

Evidence for the Parents of Aaron Hunt (1799 - 1873)

No direct evidence has been found identifying the parents of Aaron Hunt, who was born c.1799 in Bath New Hampshire. Review of indirect documentary and DNA evidence provides sufficient information to form a conclusion supported by evidence regarding the parents of Aaron Hunt.

Aaron Hunt, age 74, died July 23, 1873 in Salem New Hampshire. There are 2 versions of his death record; in one his birthplace is identified as Bath, in the other as Bath Maine. His occupation was listed as farmer, and he was listed as married. No parents were identified.¹

Aaron Hunt was taxed as a resident of Bath NH in 1820.² In 1830, he was a resident of Newbury Vermont, and in 1840 he was a resident of Bath NH.³ He was taxed in Bath in 1832 and in 1841.⁴ The 1853 marriage record of his son Horace W. Hunt lists Horace's birthplace as Bath NH and his age as 21.⁵ The records of Dr. John French, who practiced in Bath and the surrounding area in the early 19th century,

¹ New Hampshire, Death and Disinterment Records, death of Aaron Hunt, age 74, died July 23, 1873, Salem NH, birthplace Bath, image 2375 of 4893, www.Ancestry.com.

New Hampshire, Death and Burial Records Index, 1654 – 1949, death of Aaron Hunt, age 74, 23 July 1873, Salem NH, birthplace Bath ME. Index record, Ancestry.com.

² New Hampshire, Town Records Volume 3, 1811 – 1844, Town Inventories, 1820 Town Inventory, entry for Aaron Hunt, page 368, digital images, image 192 of 566, Family Search.org.

³ U.S., 1830 Census, Vermont, Orange, Newbury, household of Aaron Hunt. Source record: Fifth Census of the United States, 1830. (NARA microfilm publication M19, 201 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. Year: 1830; Census Place: Newbury, Orange, Vermont; Series: M19; Roll: 185; Page: 62; Family History Library Film: 0027451. Digital images, image 9 of 28, Ancestry.com.

U.S., 1840 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Aaron Hunt. Source record: Year: 1840; Census Place: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: 236; Page: 39; Image: 659; Family History Library Film: 0014931. Digital images, image 11 of 22, Ancestry.com.

⁴ New Hampshire, Town of Bath, Volume 4, 1823 – 1844, Tax Inventories, 566 images, www.FamilySearch.org.
1832 Tax Inventory record for Aaron Hunt, image 449.
1841 Tax Inventory record for Aaron Hunt, image 534.

⁵ Massachusetts, Marriage Records, City of Lowell, 1853, marriage of Horace W. Hunt, age 21, and Rosette Woodward, October 29, 1853, image 455 of 906, www.Ancestry.com.

record the birth of a son of Aaron Hunt on October 27, 1832.⁶ The 1860 and 1870 Census records for Aaron Hunt indicate his birthplace was New Hampshire.¹ The evidence found supports the conclusion that the birthplace of Aaron Hunt was Bath New Hampshire.

Hypothesis: Zebulon and Lucy Hunt were the Parents of Aaron Hunt

Genealogies of the Hunt family state that Aaron Hunt's parents were Zebulon and Luthroran "Lucy" Hunt. However, there is a lack of documentary evidence to support that conclusion. Exposition of the families of Zebulon Hunt and Luthroran Whittlesey and correlation of evidence including residence and DNA evidence will enable a conclusion to be made as to the parentage of Aaron Hunt.

The Family of Daniel Hunt (1723 - 1807) and Mary Trussell

Daniel Hunt was born April 12, 1723 in Amesbury MA.⁷ Daniel Hunt married Mary Trussell in Hampstead NH in 1745.⁸ Daniel Hunt had relocated to Ryegate Vermont by 1773.⁹ There were 5 hypothesized sons of Daniel and Mary Hunt who also lived in the upper Connecticut Valley area in Ryegate VT, Bath NH and the surrounding towns on both sides of the river as shown in the table below:

⁶ National Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Bath New Hampshire Births, 1807 – 1857, Births Attended by Dr. John French during his fifty years of practice in Bath New Hampshire and the surrounding towns, WDAR 2, Roll 598, page 32, image 834 of 1031, www.FamilySearch.org.

⁷ Vital Records of Amesbury Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849, Births, birth of Daniel Hunt, April 12, 1723, Amesbury MA, father Samuel Hunt, mother Elizabeth Hunt, Topsfield MA: Topfiled Historical Society, 1913, page 138.

⁸ New Hampshire, Marriage Record Index, 1637 – 1947, marriage of Daniel Hunt and Mary Trussell, 1745, Hampstead NH, New Hampshire Marriage Records 1637–1947." Index. FamilySearch, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2011. "New Hampshire Statewide Marriage Records 1637–1947," database, FamilySearch, 2009. New Hampshire Bureau of Vital Records. "Marriage Records." New Hampshire Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Concord, FHL film number 1001266.

⁹ St. Johnsbury Times, "Early Settlers of Ryegate Vermont", 4 March 1870, Author of the article "G.M.", page 3, digital images, Newspapers.com. This article states that Daniel Hunt was a squatter on land in Ryegate, and that he was sued by William Neilson who was granted title to the land by the proprietors of Ryegate. Daniel Hunt prevailed in this lawsuit according to the article due to his continuous possession of the land beginning in 1773.. These facts were recounted by descendants of Hunt and Neilson according to the article.

The author had an opportunity to speak with the Town Attorney of Danville Vermont while conducting on site research in the Danville Town Hall on 9 May 2023. The town attorney was not aware of the location of any surviving court records from the early county courthouse that was located in Danville as referred to in the 1870 St. Johnsbury Times article.

Hypothesized Sons of Daniel Hunt and Mary Trussell in the Upper Connecticut Valley					
Name	Birth	Marriage	Residence in 1790	Residence in 1800	Death
Henry Hunt ¹⁰	c. 1745	Elizabeth Seaver		Deweys Gore VT	aft. 1815
Daniel Hunt Jr. ¹¹	c. 1753	Silena Whittlesey 1774 Hannah Farmer 1814	Haverhill NH	Haverhill NH	1837
Zebulon Hunt ¹²	c. 1759	Luthroran Whittlesey	Bath NH	Bath NH	1839
Joshua Hunt ¹³	c. 1759	Elizabeth Whittlesey	Ryegate VT	Ryegate VT	1815
Moses Hunt ¹⁴	c. 1761	Ruth Dodge	Bath NH	Lyman NH	1841

¹⁰ New Hampshire, Town of Bath, Town Records 1780 – 1859, Volume 1, page 131, Tax Inventory, 1793, New Hampshire State Capitol, Concord NH (repository), digital image 71 of 474, www.FamilySearch.org.

New Hampshire, Town of Bath, Town Records 1780 – 1859, Volume 1, page 167, Tax Inventory, 1794, New Hampshire State Capitol, Concord NH (repository), digital image 71 of 474, www.FamilySearch.org.

U.S. Census, 1790, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Henry Hunt, The National Archives in Washington, DC; Washington, DC; First Census of the United States, 1790.; Year: 1790; Census Place: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Series: M637; Roll: 5; Page: 5; Family History Library Film: 0568145.

U.S. Census, 1800, Vermont, Caledonia, Deweys Gore, household of Henry Hunt, NARA publication Series: M32; Roll: 51; Page: 251; Image: 145; Family History Library Film: 218688.

North American Family Histories, Daughters of the American Revolution, Lineage Book, Volume 37, page 347, image 358 of 403, www.Ancestry.com.

¹¹ New Hampshire, Marriage Records, Daniel Hunt and Silena Whittlesey, April 21, 1774, Haverhill NH, New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services; Concord, NH, USA; New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1700-1969.

U.S. Census, 1800, New Hampshire, Grafton, Haverhill, household of Daniel Hunt, NARA publication Series: M32; Roll: 20; Page: 682; Image: 228; Family History Library Film: 218679.

New Hampshire, Marriage Records, marriage of Daniel Hunt and Silena Whittlesey, November 16, 1814, Bath NH, "New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659–1947." Online index and digital images. New England Historical Genealogical Society. Citing New Hampshire Bureau of Vital Records, Concord, New Hampshire.

¹² U.S. Census, 1800, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Zebulon Hunt, NARA Series: M32; Roll: 20; Page: 659; Image: 205; Family History Library Film: 218679.

FindaGrave Memorial, Luthroran Hunt, died November 13, 1837, burial West Bath Cemetery, Bath, New Hampshire, www.FindaGrave.com. Her headstone is placed next to the headstone of Zebulon Hunt.

¹³ U.S. Census, 1790, Vermont, Orange, Ryegate, household of Joshua Hunt, The National Archives in Washington, DC; Washington, DC; First Census of the United States, 1790.; Year: 1790; Census Place: Ryegate, Orange, Vermont; Series: M637; Roll: 12; Page: 213; Family History Library Film: 0568152.

U.S. Census, 1800, Vermont, Caledonia, Ryegate, household of Joshua Hunt, NARA publication Series: M32; Roll: 51; Page: 271; Image: 155; Family History Library Film: 218688.

¹⁴ U.S. Census, 1840, Vermont, Orleans, Troy, household of Moses Hunt, age 79, veteran, NARA publication Roll: 544; Page: 343; Family History Library Film: 0027440.

The Family of Josiah Whittlesey and Elizabeth Jackson

Josiah Whittlesey was born February 17, 1714 in Wethersfield Connecticut.¹⁵ He married Elizabeth Jackson January 5, 1748 in Bethlehem CT.¹⁶ The known children of Josiah Whittlesey and Elizabeth Jackson are shown in the table below:

Known Children of Josiah Whittlesey and Elizabeth Jackson			
Name	Birth	Marriage	Death
Mabel Whittlesey ¹⁷	June 25, 1757 Guilford CT	William Abbott Dec 9, 1777 Haverhill NH	Nov 2, 1836 Bath NH
Silena Whittlesey ¹⁸	Jan 11, 1756 Bethlehem CT	Daniel Hunt April 21, 1774 Haverhill NH	1814 Bath NH
Luthroran "Lucy" Whittlesey ¹⁹	c. 1760	Zebulon Hunt Bath NH	Nov 13, 1835 Bath NH
Elizabeth Whittlesey ²⁰	1763	Joshua Hunt	1823 Ryegate VT

Josiah Whittlesey served during the Revolutionary War as a Private in Timothy Barron's Company of Bedel's Regiment, which was a New Hampshire based in Haverhill NH, a town bordering Bath on the Connecticut river. His name appears on a payroll for Barron's Company dated April 27, 1778. On this roll

¹⁵ Connecticut, Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection), birth of Josiah Whittlesey, February 17, 1713/1714, Wethersfield CT, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 52, page 316.

