

From the Liber Baptizatorum, NNA 2953A-27, Entry no 443:

Translation:

“On 11th August 1878, I the undersigned, did conditionally baptise in the church of the Most Holy Trinity at New Norcia, Western Australia, a man called William Hunt, from the island of England, but actually living in the place commonly called Jiriol of this Benedictine mission. He is about fifty years old and has publicly renounced Protestantism and has accepted the solemn profession of the Catholic and Apostolic faith according to the Holy Roman Church. The witnesses were James, and Anne, the children of William Hunt and Catharine Murphy. [Signed] Bernard Martinez, priest, OSB”.

From Bishop Salvado's Diaries, Vol 15:

August 1878 11th 0 Sunday, the 9th after Pentecost. William Hunt was admitted into the Catholic Church and baptised this afternoon.

July 1890 7th 65 Mon. Mr William Hunt died in his house at eleven this morning. He had received all the Holy Sacraments at Marah on Wednesday or Thursday last week.

8th 1866 Tue. W. Hunt's body was brought here this afternoon.

9th 1867 Wed. The funeral began at eight in the morning and the late William Hunt was buried at nine. Mrs Hunt, through her daughter Ann, wanted to pay me for the expenses 1 of the coffin and burial of her late husband, amounting to £7.10s.0d. However, taking into consideration that she's a poor widow with only two daughters, I accepted 30s and gave her back or presented her with £6.

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January 1891

14th 1910 Wed. Early this morning, I sent a spring cart with provisions and eight people to prevent another fire from igniting, something we achieved, thanks be to God. Several fences are burnt, but the family that suffered the most was Mrs Hunt's;² it was almost a miracle that their houses and farm buildings, fields and everything else didn't burn, but the wheat in one field and several things did.

1 Catherine Hunt (née Murphy) and her daughter Hannah.

2 Most probably, widow Catherine Hunt (née Murphy).

Correspondence relating to William Hunt

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Salvado

14/1/83 [Misplaced]

Fr [Fulgencio] Dominguez

[New Norcia]

None

None

Correspondence [Notes]

English

Thomas Dix has deposited in D.'s hands £17.4.0 for the following account: cheques on Shenton £3 + £4, cheques on the U. Bank (J. Brown) £4 + £3.4.0, creditor by splilling [splitting?] fence £3.16.0 = £18 – cash to self on 14.1.83 0.16.0. [PS:] On 10.4.83, William Hunt gave a money order for £12 to D. to be paid at Shenton's, credited to Thomas Dix. (2 pages)

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Salvado

10/2/1883

Fr [Fulgencio] Dominguez OSB

New Norcia

[Rosendo Salvado]

[Rome, Abbey of San Paolo]

Correspondence

Spanish (+ English)

[NB: no.] 48. D. acknowledges S.'s letter dated 9.12.82 and returns the New Year's greetings. D. mentions that they have plenty of water and grass for the flocks this summer, and comments on the weather. D. thanks S. for his advice about Mabro [Marbro] fence; D. only wants to make the fence to pay the Govt with the improvements, since they don't need more wells over there. Br Jose [Corchon] is pushing D. to buy the best runs at Marbro, about 300 acres, that could cost about £150-200, otherwise they will have regrets later; this year, W. Hunt has taken 100 acres bordering with their block and Macpherson's. Estevan [Steven] Sheridan (Hunt's son-in-law) has left Lefroy. Anna –Hunt's daughter– is going to marry Thom Dix and will go [to live] possibly at Marbro. D. will check these things next week in Perth, where he is going to pay for the lands and settle the account with Mr Shenton. D. says that Br Agaton [Elguezabal] arrived from Woongan [Wongan] Hill on Tuesday, and he is unhappy because, although they have deepened the well about 15ft, it doesn't give water as before; there are 3 diggers and Br [Rosendo] Pich there. D. tells S. that Governor [William Cleaver Francis] Robinson has left [WA] and they are awaiting the new one; Mr [Malcolm] Fraser is the Col. Sec. and Mr [John] Forrest, the Comm. of Crown Lands. On 5.2.83, there were at cricket match at NN between the Newcastle team –captain: Magistrate Oct[avius]. Burt– and the V[ictoria]. Plains team –captain: W[illiam]. Boxal [Boxhall]– and the latter won; further comments on the match. Today is raining. Request for blessings. [Salvado's headnote: R. 26.3.83. A. 6.4.83.] (4 pages)

