



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

Edgar Z. Hunt

Hometown: Sag Harbor

Hunt served in the 2nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

He mustered in to service with the rank of Private and was later promoted to the of 1st Lieutenant/Quarter-Master.

He is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor.



1861~1865



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EDGAR Z. HUNT.

Edgar Z. Hunt, one of our oldest citizens, a native of this village and a veteran of the civil war, passed away on Sunday morning last. He succumbed to an attack of paralysis attending the infirmities of age. He was in his 83d year. Mr. Hunt was the third son of the late Colonel Harry W. Hunt, who founded THE CORRECTOR in 1822.

As a land and road surveyor he commenced his active life in this, his native village, in the early forties, and soon afterward opened an office in the brick building opposite the Mansion House where he went into business as a fire, life and marine insurance agent, and connected with it a newspaper and periodical agency where all the literature of the day could be found. This was the first office of the kind opened in the village.

During his early residence here he was often elected inspector of elections for the first Southampton district, and was for several years chairman of the old Whig town committee. About this time he received a commission from Governor Washington Hunt,

as 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the old Sixteenth Regiment, Uniformed State Militia, P. R. Jennings, Colonel, commanding.

In 1855 he married Miss Mary Helen Holton, of Coxsackie, Green County, N. Y., who was then residing here with her parents. In 1856 he sold out his business in this village to the Gleasons, William H., and G. Havens; and went to Illinois where the following Spring he was elected County Surveyor of Mason County and served as such until the War of the Rebellion. On the President's first call for troops he volunteered and became a member of Cavalry Company C., Captain Hugh Fullerton. On the organization of the second regiment of Illinois Cavalry he was appointed by Governor Richard Yates as Quartermaster Sergeant of the Regiment.

After the battle of Pittsburg Landing when Quartermaster Jerome Hollenbach resigned, on request of Colonel Silas Noble, Governor Yates commissioned Mr. Hunt a 1st Lieutenant in which capacity and as Brigade Quartermaster he served continuously on the southwest frontier until mustered out on Nov. 15, 1865 at San Antonio, Texas. At the time he was a Quartermaster of the first division of cavalry on the staff of General Alfred C. Gibbs.

During the war Mr. Hunt's regiment was under Grant at Vicksburg, with Gen. Butler at New Orleans, and in the Red River campaign with Gen. Banks. In the battle of Holly Springs Lieut. Hunt received a sabre wound on the thigh.

After he was mustered out of service in the Fall of 1865 he returned to this village and resumed his vocation as a land surveyor. Probably no one in Suffolk County was better acquainted with the metes and bounds of real

plaited to make it look crinkly. To estate, public and private, in the towns of East and Southampton.

Mr. Hunt was for many years one of the Assessors of Southampton town, and was recognized as an authority in the valuation of Long Island real estate.

He is survived by a widow, two sons and three daughters: Mrs. Cyrus S. Wood, of Greenwich, Conn.; Mrs. Mary H. Stover, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Robert T. Olejnick, Edgar H. Hunt, and Herbert Hunt, of this place. His funeral was attended from Christ Church of which he was a former vestryman, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Gordon T. Lewis, rector, and Rev. J. J. Harrison officiating.



Hunt, Edgar Z.

Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor