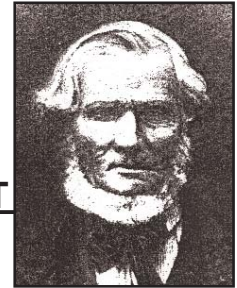




County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR CHARLES JEFFERSON HUNT

Term: 1852 - 1853
District: Not Applicable
Date of Birth: Jan. 20, 1804
Death: May 11, 1879

Charles Jefferson Hunt served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in 1852.

Hunt was born in Kentucky on Jan. 20, 1804. He grew up on the family farm.

Hunt married Celia Mount and in 1835 he and his wife joined the Mormon Church. They moved to Missouri and Hunt took an active part in the church, becoming an elder and being employed in the religious and secular affairs of the community. During this time, he became a prosperous farmer and businessman.

In 1846 Hunt and his two sons enlisted in the Mormon Battalion. He served as captain of company "A" and as assistant executive officer in its historic march from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to San Diego, Calif. When the company was discharged in 1847, Hunt and his sons moved to Northern California in search of gold. They were very successful in their mining operations and headed to Salt Lake City to reunite with their family.

Soon thereafter, Hunt was appointed by Mormon President Brigham Young to guide the colonists to San Bernardino through uncharted territory. He twice led parties from Salt Lake to California by way of the Cajon Pass, and is credited with being the pioneer of the Mormon settlement in San Bernardino.

After serving on the Board of Supervisors, Hunt in 1855 was elected to the State Legislature. It was Hunt who presented the bill for the formation of San Bernardino County. He served as assemblyman for two years. In addition to his public service, Hunt had secured numerous mail contracts throughout the state, including the carrying of mail from Los Angeles to Salt Lake via San Bernardino.

In 1858 he returned to Salt Lake City. Hunt bought land, founded Huntsville, a flourishing agricultural settlement near Ogden which bears his name, and later purchased a large ranch in Idaho.

On May 11, 1879, Hunt died. He was 75, and was survived by his wife and 11 children. His descendants included 89 grandchildren, 149 great-grandchildren and 79 great-great grandchildren.

Source: History of San Bernardino County, Untraveledroad.com obit on Jefferson Hunt.