

The Paternal Line of William Jefferson Hunsaker by Mara Fein, PhD

The violence of the West has been mythologized and glorified. But the settling of this moving frontier also can be defined as bringing “law and order” to those who saw the world differently. During the years of “civilizing” the United States, this goal was approached through different methods: sometimes through military means, sometimes through law enforcement, and sometimes through the courtroom.

The story of William Jefferson Hunsaker, his father, and grandfather provides a personal look at the evolution of “civilizing” the West. William Hunsaker was a mayor and highly respected lawyer, his father Nicholas a sheriff, and grandfather Daniel a member of the Illinois militia that fought in the Black Hawk War. Each, in a way highly reflective of his time, helped to civilize the United States of America.

First Generation, Ascending: William Jefferson Hunsaker

1 William Jefferson Hunsaker was born 21 September 1855 near Lafayette in Contra Costa County, California, the son¹ of Nicholas and Lois (Hastings) Hunsaker and died 13 January 1933 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.² On 26 February 1879 William wed,

Florence Virginia McFarland in San Diego, San Diego County, California.³ She was probably born 7 May between 1849 and 1850 in Marshall County, Virginia (now West Virginia), the daughter of the Methodist minister Reverend William Blair McFarland and Margaret (Dockayne) McFarland.⁴

William’s Youth

William grew up in Contra Costa County, the eldest of eight children, five boys and three girls; only six survived to adulthood.⁵ Contra Costa County was a wild place in Will’s youth: after all,

¹ The evidence for William’s birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed “Who Were the Parents of William Jefferson Hunsaker?”

² Los Angeles County, California, death certificate no. 594 (1933), William Jefferson Hunsaker; Registrar/Recorder-Clerk, Norwalk.

³ San Diego County, California, "Record of Marriages," book 4, p. 291, Hunsaker-McFarland, 1879; San Diego County Clerk, San Diego. Also, "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Western History-Material, Ingersoll File A-port; California Biography File, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles. Also, Florence V. Hunsaker Passport Application, 28 February 1920; "U.S.Passport Applications, 1795-1925," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 20 June 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication M1490, General Records Department of State, Record Group 59; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁴ The evidence for Florence’s birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed “Florence’s Parentage.”

⁵ 1900 U.S. Census, Cochise County, Arizona, population schedule, Whitewater, enumeration district (ED) 7, p. 9B (penned), dwelling 194, family 203, Nicholas Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 45.

California became a state in 1850, just five years before he was born. Many of the men who settled in the area were first drawn there by the lure of gold in 1849; failing to earn their fortunes they settled in nearby valleys in Contra Costa County and turned to farming or opened businesses.⁶

William's father Nicholas was one of these men; gold lured him but did not reward him.⁷ So William's father settled around Martinez and became a farmer and then sheriff, his mother Lois a housewife.⁸ As a young boy and the eldest, William would have been expected to help his father with chores around the farm; up early in the morning to feed the horses and the pigs, and chop wood for the fire, all of which he had to do before going to school. After school would be more farm chores.

But farming was not in Will's future. With his father a sheriff, he would have heard talk of murder and robbery and the hangings that resulted.⁹ He must have been greatly impressed by his father's dedication to law enforcement. After education in the public schools of Contra Costa County, and then San Diego County after his family moved there when he was in his teens, he went on to study law in the offices of Major Levi Chase and A.C. Baker.¹⁰ In 1878, at the young age of 23, he was admitted to the California Bar.¹¹

William Creates a Family and a Livelihood

No information exists on how they met, but on 26 February 1879, in San Diego, William wed¹² Florence Virginia McFarland, daughter of a Methodist Minister.¹³ But by 1880 they moved to Tombstone in the Arizona Territory; the move could not have been easy at a time when there was no railroad to take them there and they likely travelled by the stagecoach that ran between San Diego and Tucson, then transferring to a local stage line to take them down to Tombstone; any goods would have been freighted by wagon.¹⁴ The roads were rough and Indian attacks still a real threat: the Indian Wars in this part of Arizona Territory did not end until 1886 and "this region was the field of the most bloody and longest continued Indian atrocities."¹⁵ But the

⁶ J.P. Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County, California: Including Its Geography, Geology, Topography, Climatology and Description* (San Francisco: W.A. Slocum & Co., 1882), 127.

⁷ "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928.

⁸ 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa, Calif., pop. sch., Township 2 Lafayette & Alamo P.O., p. 67-68 (penned), dwell., 527, fam. 524, Nich Hunsaker. Also, Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County*, 242-244.

⁹ Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County, California*, 342.

¹⁰ "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File.

¹¹ "Attorney Dies," obituary, *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933, p. A1, co. 6.

¹² San Diego County, Calif., "Record of Marriages," book 4, p. 291, Hunsaker-McFarland.

¹³ Los Angeles County, Calif., death certificate no. 9092, (1922), Florence Virginia Hunsaker. Also, see narrative under "Florence's Parentage."

¹⁴ Sidney R. DeLong, *History of Arizona: From the Earliest Times Known to the People of Europe to 1903* (San Francisco: Whitaker & Ray, 1905), 150.

¹⁵ Hubert Howe Bancroft, *The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft: History of Arizona and New Mexico 1530-1888* (San Francisco: The History Company, 1889), vol. 17:621.

Hunsakers settled in, William practiced law,¹⁶ and they had their first child, Mary Cameron Hunsaker.¹⁷ Florence's younger sister Lucy McFarland, a school teacher, lived with them; as the only surviving children of a mother who died young, the two must have been close.¹⁸

Tombstone was "in the midst of a spectacular boom" in 1880 due to the silver mines.¹⁹ The Hunsakers lived at 18 Allen Street, the main street, and must have seen Tombstone at its wildest.²⁰ Here William started a lifetime friendship with the famous Wyatt Earp that would end with William serving as his lawyer and then pall bearer.²¹ But Tombstone must have been a bit too wild for them during a brief stay that included the famous shootout at the OK Corral,²² because in 1881 they moved back to San Diego, California.²³ The trip back was not easy either as there still was no railroad from Tombstone to San Diego.²⁴ And at this point, Florence may have been pregnant with their second child, Florence.²⁵

Moving to back to San Diego was crucial to the ambitious William; Tombstone never could have provided the opportunities that San Diego offered. In 1882 William was admitted to practice before the California Supreme Court and was elected District Attorney for San Diego County.²⁶ The Hunsakers had become prominent. But 1882 also brought tragedy to their lives. Florence gave birth to twins²⁷ on 22 January 1882 ... Florence King and Lois. Lois died less than nine

¹⁶ Ron W. Fischer, *The Tombstone Business Directory: 1880-1884* (Tombstone, Arizona: Ron Fischer Enterprises, 2002), p.459, reprint from McKenney's Pacific Coast Directory 1880-1881. Also, 1880 U.S. Census, Pima County, Arizona, population schedule, Tombstone, enumeration district (ED) 2, p.14 (penned), dwelling 18, family 18, Wm J Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 36.

¹⁷ 1880 U.S. Census, Pima County, Ariz., pop. sch., Tombstone, ED 2, p.14 (penned), dwell.18, fam. 18, William Hunsaker household. Also, "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File. Also, Orange County, California, death certificate no. 300008636 (1976), Mary Cameron Brill; Orange County Clerk-Recorder, Santa Ana. Also, see narrative under "Mary's Parentage."

¹⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, Pima County, Ariz., pop. sch., Tombstone, ED 2, p.14 (penned), dwell.18, fam. 18, William Hunsaker household.

¹⁹ William M. Breakenridge, *Hellorado* (U.S.A.: University of Nebraska Press, 1992), p. 137.

²⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, Pima County, Ariz., pop. sch., Tombstone, ED 2, p.14 (penned), dwell. 18, fam. 18, Wm J Hunsaker.

²¹ Glenn G. Boyer, editor, *I Married Wyatt Earp: The Recollections of Josephine Sarah Marcus Earp* (Stamford, Connecticut: Longmeadow Press, 1976), p. 242.

²² Boyer, *I Married Wyatt Earp*, p. 88-92.

²³ "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File.

²⁴ William Ellsworth Smythe, *History of San Diego 1542-1907*, (San Diego: The History Company, 1908), 406.

²⁵ "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File.

²⁶ "Attorney Dies," *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933. Also, "Selected Chronological List of San Diego County Officials," *The Journal of San Diego History* 47.1; online archives, *San Diego Historical Society* (<http://www.sandiegohistory.org/journal/2001-1/index.html>: accessed 13 September 2010), appendix. Also, Smythe, *History of San Diego 1542-1907*, 723.

²⁷ Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, database and images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 9 July 2010), miscellaneous data and gravestone image Lois Hunsaker (1882-1882), memorial #41737502, webpage created by Linda Patterson-Henderson, 8 Sept. 2009, citing Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego County, California. There is no record of Lois's death in San Diego County but the grave marker indicates that she was "twin sister of Florence, Daughter of W.J. & F.V. Hunsaker." Also, "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port,

months later.²⁸ Joyfully, over the next two years Florence would give birth to two more healthy children:²⁹ Rose and Daniel.

By 1887 San Diego had a railroad and was booming as William became the fourth head of the San Diego Board of Trustees, the unofficial mayor of San Diego (there was no mayor, officially speaking, at this time).³⁰ But by 1889 he held no official position; William began to look for other opportunities for prominence and those apparently did not exist in San Diego.

