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Thomas Sterry Hunt was born in Norwich, Conn., on September 5, 1826, of an old New England family. His ancestor, William Hunt, was one of the founders of Concord, Mass., in 1635. His maternal grandfather, Consider Sterry, of Norwich, was a civil engineer and mathematician, and was the author of text books of arithmetic and algebra, published 100 years ago.

Mr. Hunt was destined for the profession of medicine; but after preliminary studies, his love for chemistry and mineralogy led him, early in 1845, to become a special student, and afterward assistant under Prof. Benjamin Silliman, sen., in Yale college. Two years later, after working for a short time in the Geological Survey of Vermont, he was selected, on Silliman's recommendation, by Mr., afterwards Sir William, Logan to be the chemist and mineralogist to the then recently organized Geological Survey of Canada. In this position he remained as the colleague and assistant of Sir William for more than twenty-five years, till his resignation in 1872. His work in this capacity is well known. He was employed in the earliest scientific investigations of the petroleum, the rock salt, the phosphates, and the iron and copper ores of Canada, and also in researches on the composition of a great number of rocks