¹⁶ Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, Bethlehem Congregational Church, volume 1, page 30, Marriage of Josiah Whittlesey and Elisabeth Jackson, January 5, 1748, Bethlehem CT, Connecticut State Library Index, page 77.

¹⁷ Connecticut, Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection), Guilford, 1639 – 1850, birth of Mabel Whittlesey, June 25, 1757, Guilford Ct, parents Josiah and Elizabeth Whittlesey, image 326 of 336, www.Ancestry.com.

¹⁸ Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630 – 1920, Connecticut State Library, Bethlehem Congregational Church, 1788 – 1850, baptism of Cilena Whittlesey, January 11, 1756, Bethlehem CT, father Josiah Whittlesey, page 77.

New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1700 – 1971, marriage of Daniel Hunt and Silena Whittlesey, April 21, 1774, Bath NH, New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services; Concord, NH, USA; New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1700-1969.

¹⁹ Town Clerk, Bath New Hampshire, Town Records 1780 – 1859, volume 3, 1811 – 1823, page 207, Town Meeting Warning, 12 March 1816, Article 9 "To see if the town will give a part or all the personal property that was Silena Hunts late of Bath deceased to her sisters Mabel Brock, Lucy Hunt, and Elizabeth Hunt", digital images, image 48 of 566, FamilySearch.org.

FindaGrave Memorial, Luthroran Hunt, died 13 November 1837, burial West Bath Cemetery, Bath NH, inscription reads "Luthroran W. of Zebulon age 75 yrs", headstone located next to that of Zebulon Hunt, FindaGrave.com.

were also the names of his son-in-law Daniel Hunt and his future sons-in-law Joshua Hunt and Zebulon Hunt. His future son in law William Abbott also appeared on the same payroll.²¹ All 4 of the daughters of Josiah and Elizabeth Whittlesey married men who served with their father during the Revolutionary War.

Josiah Whittlesey was identified as a Resident of Haverhill NH in a 1772 deed.²² He was chosen as a Surveyor of Highways at the March 27, 1781 meeting of the Town of Haverhill NH.²³ He was also a claimant against the estate of Marie Haseltine in Bath NH in 1794.²⁴ No other evidence has been found for anyone with the surname Whittlesey in Grafton County NH in the period 1750 – 1800.

DNA Evidence

The author of this report is a descendant of Aaron Hunt.²⁵ The ThruLines feature of Ancestry.com presents 34 DNA matches between the author and descendants of 3 of the daughters of Josiah Whittlesey and Elizabeth Jackson (Silena Whittlesey had no known children with Daniel Hunt and no DNA matches referencing Silena Whittlesey have been found in the ThruLines feature of Ancestry.com). The anonymized matches are shown in the table below:

²¹ U.S., Revolutionary War Rolls, Bedel's Regiment, New Hampshire, payroll dated December 3, 1778, Newbury VT, NARA publication M246, roll 49, NARA catalog ID 602384, record group 93, 1 image, www.Fold3.com.

²² Vermont, Town of Fairlee, Deeds, Volume 1, page September 15, 1779, deed of Josiah Whittlesey of Haverhill NH to Ebenezer Green of Thetford VT, land in Fairlee, image 221 of 586, www.FamilySearch.org.

²³ New Hampshire, Haverhill, Town Records, 1763 – 1810, town meeting March 27, 1781, image 157 of 486, www.FamilySearch.org.

²⁴ New Hampshire, Grafton County, Probate, Estate Case Files, Estate of Marie Haseltine, late of Bath, image 338 of 767, www.FamilySearch.org.

²⁵ Evidence for the descent of Brian Hunt from Aaron Hunt is contained the Brian Hunt public tree on Ancestry.com found here: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/60367550/family?_gl=1%2Aj1krxq%2A_up%2AMQ..&cfpid=30058772037&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI6ZKv4IDs3glVm7jAC_h3EEgTUEAAYASAAEgJqDfD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds.

DNA Matches between the Author and Descendants of Josiah Whittlesey and Elizabeth Jackson of Haverhill NH		
Mabel Whittlesey and William Abbott	Luthroran Whittlesey and Zebulon Hunt	Elizabeth Whittlesey and Joshua Hunt
Match 1: 9 cm 1seg	Aaron Hunt	Match 27: 20 cm 1 seg
Match 2: 10 cm 1seg	Match 12: 125 cm 7 seg	Match 28: 8cm 1 seg
Match 3: 10 cm 1 seg	Match 13: 118 cm 8 seg	Match 29: 20cm 1 seg
Match 4: 9cm 1 seg	Match 14: 49 cm 2 seg	Match 30: 20 cm 2 seg
Match 5: 11 cm 1 seg	Lucinda Hunt	Match 31: 10 cm 1 seg
Match 6: 11 cm 1 seg	Match 15: 19 cm 2 seg	Match 32: 8 cm 2 seg
Match 7: 9cm 1 seg	Match 16: 12 cm 1 seg	Match 33: 15 cm 1 seg
Match 8: 9 cm 1 seg	Match 17: 11 cm 1 seg	Match 34: 17 cm 2 seg
Match 9: 10 cm 2 seg	Mary Hunt	
Match 10: 15 cm 1 seg	Match 18: 16 cm 2 seg	
Match 11: 11 cm 1 seg	Martha Hunt	
	Match 19: 8 cm 1 seg	
	Match 20: 14 cm 2 seg	
	Match 21: 35 cm 2 seg	
	Match 22: 9 cm 1 seg	
	Match 23: 9 cm 1 seg	
	Match 24: 21 cm 1 seg	
	Match 25: 14 cm 1 seg	
	Nathan Hunt	
	Match 26: 9cm 1 seg	

The DNA matches provide evidence that the author, a descendant of Aaron Hunt, is related to descendants of Josiah and Elizabeth Whittlesey. Two daughters of Josiah and Elizabeth Whittlesey who have living descendants married members of the Hunt family, and one daughter married William Abbott. Thus the DNA evidence indicates that Aaron Hunt was either the son of Zebulon Hunt and Luthroran Whittlesey or of Joshua Hunt and Elizabeth Whittlesey.

The children of Joshua Hunt and Elizabeth Whittlesey Hunt for whom evidence has been found are shown in the table below:

Children of Joshua Hunt and Elizabeth Whittlesey Hunt of Ryegate Vermont		
Name	Birthdate	Birthplace
Chapin Hunt ²⁶	March 1, 1794	Ryegate VT
Eli Hunt ²⁷	c. 1798	Ryegate VT
Worcester Hunt ²⁸	c. 1800	Ryegate VT
Leonard Hunt ²⁹	c. 1800	Ryegate VT
William Hunt ³⁰	My 31, 1804	Ryegate VT
James Hunt ³¹	Dec 9, 1807	Ryegate VT
Mitchell Hunt ³²	July 20, 1812	Ryegate VT

As shown in the table, all of the known children of Joshua and Elizabeth Hunt were born in Ryegate VT.

Joshua Hunt was taxed an inhabitant of the Town of Ryegate in 1799 and in 1800.³³ No evidence has been found for Joshua Hunt living in Bath NH in the period 1799-1800 or at any other time.

The children of Zebulon and Luthroran Hunt for whom direct evidence has been found are shown in the table below:

²⁶ Vermont, Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, birth of Chapin Hunt, March 1, 1794, Ryegate VT, father Joshua Hunt, , New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870.

²⁷ Vermont, Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, marriage of Eli Hunt and Betsey Davidson, May 18, 1865, Troy VT, are of the groom 67, father of the groom Joshua Hunt, mother of the groom Elizabeth Hunt, birthplace of the groom Ryegate VT, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870.

²⁸ Vermont, Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, death of Worcester Hunt, died June 12, 1870, Barnet VT, age 70, birthplace Ryegate VT, parents Joshua and Elizabeth Hunt, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870.

²⁹ Vermont, Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, birth of Leonard Hunt, May 19, 1801, Ryegate VT, father Joshua Hunt, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870.

³⁰ Vermont, Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, birth of William Hunt, May 31, 1804, Ryegate VT, father Joshua Hunt, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870.

³¹ Vermont, Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, birth of James Hunt, December 9, 1807, Ryegate VT, father Joshua Hunt, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870.

³² Vermont, Vital Records, 1720 – 1908, birth of Mitchell Hunt, July 20, 1812, Ryegate VT, father Joshua Hunt, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; State of Vermont. Vermont Vital Records through 1870.

³³ Vermont, Town of Ryegate, Town and Vital Records, Volume 1, 1799 – 1813, Grand List for 1799, Grant List for 1800, pages 6 and 18, images 15 and 21 of 449, www.FamilySearch.org.

Children of Zebulon Hunt and Luthroran Whittlesey Hunt of Bath New Hampshire		
Name	Birthdate	Birthplace
Lucinda Hunt ³⁴	September 2, 1782	Bath NH
Abigail Hunt ³⁵	November 20, 1784	Bath NH
Mary Hunt ³⁶	November 20, 1784	Bath NH
Lydia Hunt ³⁷	December 30, 1786	Bath NH
Martha Hunt	January 27, 1790	Bath NH
Sarah Hunt ³⁸	November 9, 1791	Bath NH
Ann Hunt ³⁹	November 12, 1793	Bath NH
Daniel Hunt ⁴⁰	c. 1796	Bath NH
Nathan Hunt ⁴¹	c. 1801	Bath NH
Zilpha Hunt ⁴²	c. 1803	Bath NH
Moses A. Hunt ⁴³	c. 1806	Bath NH

³⁴ New Hampshire, Briths and Christenings Index, birth of Lucinda Hunt, September 2, 1782, Bath NH, father Zebulon Hunt, FHL film number 10010003, www.Ancestry.com.

³⁵ New Hampshire, Briths and Christenings Index, birth of Abigail Hunt, November 20, 1784, Bath NH, father Zebulon Hunt, FHL film number 10010003, www.Ancestry.com.

³⁶ New Hampshire, Briths and Christenings Index, birth of Abigail Hunt, November 20, 1784, Bath NH, father Zebulon Hunt, FHL film number 10010003, www.Ancestry.com.

³⁷ New Hampshire, Birth Records, 1631 – 1920, birth of Lydia Hunt, December 30, 1786, Bath NH, father Zebulon Hunt, Birth Certificates, 1631-1919; Archive: New Hampshire Department of State; Location: Concord, New Hampshire; Credit: The Original Document May Be Seen At the New Hampshire Department of State.