Perhaps it was for that reason that by June 1892 William and Florence had moved their family to Los Angeles, California (perhaps by the railroad which now ran up to Los Angeles from San Diego) where they would spend the remainder of their lives.³¹ The 1880s had brought boom times to Los Angeles in a manner San Diego did not experience; it grew from 11,000 residents to 50,000.³² With the end of the boom and the ushering in of the 1890's the city began to modernize, presenting new opportunities for the ambitious.

By 1900 William owned his own home at 209 Burlington Avenue in Los Angeles³³ and Florence became an active member of the fashionable St. John's Episcopal Church, the Friday Morning Club, and the Daughters of the Confederacy.³⁴ He became President of the Los Angeles Bar Association in 1904.³⁵ But, what must have given him and Florence much joy was seeing Rose marry on February 3rd of that year.³⁶ The society section of the *Los Angeles Times* described the wedding: "Last evening at 8 o'clock at St. John's Church, one of the prettiest weddings of the

California Biography File. Also, Florence King Hunsaker Passport Application, 8 June 1910; "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925," digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 20 June 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication M1490, General Records Department of State, Record Group 59; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

²⁸ Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, miscellaneous data and gravestone image Lois Hunsaker (1882-1882), memorial #41737502, webpage created by Linda Patterson-Henderson, 8 Sept. 2009, citing Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego County, California.

²⁹ "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File; names both Rose and Daniel as children. Also, Los Angeles County, California, probate case files, no. 133391 William J. Hunsaker (1933), will, 11 September 1928. Also, San Diego, California, Register of Births vol. 1: p.61, female b. 17 March 1883; FHL microfilm 1,290,436. See later narratives under "Rose's Parentage" and "Daniel's Parentage."

³⁰ Smythe, *History of San Diego 1542-1907*, 726.

³¹ "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File.. Also, "Attorney Dies," *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933. Also, Steve Glischinski, *Santa Fe Railroad* (Osceola, Wisconsin Motorbooks International, 1997), 20.

³² Charles Dwight Willard, *The Herald's History of Los Angeles City* (Los Angeles: Kingsley-Barnes & Neuner, 1901), 336-340.

³³ 1900 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, Los Angeles Ward 2, enumeration district (ED) 19, page 6B, dwelling 139, family 155, William Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 89.

³⁴ "Prominent Woman Called," obituary, *Los Angeles Times*, Los Angeles, California, 25 November 1922, p.1, col. 4.

³⁵ "Attorney Dies," *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933.

³⁶ Los Angeles County, California, marriage license, book 63, p. 68, (1922), Lashbrooke- Hunsaker. Also, "Events in Local Society," *Los Angeles Times*, 4 February 1904, p. A3, col. 1.

season took place, when Miss Rose Hunsaker, daughter of Hon. And Mrs. William Hunsaker of No. 823 Bonnie Brae street, became the bride of John Hamilton Lashbrooke ...”³⁷

By 1910 the family had moved out to the very affluent Huntington Boulevard in Pasadena, only a few miles from Los Angeles, where they now had a live-in cook and gardener;³⁸ William was 54 years old and President of the California Bar Association.³⁹ He also was a member of the many prominent clubs that were a given for prominent men: the California Club, the Los Angeles Athletic Club, University Club and the Masons.⁴⁰

Sometime around 1910-1913, the Hunsakers saw their son Daniel marry Kathleen Lyons, a marriage that would last until Daniel’s death.⁴¹ Their daughters were not as fortunate. Around 1911, the eldest daughter Mary married a William Brill; she divorced him only a few years later and never remarried.⁴² This must have been a great source of sadness for the family. Rose too divorced, in 1915.⁴³ But she did remarry: “[a]t Shanghai, China, on St. Valentine’s Day [18 February 1917], Mrs. Rose Lashbrooke ... was married to William A. Steehler.⁴⁴ Sadly, Steehler died 28 August 1921.⁴⁵

By 1920, perhaps because it made it easier for William to access his office, the family now lived at 432 South Marengo Avenue in Los Angeles;⁴⁶ William was in law practice with E.W. Britt in

³⁷ “Events in Local Society,” *Los Angeles Times*, 4 February 1904,

³⁸ 1910 U.S. Census, L.A. County, Calif., population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 293, page 15B (penned), dwelling 189, family 190, William J Hunsaker household; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 86.

³⁹ “Attorney Dies,” *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933. Also, 1910 U.S. Census, L.A. County, Calif., pop. sch., ED 293, p. 15B, dwell. 189, fam. 190, William J. Hunsaker.

⁴⁰ “Attorney Dies,” *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933.

⁴¹ 1910 U.S. Census, L.A. County, Calif., pop. sch., ED 293, p. 15B, dwell. 189, fam. 190, David [sic] M. Hunsaker; Daniel is single in 1910. Also, 1920 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, San Gabriel Township, enumeration district (ED) 571, p. 1B (penned), dwelling 29, family 23, Daniel Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 October 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 107. Also, California, Department of Health, death certificate 9949 (24 May 1953), Daniel McFarland Hunsaker; County Clerk/Recorder-Registrar, Norwalk.

⁴² Mary H. Brill Passport Application, 7 October 1919; “U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925,” digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 20 June 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication M1490, General Records Department of State, Record Group 59; National Archives, Washington, D.C. The Los Angeles County Clerk’s Office shows no marriage record for Mary Hunsaker or Mary Brill; no divorce record has been located at the Los Angeles County Superior Court archives.

⁴³ The Los Angeles Superior Court index lists the divorce of Rose Margaret Lashbrook, plaintiff, and John H. Lashbrooke, defendant, as taking place on 12 May 1915 but the Court Archives could not locate the file as of 13 Sept 2010.

⁴⁴ “People and Their Doings,” *Los Angeles Times*, 18 February 1917, p. III.5, col. 6.

⁴⁵ Los Angeles County, California, death certificate no. 14037 (1921), William A. Steehler; Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/Clerk, Norwalk.

⁴⁶ 1920 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, Los Angeles district 63, enumeration district (ED) 175, page 4B (penned), dwelling 92, family 94, W.J. Hunsaker; digital images,

downtown Los Angeles where they often represented large business interests such as the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.⁴⁷ While he had affiliated with the Democratic Party until 1896, he had now switched his affiliation to the Republican Party; chosen permanent Chairman of the Los Angeles Bar Association Committee on Judicial Candidates in 1932, he was active in choosing candidates for the bench.⁴⁸ The Hunsakers were clearly members of “society.”



William J. Hunsaker⁴⁹



Florence Hunsaker⁵⁰

Tragedy Strikes the Hunsaker Family

As it often is, the family’s success was tarnished by tragedy. Early in 1922, the Hunsaker’s daughter Florence, only 40 years old and never married, died after falling into a diabetic coma.⁵¹ That tragedy was followed later that same year by the death of her mother Florence, who died following a long illness. Florence Virginia Hunsaker was mourned by “[m]en and women high in political, financial, social, and club life” throughout California and the Southwest.⁵² William would live another 11 years, active in his law firm until the day he died.⁵³ He was living alone, with just a housekeeper to attend him, at 515 South Harvard Street in Los Angeles on 13 January

Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 107.

⁴⁷ *The Federal Reporter: Cases Argued and Determined in the Circuit Courts of Appeals and Circuit and District Courts of the United States*, June-August 1894, vol. 61 (St. Paul: West Publishing Company, 1894), p. 618-622. Also, “Attorney Dies,” *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933.

⁴⁸ “William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire,” Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File. Also, *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933.

⁴⁹ “Attorney Dies,” *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933.

⁵⁰ Florence V. Hunsaker Passport Application, 28 February 1920; “U.S.Passport Applications, 1795-1925,” *Ancestry.com*.

⁵¹ Los Angeles County, California, death certificate no. 825 (1922), Florence King Hunsaker, County Clerk/Recorder-Registrar, Norwalk.

⁵² Los Angeles County, Calif., death certificate no. 9092, (1922), Florence Virginia Hunsaker. Also, *Los Angeles Times*, 25 November 1922.

⁵³ “Attorney Dies,” *Los Angeles Times*, 14 January 1933.

1933, when he suffered a fatal heart attack after a bout with influenza.⁵⁴ At his death, William Jefferson Hunsaker was eulogized as a man whose “ideals were never lowered and his practice always was according to the highest ethics of the legal profession.”⁵⁵

Children of William Jefferson and Florence Virginia (McFarland) Hunsaker

The children of William Jefferson and Florence Virginia (McFarland) Hunsaker are as follows:

- i. MARY CAMERON HUNSAKER, born 26 March 1880 in Tombstone, Cochise County, Arizona;⁵⁶ died 13 November 1976 in Santa Ana, Orange County, California.⁵⁷ She married William Brill circa 1911-1912 and divorced him between 1912 and 1919; she did not remarry.⁵⁸
- ii. FLORENCE KING HUNSAKER, born 26 January 1882 in San Diego, San Diego, California;⁵⁹ died 31 January 1922 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.⁶⁰ She did not marry.⁶¹
- iii. LOIS HUNSAKER, probably born 26 January 1882 in San Diego, San Diego County, California; possibly died 18 November 1882 in San Diego, California.⁶² She was possibly the twin sister of Florence King Hunsaker.⁶³

⁵⁴ Los Angeles County, Calif., death certificate no. 594, (1933), William Jefferson Hunsaker.

⁵⁵ "Hunsaker Paid Tributes," *Los Angeles Times*, 17 January 1933, p. A1, c. 5.

