

[Hunn, Thomas M.]

Thomas M. Hunn, Bristol, is a native of Canandaigua, born August 28, 1822, and a son of James G., a son of Rev. Zadoc Hunn. The first representatives of the family in America were the great grandfather of Thomas M., who was a farmer, one brother who was a minister, and one a doctor. Rev. Zadoc Hunn was a native of Becket, Conn., and was reared on a farm until sixteen years of age. He was educated for the ministry and took a classical and a theological course in Yale College. He then spent seven years as teacher in that college, Noah Webster being one of his pupils. He married Mary Morton, a native of Becket, Conn., and a daughter of Thomas Morton, a native of Scotland, who came to America for George III, and liking the country made his home at Becket, Conn., where he died. The family are related to Levi P. Morton. Mr. Hunn and wife had three sons and three daughters: Thomas M., James C., Alexander Z., Rebecca, Annie and Lorena. Rev. Zadoc went to Canandaigua in 17--, and was the second family to settle there. He organized the Congregational church of Bristol, of which he was pastor many years. James G. Hunn was a native of Becket, Conn., and went to Canandaigua with his parents, where he married Eliza Gillett, a native of Dighton, Mass., and daughter of Thomas and Laura (Jones) Gillett. He died May 22, 1859. Thomas M. was educated in Canandaigua Academy and at the Lyceum in Geneva. In 1848 he married Fannie P. Gregg of Bristol, born November 15, 1821, a daughter of Benjamin Gregg, a son of John Gregg, a native of England, who came to America during the Revolutionary War, who fought some time with the British and then joined the Americans. Mr. Hunn and wife have had five children: James, Mary, Alexander Z., Benjamin G., and Emma E. James was born in 1848 and educated in Canandaigua Academy and in Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. He married Malissa Mack, by whom he had three children. He moved to Kansas, where he and the children died. Mrs. Hunn returned to Bristol, where death occurred February 4, 1878. Mary was born August 17, 1851, and died at the age of nine years. Alexander D., born December 26, 1854, married Myra A. Dend of Canandaigua, daughter of George M. and Kezia L. (Lucas) Dend of Canandaigua. Alexander and his wife have one child, Fannie V., born in July, 1892. Benjamin G. was born September 7, 1861, and died October 30, 1883. Emma E. was born July 22, 1864, educated in Canandaigua Academy and is the wife of Ruel Reed of Bristol. At the age of twenty-six our subject came to Bristol and purchased 100 acres, and there for thirty-five years followed farming. He sold his farm, and in 1872 came to Bristol Center and purchased forty-five acres, which he now owns. He has since followed hop growing and general farming. He is a Republican and has been commissioner of highways three years. He is a member of the Universalist Society of Bristol.

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Thomas M. Hunn died at his home in Bristol Center, April 2, 1902, aged 79 years. Mr. Hunn was born in the town of Canandaigua, Aug. 28, 1822. He came to this town when young and always resided here. He was married to Fanny P. Gregg, Nov. 15, 1846, and was one of the prominent farmers of the town in his younger years and always active in what contributed to the best interest of the town. He was educated at Canandaigua Academy and at the Lyceum at Geneva and was much interested in the advancement of education. He had been in poor health for a number of years and for the past year confined to the house. Although the father has gone[,] the consoling thought of the son and family must be that they administered to his every want and faithfully cared for him in his lingering illness.

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