³⁸ New Hampshire, Birth Records, 1631 – 1920, birth of Sarah Hunt, November 9, 1791, Bath NH, father Zebulon Hunt, Birth Certificates, 1631-1919; Archive: New Hampshire Department of State; Location: Concord, New Hampshire; Credit: The Original Document May Be Seen At the New Hampshire Department of State.

³⁹ New Hampshire, Briths and Christenings Index, birth of Ann Hunt, November 12, 1793, Bath NH, father Zebulon Hunt, FHL film number 10010003, www.Ancestry.com.

⁴⁰ Daniel Hunt is identified as a son of Zebulon Hunt in the 1839 deed of his brother Nathan Hunt cited below.

U.S. Census, 1850, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Daniel Hunt, age 54, The National Archives in Washington, DC; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Residence Date: 1850; Home in 1850: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: 431; Page: 88a.

⁴¹ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, Volume 156, page 98, 1 October 1839, Deed of Nathan Hunt of Bath to David Southerland Jr. of Bath, land in Bath NH, “. . . the farm on which I now live, and have lived for years which consist of lots numbered seven, eight, and nine. . . and 3 parcels sold to me by my father Zebulon Hunt, my brother Daniel Hunt, and my neighbor Timothy Buck . . .”, digital images, image 55 of 574, FamilySearch.org.

New Hampshire, Death Records, death of Nathan Hunt, March 12, 1884, age 83, Bath NH, New Hampshire Archives and Records Management; Concord, New Hampshire; New Hampshire Death Records, 1650-1969.

⁴² FindaGrave Memorial, Zilpha Hunt, died March 12, 1827, age 24, burial West Bath Cemetery, Bath NH, inscription: “Zilpha S, daughter of Zebulon and Lucy Hunt, who died March 12, 1827, age 24 years”, www.FindaGrave.com.

⁴³ FindaGrave Memorial, Moses A. Hunt, died April 1827, age 21, burial West Bath Cemetery, Bath NH, inscription: “Moses A son of Zebulon and Lucy Hunt, who died April 25, 1827, age 21 years”, www.FindaGrave.com.

As shown in the table above, all of the known children of Zebulon and Lucy Hunt were born in Bath NH. There are birth records for the children born between 1782 – 1793. The children born after that do not have birth records; however, other evidence identifies them as children of Zebulon and Lucy Hunt.

The 1800 Census of the household of Zebulon Hunt in Bath NH records a household with this composition:

Household of Zebulon Hunt in the 1800 Census of Bath NH⁴⁴

Males under 10	Males 45 and over	Females Under 10	Females 10 - 15	Females 26 - 44
2	1	4	2	1

This record correlates reasonably well with the known children (including possibly Aaron). The 2 males under 10 would be Daniel and Aaron, 1 male 45 and older would be Zebulon, 4 females under 10 would be Martha, Sara, and Ann and one other daughter not currently identified. The female 26 – 44 would be Luthroran. The number of females 10 – 15 are fewer than the 4 known daughters born prior to 1790. None of the 4 older daughters are known to have married prior to 1800, but records are not complete and perhaps 2 of the daughters, if not already married by 1800, were working in other households as domestics. In any case, the 1800 household is consistent with Aaron being a son of Zebulon and Lucy Hunt.

⁴⁴ U.S., 1800 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Zebulon Hunt. Source record: Second Census of the United States, 1800. NARA microfilm publication M32 (52 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. p Second Census of the United States, 1800: Population Schedules, Washington County, Territory Northwest of the River Ohio; and Population Census, 1803: Washington County, Ohio. NARA microfilm publication M1804 (1 roll). Year: 1800; Census Place: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Series: M32; Roll: 20; Page: 659; Image: 205; Family History Library Film: 218679. Digital images, image 2 of 2, Ancestry.com.

Zebulon and Lucy Hunt were enumerated in the 1790 and 1800 censuses of Bath NH. Joshua and Elizabeth Hunt were enumerated in the 1790 and 1800 censuses of Ryegate VT. At the time Aaron Hunt was born c. 1799, only one of the Whittlesey sisters lived in Bath. That was Lucy and her husband Zebulon. The DNA evidence found supports the conclusion that Aaron Hunt was the son of Luthroran and Zebulon Hunt. In addition, geographic evidence provides additional support for the same conclusion.

Location of Zebulon Hunt's Land in Bath

Zebulon purchased lots 7 and 9 and half of lot 62 in Bath NH in the period 1810 – 1812. He sold lot 7 in 1812.⁴⁵ The original survey map of Bath (known as the Willard Map shown in the Appendix) locates these lots on the south face of Gardner Mountain. There is evidence in the Bath town inventories in the period 1811 – 1821 that Zebulon Hunt's land on Gardner Mountain was being actively farmed as shown in the table below:

⁴⁵ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 81, page 335, 9 October 1812, consideration \$200, deed of Zebulon Hunt of Bath to Ebenezer Carleton and Ezra Child of Bath, lot 7 in the first range of 60 acre lots, digital images, image 461 of 620, FamilySearch.org.

Zebulon Hunt in the Bath Town Inventories 1811 - 1821⁴⁶

Year	Land Owned per Bath Town Inventories	Livestock owned
1811	60 acres unimproved	6 head
1812	60 acres unimproved	5 head
1813	2 acres mowing 2 acres pasture 75 acres unimproved	4 head
1814	2 acres mowing 78 acres unimproved	7 head
1815	2 acres mowing 4 acres pasturing 77 acres unimproved	8 head
1816	2 acres mowing 4 acres pasture	10 head
1817	2 acres mowing 4 acres pasture	8 head
1818	2 acres mowing 4 acres pasture	5 head
1819	2 acres mowing 2 acres pasture 72 acres unimproved	2 horses 5 cattle
1820	2 acres mowing 4 acres pasture	2 horses 4 cattle
1821	½ acre tillage 2 acre mowing 6 acre pasture	2 horses 6 cattle

Per Zebulon Hunt's 1820 statement in the pension file, he was a cooper but was at that time infirm and unable to work. In the same statement he also states that 2 of his younger sons, Nathan and Moses,

⁴⁶ New Hampshire, Bath Town Records, Volume 3, 566 digital images, FamilySearch.org.
Volumes 1 – 4 of Bath Town Records can be accessed here:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/318092?availability=Family%20History%20Library>.

Volume 3, 1811 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 18, image 14 of 566.
Volume 3, 1812 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 54, image 32 of 566.
Volume 3, 1813 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 93, image 52 of 566.
Volume 3, 1814 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 135, image 73 of 566.
Volume 3, 1815 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 182, image 97 of 566.
Volume 3, 1816 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 222, image 117 of 566.
Volume 3, 1817 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 256, image 134 of 566.
Volume 3, 1818 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 292, image 153 of 566.
Volume 3, 1819 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 328, image 171 of 566.
Volume 3, 1820 Inventory, entry for Zebulon Hunt, page 368, image 192 of 566.
Volume 3, 1821 Inventory, entry for Zebulon and Nathan Hunt, page 412, image 215 of 566.

living with him at that time. This statement also mentions that his son Nathan will pay some of Zebulon's debts.⁴⁷ The 1820 Bath inventory lists Aaron Hunt on a separate line below Zebulon with no land but 1 cow. In 1821, Zebulon executed two deeds for lot 9 with his son Nathan.⁴⁸ The effect of those deeds was to pay off several of Zebulon's debts to others, and to commit his son Nathan to take care of his mother Lucy for the remainder of her life in return for Nathan taking title to lot 9. This evidence indicates that Zebulon's sons were likely assisting in working the land of their father.

In the 1830 census, Zebulon and Nathan Hunt were enumerated in separate households on the same page of the census schedule with one other household between them. The one household between them was the household of Levi Witcher. Levi Witcher sold 80 acres of land to Daniel Hunt on 4 April 1830.⁴⁹ This land is described in the deed as parts of lots 62 and 63, and adjoining lands of Daniel Hunt. This land also adjoined the lands of Zebulon and Daniel Hunt.⁵⁰

⁴⁷ U.S., Revolutionary War Pensions, Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, file S. 38857, Zebulon Hunt, New Hampshire, Statement of Zebulon Hunt, aged 60, of Bath, made at Superior Court in Haverhill NH, 27 May 1820, 15 total images, images 7 and 8, Fold3.com. Source record: The National Archives, NARA publication M804, catalog ID 300022, Record Group 15.

⁴⁸ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 88, pages 11-12, 4 October 1821, consideration \$400 and other considerations, deed of Nathan Hunt to Zebulon Hunt, land in Bath, lot 9 in the first range of 60 acre lots, digital images, image 12 of 538, FamilySearch.org.

Other considerations: Nathan shall maintain his mother Lucy Hunt and make her comfortable for her natural life; also to pay certain debts.

New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 88, pages 12-13, 4 October 1821, consideration \$400, deed of Zebulon Hunt to Nathan Hunt, land in Bath, lot 9 in the first range of 60 acre lots, digital images, images 12-13 of 538, FamilySearch.org.

⁴⁹ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 133, pages 315-6, Deed of Levi Witcher to Daniel Hunt, 80 acres of land in Bath, parts of lots 62 and 63 in the 4th range of 100 acre lots, digital images, images 450-1, FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁰ The locations of the lots in Bath are shown in the 1770 Willard Map of Bath. An image of this map is shown in the Appendix.

David Southerland Jr. purchased the farm of Nathan Hunt, which included lots 7, 8, 9, and parts of lots 10 and 62, on 1 October 1839, shortly after Zebulon died.⁵¹ Nathan purchased a farm on the Ammonoosuc River in Bath shortly after this sale.⁵² Part of lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 62 were sold to William Lang in 1848 by John B. Sutherland.⁵³ The remaining part of lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 62 were sold to Samuel M. Bartlett by John B. Southerland in 1859.⁵⁴ No deed has been found conveying lots 7,8,9, 10, and 62 from David Southerland to John B. Southerland.⁵⁵ The 1848 deed to William Lang describes the same lot numbers conveyed, and repeats the language from the 1839 deed of Nathan Hunt regarding the 3 lots Nathan Hunt purchased from his father, his brother Daniel, and his neighbor Timothy Buck.