⁵⁶ The evidence for Mary's birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Mary's Parentage."

⁵⁷ Orange County, California, death certificate no. 300008636 (1976), Mary Cameron Brill; Orange County Clerk-Recorder, Santa Ana.

⁵⁸ "U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925," Mary H Brill 7 October 1919. The Los Angeles County Clerk's Office shows no marriage record for Mary Hunsaker or Mary Brill; no divorce record has been located at the Los Angeles County Superior Court archives.

⁵⁹ The evidence for Florence's birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Florence King's Parentage."

⁶⁰ Calif. death certificate 825, (1922), Florence King Hunsaker. Also, 1900 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, Los Angeles Ward 2, enumeration district (ED) 19, page 6B, dwelling 139, family 155, Florence K. Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 89.

⁶¹ Calif. death certificate 825, (1922), Florence King Hunsaker. Also, 1910 U.S. Census, L.A. County, Calif., pop. sch., ED 293, p. 15B (penned), dwell. 189, fam. 190, Florence K. Hunsaker. Also, 1920 U.S. Census, L.A. County, Calif., pop. sch., Los Angeles district 63, ED 175, p. 4B, dwell. 92, fam. 94, Florence K. Hunsaker. Florence's death certificate indicates she is single at death; the informant is her father. She appears to live with her parents from age 18 in 1900 through 1920; there is no record of a marriage in Los Angeles County during this time and her obituary does not refer to one.

⁶² The evidence for Lois' birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Lois's Parentage." Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, miscellaneous data and gravestone image Lois Hunsaker (1882-1882), memorial #41737502, webpage created by Linda Patterson-Henderson, 8 Sept. 2009, citing Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego County, California. The San Diego County Clerk shows no death certificate for her but, as noted earlier, William Hunsaker was elected San Diego District Attorney in 1882.

⁶³ Calif. death certificate 825, (1922), Florence King Hunsaker. Also, Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, miscellaneous data and gravestone image Lois Hunsaker (1882-1882), memorial #41737502, webpage created by Linda Patterson-

- iv. ROSE MARGARET HUNSAKER, born 17 March 1883 in San Diego, San Diego County, California;⁶⁴ date and place of death unknown.⁶⁵ On 3 February 1904 she married John Hamilton Lashbrooke in Los Angeles, California.⁶⁶ On 12 May 1915 she divorced him.⁶⁷ On 14 February 1917 on a ship travelling to the Orient, she married⁶⁸ William A. Steehler who died 28 August 1921.⁶⁹
- v. DANIEL MCFARLAND HUNSAKER, born 9 August 1884 in San Diego, San Diego, California;⁷⁰ died 20 May 1953 in Bellflower-Lakewood, Los Angeles, California.⁷¹ He married Katherine Lyons circa 1910-1913.⁷² Katherine died 12 November 1960.⁷³

Henderson, 8 Sept. 2009, citing Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego County, California. Also, Hollywood Forever Cemetery (Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California), Lois Hunsaker marker, section 12,357. personally read, 2010. According to Cemetery records, Lois was removed from San Diego to Hollywood.

⁶⁴ The evidence for Rose's birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Rose's Parentage."

⁶⁵ No record of death has been found in the California State Death Index; San Diego County Clerk records; or Los Angeles County Clerk records.

⁶⁶ Los Angeles County, California, marriage license, book 63, p. 68, (1922), Lashbrooke- Hunsaker. Also, "People and Their Doings," *Los Angeles Times*, 18 February 1917, p. III.5, col. 6.

⁶⁷ The Los Angeles Superior Court index lists the divorce of Rose Margaret Lashbrook, plaintiff, and John H. Lashbrooke, defendant, as taking place on 12 May 1915 but the Court Archives could not locate the file as of 13 Sept 2010.

⁶⁸ "People and Their Doings," *Los Angeles Times*, 18 February 1917, p. III.5, col. 6. Also, 1920 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, pop. sch., Los Angeles district 63, ED 175, page 4B, dwell. 92, fam. 94, Rose Steehler; shows Rose living at home with her parents.

⁶⁹ Los Angeles County, California, death certificate no. 14037, (1921), William A. Steehler. Also, Hollywood Forever Cemetery (Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California), William Steehler marker, section 12,357. personally read, 2010. Also, 1930 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 185, p. 7B (penned), dwelling 96, family 173, Rose Steehler; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 June 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 140 lists Rose as a widow.

⁷⁰ The evidence for Daniel's birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Daniel's Parentage."

⁷¹ Los Angeles County, California, death certificate no. 9949 (1953), Daniel McFarland Hunsaker; Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/Clerk, Norwalk.

⁷² 1910 U.S. Census, L.A. County, Calif., pop. sch., ED 293, p. 15B, dwell. 189, fam. 190, David [sic] M. Hunsaker; Daniel is single in 1910. 1920 U.S. Census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, San Gabriel Township, ED 571, p. 1B (penned), dwelling 29, family 23, Daniel Hunsaker. Also, Los Angeles County, California, death certificate no. 22060 (1960), Katherine L. Hunsaker; Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/Clerk, Norwalk. Katherine's death certificate lists her maiden name as Lyons and indicates she was a housewife for 52 years, suggesting a marriage circa 1908 but Daniel is single and living at home in 1910. In 1920 he is married to Katherine with a 6-year old daughter so they were probably married by 1913. In 1930, although Katherine's age at her marriage to Daniel is listed as 25 (1910), her year of naturalization is listed as 1908; since she arrived in 1906 according to the Census enumerator, her naturalization probably occurred upon a marriage, either one previous to that with Daniel or with that to Daniel. There is no previous marriage recorded in Los Angeles County 1906-1908 for a Katherine Lyons, but she could have married elsewhere. No marriage certificate has been located 1908-1913 for a Daniel Hunsaker- Katherine Lyons at the Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder-Registrar,

Second Generation, Ascending: Nicholas Hunsaker

2 Nicholas Hunsaker was born 7 August 1825 in Alexander County, Illinois, the son⁷⁴ of Daniel and Charlotte (King) Hunsaker and died 12 September 1913 in San Diego.⁷⁵ On 29 June 1852-1854 he probably married Lois Hastings in Contra Costa County, California.⁷⁶

3 Lois Elizabeth Hastings, probable daughter of Samuel Hastings and Lois (Crippen) Hastings, was likely born 25 December 1829 in Ohio,⁷⁷ and perhaps died 19 December 1903 in San Diego, California.⁷⁸

Nicholas's Youth

Family lore has it that Nicholas "left home, stopping first at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. where he later joined an emigrant train for the northwest. He travelled with that train until it reached Fort Laramie, Wyo. There the call of the then 'far west' proved greater than the impulse to travel with the train and, accompanied by a youth who, by then, had become a 'pal,' Nicholas Hunsaker left for the Pacific coast. In 1847 he arrived at Walnut Creek, not far from San Francisco."⁷⁹

As a result of the Mexican War, the United States military took over California in 1847; Upper California was now a U.S. territory (California would not become a state until the summer of 1850).⁸⁰ In the winter of 1847-1848 gold was discovered.⁸¹ So California was a wild place

Norwalk. No marriage announcement was found in the Los Angeles Times for 1908-1913. They may have married elsewhere as did Daniel's younger sister.

⁷³ L.A. County, Calif., death certificate no. 22060, (1960), Katherine L. Hunsaker.

⁷⁴ "The evidence for Nicholas' birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Who Were the Parents of Nicholas Hunsaker?"

⁷⁵ California death certificate 13-029275, (1913), Nicholas Hunsaker.

⁷⁶ The evidence for the marriage of Nicholas and Lois (Hastings) Hunsaker is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Nicholas Starts a Family."

⁷⁷ The evidence for Lois' birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Lois' Parentage."

⁷⁸ "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File. Also, Michael Harris, transcribed, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database, *CAGENWEB* (http://www.cagenweb.com/archives/Cemetery/SanDiego/Mt.HopeCemetery/G_H/hunsaker-lois-1825-1903.jpg), includes photo of Lois (Hastings) Hunsaker grave marker with a date of death of 1903. Also, Final Proof Testimony of Claimant in Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington; notes in 1912 that he is a widower. Lois' death does not appear in the San Diego County Register of deaths from 1900 to 1905 and there is no death record from 1900-1905. She and Nicholas were living in Cochise County, Arizona at the time according to his Land Grant Entry file, but that county has no record of her death and no obituary was found in the *Bisbee Daily Review* or the *Douglas Dispatch* from 19 December 1903 through 31 December 1903.

⁷⁹ "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928. Nicholas' son was alive at the time this article was written but the source is uncertain.

⁸⁰ John Frost, *History of the State of California* (Auburn, NY: Derby & Miller, 1851), 37.

⁸¹ Frost, *History of the State of California*, 39.

