

# THE HARTWELLS

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### **Eighty-Eighth Anniversary Reunion & Annual Business Meeting**

Taking place **in person**

(Business meeting and talk will be on Zoom)

#### **Itinerary**

**Date:** June 21, 2025

**Location:** Trinitarian Congregational Church,  
54 Walden St, Concord, Massachusetts

#### **Schedule**

- 9:30 am—Coffee, donuts and socializing
- 11:30 am—Lunch, order in or BYO
- 12:30 pm—Business meeting
- 1:00 pm—Talk: Richard Wiggin on Hartwells in the Revolutionary War
- 2:00 pm—Group photo
- 3:00 pm—Optional tour of Hartwell Tavern

#### **Register**

See [Reunion 2025](#) page on our website. Fill out the Registration form if you want to attend in person or via Zoom.

There will be Hartwell genealogy items for sale, material from our archives for viewing, and information about our genealogy projects. We hope you plan to attend—spread the word!

#### **Genealogists' Corner**

Although no one can match the knowledge and dedication of Joy Peach, for the time being Marilyn Manzella is serving the role of Hartwell family genealogist with the support of Stephen Hartwell, who is a professional genealogist.

Once the latest version of Joy's genealogy was distributed on the flash drive in March 2024, we heard from a number of you that there are some corrections and, of course, more people to add in to the recent generations. For the time being, we are holding that information for a future update. If you have more documented news on your Hartwell branch, feel free to forward it.

Meanwhile, if you wonder if you or your Hartwell line is included in the current version of the genealogy, feel free to ask us to do a look-up for your branch. Currently, we have twelve generations published from William<sup>1</sup> of Concord.

Since some of Joy's materials are now being scanned and uploaded to our <https://hartwellclan.org> website, we are hoping you will help us to find any connections between the unattached Hartwells and our William<sup>1</sup> - see our new Genealogy / [Unattached](#) page.

Another challenge is to learn the [English origins](#) of William<sup>1</sup> and the identity of his parents. There are a number of theories and, with the help of the Hartwell Y-DNA study, we may be able to announce one day that his parents have been identified. If you are a Hartwell male, please consider contributing and find details on our Genealogy / [Y-DNA](#) page.

We continue to scan and upload material from the many boxes of HOA Archives. Explore the links and pages in the Genealogy / [Archives](#) to see what's new.

Family research requires gathering documented data from many people and we are counting on you to add what you know to further our efforts.

Readers are encouraged to communicate with Stephen or Marilyn by email or post to Facebook. Provide an answer to a question or pose a query yourself. Suggest an idea for a new project and volunteer your time to help work on it. Contribute new information to our Hartwell genealogy, including additions, corrections or suggestions. Let us know the story of any Hartwell memorabilia in your family. Stay in touch!

Marilyn Manzella, Genealogist

### **Minutes of the 2024 annual meeting**

The meeting convened at the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, Massachusetts with 11 people in attendance.

Acting President Stephen Hartwell, opened the meeting at 1:00 pm after welcoming attendees and called the meeting to order. Wayne Hartwell was made President Emeritus due to health issues. Steve introduced Sam Hartwell as Vice President, who unfortunately had a family conflict and couldn't be present.

We wanted to prioritize having a Zoom call for members who could not attend in person. Sam Hartwell agreed to host the call in September.

David Webber gave a copy of the HOA Bylaws to Steve Hartwell to put on website.

Stephen presented the Treasurer and Membership reports. These are posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Scholarship Committee awarded one scholarship for \$1000. The full report can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. A suggestion was made to put the names of people who have received

scholarships on the website.

To keep our genealogy up to date, contributors continue to send new Hartwell information to Marilyn to eventually publish in Generations 13 & 14.

We published a new revision in March 2024 to the Hartwell Genealogy flash drive, expanding from nine to twelve generations.