⁵¹ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, Volume 156, page 98, 1 October 1839, Deed of Nathan Hunt of Bath to David Southerland Jr. of Bath, land in Bath NH, the farm on which I now live, and have lived for years which consist of lots numbered seven, eight, and nine. . . and 3 parcels sold to me by my father Zebulon Hunt, my brother Daniel Hunt, and my neighbor Timothy Buck . . .”, digital images, image 55 of 574, FamilySearch.org.

The parcel in the deed description that was part of lot 10 was 1 acre sold to Nathan by his brother Daniel:

New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, Volume 88 page 13, 28 March 1822, consideration \$21, deed of Daniel Hunt of Bath to Nathan Hunt of Bath, land in Bath, 1 acre in the southeast corner of lot 10 in the 1st range of 60 acres lots, digital images, image 13 of 538, FamilySearch.org.

The parcel in the deed description sold by Timothy Buck to Daniel Hunt was part of lot 62:

New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, Volume 135, page 242, 29 November 1834, consideration \$4, deed of Timothy Buck of Bath to Nathan Hunt of Bath, the westerly half of lot 62 in the 4th range of 100 acre lots, digital images, image 430 of 590, FamilySearch.org.

The only parcel found in the Grafton County Registry of deeds conveyed by Zebulon Hunt to Nathan Hunt was lot 9 as cited above.

⁵² New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, Volume 156, page 130, 9 November 1839, consideration \$2,500, Deed of Samuel Ross of Bath to Nathan Hunt of Bath, land Bath, known as the Daniel Bedle farm, part of lots numbered 13 and 14, bounding on the west bank of the Ammonoosuc River, digital images, image 76 of 574, FamilySearch.org.

⁵³ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, , volume 198, page 476, 6 December 1848, consideration \$950, Deed of John D Sutherland to William Lang, Grafton County NH Registry of Deeds, lots 7,8 9 and 10 of the 60 acre lots in the first division west of the Ammonoosuc, digital images, image 25 of 610, FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁴ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 252, page 518, 26 March 1859, consideration \$550, Deed of John B. Southerland and Mehitabel C. L. Southerland to Samuel M. Bartlett, land in Bath, part of lots 7, 8, and 9 in the first range of 60 acre lots, excepting land previously conveyed by John B. Southerland to William Lang, digital images, image 811 of 845, FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁵ Searches of the Grafton County Deeds 1773 – 1850 grantee index for John B. Southerland and the grantor index for David Southerland Jr. yielded no relevant results. Those indexes are available at

Evidence of what occurred regarding this property between David Jr. and John B. Southerland is found in the probate file of their father, Rev. David Southerland. The will of Rev. David Southerland dated 7 February 1854 contains this passage near the end of the will:

Having advanced about eight hundred dollars on the purchase of the hill farm, and some other outlays of which I have vouchers; and not meaning whether that money was taken into consideration at the time of the settlement between my sons David and John, and if not, perhaps David may be disposed to assist John in paying the fifth legacy to Ann.”⁵⁶

There is no further evidence found of the ‘settlement’ between David Jr. and John, and their father claimed to be unaware of any settlement in his will, but the conveyance of part of the ‘hill farm’ property by John in 1848 indicates some arrangement was made between the brothers prior to their father’s will being executed.

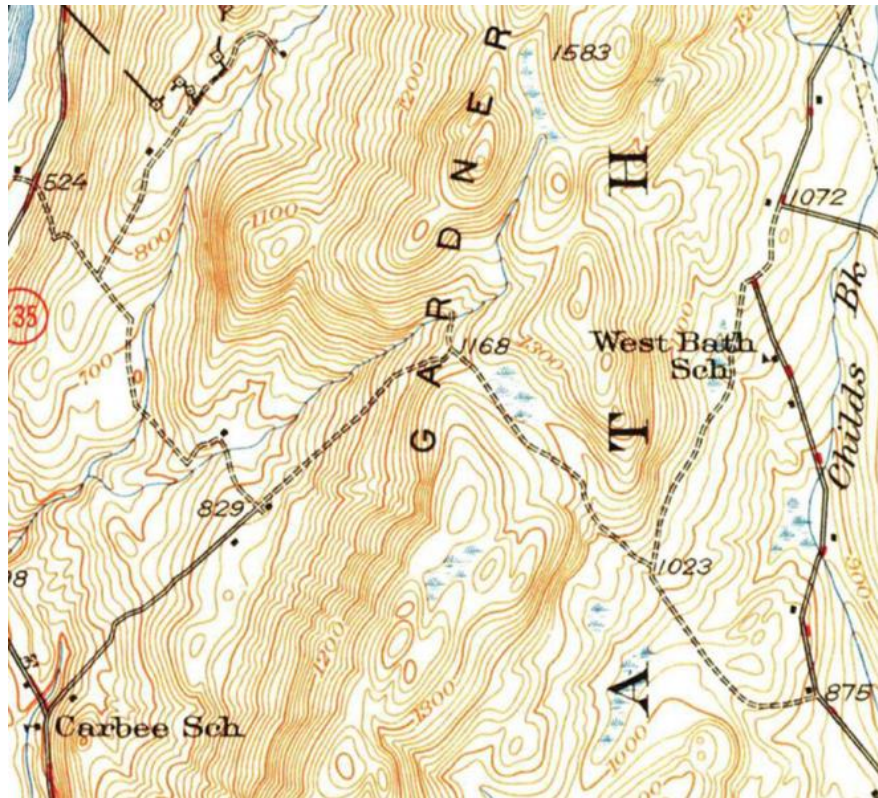
An atlas of Grafton County NH was published In 1860 that included a map of the Town of Bath. An excerpted image of that map is shown below:⁵⁷



⁵⁶ New Hampshire, Wills and Probate Files, 1773 – 1950, Probate files of 1856, Court of Probate as Lisbon, 18 March 1856, will of John Sutherland, late of Bath, dated 7 February 1854. Digital images, image 4 of 482, FamilySearch.org.

⁵⁷ Map of the Town of Bath, excerpted from Topographical Atlas of Grafton County New Hampshire, published by F.E. Walling, New York, 1860. Digital image purchased by the author from old-maps.com.

The houses owned by Wm. Lang and S.M. Bartlett are shown on two dead end roads symbolized by dotted lines intersecting a through road. This area is shown on a 1941 USGS Topographic Map of Woodsville NH. The excerpted image of that map is shown below:⁵⁸



The chain of title of this property from William Lang contains these deed records:

- William Lang sold his parts of lots 7, 8, and 9 to Charles and Henry Leighton on 14 February 1866.⁵⁹
- Charles and Henry Leighton sold this land to Stephen D. Leighton on 28 May 1868.⁶⁰

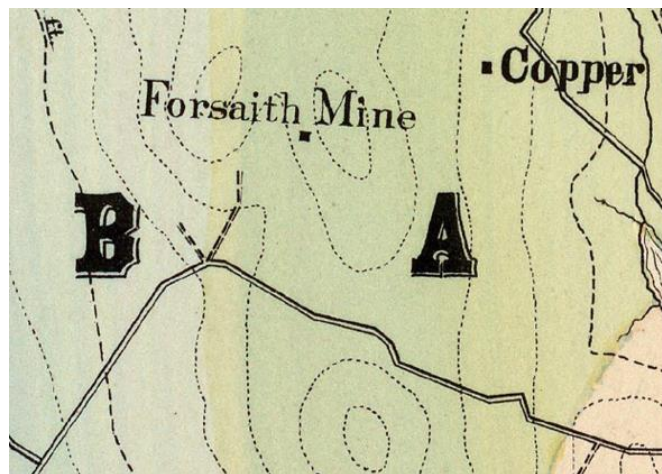
⁵⁸ United States Geological Survey, 1841 Topographic Map of Woodsville NH, 7.5 minute series, digital images downloaded from <https://livingatlas.arcgis.com/topoexplorer/index.html>. Maps may be found by searching the location.

⁵⁹ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deed, volume 294, page 305, 14 February 1866, consideration \$1,000, deed of William Lang of Bath to Charles W. and Henry A. Leighton, land in Bath, parts of lots 7, 8, 9 in the first range of 60 acre lots and part of lot 62 in the 4th range of 100 acre lots, digital images, image 999 of 1059, FamilySearch.org.

⁶⁰ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 304, page 243, 28 May 1868, deed of Charles and Henry Leighton to Stephen D. Leighton,

- The heirs of Stephen D. Leighton conveyed parts of lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 62 to Henry Holt on 3 March 1871.⁶¹
- Hannah Holt conveyed the mineral rights to the farm formerly owned by William Lang and by Stephen Leighton to David Forsythe and Gilbert Child on 25 August 1876.⁶²

An 1878 Map of the Ammonoosuc Mining Region of New Hampshire depicts the same area as shown in the excerpted image below:⁶³



The 1941 USGS topographic map was used to locate this area precisely in a georeferenced base map. This evidence from 1941 USGS map and the contemporary tax map of the area supports the conclusion that the Forsyth Mine property was owned by DC Timberlands LLC in 2022.⁶⁴

⁶¹ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 324, pages 3134, consideration \$6,000, deed of Andrew J. Leighton et al, heirs of Stephen D. Leighton, to Henry Holt, land in Bath, parts of lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 and 62, digital images, images 427 and 428 of 827, FamilySearch.org.

⁶² New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 345, page 441, 25 August 1876, Bond of \$5,000 for the mineral rights to Lang Mountain Farm, bond of Hannah Holt to David Forsyth and Gilbert Child, mineral rights to the farm formerly owned by William Lang and Stephen Leighton, digital images, image 652 of 947, FamilySearch.org.