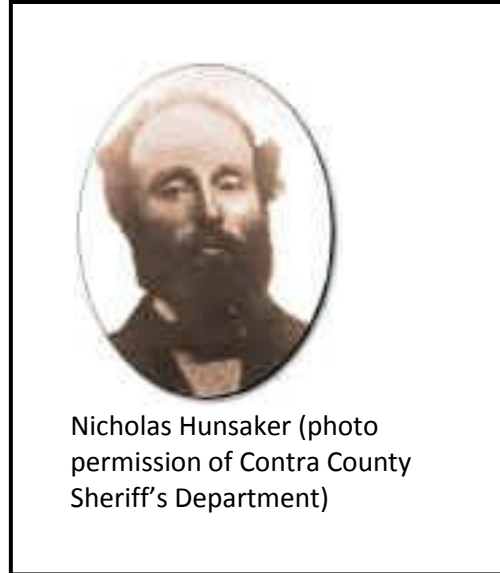
when Nicholas Hunsaker arrived; he may have been around 24.⁸² Whatever his age, he was a true California pioneer.⁸³ It is said that gold lured him; if so, like many others, he found little and settled around Martinez instead.⁸⁴ By 1848 Nicholas was living in Martinez; in fact, Nicholas appears to have built the first house there (it later became the County seat),⁸⁵ voted there in 1850,⁸⁶ and became County Sheriff in 1851.⁸⁷

Nicholas Starts a Family

Although it is unclear whether they arrived with him or came later, by 1852 Nicholas was living with his family.⁸⁸ But somewhere between 1852 and 1855 Nicholas married Lois Hastings as their first child was William, born 21 September 1855.⁸⁹ There is no record of their marriage in Contra Costa County

(Contra Costa County consistent vital record keeping started closer to 1860). No church records were found in Contra Costa County: the only Church that existed in the area in 1851 was Catholic and there is no evidence that the Hunsakers were Catholic; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the first in the area, was founded in 1854 and records for this time period are missing according to the church historian.

A 1928 article in the *Douglas Dispatch* gives the marriage date as 29 June 1851; the unknown informant may have been Nicholas' son James who was living in Douglas at the time the article was written.⁹⁰ However, since the 1852 California State Census shows Nicholas living at home with his parents, this is unlikely.⁹¹ Lois Hastings is not enumerated in that census, but the census is badly damaged with many pages torn. That the Census contradicts the year given by the



⁸² 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, Calif., pop. sch., p.51, line 1, Daniel Hunsaker household.

⁸³ Michael Harris, transcribed, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database, *CAGENWEB* (http://www.cagenweb.com/archives/Cemetery/SanDiego/Mt.HopeCemetery/G_H/hunsaker-nicholas-1825-1913.jpg; accessed 20 October 2010), photo of Nicholas Hunsaker marker; states Nicholas was "California Pioneer of 1847." Also, "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928.

⁸⁴ "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928. Also, 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, Calif., pop. sch., p.51, line 1, Daniel Hunsaker household.

⁸⁵ Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County*, 390.

⁸⁶ Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County*, 127-128.

⁸⁷ *United States District Court Northern District of California Transcript*, (San Francisco: no publisher, 1881), p. 2276, *The United States vs. Andres Castellero*, case 420 (1860). Also, Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County*, 385.

⁸⁸ 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, Calif., pop. sch., p.51, line 1, Daniel Hunsaker household.

⁸⁹ Hunsaker, "Western History Material," California Index. Also, see narrative under "Who Were the Parents of William Jefferson Hunsaker?"

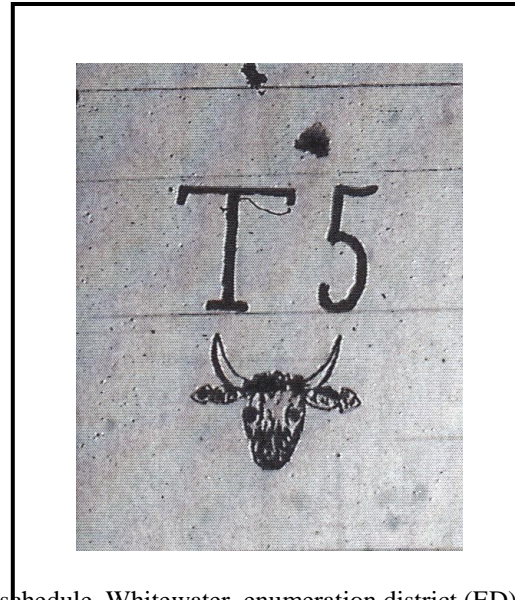
⁹⁰ "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928.

⁹¹ 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, Calif., pop. sch., p.51, line 1, Daniel Hunsaker household.

newspaper is not surprising. Children often know the day their parents were married, but not the year.

They settled in Lafayette in Contra Costa County, California and over the years Lois would keep house and give birth to seven children, just four of whom would survive to adulthood.⁹² Nicholas' main occupation was farming and stock raising under the T5 brand;⁹³ he also served as sheriff of the county for two terms, from 1851 to 1853, and from 1855 to 1857.⁹⁴ By 1860 his Contra Costa farm consisted of 19 horses, 26 head of cattle, 4 milk cows, and 35 swine; he raised wheat, barley and oats.⁹⁵ He was prospering.

On 21 September 1868 Contra Costa County suffered a severe earthquake which may have contributed to Nicholas's next decision.⁹⁶ Sometime before 1870 the family likely made the long trek down to San Diego by wagon, perhaps along some of the 600 mile El Camino Real. By 1870 Nicholas bought a ranch in the booming, but still wild, city of San Diego in Southern California; Nicholas worked the farm and also worked as a teamster.⁹⁷ From 1875-1876 he also served as the San Diego County Sheriff, sometimes appearing before the State Supreme Court in his official capacity.⁹⁸ After all, there were five children and a wife to support.⁹⁹



⁹² 1900 U.S. Census, Cochise County, Arizona, population schedule, Whitewater enumeration district (ED) 17, p. 9B (penned), dwelling 194, family 203, Nicholas Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 45.

⁹³ 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa, Calif., pop. sch., Township 2 Lafayette & Alamo P.O., p. 67-68 (penned), dwell. 527, fam. 524, Nich Hunsaker. Also, *United States District Court Northern District of California Transcript* (San Francisco: no publisher, 1881), p. 2276, *The United States vs. Andres Castellero*, case 420 (1860). Also, Contra Costa, California, Brands and Marks May 1850-November 1868, see entry for 7 March 1859, Nicholas and James C. Hunsaker.

⁹⁴ *United States District Court Northern District of California Transcript*, (San Francisco: no publisher, 1881), p. 2276, *The United States vs. Andres Castellero*, case 420 (1860).

⁹⁵ 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa County, California, agriculture schedule, Lafayette Post Office, p. 15, Nicholas Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 July 2010); citing Bancroft Library microfilm 1850-1880. No deed with Nicholas Hunsaker's name was located in Contra Costa County, California land claim records from 1852-1875, FHL microfilm publication 1,294,351.

⁹⁶ Hulaniski, ed. *The History of Contra Costa County California*, 86.

⁹⁷ 1870 U.S. Census, San Diego County, Calif., pop. sch., San Diego, p. 16-17 (penned), dwell. 229, fam. 239, Nick Hannasacker.

⁹⁸ George H. Smith, *Reports of Cases Determined in the Supreme Court of the State of California*, (San Francisco, Bancroft-Whitney Company, 1906), vol. 37, p. 513. Also, Smythe, *History of San Diego 1542-1907*, p. 726.

⁹⁹ 1870 U.S. Census, San Diego County, Calif., pop. sch., San Diego, p. 16-17 (penned), dwell. 22, fam. 239, Nick Hannasacker.

By 1880, Lois was suffering from heart disease, probably the result of the hard life demanded of a farmer's wife at that time; she was only 50 years of age.¹⁰⁰ Perhaps that's why the family had a live-in Chinese washerman, Ah Hing Duon. Son William had left home, a married man beginning to practice law but children Daniel, Joseph, James, and Edith were still at home.¹⁰¹

Moving to Arizona Territory

By 1881 the San Diego cattle industry was in disarray due to drought and disease.¹⁰² This may have accounted for the family's next move: in 1884 Nicholas moved the family (other than William who continued his law practice in San Diego) once again; this time to the Chiricahua Mountains in Cochise County, Arizona.¹⁰³ Arizona was still a territory and one can only wonder what life in an area of active "Indian" unrest was like for a woman with heart disease: Indian attacks from those like the Apache Kid were still commonplace in the area¹⁰⁴ and Nicholas filed Indian depredation claims with the U.S. Government for which he was compensated.¹⁰⁵

Indian attacks weren't the only danger. Early in the morning of 3 May 1887, this part of Arizona experienced a major earthquake with an estimated magnitude on 7.2 on the Richter scale. The quake caused major damage and loss of life. "People ran into the streets, some fainted, and others were thrown to the ground.... Numerous rockfalls were reported in the mountain ranges of southeastern Arizona" ... exactly where Nicholas and his family were.¹⁰⁶

Then there was the drought of 1892-1893. Cattlemen like Nicholas suffered extensively as "the drought completely destroyed the range; springs which had been considered permanent went dry; many ranchers experienced a mortality rate as high as fifty to seventy percent."¹⁰⁷ Cattle rustling also was an issue.

¹⁰⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, San Diego County, Calif., pop. sch., ED 68, p. 3 (penned), dwell. 13, fam. 11, L Hunsaker.

¹⁰¹ Ibid.

¹⁰² Hazel Adele Pulling, "California's Range-Cattle Industry: Decimation of the Herds, 1870-1912," *The Journal of San Diego History* 11 (January 1965); online archives, *San Diego Historical Society* (<http://www.sandiegohistory.org/journal/65january/cattle.html>: accessed 13 September 2010).

¹⁰³ Affidavit of Nicholas Hunsaker, 16 November 1909, in Nicholas Hunsaker (Cochise County) homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, 9 June 1910, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office; Land Entry Papers, post 1908; Records of the Bureau of Land Management, Record Group 49; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

¹⁰⁴ "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928.

