

INTRODUCTION

There are many people to thank for their assistance and encouragement in writing this history of the Huntington family in Wyoming. My cousin Betty Sherwin Gunn first piqued my interest by sending me information about our grandmother Ellen Morley. Her research led back to Miles Standish, and after reading this, I realized I wanted to pursue a project to learn about the Huntington family. After a long search of several years, I discovered the address of The Huntington Family Association. The HFA has published several Huntington Genealogical books with information about our ancestors starting in the year 1649 which I decided to include in the book. This information was provided by the people included in the books or by family members, and verification with documents was not required.

My husband Roger has been a full partner in the project. His expertise in researching land records and his ability to locate the land owned by ancestors made it possible to visit most of the places the family lived from 1822 to the present. My brother Burt and daughter Kathy were also great research assistants, traveling with me to trace the story. Cousin Ted Sherwin shared his father Wiley Sherwin's *Memoirs* and his own book, *The Sherwins of Northfork*, which helped locate the Huntington land on Crooked Creek, and provided much valuable information about the Sherwins and Huntingtons. Nina Sherwin shared many memories about the family, as did Virginia Sherwin Scholes, Dorothy Huntington Harris and her daughter Jeanne Harris. Many other family members including newly discovered cousins, descendants of Hallam Joseph, contributed pictures and information which helped with this project, and their names appear in the appropriate chapters.

Kathryn Kelly gave me the tools and information needed to do the necessary research, and assisted me in accessing the resources at the Torrington LDS Branch Family History Library. She gave me excellent advice about how to proceed and has continued to give me encouragement for several years. The LDS Church has been most generous in allowing me to use their local Family History Library and obtaining over one hundred microfilms and microfiche to peruse.

Bob Fitch, a retired Wyoming Brand Inspector, found early brands used by several Huntingtons and provided the correct names for them. Karen Woinoski gave unlimited help at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library Wyoming Room. The staff at the Park County Historical Society were very helpful in providing copies of valuable information. The Staff at the Wyoming State Archives have been most helpful. There were many others, too many to name, in libraries, county offices and Historical Societies in Wyoming, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Kansas Utah, and California, who were very helpful with their assistance. Sue Milner, close friend who is a fine artist, not only gave constant encouragement, but gave expert advice when needed and designed the cover utilizing the family brands.

There were many thrilling moments of discovery and some discouraging moments of failure in tracing the history of the family. There are mysteries that remain unsolved, and this has caused some frustrations. This is not the full story, but it is as complete as I could make it without creating fiction. I have attempted to verify all the information included from more than one source, and I have identified those cases when this was not possible.

As I started this project in collaboration with my brother Burt Huntington, it was difficult to continue after his death in 1997, and I dedicate the book to his memory.

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