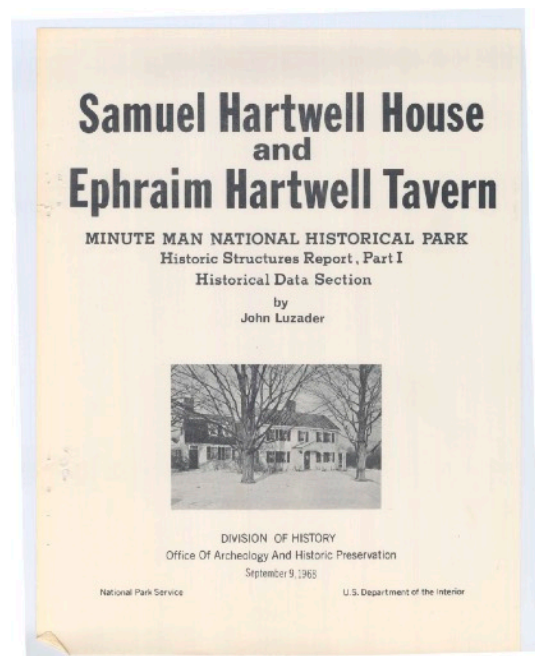
More volunteers are needed to scan Hartwell photographs and documents from our archives to the website.

At the conclusion of the meeting a Y-DNA kit was given to Michael Hartwell along with a Hartwell genealogy book and flash drive.

Joy Hartwell, Recording Secretary

### **More About the Hartwell Tavern**

For those interested, there is wealth of information about the history of Hartwell Tavern and Hartwell House from the National Park Service. It is linked to our website at <https://www.hartwellclan.org/hartwell-house--tavern.html>.



## Tribute to Wayne Hartwell (1945-2024)



When I think about Wayne, the first thing that comes to mind isn't his impressive 42-year tenure as President of the Hartwells of America, or even his distinguished career as a Senior Reference Attorney at Boston's Social Law Library. What I remember most was his uncanny ability to pull everything together at the eleventh hour—and somehow make it look effortless.

Born in Skowhegan, Maine, on June 15, 1945, Wayne brought that distinctive Maine sensibility to his leadership—practical, unpretentious, and genuine. Despite achieving success in his legal career, earning recognition as “the greatest lawyer no one has ever heard of,” Wayne never lost his humble, quiet nature. Traits that served him well as he led our association and applied his legal knowledge to its organization.

Wayne's marriage to Judy in 1977 brought him a partnership that sustained him through decades of service to the community. Together, they raised Katy and Will, passing on the values of family, service, and quiet dignity that Wayne embodied.

It was Wayne's guidance that enabled Joy Peach to see her updated Hartwell genealogy published. He

scheduled many meetings of the Publication Committee and oversaw the final layout and indexing of the manuscript before collaborating with the printing company to bring Joy's work to fruition.

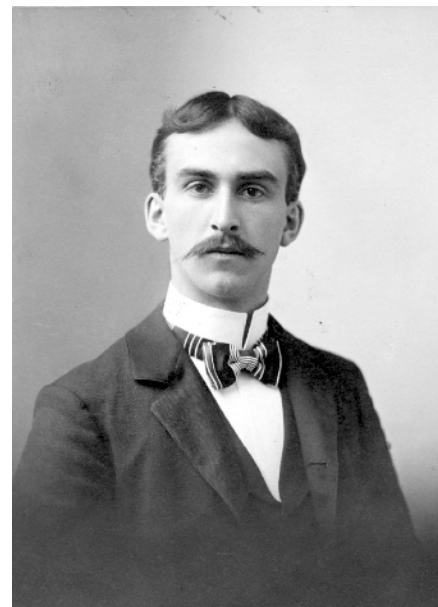
As we continue the Association's work, we hope to carry forward not just his legacy, but his approach to life—thoughtful, dedicated, and ready to rise to the occasion.

Wayne Ervin Hartwell passed away peacefully at his home on July 18, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. His legacy lives on in the connections he fostered and the history he helped preserve for all Hartwells, present and future.

Marilyn Manzella

### Hartwell Portraits from the Archives

Be sure to have a look through the Hartwell portraits from the Archives that we continue to scan and upload to our website on the [Genealogy / Archives / Portraits](#) page - perhaps you will find an ancestor! If you have your own identifiable Hartwell photographs to contribute, you can email us a scan or send us a hard copy.