¹⁰⁵ "Indian Depredation Claims, Letter from the Attorney-General, transmitting, in response to resolution of the Senate of June 17, 1898, a list of judgments rendered by the Court of Claims in favor of claimants in Indian deprivation cases since December 6, 1897," *genealogybank.com* (<http://genealogybank.com>: accessed 27 July 2010), p.4.

¹⁰⁶ Thomas G. McGarvin, "The 1887 Sonoran Earthquake: It Wasn't Our Fault," *Fieldnotes: Arizona Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology* 17.2 (Summer 1987); online archives, *The Arizona Geological Survey* (<http://www.azgs.state.az.us>: accessed 20 February 2010), p.1.

¹⁰⁷ "Ranch Life, the Border Country 1880-1940: The Way It Really Was," *The Cochise Quarterly* (Spring, 1982) 12:1, *Cochise County Historical Society* (http://www.cochisecountyhistory.org/uploads/CCHS_Vol_12_1_smaller_size.pdf : 22 February 2011).

Sadness came in more personal ways as well. Son Joseph appears to have died sometime in 1888 in Tombstone, perhaps as young as 24.¹⁰⁸ On 17 December 1890 Nicholas and Lois lost their son Daniel, then editor of the *Wilcox Stockman*, to mountain fever;¹⁰⁹ he was just 33 years old.

But there were happy times. Nicholas and Lois saw their daughter Edith marry Joseph W. Delaney 15 May 1895 in Tombstone.¹¹⁰ On 4 February 1897 their son James married Lola Elias.¹¹¹ And on 6 July 1893, their daughter Laura married William Abbott.¹¹²

In spite of these challenges, by 1900 Nicholas had become a wealthy cattleman and he owned his ranch free and clear.¹¹³ In 1902 the Hunsakers filed a claim on a place in White River Canyon on the west slope of the Chiracahua Mountains in Cochise County not far from Douglas and the Mexican-Arizona border; officially it was "the North half of the Southeast quarter of section Twenty three and the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section Twenty-Four, Township Nineteen South, Rang [sic] Twenty-nine East."¹¹⁴ The following map shows the area around the land.¹¹⁵ Nicholas and Lois were blessed to have their son-in-law and daughter, William and Laura Abbott, living adjacent to them.¹¹⁶

But the summer of 1902 brought terrible rains that flooded the land, rendering it un-useable for agriculture.¹¹⁷ One can only imagine the distress of losing land that had been worked for 16 years. Nicholas was 75 years old.¹¹⁸ Lois was 70.

¹⁰⁸ Michael Harris, Transcribed, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database, *CAGENWEB* (http://http://www.cagenweb.com/archives/Cemetery/SanDiego/MtHopeCemeteryG_H.html : accessed 15 September 2010), Joseph Lyman Hunsaker 1864-1888. Also, "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928.

¹⁰⁹ San Diego County, California, death certificate no. 732 (1890), Daniel Newton Hunsaker; County Recorder, San Diego. Also, Cochise, Arizona, Cochise County Probate Court Minute Book, Book 2: p. 617-621, Daniel N. Hunsaker estate Petition for Letters of Administration; Cochise County Superior Court, Bisbee.

¹¹⁰ Cochise County, Arizona, vol.2: p.153, Delaney-Hunsaker marriage registration; FHL microfilm 2,069,885.

¹¹¹ Cochise County, Arizona, vol.2: p.208, Hunsaker-Elias 1897; FHL microfilm 2,069,885.

¹¹² Cochise County, Arizona, Marriages 1881-1905, vol.2: p.100, Abbott-Hunsaker 1893; FHL microfilm 2,069,885.

¹¹³ "Pioneer Dies From Injuries," *Bisbee Daily Review*, Bisbee, Arizona, 19 September 1913. Also, 1900 U.S. Census, Cochise County, Ariz., pop. sch., Whitewater, ED 7, p. 9B (penned), dwell. 194, fam. 203, Nicholas Hunsaker.

¹¹⁴ Final Proof Testimony of Claimant in Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington. Also, Affidavit of Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington.

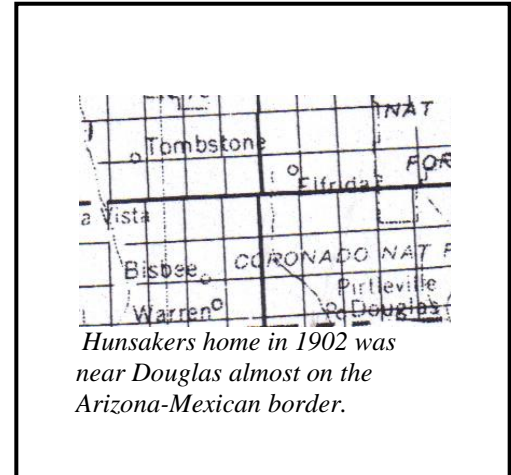
¹¹⁵ Jay Andriot, compiler, *Township Atlas of the United States* (McLean, Va: Documents Index Inc., 1977), 39.

¹¹⁶ Final Proof Testimony of Claimant in Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington.

¹¹⁷ *Ibid.*

¹¹⁸ Affidavit of Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington.

In March of 1903 the Hunsakers abandoned the land¹¹⁹ and moved to a new claim in Rucker Canyon in the Swisshelms located on the “sw ¼ of nw ¼, w ½ of sw ¼ Section Eleven (11) and nw ¼ of nw ¼” and in the Range Twenty-eight East.¹²⁰ They lived in a frame house, a story and a half with two small rooms on the top floor and two large rooms on the first floor and a porch; there was also a barn; they grew fruit trees and raised cattle and horses.¹²¹ It appears that Lois may have died later that year while they were on a visit to San Diego as she is buried there in Mount Hope Cemetery. There is no record of her death with San Diego County, California or Cochise County, Arizona, but there are no San Diego County records of other family members buried in that cemetery either.¹²² Perhaps Lois died elsewhere but wished to be buried with her children who preceded her in death and were buried in San Diego in Mount Hope Cemetery: Lois (1871), Joseph (1888), and Daniel (1890).¹²³



Hunsakers home in 1902 was near Douglas almost on the Arizona-Mexican border.

Lois' death on December 19th must have made for a sad Christmas indeed and a lonely home to which Nicholas would return.¹²⁴ Living alone, in 1905-1906 Nicholas suffered a severe bout of bronchitis and was threatened by pneumonia so he went to California for three months for treatment; he then returned to his ranch.¹²⁵ By 1907 he had become somewhat feeble and was no longer actively engaged in business; William and Laura (Hunsaker) Abbott lived nearby and often stopped by to check on him as did his son James.¹²⁶ He still had a few head of cattle and a few mares at his place.¹²⁷

¹¹⁹ Ibid.

¹²⁰ Final Proof Testimony of Claimant in Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington.

¹²¹ Final Proof Testimony of Witness Thomas Hudson, 16 November 1909, in Nicholas Hunsaker (Cochise County) homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, 9 June 1910, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office; Land Entry Papers, post 1908; Records of the Bureau of Land Management, Record Group 49; National Archives, Washington, D.C. Also, Final Proof Testimony of Claimant in Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington.

¹²² Harris, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database Lois Hastings Hunsaker 1825-1903. Nicholas, a daughter Lois, and sons Daniel and Joseph are all buried in Mount Hope.

¹²³ Harris, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database Daniel Newton Hunsaker 1857-1890. Also, Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, miscellaneous data and gravestone image for Lois Hunsaker (1868-1871), memorial #41737572, webpage created by Linda Patterson-Henderson, 8 Sept. 2009, citing Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego County, California. Also Harris, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database Joseph Lyman Hunsaker 1864-1888.

¹²⁴ "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File.

¹²⁵ Final Proof Testimony of Claimant in Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington.

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¹²⁷ Final Proof Testimony of Claimant in Nicholas Hunsaker homestead file bearing final certificate no. 134781, Phoenix, Arizona, Land Office, RG 49, NA-Washington.

Nicholas died in the city of San Diego 12 September 1913 with his sons William and James by his side; officially, his death was the result of “shock from being struck by a street car against which he collided.”¹²⁸ He is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in San Diego, California with his wife.¹²⁹ Of their eight children, it appears that only 2 survived Nicholas.¹³⁰

Children of Nicholas and Lois Elizabeth (Hastings) Hunsaker

The children of Nicholas and Lois (Hastings) Hunsaker are as follows:

- +1 i. WILLIAM JEFFERSON HUNSAKER, born 21 September 1855 near Lafayette, Contra Costa County, California;¹³¹ died 13 January 1933 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.¹³² He married Florence Virginia McFarland 26 February 1879 in San Diego, San Diego, California.¹³³
- ii. DANIEL NEWTON HUNSAKER, was probably born around 27 June 1857 in Contra Costa, California;¹³⁴ died of mountain fever 17 December 1890 in San Diego.¹³⁵
- iii. LAURA HUNSAKER, probably born April 1859 in Contra Costa County, California;¹³⁶ died 5 December 1911.¹³⁷ She married W.O. Abbott 6 July 1893 in Tombstone, Cochise County, Arizona.¹³⁸

¹²⁸ Calif. death certificate 13-029275, (1913), Nicholas Hunsaker. Also, "Pioneer Dies From Injuries," *Bisbee Daily Review*, Bisbee, Arizona, 19 September 1913.

