

William Hunt was born near Shelbyville, Ky., January 11, 1821. When he was three years of age his parents, Henry and Nancy (Smith) Hunt, moved to Missouri, locating in St. Francois Township, St. Francois County. Here he was reared. In early manhood he purchased, in St. Francois Township, a large tract of land, which he improved and on which he made his home. He served as a private in the Mexican War under Gen. Taylor. He was united in marriage January 15, 1852, with Sarah Long, a native of St. Francois County, and a daughter of Philip and Isabella (Murphy) Long. Of this union there were six children, five of whom are living: Cora. Catherine (widow of Maurice Moran), Jennie, William H. and Philip. Mr. Hunt was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He died July 5, 1861. After his death the affairs of the place, under the superintendence of Mrs. Hunt, were carried on by the negroes, who were in her employ a number of years after they were emancipated. The homestead is still owned by the family.