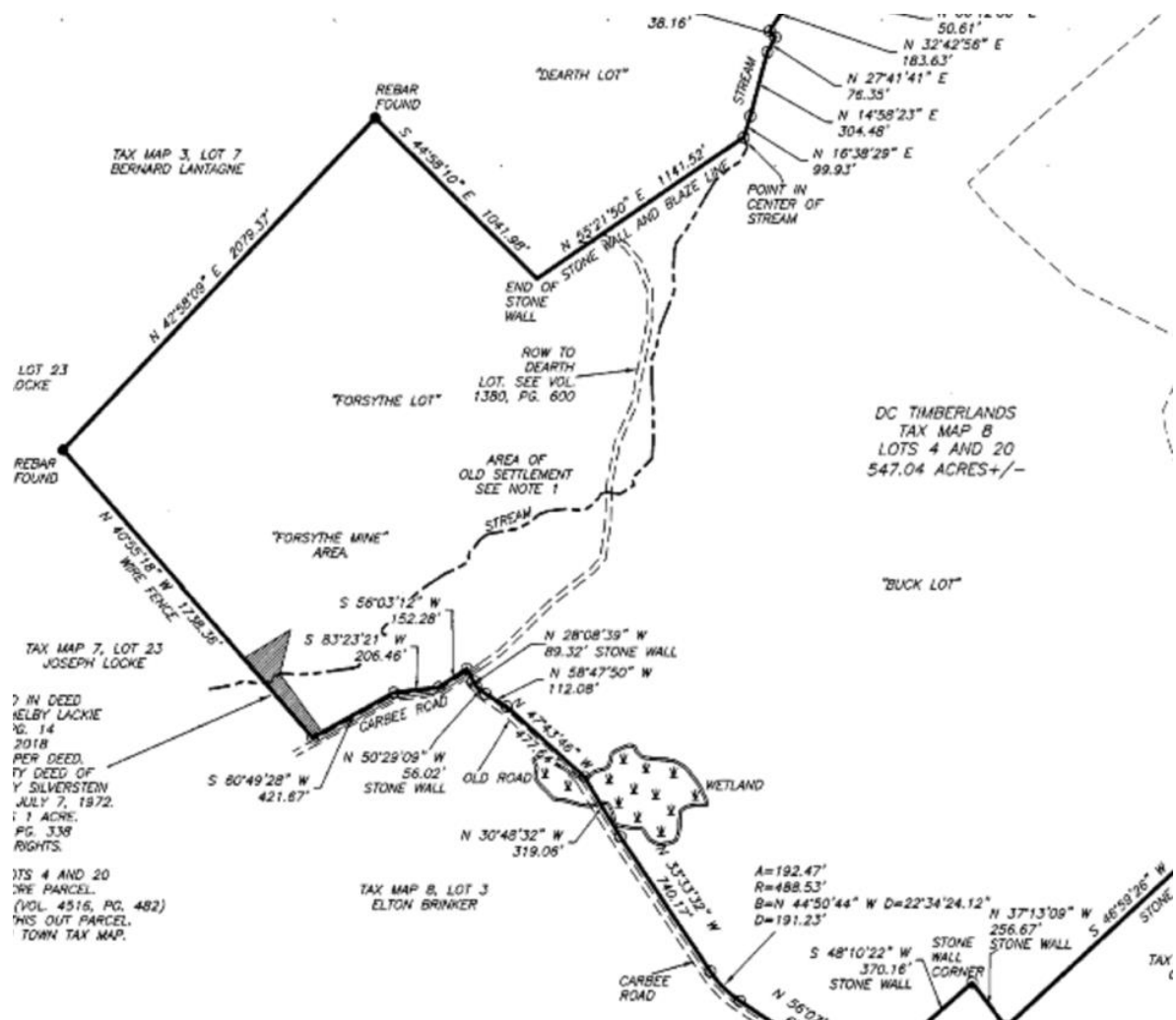
⁶³ Map of the Ammonoosuc Mining District, New York: Julius Bien, 1878, the Heliotype Printing Co., Boston MA. Author: New Hampshire Geological Survey, Hitchcock, Charles H. Digital image downloaded from www.davidrumsey.com.

⁶⁴ USGS Topographic Map images are GeoTiff images, which means they are georeferenced to GIS maps and can locate historical sites accurately using GIS software. In this case, ArcGISPro software was used. The base map in this software is the same type of map used in Google Maps. The shapes of the modern land parcels are loaded into this base map. The land

Excerpted images of note 1 on this map and a part of the image of the survey map for this property are shown below:

NOTES

- 1: AREA SHOWN AS OLD SETTLEMENT IS SHOWN TO HAVE TWO HOUSES ON THE 1860 MAP OF GRAFTON COUNTY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT EASEMENT ONE IN SUBJECT PARCEL DEED (PARKER YOUNG COMPANY TO BRADFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY DATED JULY 31, 1929, VOL. 589, PG. 524) WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVICING ELECTRICITY TO THIS AREA. BRADFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY IS NOT CURRENTLY IN BUSINESS. SUCCESSOR OF RIGHTS UNKNOWN. INFORMATION OF THE BRADFORD ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY TAKEN FROM AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY LARRY COFFIN, CURATOR AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE BRADFORD VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007.



This map image provides evidence confirming that the Forsyth Mine and “areas of old settlement” existed on the part of the DC Timberlands property labeled “Forsythe Lot.”

Deed records in the chain of title of the Forsythe Lot provide a boundary description of the property. The deed of Flora Plimpton and Mabel A. Forsythe (daughter of David Forsythe)⁶⁵ to Albert G. Moulton dated 13 June 1925 provides this description of the Forsythe lot:⁶⁶

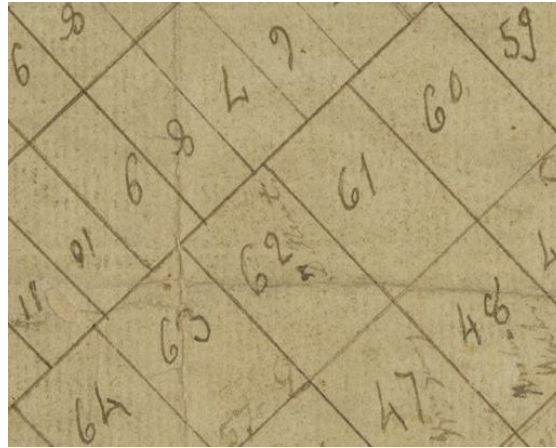
the receipt whereof, we do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said ~~Albert G. Moulton and his~~ ^{heirs and assigns forever,} ~~Albert G. Moulton and his~~ ^{A certain tract piece and parcel of land in the} county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire being made up of part of lots number seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), and ten (10) in the first (1st) range of sixty (60) acres lots west of Ammonoosuc River in Bath and also part of lot number sixty two (62) in the fourth (4th) range of hundred (100) acres lots west of Ammonoosuc River in Bath bounded as follows: Beginning on the south west line of said lot number nine (9) at the end of a stone wall which separates the pasture from the mowing field and following said wall and another fence in a northeasterly direction to the northeasterly point of said mowing field to a stake and stones standing on the southeasterly side of a brook. Thence on the east side of the brook to where the fence crosses it. Thence on the west side of the brook to a stake and stones near the outlet of a swamp. (The line to be at a distance of six (6) feet each side from the stream). Thence recrossing the brook to a fir tree spotted with stones at its foot, also near the outlet of a swamp. Thence north forty three (43) degrees east eighteen (18) rods to a stake and stones. Thence north ten (10) degrees west fifty eight (58) rods to a spotted spruce tree with stones. Thence north forty seven and one half (47½) degrees west till it strikes the side line of said lot seven (7). Thence along said line till it strikes the northwesterly corner of said lot. Thence around to the southeast line of said lot. Thence on the southeasterly head line till it strikes the southwesterly line of said lot number nine (9). Thence to the bound begun at. Also certain other parcels of land situate in said Bath adjoining the above conveyed to Nathan Hunt by T. H. Buck, Daniel Hunt and Zebulon Hunt by their deeds recorded in Grafton County Records L. 88 F. 12 and L. 135 F. 242. Reference to L. 198 F. 476 of said records. Being same conveyed to Gilbert Child and David G. Forsyth March 12, 1877 L. 352 F. 51.

The boundary description begins at the southwest line of lot 9 and proceeds in a northeasterly direction. Further along in the description the boundary touches the northwesterly corner of said lot, then proceeds to the point of beginning, the southwesterly boundary of lot 9. This description in the 1925 deed is substantially the same as the description in the 1848 deed for the property of John B. Southerland to William Lang, providing further confirmation that the two properties are the same. The Willard map also

⁶⁵ New Hampshire, Death Records, 1650 – 1969, death record of Mabel Alice Forsyth, died 10 December 1960, Hanover NH, birth date 10 May 1872, birthplace Bath NH, father David Forsyth, mother Sarah Forsyth. Source record: New Hampshire Archives and Records Management; Concord, New Hampshire; New Hampshire Death Records, 1650-1969, Certificate #60-5935, box #1465. Digital images, image 7030 of 7818, Ancestry.com.

⁶⁶ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 589, page 101, 13 June 1925, deed of Flora Plimpton and Mabel Forsythe to Andrew G. Moulton, land in Bath, parts of lots 7, 8, 9, 10, and 62, accessed by searching volume and page number at <https://www.nhdeeds.org/grafton-home/>.

provides evidence of the orientation of the and the 2 houses on the property in 1860. An excerpt of the relevant area of the Willard map is shown below:⁶⁷