¹²⁹ Mount Hope Cemetery Office (San Diego, San Diego County, California) to Mara Fein, phone interview with cemetery staff, Nicholas Hunsaker listed in index with birth and death years. Also, Michael Harris, transcribed, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database, *CAGENWEB* (http://www.cagenweb.com/archives/Cemetery/SanDiego/MtHopeCemeteryG_H.html : accessed 25 July 2010), Nicholas Hunsaker grave marker.

¹³⁰ See "Children of Nicholas and Lois Elizabeth (Hastings) Hunsaker" below for dates of death.

¹³¹ Florence V. Hunsaker Passport Application, 28 February 1920; "U.S.Passport Applications, 1795-1925," *Ancestry.com*. Also, "William Hunsaker Biographical Questionnaire," Ingersoll File A-port, California Biography File. See "Who Were the Parents of William Jefferson Hunsaker" narrative above for proof of parentage and birth.

¹³² Los Angeles County, California, death certificate no. 594, (1933), William Jefferson Hunsaker.

¹³³ San Diego County, Calif. "Record of Marriages," book 4, p. 291, Hunsaker-McFarland.

¹³⁴ The evidence for Daniel's birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Daniel's Parentage."

¹³⁵ San Diego County, Calif., death certificate no. 732, (1890), Daniel Newton Hunsaker. Also, Cochise, Ariz., Cochise County Probate Court Minute Book Book 2: p.617-621.

¹³⁶ The evidence for Laura's birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Laura's Parentage."

¹³⁷ California, Department of Health, death certificate 16104 (5 December 1911), Laura Abbott; California Office of Vital Records, Sacramento. Also, Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, database and images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 3 November 2010), miscellaneous data and gravestone image for Laura Abbott (1858-1911), memorial #28906017, webpage created by Michael Harris, 9 Aug 2008, citing Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego, California. Also, 1910 U.S. Census, Cochise County, Arizona, population schedule,, enumeration district (ED) 144, p.6A, dwelling 117, family 118, Laura A. Abbott; digital images, *Ancestry.com*

- iv. JOSEPH LYMAN HUNSAKER, possibly born circa 1864 in Nevada; possibly died 1888 in Tombstone, Cochise County, California.¹³⁹
- v. LOIS HUNSAKER, probably born 17 October 1868 in San Diego County, California;¹⁴⁰ probably died 29 November 1871 San Diego.¹⁴¹
- vi. JAMES N. HUNSAKER, born 3 September 1872 in San Diego, California;¹⁴² committed suicide 4 June 1934 in Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona.¹⁴³ He married Lola Elias 4 February 1897.¹⁴⁴
- vii. EDITH HUNSAKER, possibly born February 1875 in California;¹⁴⁵ died 2 November 1908 in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.¹⁴⁶ She married Joseph W. Delaney 15 May 1895 in Tombstone, Cochise, Arizona.¹⁴⁷

(<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 12 July 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 38; this is the last U.S. Census in which Laura appears.

¹³⁸ Cochise County, Arizona, vol.2: p.100.

¹³⁹ Harris, "Mount Hope Cemetery," database, Joseph Lyman Hunsaker 1864-1888. The evidence for Joseph's birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Joseph's Parentage." Also, "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928.

¹⁴⁰ The evidence for Lois' birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Lois' Parentage."

¹⁴¹ Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, database and images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed July 2010), miscellaneous data and gravestone image for Lois Hunsaker (1868-1871), memorial #41737572, webpage created by Linda Patterson-Henderson, 8 Sept. 2009, citing Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego County, California. Also, 1880 U.S. Census, San Diego County, Calif., pop. sch., ED 68, p. 3 (penned), dwell. 13, fam. 11, N Hunsaker.

¹⁴² The evidence for James' birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "James' Parentage."

¹⁴³ Cochise County, Arizona, Death Certificates, James N. Hunsaker, 4 June 1934; digital images, State of Arizona, *Arizona.gov* (<http://genealogy.az.gov/> : accessed 10 June 2010).

¹⁴⁴ Cochise County, Arizona, "Marriage Records," vol.2: p.208, Hunsaker-Elias 1897. Also, "Pioneer Dies at Douglas," *Tucson Daily Citizen*, Tucson, Arizona, 4 July 1947, p. 2, c. 3. Also, 1900 U.S. Census, Cochise County, Arizona, population schedule, Whitewater, enumeration district (ED) 7, p. 9B (penned), dwelling 194, family 204, Lola Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 45.

¹⁴⁵ The evidence for Edith's' birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed "Edith's Parentage."

¹⁴⁶ Santa Clara County, California, death certificate no. 335 (1908), Edith H. Delaney; Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder, San Jose. Also, 1900 U.S. Census, Santa Clara, California, population schedule, San Jose, enumeration district (ED) 62, sheet 3, dwelling 40, family 40, Edith Delaney; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 November 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 110. Also 1910 U.S. Census, Santa Clara County, Iowa, population schedule, San Jose Twsp, Jackson Precinct, enumeration district (ED) 149, p. 1A (penned), dwelling 14, family 14, Joseph W. Delaney; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 November 2010); citing NARA T625, roll 149. The 1900 U.S. Census is the last in which Edith appears; by 1910 Edith's husband Joseph has remarried and children Joseph, Laura J. (now appearing as Juanita) and Edward are still in the household.

¹⁴⁷ Cochise County, Arizona, "Marriage Records," vol.2: p.153, Delaney-Hunsaker.

viii. GRACE HUNSAKER, born 26 February 1874 in San Diego, San Diego County, California; date of death unknown.¹⁴⁸

Third Generation, Ascending: Daniel Hunsaker

4 Daniel Hunsaker was probably born 19 December 1804 in Kentucky¹⁴⁹ and probably died 14 June 1897 in Woodville, Tulare County, California.¹⁵⁰ He married Charlotte King on 1 September 1823 in Alexander County, Illinois.¹⁵¹

5 Charlotte “Lottie” King was perhaps born 1807 in Tennessee and perhaps died in Tulare County, California where she may have been buried.¹⁵² Date of death is unknown.¹⁵³

Daniel Hunsaker’s Life Story

Daniel Hunsaker was possibly born on 19 December 1803; that is the story his gravestone tells.¹⁵⁴ On his Bounty Land Warrant Application he swears he is 52 years of age on 15 May 1856; if he was born on 19 December, his year of birth *would* be 1803.¹⁵⁵ He was deposed in court on 3 August 1860 when he swore he was 56 years of age, making his year of birth 1803 as well.¹⁵⁶ According to his Alexander County, Illinois marriage registration, Daniel married Charlotte King 1 September 1823; if he was born 19 December 1803 Daniel would have been 19

¹⁴⁸ The evidence for Grace’s birth and parentage is presented in the narrative under the section headed “Grace’s Parentage.”

¹⁴⁹ “The evidence for Daniel’s date and place of birth is presented in the narrative under the section headed “Daniel Hunsaker’s Life Story.”

¹⁵⁰ Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, database and images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 2 June 2010), gravestone image for Daniel Hunsaker (1803-1897), memorial #21086371, webpage created by Louise Chism, 22 Aug. 2007, citing Tulare Cemetery, Tulare County, California. Also, “Daniel Hunsaker. A Former Resident of Martinez Passes Away in Tulare County,” p.3, col. 6.

¹⁵¹ Alexander County, Illinois, Original Marriage Records, File: “Daniel Hunsaker to Charlotte King, 1823.” A license was granted on 1 Sept 1823. Also, “Daniel Hunsaker, Former Resident of Martinez Passes Away in Tulare County,” *Contra Costa Gazette*, 3 July 1897.

¹⁵² Phone interview with cemetery staff , Tulare County Cemetery), by author, 12 August 2010. held by author ([ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE]). A Charlotte Hunsaker is buried here.

¹⁵³ The Tulare County Recorder has no record of the death of a Charlotte Hunsaker. She may have died outside of the county. No obituary in *Tulare Register* 1880-1900.

¹⁵⁴ Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, database and images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 2 June 2010), gravestone image for Daniel Hunsaker (1803-1897), memorial #21086371, webpage created by Louise Chism, 22 August 2007, citing Tulare Cemetery, Tulare County, California. Also, “Daniel Hunsaker. A Former Resident of Martinez Passes Away in Tulare County,” p.3, col. 6. No record of Daniel’s death was found with the Tulare County Recorder 1873-1922. Also, Oregon death certificate 1482, (1917), Harrison King Hunsacker; indicates his father, Daniel, was born in Kentucky. See the narrative under “Harrison’s Parentage.”

¹⁵⁵ Also, Daniel Hunsacker (Contra Costa County), Bounty Land Warrant 51187; 1812-1855 Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files; 1812-1855 Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, Records of the Department of Veteran’s Affairs 1773-2007, RG15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

¹⁵⁶ *In the United States District Court, Northern District of California: “New Almaden”* (San Francisco: no publisher included, 1861), p. 2276, *The United States vs. Andres Castillero*, case 420 (1860).

and of age to marry.¹⁵⁷ Every Census in which he is enumerated gives his place of birth as Kentucky, but no document provides a more specific location.¹⁵⁸

That Daniel or his family migrated from Kentucky to Illinois would not have been surprising. Illinois experienced a boom, especially after 1812, and many poor settlers came from Kentucky. In 1818 about 19% of those migrating into Illinois were from Kentucky, more than from any other state:¹⁵⁹ Alexander County was on the border of Illinois and Kentucky, formed in 1819 out of Union County.¹⁶⁰ At that time the county had only about 500 residents scattered along the shore of the Ohio River.¹⁶¹ Farming was probably the way of life for Daniel then, as it would be for most of his life; according to *History of Alexander, Pulaski, and Union Counties*, the lands were bottom land, “generally flat, are interspersed with cypress ponds and marshes They are heavily timbered.”¹⁶² It was surely a hardscrabble life. Like most, the family probably lived in a log cabin as sawed lumber was nearly unobtainable; they were dependent on what they grew and hunted.