William Winn Hartwell, 8.2147  
(1874-1942), City Physician of  
Malden, MA

## 2024 Treasurer Report

The Income/Expense and Balance Sheet reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 are below. The FY 2025 report will be presented at the 2025 Reunion on June 21.

Hartwells of America			
FY 2023-2024 Income/Expense Report		Current FY 23-24	Previous Year FY 22-23
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Dues		\$ 565.00	\$ 505.00
Genealogy		\$ 1,016.00	\$ 484.00
- Book sales	\$ 56.00		\$ 56.00
- Flash Drive sales	\$ 960.00		\$ 420.00
- Coat of Arms sales			\$ 8.00
Scholarship donations		\$ 130.00	\$ 530.00
Other donations		\$ 165.00	\$ 675.00
Bank interest		\$ 4.40	\$ 138.17
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 1,880.40</b>	<b>\$ 2,332.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Operating		\$ 618.27	\$ 1,971.47
- Website (2 years)	\$ 255.00		\$ 127.50
- Online payment fees (Square)	\$ 51.15		-
- Newsletter production and mailing			\$ 1,090.77
- Membership mailing			\$ 528.20
- Reunion expenses (church rental, refreshments)	\$ 312.12		\$ 225.00
Genealogy		\$ 207.30	\$ 282.40
- Blank flash drives	\$ 81.34		-
- Flash drive mailing postage	\$ 125.96		\$ 53.45
- Y-DNA kits			\$ 228.95
Scholarships awarded		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
- 1 x \$1,000	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 1,825.57</b>	<b>\$ 3,753.87</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>\$ 54.83</b>	<b>\$(1,421.70)</b>
<b>* Income Notes</b>			
- Big increase in Genealogy sales; big drop in Donations			
<b>* Expense Notes</b>			
- Savings from eliminating newsletter mailings compensated for reduced income			
Fiscal year ending June 30, 2024			
Prepared July 1, 2024 by Stephen Hartwell, Treasurer			

Hartwells of America		
FY 2023-2024 Balance Sheet Report		
2024: Funds on deposit with Wakefield Cooperative Bank, with branches in eastern MA		
2023: Funds on deposit at Digital Credit Union, with branches in MA and NH		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>June 30, 2024</b>	<b>June 21, 2023</b>
Small Business Checking	\$ 7,636.72	
Statement Savings	\$ 10,014.09	
Savings Account #5398212-1 - Primary Savings		\$ 1,902.73
Savings Account #5398212-2 - Operating Fund		\$ 409.88
Savings Account #5398212-3 - Genealogy Fund		\$ 1,633.23
Savings Account #5398212-4 - Scholarship Fund		\$ 586.52
Certificate of Deposit - Scholarship Fund		\$ 13,470.20
Cash on hand	\$ 80.00	\$ 45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,730.81</b>	<b>\$ 18,047.56</b>
<b>Fund Allocation (from prior Savings Accounts)</b>		
Scholarship	\$ 14,056.72	
Operating	\$ 3,674.09	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,730.81</b>	
<b>* Notes</b>		
- Changed banks and consolidated accounts to facilitate banking for new Treasurer		
- Fund allocation: combined Savings, Operating and Genealogy into Operating		
Prepared June 30, 2024 by Stephen Hartwell, Treasurer		

Stephen Hartwell, Treasurer

## 2024 Membership Report

We continue to make gains in membership, but there could be more progress. If you haven't already, please join today and or renew your membership through June 30, 2025 - see the [Store](#) page on our website. If you have inquiries about membership in the Hartwells of America, please direct them to me at [cchartwell72@gmail.com](mailto:cchartwell72@gmail.com).

Stephen Hartwell, Membership

Hartwells of America		
Membership Report		
	June 28, 2024	June 30, 2023
Current members	<b>95</b>	34
Names on mailing list	475	411
Names with email addresses	184	108
Names with incorrect postal addresses	3	29
Prepared June 30, 2024 by Stephen Hartwell, Membership		

## 2024 Scholarship Report

In 2024 the Scholarship Committee agreed to make one grant. The 2024 recipient of the Hartwells of America Scholarship was Bridget Loudon of Southwick, Massachusetts, who just completed her sophomore year at the University of Hartford in Hartford, Connecticut, where she is studying for a Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Production and Technology.

