dorsetshire (*The Beaver*, Dec. 1946, p. 32]

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1849, 18 Oct.-1850 April	Sailed on <i>Norman Morison</i> from London to Vancouver Island			C.1/61
1850-1867	Labourer	Ft. Rupert	Columbia	B.239/g/89-92; B.226/g/1-14
1867-1868	Labourer	Ft. Rupert & Steamer <i>Beaver</i>	Columbia	B.226/g/15
1868-1871	Postmaster	Nass River (Mainland, Northern Coast B.C.)	Steamer <i>Otter</i>	B.226/g/17-18; B.226/b/34, p. 346 Coast British Columbia
1871-1882	Postmaster (in charge)	Ft. Rupert	Columbia	B.226/g/19-39; D.38/42
1882	Fort Rupert closed, stock bought by Hunt			B.226/b/52, fo. 403
1885	Fort Rupert land transferred to Hunt			H.1/5, pp. 180-181; <i>The Beaver</i> , p. 1972, pp. 14, 15

**The Company's London Office Correspondence shows that employees for Vancouver Island taking passage aboard the *Norman Morison*, 1849, were recruited by the Company's agent in Stromness, Orkney Islands, Edward Clouston, and by Philip Francis of Hinton St. Mary, Dorsetshire, England. These agents accounted for a total of twenty-six men only, and it seems that the remainder was recruited in Kent by one of the Company's London Committee, Henry Hulse Berens, whose home was a Kevington, near St. Mary Cray, Kent. Unfortunately, we do not have any lists detailing the men employed by each agent, so we cannot determine Robert Hunts' place of origin or if he took a wife with him. (HBCA A.5/16, pp. 147, 158; A.5/17, p. 10; A.10/27, pp. 257a, 258; A.19/39, fo. 76; Z.8/1) His brother Eli Hunt was in Yenston, near Blandford, Somersetshire in 1893 (B.226/b/87, fo. 203)

Wife(1): died two years after marriage

Son: George (employed by HBC 1864)

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B.226/b/23, fo. 304.

Wife(2): Mary Ebbets (a Klingat Indian)

(Photo of Robert & Mary, children and grandchildren 1885 in National Archives of Canada Coll. C34239)

In 1870 had a wife and three children

Son: Robert

Daughter: Elizabeth (b. 1870), m. Daniel Wilson in 1899

(see *The Beaver* Sp. 1972, p. 14)

A.11/85, fo. 474

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B.226/b/44, fo. 819.

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