By 1830 Daniel had moved Charlotte and their two young boys northwest from Alexander County to Adams County, the most western part of Illinois, bordering the Mississippi.¹⁶³ That year was remembered as the year of the “Deep Snow.” *The History of Adams County, Illinois* relates that “[t]he people relied for their daily food upon the Indian corn which they were able to raise, together with wild game, which was abundant at that time.”¹⁶⁴ But four feet of snow and ten to twelve-foot drifts made finding game very difficult.

Although he had a wife and two young children, Daniel volunteered at Quincy in Adams County, Illinois when the Black Hawk War brought alarm to Illinois.¹⁶⁵ (See map, permission of the Illinois National Guard Museum, illustrating the extent of the conflict).¹⁶⁶ In June 1832 the Governor ordered a call for 2,000 mounted volunteers to fight Black Hawk and the Sauk tribe;

¹⁵⁷ Alexander County, Illinois, Original Marriage Records, File: “Daniel Hunsaker to Charlotte King, 1823.”

¹⁵⁸ 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, California, pop. sch., p.51, line 1, Daniel Hunsaker household. Also, 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa, California, population schedule, Township 2 Lafayette & Alamo P.O., p. 67 (penned), dwelling 526, family 523, Daniel Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 57. No civil registrations exist in Kentucky for this period; some church records exist but the specific county of birth is unknown as is the family’s religion.

¹⁵⁹ Solon Justus Buck, *Centennial History of Illinois: Illinois in 1818* (Chicago: A.C. McClurg, 1918), 1:93.

¹⁶⁰ Perrin, *History of Alexander, Pulaski, and Union Counties*, 448.

¹⁶¹ Perrin, *History of Alexander, Pulaski, and Union Counties*, 456.

¹⁶² Perrin, *History of Alexander, Pulaski, and Union Counties*, 445-446.

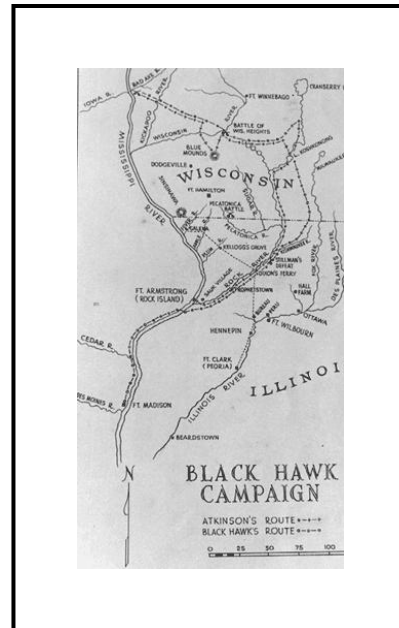
¹⁶³ 1830 U.S. Census, Adams County, Illinois, population schedule, p.542 (penned), Daniel Hunsucker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 February 2011); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 24.

¹⁶⁴ *The History of Adams County, Illinois*, (Chicago: Murray Williamson & Phelps, 1879), 270.

¹⁶⁵ Daniel Hunsacker (Contra Costa County), Bounty Land Warrant 51187; RG15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

¹⁶⁶ *Black Hawk War Map*, (no attribution provided); digital image, Illinois National Guard Museum (<http://www.il.ngb.army.mil/Museum/HistoricalEvents/Blackhawk.aspx> : accessed 17 December 2010).

Daniel responded.¹⁶⁷ From 18 June 1832 to 16 August 1832, he fought as a Private in Captain Earl Pierce's Company of the Sixth Mounted Volunteers, State of Illinois, of the Second Regiment, Third Brigade commanded by General Henry Atkinson.¹⁶⁸ Daniel was then honorably discharged and returned home to the great satisfaction and pride of his family.¹⁶⁹



There is no evidence of Daniel and his family in the 1840 U.S. Census for Adams County, Illinois. A story whose informant is unknown, (although it may have originated with Daniel's son Harrison who settled in Oregon) appears in *An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon*; there, it is claimed, the family next settled in "Missouri, where [Daniel] followed an agricultural life until April, 1848, when he decided to cross the plains to California, to join his son Nicholas, who had preceded him in 1847. His outfit was composed of four wagons, sixteen yokes of oxen, and 125 head of loose cattle."¹⁷⁰ They were said to have travelled with Captain Wambo's Oregon Company to Fort Hall (today located in Idaho), and then to have taken the California trail, winding up in Benicia in northern California.¹⁷¹ Whether this romantic story is true or not is not known, but there is some evidence that Daniel may have taken his family to Missouri before arriving in California: according to the 1852 California State Census, at least one of his children may have been born in Missouri.¹⁷² And to migrate from the Midwest to northern California, travel likely *would* have been along the California Trail. According to the pre-eminent guide of the time, *The Emigrant's Guide to Oregon and California*, "emigrants should, invariably, arrive at Independence, Mo., on, or before, the fifteenth day of April, as to be in readiness, to enter upon their journey, on, or before, the first day of May ..."¹⁷³ How long was the journey just from Fort Hall? "Those who go to California, travel from Fort Hall, west southwest about fifteen days, to the northern pass, in the California mountains; thence, three days to the Sacramento; and thence, seven days, down the

¹⁶⁷ Perry A. Armstrong, *The Sauks and the Black Hawk War with Biographical Sketches, Etc.* (Springfield, Illinois: H.W. Rokker, 1887), 390.

¹⁶⁸ Daniel Hunsacker (Contra Costa County), Bounty Land Warrant 51187; RG15; National Archives Washington, D.C.

¹⁶⁹ Ibid.

¹⁷⁰ H.K. Hines, *An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon* (Chicago: Lewis Publishing, 1893), 621.

¹⁷¹ Hines, *An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon*, 621.

¹⁷² 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, Calif., pop. sch., p. 51 (penned), Daniel Hunsaker household. Also, "Daniel Hunsaker, Former Resident of Martinez Passes Away in Tulare County," *Contra Costa Gazette*, 3 July 1897.

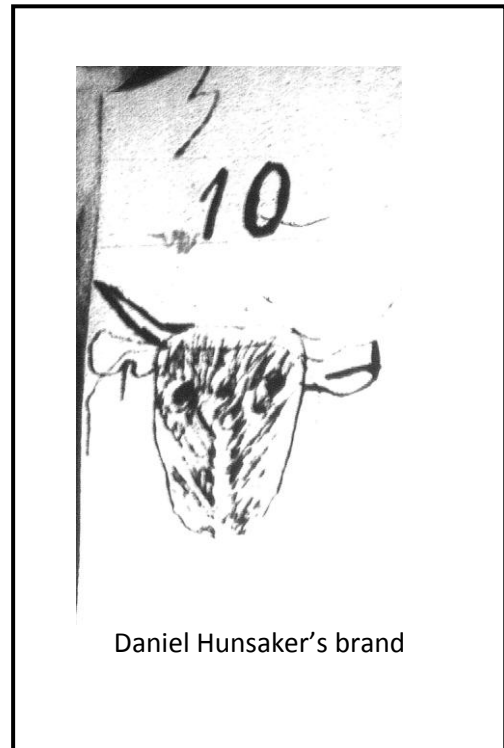
¹⁷³ Lansford W. Hastings, *The Emigrant's Guide to Oregon and California*, (1845; reprint, Bedford, Mass.: Applewood Books, 1994), 147.

Sacramento, to the bay of St. Francisco in California.”¹⁷⁴ The route “lies through alternate plains, prairies, and valleys, and over hills, amid lofty mountains; then down the great valley of the Sacramento, to the Bay of St. Francisco, a distance from Fort Hall, of 900 miles.”¹⁷⁵

By 1850 the family was living near Lafayette, Contra Costa County, California,¹⁷⁶ rich farmland for the “production of fruits, cereals, or vegetables, and the raising of stock.”¹⁷⁷ Daniel had cattle under his “10” brand, and was serving as County Treasurer, which he would do again in 1852.¹⁷⁸ He was also one of the first voters in Martinez, the County Seat.¹⁷⁹ In 1855 the Federal Government granted bounty warrants to veterans of the Old Indian Wars like Daniel. On 15 May 1856 he used the bounty warrant granted him for his service in the Black Hawk War, claiming 160 acres of farmland in Contra Costa County, California.¹⁸⁰

The year 1855 may also have been the year of his son Nicholas’ marriage to Lois Hastings.¹⁸¹ On 16 October 1858 Daniel and Charlotte’s son James married Mary W. Hastings.¹⁸²

By 1860 their son Nicholas and his family were living near Daniel and Charlotte; Daniel was doing quite well: the farm was worth \$5200 and other property worth \$3714.¹⁸³ In 2009 dollars that farm was worth \$138,000 and the property \$98,900.¹⁸⁴ The farm consisted of eight horses, 31 milk cows, 150 head of cattle, and 55 pigs; Daniel raised barley, wheat and corn that year; he



Daniel Hunsaker’s brand

¹⁷⁴ Hastings, *The Emigrant’s Guide to Oregon and California*, 135.