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Salvado

17/1/1885

Fr [Fulgencio] Dominguez OSB

Perth

[Rosendo Salvado]

[Madrid]

Correspondence

Spanish (+ English)

[NB: no.] 89. D. acknowledges S.'s letter dated 24.11.84 with the letterhead from the College of Missionaries for Overseas at Montserrat. At NN, they are happy with his overcoming the difficulties and they were worried about the Bishop of Barcelona's behaviour; the Catalan brothers are happy about Montserrat being the place selected for the College [for Missionaries]. D. left NN for Perth via Guildford on 6.1.85. In Perth, D. wants to buy some blocks of land and get a Govt reserve [at Marah] before the beginning of the railway works. D. has applied for 2,000 acres in different Ma[r]bro runs, and says that it is a pity that they couldn't secure these lands in the past because, at present, the Hunt's, Longman's and Sheridan's flocks are eating their grass and they are forced to fence the area. They are threshing at NN, and D. hopes to get 3,000 BU of wheat and some hundreds of barley and oats. Last December, D. secured NN reserve thanks to a document from Governor Kennedy, and D. applied for a 25,000 acres reserve at Marah; the Administrator –Mr [Alexander Campbell] Onslow– is well disposed to grant the reserve, but the Executive Council isn't. However, ACO will grant the reserve for 6 months until the return of Gov. [Frederick Napier] Broome. As D. and [George] Shenton told S. in December, it is very important to meet Gov. Broome in London, especially because the Gov. wants to help NN. The European mail arrived yesterday, but D. will get to NN tomorrow and he can't reply to S.'s letter until next week. D. acknowledges S.'s letter dated 8.12.84 and he's glad that S. is ready to give the habit to the postulants. D. says that they have enough Mass [celebrations] for this year. D. is upset at the students' riots in Madrid and thinks it is their teachers' fault. D. will return to Perth in Feb. to pay for the blocks of land. [Salvado's headnote: R. 4.3.85 & A. 5.3.85 from London. Started to write the letter on 2.3.5.] (6 pages)

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Salvado

3/2/1889

[Fr] L[ui]gi. M[aria]. Martelli

Fremantle

[Rosendo Salvado]

[New Norcia]

Correspondence

English

[NB: no.] 84. FLMM excuses himself for not acknowledging S.'s letter (sent by Mrs Hunt) before. FLMM saw her yesterday and she seems to be a little better of one eye; she and her daughter are in a good and quiet place. (1 page)

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Acc. 2-2234A/file 46.123

Salvado

Undated [7/2/1885] [Misplaced]

Not specified

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[Abbot Fulgencio Dominguez]

[New Norcia]

Correspondence

English

[Copied on reverse of 2976] Mileage money collected from 1.1.84 until 7.2.85, mentioning date of collection and people (Clune, Dwain, Macpherson, W. Hunt, Hardey, Cook, and Mills). [Dominguez's footnote: Received the above. Fr [Fulgencio] Dominguez.] [In the margin: NB to be booked on 1886.] (1 page).

The children of William and Catharine Hunt.

Hannah (also called Anna No baptism entry at New Norcia. She was, however, confirmed on 15th August 1869 by Bishop Salvado.

James Patrick Baptism entry no 41 (NNA 01870) baptised: 18 March 1858

Maria No baptism entry at New Norcia. Confirmed on 15th August 1869 by Bishop Salvado

Mary Anna Born on 17th October 1861; baptised on 5th February 1862 – baptism entry no 112 (NNA 01870). Confirmed as above.

Margaret Adelaide Born on 9th July 1864; baptised on 11th September 1864 – baptism entry no 171 (NNA 01870). Confirmed as above.