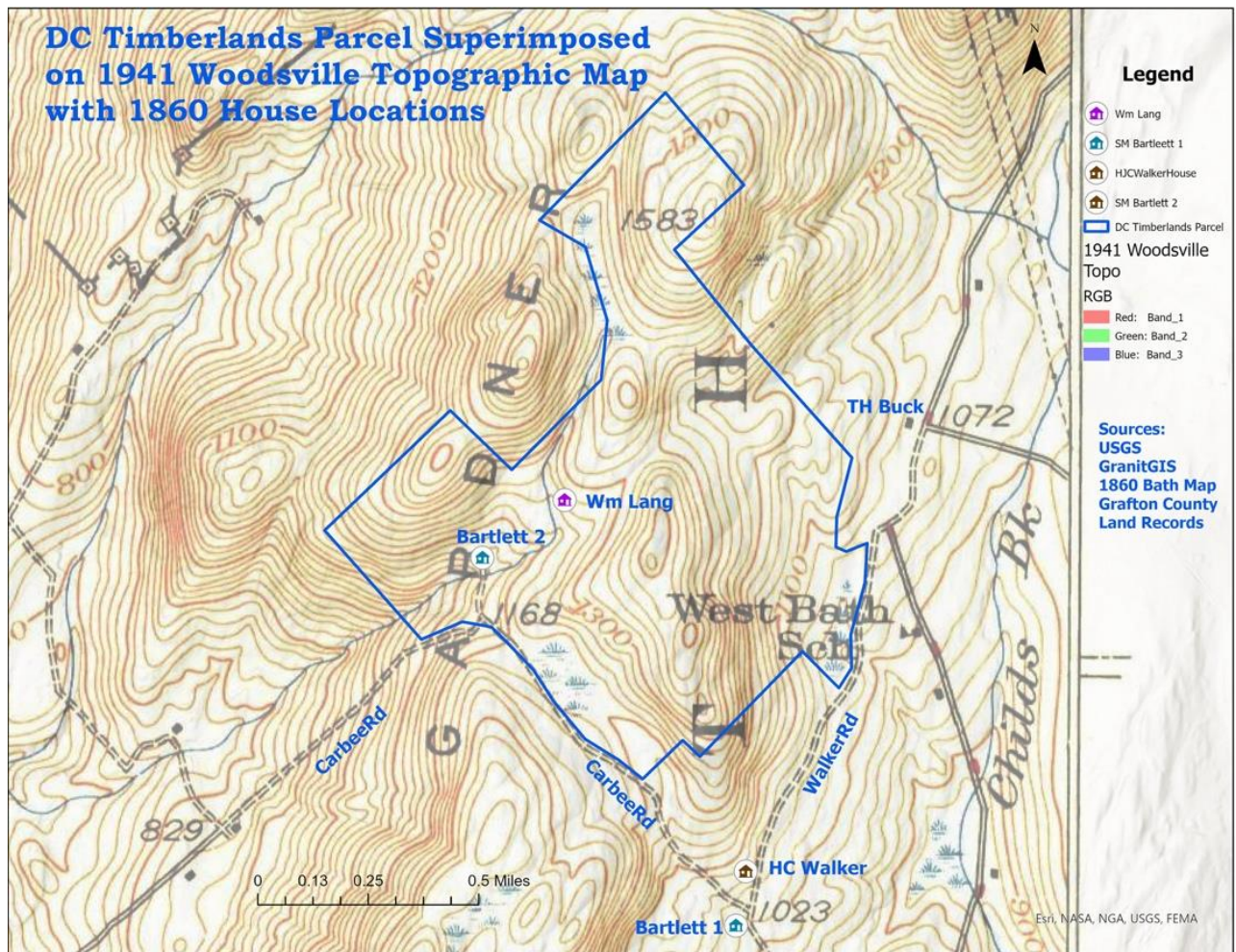
As shown by the Willard map, the north-south boundaries of the lots in this region of Bath are on a southwesterly to northeasterly axis. This correlates with the 2 dead end roads being of differing lengths; the road to the house labeled William Lang in 1860 was likely on lot 7 or 8, which would necessitate a longer driveway to reach farther in a northeasterly direction than the shorter driveway to the house labeled S.M. Bartlett that was on lot 9.

The boundary description in the 1925 deed provides evidence that lot 9 contains the mine and the area of old settlement, and that the westerly boundary of the Forsythe Lot is the westerly boundary of lot 9. This provides a clear understanding of where the Nathan Hunt farm sold in 1839 lies. Lots 7, 8, and 9 are northeasterly of the western boundary of the Forsythe lot, and the westerly part of lot 62 is southeasterly of the west boundary line.

The map below created by the author shows the DC Timberlands parcel superimposed on the 1941 topographic map with the 1860 House locations and abandoned road locations:⁶⁸

⁶⁷ A Plan of Bath NH, surveyed and drawn by Caleb Willard, scale 1:39600, date ca. 1770, New Hampshire State Historical Society, Concord NH. Copyright by the New Hampshire State Historical Society. Digital image of the map purchased by the author.

⁶⁸ This map was created using ArcGISPro software with the sources cited in this case study.



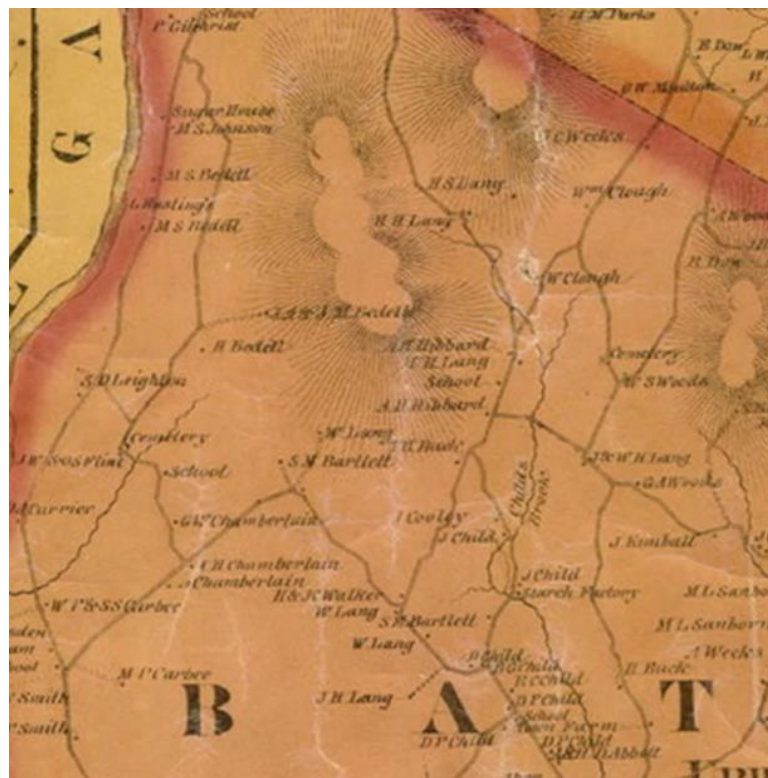
The 1840 Census record of Bath for Aaron Hunt provides important evidence for where Aaron Hunt lived in Bath. An excerpted image of the names on the census schedule is shown below:⁶⁹

⁶⁹ U.S., 1840 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Aaron Hunt. Source record: Sixth Census of the United States, 1840. (NARA microfilm publication M704, 580 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. Year: 1840; Census Place: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: 236; Page: 39; Family History Library Film: 0014931. Digital images, image 11 of 22, Ancestry.com.

Henry H. Lang
 Aaron H. Hubbard
 Timothy H. Brick
 David Sutherland
 Aaron Hunt
 Leonard Walker
 William Lang
 Francis C. Handford
 John C. Weeks

The 1860 map of the local area in northern Bath where these households are found is shown

below:¹



¹ Map of the Town of Bath, excerpted from Topographical Atlas of Grafton County New Hampshire, published by F.E. Walling, New York, 1860. Digital image purchased by the author from old-maps.com.

When the list of names enumerated near Aaron Hunt in the 1840 census schedule is compared to the excerpted image of the 1860 Map of Bath, all but 2 of the heads of household on this 1840 census schedule are shown on the 1860 map of Bath in the same neighborhood as the lands owned by Nathan and Zebulon Hunt. The two who are not shown are Leonard Walker, who died in 1840, and whose widow Hannah Child Walker was the H.C. Walker shown on the 1860 map,⁷⁰ and Francis Handford, who did not own land in Bath, and thus was likely a tenant.⁷¹ Aaron is listed below David Sutherland, the man to whom Nathan sold the Hunt farm in 1839.

There is an individual entry for David Sutherland Jr. in the 1841 Bath Town inventory. He is listed with no property or livestock but with 1 poll.⁷² This indicates he was likely living in a separate household from this brother and father. David Jr. and John B. Sutherland are listed as co-owners of “the home farm”

⁷⁰ New Hampshire, Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659 – 1947, marriage of Leonard Walker and Hannah Child, 16 September 1822, Bath NH. Digital images, image 1826 of 5158, Ancestry.com.

FindaGrave Memorial, Leonard Walker, died 21 September 1840, burial West Bath Cemetery, Bath NH, headstone inscription: “Leonard Walker, died Sept. 21 1840 AE 46”, FindaGrave.com.

Hannah Walker was enumerated in the 1850 Census of Bath as a head of household with a real estate value of \$2,000, and on the same page as David Sutherland, Francis Handford, and John C. Weeks.

U.S., 1850 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Hannah Walker. Source record: The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Residence Date: 1850; Home in 1850: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: 431; Page: 102a. Digital images, image 33 of 38, Ancestry.com.

⁷¹ Francis Handford does not appear in the 1773 – 1850 index of Grantees in the Grafton County for the period 1773 – 1850. The relevant page of the index of grantees is found here: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS3G-9QZ6-X?i=319&cat=339718>.

Francis Handford also appears in the 1850 Census of Bath, on the same page as Hannah Walker, widow of Leonard Walker, and David Sutherland and John Weeks. Francis Handford is not shown as owning any real estate on this census schedule.

U.S., 1850 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Francis Handford. Source record: *The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Residence Date: 1850; Home in 1850: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: 431; Page: 102a. Digital images, image 33 of 38, Ancestry.com.*

⁷² New Hampshire, Bath Town Records, Volume 4, page 531, Tax inventory for 1841, entry for David Southerland, digital images, image 537 of 566, FamilySearch.org.

of 160 acres and buildings.⁷³ This is most likely the farm of Rev. David Southerland, who purchased 2 parcels totaling 140 acres in 1819 and 1834.⁷⁴

The 1860 Census of Bath has many of the same families in the 1840 Census listed near each other on the census schedules,⁷⁵ providing evidence that the order in the 1860 census schedule correlates with house locations on the 1860 map. One detail of note on the 1860 map is that Samuel M. Bartlett's name is labeled onto the locations of two houses: the one near William Lang's house and another to the southeast at the intersection of what are now 2 abandoned roads: Carbee Road and Walker Road. Samuel Bartlett had lived there since 1832 when he purchased the farm from Aaron Hibbard Jr.⁷⁶ He purchased the property on Gardner Mountain in 1859. In the 1860 census, Samuel Bartlett is listed in a household with Charles Weeks, age 29, who is listed as a farmer but had no value of real estate.⁷⁷

As shown on the 1860 Map, the Bartlett house on Walker Road was across the intersection with Carbee Road from the house of Hannah Walker, widow of Leonard Walker who was enumerated in the

⁷³ New Hampshire, Bath Town Records, Volume 4, page 533, Tax inventory for 1841, entry for David and John B. Southerland, digital images, image 538 of 566, FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁴ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 79, page 272, 10 March 1819, consideration \$5, Deed of Ezra Child to David Southerland, land in Bath, 100 acre lot number 49 in the 3rd range, digital images, image 621 of 716, FamilySearch.org.

New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 131, page 284, 18 October 1834, deed of Asa Bailey to David Southerland, land in Bath, 40 acres, parts of lots 23 and 24 in the west range of 100 acre lots, digital images, image 429 of 561, FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁵ U.S., 1860 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, images 12-15 of 35 of the 1860 census of Bath NH. Source record: 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d. The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M653; Residence Date: 1860; Home in 1860: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: M653_671; Page: 759. Digital images, images 12-15 of 35, FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁶ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 123, page 42, 9 October 1832, consideration \$400, deed of Aaron Hibbard Jr. to Samuel Bartlett, land in Bath, 2 60 acre lots plus 10 acres, with dwelling house, bounded on the north by Leonard Walker, digital images, image 292 of 542, FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁷ U.S., 1860 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, household of Samuel Bartlett, age 62, Mary Bartlett, age 56, Charles A. Weeks, age 29, and 3 children. Source record: 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d. The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M653; Residence Date: 1860; Home in 1860: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: M653_671; Page: 759. Digital images, image 13 of 35, FamilySearch.org.