A twelfth-generation Hartwell, Bridget's passion is recording and mixing engineering and she is active in the Audio Engineering Society. For fun, she writes songs and produces her own music and also runs her own artist account. In addition, she produces instrumental tracks for sale on YouTube and other video platforms. We were pleased to award Bridget \$1,000 for the past academic year. We love to hear what former scholarship recipients are doing and hope that they continue to stay in touch.

I want to thank those of you who have contributed

generously to the Scholarship Fund. Donations may be made via the [Store](#) page on our website and are always welcome.

Additional information and the scholarship application are available on the [Scholarship](#) page. Please help us publicize this opportunity to the Hartwell students you know. The 2025 deadline for applications is June 7.

Congratulations again to Bridget, and we wish her continued success in her academic pursuits

Marilyn Manzella, Scholarship

### **Introduction to John Hartwell, our new Vice-President**



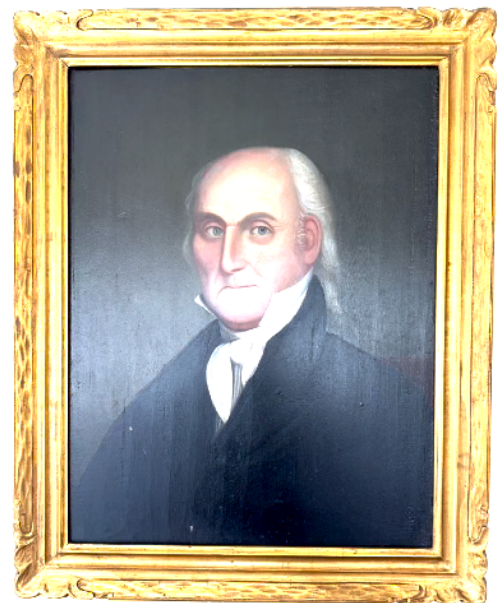
John with his daughter Chloe and grandchildren Adam and Sarah

Hello Cousins! I'm John Hartwell, and I got involved with HOA through the Zoom call last year when I volunteered to "do some scanning" (note to self: never volunteer!). Since then I've had an amazing collection of photos and documents pass through my hands, and I've learned how to navigate the searchable PDF of the latest genealogy in addition to becoming reacquainted with my family's 1958 2nd edition of Lyman Densmore's fundamental work.

Early in my scanning career I came across a copy of

the [1941 Directory](#) of The Hartwells of America, sixty-seven pages of names and addresses of Hartwells all over the country (and two abroad -- Japan and Casablanca!). There, on page 7, was my grandmother "Mrs. Grace O and Family" on St. Paul St., in Denver, where my Dad grew up. You can find that directory on our website, along several others and a "membership list" from 1886. We invite you to check it out on the Genealogy / Archives / [Directories](#) page on our website

I'm particularly excited about this year's reunion (my first), as it's also the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington & Concord. My great-great-great grandfather Isaac 5.100, and his older brother John 5.97, were in the Minute Men that day and later served in the Continental Army. John inherited the Hartwell Farm in Lincoln, next to the Hartwell Tavern where they both grew up, while Isaac was given some land in Princeton, MA, and settled there after the war. My family has a portrait of Isaac which has come down through the years staring solemnly from the living room wall. It's a treasured heirloom.



Isaac Hartwell, 5.100

I hope to meet many of you in Concord for the reunion, but if you won't be able to join us this year I hope that won't deter you from getting involved. The project of researching, documenting, and sharing our family's history gives us all an opportunity to participate. We'd love to hear from you.

John Hartwell, VP, 10.780

### My Family and Hartwell Reunions

I was clicking through the Reunion / [Past Reunions](#) section of our website recently and was intrigued by the photograph on the [1880s](#) page of the first Hartwell Family Association Reunion in 1884, which includes a key to the various attendees. A quick perusal of the names convinced me that my 2nd great-grandparents Josiah Shattuck Hartwell, 7.927 and Catherine Stone Mussey Hartwell were in attendance.



Josiah Shattuck Hartwell, 7.927

By zooming into the Reunion photograph, I was able to confirm it was him, as I have a number of photographs of him (though none of her). I believe two of his sisters, Katherine and Helen, are also there.