¹⁷⁵ Hastings, *The Emigrant’s Guide to Oregon and California*, 137.

¹⁷⁶ *In the United States District Court, Northern District of California: "New Almaden,"* 2276.

¹⁷⁷ Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County, California*, 17.

¹⁷⁸ *In the United States District Court, Northern District of California: "New Almaden,"* 2276. Also, Contra Costa, California, Brands and Marks, May 1850-November 1868, p.4; see entry for 12 June 1850; Daniel Hunsaker; County Recorder, Martinez; FHL microfilm 1,294,354, item 1.

¹⁷⁹ Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County, California*, 127.

¹⁸⁰ Daniel Hunsacker (Contra Costa County), Bounty Land Warrant 51187; RG15; National Archives Washington, D.C.

¹⁸¹ "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928.

¹⁸² Contra Costa, California, marriage certificate no. vol. 1, p. 21, (16 October 1858), Hunsaker-Hastings

¹⁸³ 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa, Calif., pop. sch., Township 2 Lafayette & Alamo P.O., p. 67 (penned), dwell. 526, fam. 523, Daniel Hunsaker.

¹⁸⁴ Based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

even produced some wine.¹⁸⁵

By 1870 Daniel had sold his interests and the family had moved to the Woodville district of Tulare County, California and a more modest farm where Daniel grew wheat and barley and had a couple of milk cows and four horses; that farm was worth only \$800.¹⁸⁶ His farm sat next to that of his son Joseph who had married Emilie Jane Williams on 7 March 1869.¹⁸⁷

But by 1880 Daniel and Charlotte were getting on in years and living with their son Joseph, his wife Emily and their two young daughters and nephew.¹⁸⁸ Charlotte passed on in 1894 at the age of about 86.¹⁸⁹ The old Indian fighter Daniel lived just three more years, passing on in 1897 at the age of 92.¹⁹⁰ It was said that he was “greatly beloved by all his relatives and highly honored by his friends and neighbors.”¹⁹¹ He certainly was a great story teller. His obituary claimed that he “often entertained his children and grandchildren with stories of the early days of the republic, and how he had fought under ‘Old Hickory’ in the Indian wars in Florida and how earnestly he voted, for Jackson whenever he was before the people as a candidate for the Presidency” and how his parents had met George Washington.¹⁹² Now all of that may not have been true (“Old Hickory,” Andrew Jackson, finished fighting in Florida in 1818 and Daniel would have been just fifteen) but who could disagree with the statement that “Daniel Hunsaker to the present generation seemed like a link that connected the stirring early days of the Union with the wonderfully progressive present.”¹⁹³

Children of Daniel and Charlotte (King) Hunsaker

The children of Daniel and Charlotte (King) Hunsaker are probably as follows:

¹⁸⁵ 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa County, California, agriculture schedule, Lafayette Post Office, p. 15, Daniel Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 July 2010); citing Bancroft Library microfilm 1850-1880.

¹⁸⁶ 1870 U.S. Census, Tulare County, Calif., pop. sch., Tule River Township, p. 18 (penned), dwell. 178, fam. 169, Daniel Hunsaker. Also, 1870 U.S. Census, Tulare County, California, agriculture schedule, Tule River, 3 (penned), Daniel Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 16 July 2010); citing Bancroft Library microfilm 1850-1880. Also, “Daniel Hunsaker, Former Resident of Martinez Passes Away in Tulare County,” *Contra Costa Gazette*, 3 July 1897.

¹⁸⁷ 1870 U.S. Census, Tulare County, Calif., pop. sch., Tule River Township, p. 18 (penned), dwell. 178, fam. 169, Daniel Hunsaker. Also, Hunsaker-Williams marriage announcement, *Contra Costa Gazette*, Contra Costa, California, 20 March 1869, p.2, c.5.

¹⁸⁸ 1880 U.S. Census, Tulare County, California, population schedule, Tule River Township, enumeration district (ED) 102, p. 42 penned, dwelling 410, family 413, Daniel Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 May 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 85.

¹⁸⁹ Phone interview, Margaret (staff at cemetery), 12 August 2010.

¹⁹⁰ Jim Tipton, *Find a Grave*, gravestone image for Daniel Hunsaker (1803-1897), memorial #21086371, webpage created by Louise Chism, 22 Aug. 2007, citing Tulare Cemetery, Tulare County, California. Also, “Daniel Hunsaker, Former Resident of Martinez Passes Away in Tulare County,” *Contra Costa Gazette*, 3 July 1897.

¹⁹¹ “Daniel Hunsaker, Former Resident of Martinez Passes Away in Tulare County,” *Contra Costa Gazette*, 3 July 1897.

¹⁹² *Ibid.*

¹⁹³ *Ibid.*

- +2 i. NICHOLAS HUNSAKER, born 7 August 1825 in Alexander, Illinois¹⁹⁴ and died 12 September 1913 in San Diego, California.¹⁹⁵ He married Lois Hastings on 9 June 1852-1854 in Contra Costa, California.¹⁹⁶
- ii. JOSEPH HUNSAKER, born perhaps January 1830 in Illinois¹⁹⁷ and possibly died 21 April 1904 in Woodville, Tulare County, California.¹⁹⁸ On 7 March 1869 in Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, California he married Emilie Jane Williams.¹⁹⁹
- iii. JAMES C. HUNSAKER, probably born around 1835 in Illinois²⁰⁰ and died off the coast of California on 30 July 1865.²⁰¹ On 16 October 1858 he married Mary W. Hastings in Contra Costa County, California.²⁰²
- iv. HARRISON KING HUNSAKER, born 29 April 1838 in Illinois or Missouri²⁰³ and died 21 August 1917 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.²⁰⁴ On 7 June 1860 he married Susannah Jones in Marion, Oregon.²⁰⁵

¹⁹⁴ Hunsaker, "Western History Material," California Index. Also, 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, Calif., pop. sch., Daniel Hunsaker Household. Also, 1900 U.S. Census, Cochise County, Ariz., pop. sch., Whitewater, ED 7, p. 9B (penned), dwell. 194, fam.. 203, Nicholas Hunsaker. Also see the narrative under "Who Were the Parents of Nicholas Hunsaker?"

¹⁹⁵ California death certificate 13-029275, (1913), Nicholas Hunsaker.

¹⁹⁶ "Hunsaker Here Before Geronimo's Outbreak," *Douglas Dispatch*, 17 June 1928. Also see discussion under "Nicholas Starts a Family."

¹⁹⁷ 1900 U.S. Census, Tulare County, California, population schedule, Tipton, enumeration district (ED) 64, p.4B (penned), dwelling 93, family 93, Joseph Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 July 2010); citing NARA T623, roll 115.

¹⁹⁸ "Joseph Hunsaker Passes from Life," *Tulare Register*, Tulare, California, 21 April 1904, p.1, col. 3. No record of his death was found in the Tulare County Recorder's Office 1900-1910. He last appears in the 1900 U.S. Census for Tulare County where he had lived for many years. It is possible that he died while out of the County as no place of burial in Tulare County has been located either.

¹⁹⁹ Hunsaker-Williams marriage announcement, *Contra Costa Gazette*, 20 March 1869.

²⁰⁰ "The evidence for James' date and place of birth is presented in the narrative under the section headed "James Parentage."

²⁰¹ California State Lands Commission, *California Shipwrecks* (http://shipwrecks.slc.ca.gov/Brother_Jonathan/Passenger_List.html : viewed 1 October 2010), Brother Jonathan Passenger List. Also, Munro-Fraser, *History of Contra Costa County*, p.139. Also, "Loss of Another Steamship," *New York Herald*, 26 August 1865, List of Passengers; *Genealogy Bank* (<http://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 27 July 2010); *New York Herald*, passenger J.C. Hunsaker. The ship sank off Crescent City, California; only 19 of 244 people survived; J.C. Hunsaker was not believed to have survived.

²⁰² Contra Costa, California, marriage certificate no. vol. 1, p. 21, (16 October 1858), Hunsaker-Hastings. Also, 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa, California, pop. sch., Martinez, ED 1860, p. 52 (penned), dwell. 404, fam. 405, James Hunsaker.

²⁰³ 1852 State Census, Contra Costa County, Calif., pop. sch., p.51, line 1, Daniel Hunsaker household. Also, 1860 U.S. Census, Contra Costa, Calif., pop. sch., Township 2 Lafayette & Alamo P.O., p. 67 (penned), dwell. 526, fam. 523, Harrison Hunsaker in Daniel Hunsaker household. Also, Oregon, State Board of Health, death certificate 1482 (1917), Harrison King Hunsaker; Oregon State Archives, Salem. The Illinois State Archives has no birth records for the 1830s or 1840s. Missouri birth registration did not begin until a 1 July 1883 law which was repealed in 1893; births were not entered consistently until 1910.

²⁰⁴ Oreg. death certificate 1482 (1917), Harrison King Hunsaker.

²⁰⁵ Oreg., 459, Hunsaker-Jones, 7 June 1860; Marion County Clerk, Salem. Also, 1910 U.S. Census, Multnomah County, Oregon, population schedule, Portland Ward 7, enumeration district (ED) 244, p. 15A (penned), dwelling 6, family 6, Harrison K. Hunsaker; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 28 June 2010); citing NARA T624, roll 1288. Also, 1870 U.S. Census, Tulare County, Calif., pop. sch., Tule River Township, p. 18 (penned), dwell. 178, fam. 169, Daniel Hunsaker.