1840 shortly before he died. There was a farmer named William Seales listed below Mrs. Walker on the 1860 census schedule. Seales had no real estate value ascribed to him. Below Seales was an unoccupied house.⁷⁸ It is possible that some of the farmhouses in this area were being used seasonally by tenants. William Lang's farm, on the other hand, was branded Lang Mountain farm in the deed description when Lang sold the farm to Charles and Henry Leighton in 1866. It appears likely that William Lang lived in a house on the former lands of the Hunt family in 1860, but it seems more likely that 62 year old Samuel Bartlett lived in his Walker Road home in 1860⁷⁹ rather than in the house on the mountain that he had purchased a year earlier.

Correlation of deed records, the 1840 census record, and the historical map images provide support for the conclusion that Aaron Hunt was living on land in 1840 that had been owned by his father Zebulon and his brother Nathan. Aaron was shown in the records of Dr. French as having children born in Bath from 1832 – 1845. Aaron Hunt was very likely in Bath because his father and brother had owned the land on which Aaron lived. Zebulon was alive in 1832 and living in Bath. Zebulon's pension file contains a document that indicates he moved to Danville VT in 1837 after Lucy died.⁸⁰ Zebulon lived with his daughter Abigail and son-in-law John Vance in Danville until his death on 21 June 1839.⁸¹

⁷⁸ U.S., 1860 Census, New Hampshire, Grafton, Bath, image 14 of 35 of the census of Bath NH. Source record: 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d. The National Archives in Washington D.C.; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M653; Residence Date: 1860; Home in 1860: Bath, Grafton, New Hampshire; Roll: M653_671; Page: 759. Digital images, image 14 of 35, FamilySearch.org.

⁷⁹ New Hampshire, Bath Town Records, Volume 4, page 345, 1832 Tax Inventory, entry for Samuel Bartlett, digital images, image 444 of 566, FamilySearch.org.

This inventory entry shows the Bartlett farm had a value of the buildings of \$120. The value of the buildings on Nathan Hunt's farm in 1832 was \$40 and that included 2 houses.

New Hampshire, Bath Town Records, Volume 4, page 511, 1841 Town Inventory, entry for Samuel Bartlett, digital images, image 527 of 566. Bartlett's farm had 115 acres and was valued at \$1,200.

⁸⁰ U.S., National Archives, Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, pension # S38857, veteran Zebulon Hunt, state of New Hampshire, Statement of the Samuel Mattocks, Justice of the Peace in Caledonia County VT, regarding the residence of Zebulon Hunt, page 10 of file. NARA publication M804, National Archives catalog ID 30022, record group 15, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C. Digital images, image 10 of 15, Fold3.com.

⁸¹ FindaGrave Memorial, Zebulon Hunt, West Bath Cemetery, Bath NH, date of death 21 June 1839, FindaGrave.com.

Zebulon's son-in-law John Vance had at one time owned part of Lot 62 in Bath.⁸² Zebulon Hunt's son Daniel Hunt had at one time owned part of lots 62 and 63 in Bath.⁸³ All of these lots were in close proximity to each other based on the Willard Map. Based on the information found regarding the children of Zebulon and Lucy Hunt, only 3 of their sons were alive after 1827: Aaron, Nathan, and Daniel. It is likely that all 3 of the surviving sons of Zebulon Hunt were landowners and/or residents on the lands of their father in the 1830s. Aaron Hunt likely came back to Bath to live on his family's land there. The fact that Aaron moved to the particular part of Bath that he did and that he stayed there for at least 15 years despite never owning land there.

Summary of the Geographic Evidence that Zebulon and Lucy Hunt were the parents of Aaron Hunt

1. Zebulon Hunt owned land on the southeastern slope of Gardner Mountain in the period 1810 – 1821 based on the deed records and the map evidence. He is listed on town tax inventories in the period as having land and livestock in that period. He owned no other land other than lot 7 from 1810 to 1812 and lots 9 and part of 62 from 1812 to 1821. Therefore it is very likely he lived on this land in that time period, indicating that there was a house there. Zebulon's farm in the period 1812 - 1821 had mowing and pasture land and a total of about 80 acres. The farm also had a growing herd of livestock In this time period. His sons were likely helping him to develop the farm. There was almost certainly a house on lot 9 given its location according to the Willard map and the 1860 Bath map which showed the house locations, and the deed descriptions of the location of the Forsyth mine.

⁸² New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 79, pages 9-10, 5 August 1817, consideration \$125, deed of Zebulon Hunt to John Vance, part of lot #62 in the 4th range of hundred acre lots, digital images, image 485 of 716, FamilySearch.org.

⁸³ New Hampshire, Grafton County Registry of Deeds, volume 133, pages 315-6, Deed of Levi Whitcher to Daniel Hunt, 80 acres of land in Bath, parts of lots 62 and 63 in the 4th range of 100 acre lots, digital images, images 450-1, FamilySearch.org.

2. Nathan and Zebulon Hunt were enumerated as separate households in the 1830 Census of Bath separated only by Levi Whitcher on the same page of the Census population schedule. Whitcher owned part of lots 62 and 63 in 1830. Zebulon had sold what remained of his lands, including lot 9 and the westerly part of lot 62, to his son by 1830. Nathan also owned lots 7 and 8, which he purchased in 1829 and which had been described in an 1828 deed in a manner that indicated that the property had a house on it.
3. Aaron Hunt is recorded as the father of 7 children born between 1832 and 1845 in Bath. All 5 of those children have vital records that confirm that Aaron Hunt was their father and some have records that confirm they were born in Bath NH.
4. Nathan Hunt sold the farm he lived on in 1839, including lots 7, 8, and 9, and part of lot 62, to David Southerland. This was part of the former lands of his father Zebulon.
5. Aaron Hunt was enumerated in the 1840 Census of Bath on the line below David Southerland and near other heads of households in the area of his father's and brother Nathan's land. Aaron was listed in the 1841 tax inventory of Bath with 1 cow but no land. David Southerland was also listed on a separate line of the 1841 tax inventory. There is no record of Aaron Hunt ever owning land in Grafton County.
6. Correlation of the 1860 Bath Map house locations with the census records of Bath in 1840 and 1860 indicates that the order of enumeration in the census schedules correlates to the house locations on the map. This leads to the conclusion supported by evidence that in 1840, Aaron Hunt lived in the same area as the former lands of his father and brother Nathan.
7. The 1860 map of Bath shows two dead end roads beginning at the curve to the southeast on Carbee Road leading to houses occupied by S.M. Bartlett and Wm. Lang. Lang and Bartlett purchased parts of lots 7, 8, 9 and 62 from John B. Southerland in separate deeds in 1854 and 1859 respectively.
8. David Forsythe purchased the mineral rights to lots 7,8, 9, and 10 in 1876.

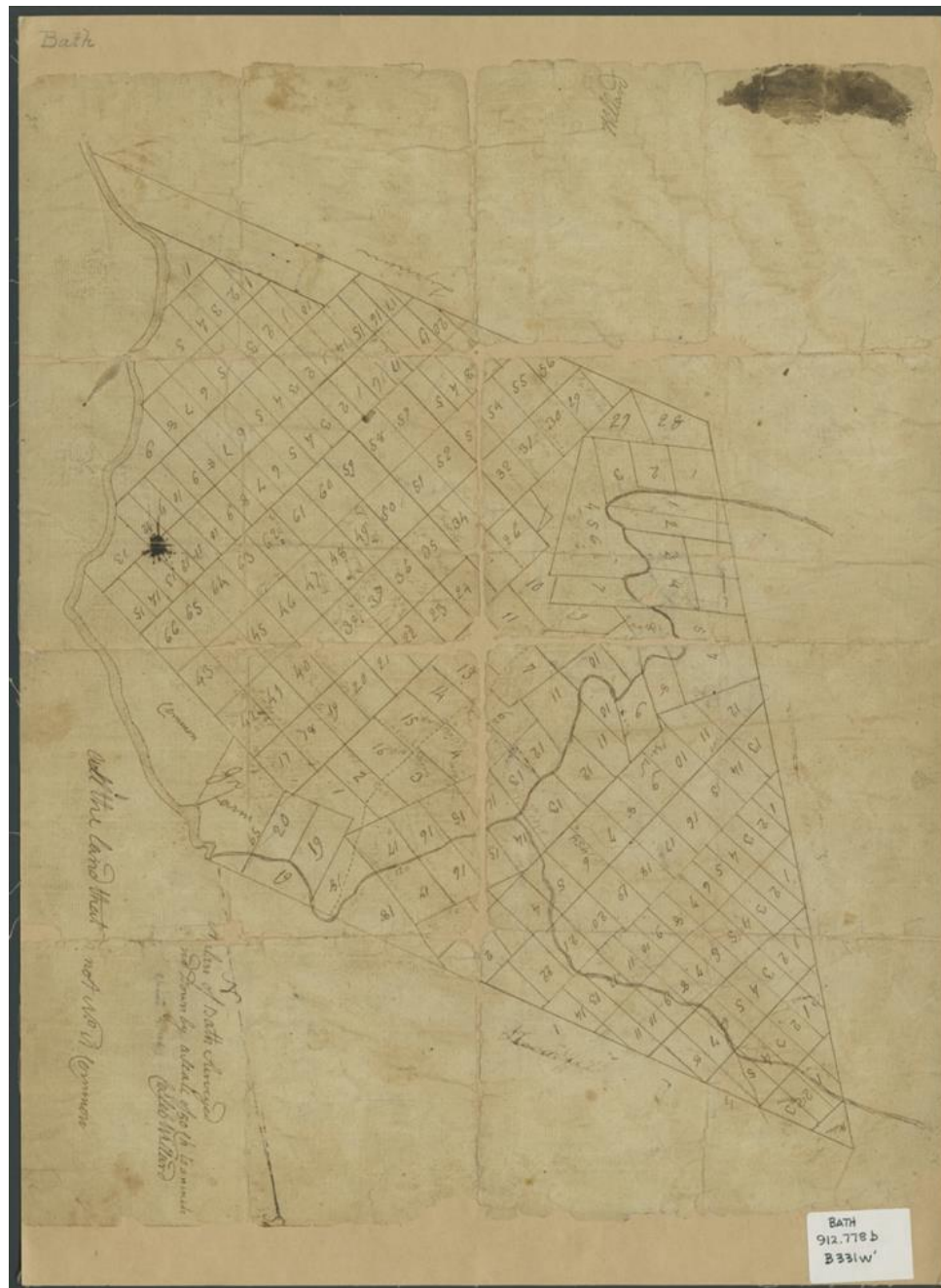
9. The 1878 Ammonoosuc Mining Region Map shows the 2 dead end roads off Carbee road and the “Forsaith Mine” near those roads.
10. The 1941 USGS Topographic Map of Woodsville NH shows Carbee Road in the same shape as shown on the 1860 and 1878 maps, and shows one of the dead end roads leading from Carbee Road into the former Hunt lands.
11. The 2022 Survey Plan of the lands of DC Timberlands references the location of two old settlements on their lands, as well as the locations of the Forsythe Mine and Carbee Road.
12. Deed descriptions in the chain of title for the Forsythe lot provide evidence that the Forsythe lot was part of lot 9.