Josiah practiced law in Cincinnati, OH but had

relocated back to his hometown of Littleton, MA in 1857 – so he was living nearby when the meeting was held. More on him in another article.

And then I made another discovery! On the [1930s](#) page, according to the records of the third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hartwells of America held at the Hotel Lenox in Boston on May 7, 1939, my great grandfather Shattuck Osgood Hartwell, of St. Paul, MN was nominated to serve as a Vice President of the organization. How he was able to serve effectively 1,300 miles from the Boston area in a pre-Zoom era is only a matter of speculation.

My first reunion of the HOA wasn't an actual one – it was last September's virtual Zoom reunion. But I look forward to attending in person in June, and hopefully bringing along my brother, two of my kids, and a first cousin or two.



Screen shot of the 24 Sep 2024 HOA Zoom meeting - Sam in upper right corner.

Samuel Hartwell, VP, 11.1337

### Dues are Due!

A reminder that our fiscal year ends June 30, 2025. If you are reading this and have yet to pay your dues (only \$10) for FY 2025-26, there are convenient options available on the [Store](#) page of our website.

Stephen Hartwell, Treasurer

## Hartwell Y-DNA Project

The Hartwell Y-DNA project was created in 2015 by Stephen Hartwell to explore the origins of the Hartwell surname, to further expand the knowledge of the Y-DNA that all male Hartwells share in common, and to use Y-DNA to help with Hartwell genealogical connections.

As of June 2023, the Hartwell Project had 35 members, which include 22 male Hartwells who have taken tests of Y-37 or greater. We are especially looking for new male Hartwells who know their paternal ancestry to take a Y-DNA test at the highest level possible (Big Y-700). We are also encouraging male Hartwells who have already tested to upgrade to Big Y-700. This will improve the accuracy of our knowledge about the Hartwell line, both in the last few hundred years and back into its ancient origins.

Please see the [Y-DNA Project](#) page on our website for more information and or contact me at [cchartwell72@gmail.com](mailto:cchartwell72@gmail.com) with any questions.

Stephen Hartwell

## The Hartwell “English Project”

One of the big mysteries in the Hartwell genealogy is “who were the parents of William Hartwell, immigrant, of Concord, MA?” We now have an [English Project](#) page on our website, which includes what information we have on the origins of Hartwells in England. It includes Appendix A of Joy Peach’s 2007 genealogy on immigrant William’s possible English origins. There is also a [Beetle Gazette](#) subpage containing scanned publications from a 1960s research project underwritten by HOA. These contain dozens of pages of genealogical notes on English Hartwell families.

Please contact me at [cchartwell72@gmail.com](mailto:cchartwell72@gmail.com) if you have questions or have material on English Hartwells to contribute.

Stephen Hartwell

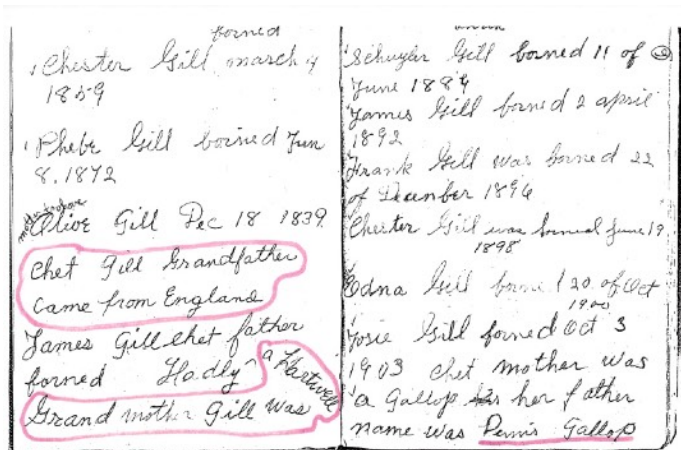
## How could I be a Hartwell?

Unlike my fellow members of the Executive Committee, my surname is not Hartwell and never was.