There is clear evidence, based on the deed records and the maps, that the 2 houses on the 1860 map of Bath on the dead end roads off of Carbee Road were on land previously owned by Zebulon and Nathan Hunt. The chain of title identifying the owners and the lot numbers, and the maps, confirm that. Multiple maps over a century and a half are consistent as to the location of the houses and the roads leading to them. Nathan and Zebulon were very likely occupying those houses in 1830. Based on deed records, town inventory records, and the correlation of census records and the 1860 map’s depiction of house locations, David Southerland and Aaron Hunt were very likely occupying the same houses in 1840.

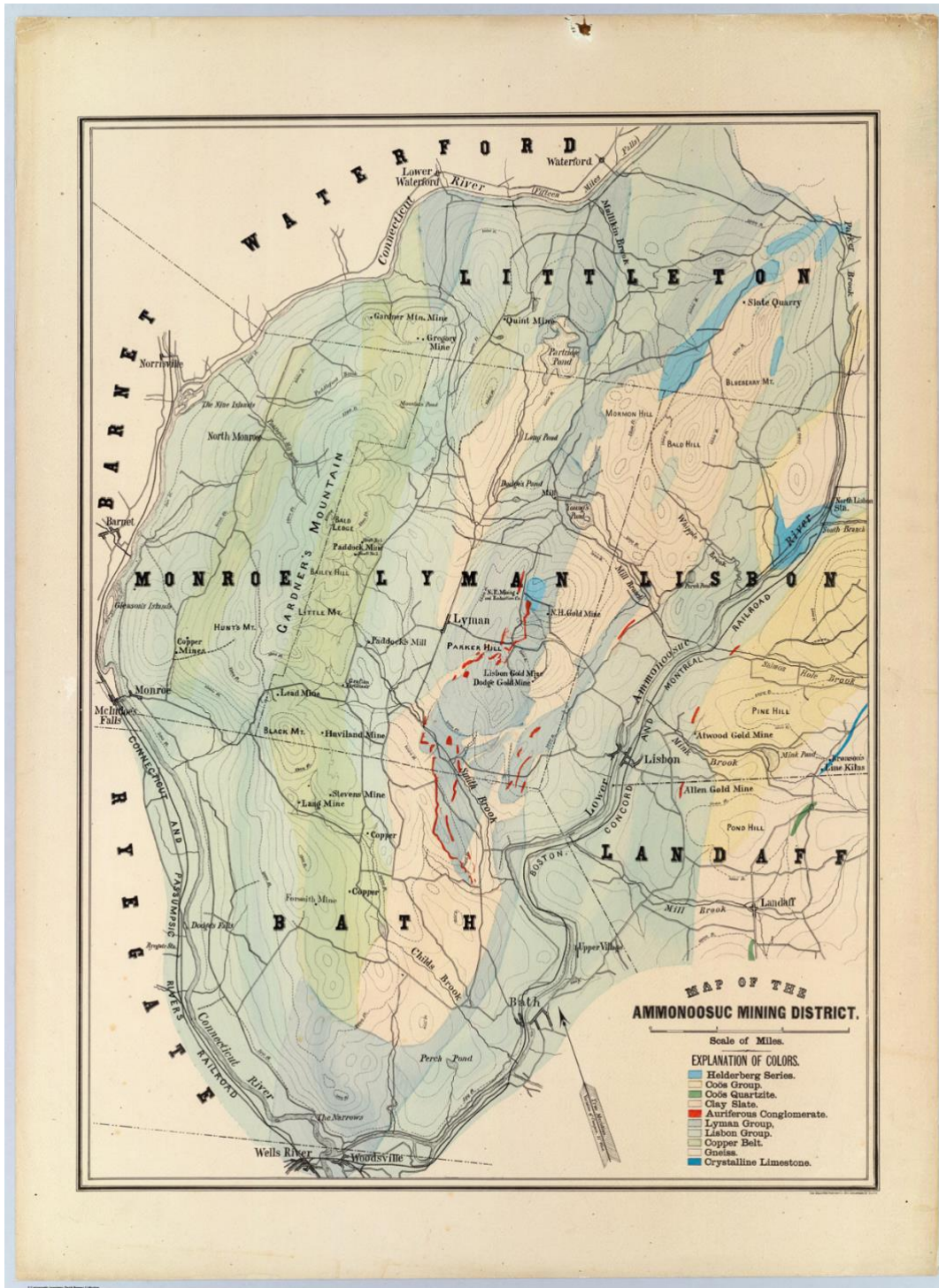
Aaron Hunt lived in Bath at a minimum from 1832 to 1847, and he and his wife Susanna had 7 children born in Bath during that period. This was no temporary relocation. It is very likely that the reason Aaron returned to Bath in the 1830s and the reason he is enumerated next to the owner of his father’s former land in the 1840 census is that he came back to Bath to live on his family’s land. The geographic evidence in conjunction with the DNA evidence supports the conclusion that Aaron Hunt was the son of Zebulon Hunt and Luthroran Whittlesey Hunt.

Appendix A: Full Map Images

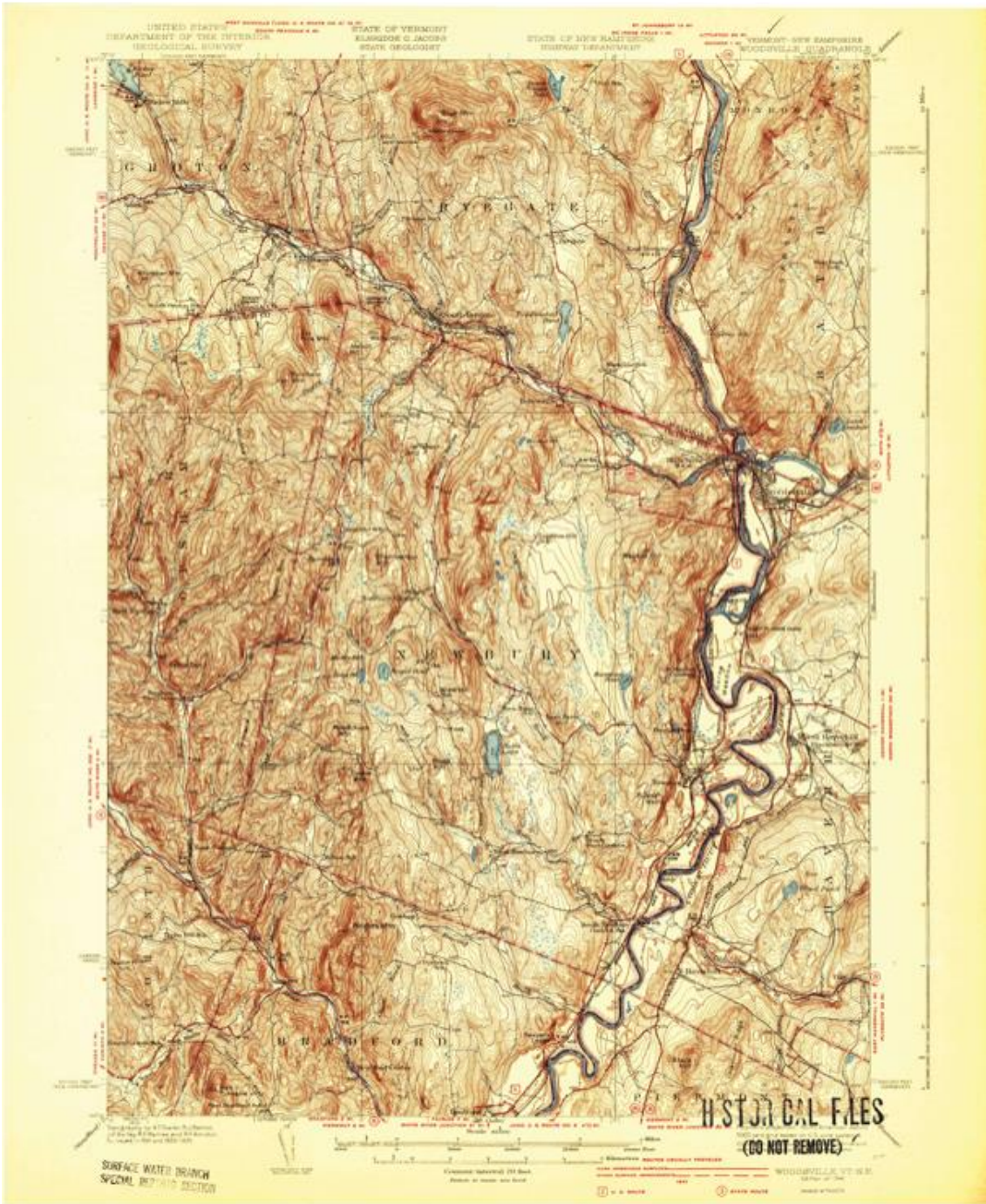
A Plan of Bath NH, surveyed and drawn by Caleb Willard, scale 1:39600, date ca. 1770, New Hampshire State Historical Society, Concord NH.



Map of the Ammonoosuc Mining District, New York: Julius Bien, 1878, the Heliotype Printing Co., Boston MA. Author: Hitchcock, Charles H., New Hampshire Geological Survey.



U.S. Geological Survey, 7.5 minute quadrangle map of Woodsville NH, 1941, Geotiff image



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