I am one of the many descendants from William<sup>1</sup> of Concord whose most recent Hartwell ancestor was a woman. Mine was Asenath (1777-1841), the daughter of Ebenezer<sup>5</sup> Hartwell and Hannah Bangs. My father knew very little of his ancestry but shared my interest. We started in 1970 when I took my first genealogy course and worked together to try to uncover our lineage. Eventually, I learned that his grandmother was from the small New York town of Stony Creek. Investigating there, I corresponded with a number of people and one, a 3rd cousin, sent me a page from her great grandmother’s “Scribble Book.”

Once I deciphered the scribbles and figured out who was who, I learned that my 3rd great grandmother Asenath “was a Hartwell.” Using the usual genealogical techniques, I traced our family back to William<sup>1</sup> and began my association with the Hartwells of America.

Marilyn Manzella



Copy of two pages in Phoebe Gill's (Chester Gill wife) "scribble book"

## Hartwell Items for Sale

Order Genealogy items on the [Store](#) page of our website. Note that on this page you can also pay your dues or make a donation to our Association.

### Printed Genealogy

The 596-page hardbound 2007 Genealogy, *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*, by Joy F. Peach. \$20.00 postpaid.

### USB Flash Drive - updated March 2025

Our USB flash drive now contains three .pdf files: one with the entire contents of the 2007 Genealogy (see above), and a second comprised of *Generations Six through Twelve*, with Joy's most recent research and Marilyn Manzella's careful editorial assistance extending seven more generations. The third file is a 645 page genealogy of a Canadian Hartwell family descended from Ebenezer Hartwell 5.20, researched by member Tim Fenton. The drive contains over 3,300 pages covering twelve generations of Hartwells. The files are full-text searchable with Adobe Reader or similar software and may be printed out. All files are protected by copyright law and are for individual use only. \$40.00 postpaid.

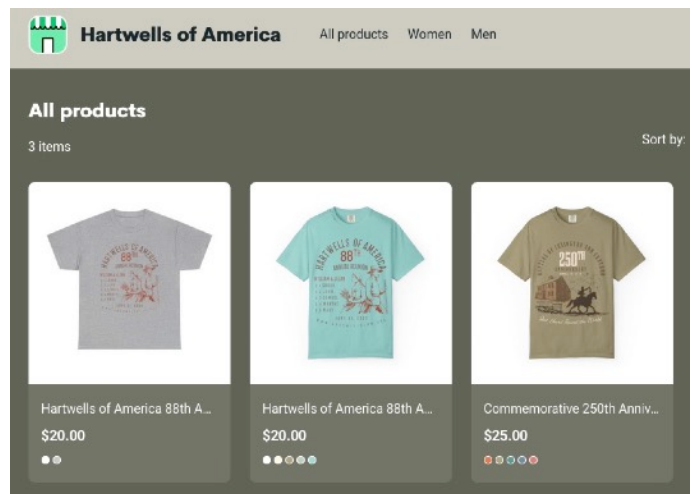
### Hartwell Tavern Kits - New

These are laser-cut wooden kits featuring the Hartwell Tavern. Find a link in the Partners section on the Store page.



### Custom T-shirts - New

We now have two types of commemorative **t-shirts** for sale! One celebrates the 88th Hartwells of America Reunion, and the other shows the Hartwell Tavern on the 250th anniversary of the Revolution. Order now to ensure delivery by June 21. See details at near the bottom of our [Store](#) page.



## HOA Executive Committee

Stephen Hartwell: President, Treasurer, Membership  
Samuel Hartwell: Vice President  
John Hartwell: Vice President, Archivist  
Marilyn Manzella: Genealogy, Scholarship  
Joy Hartwell: Recording Secretary

Contact info is on our website at  
<https://www.hartwellclan.org/contact.html/>

## Volunteers Wanted

We could use help with the following positions.  
Participation is all online, but we all try to meet in person once a year at the Reunion in Concord, MA.

**Executive Committee Member** - join our team above to help plan our annual reunions and bring fresh ideas into our organization.

**Genealogy Assistant** - work with the Genealogist and Archivist to research HOA archive material from our ever increasing online collection.

**Corresponding Secretary** - create timely emails (4-5/year) and social media (Facebook and others TBD) posts (2-4/month) about HOA activities.

## From the Archives: Hartwell Farm

Be sure to look through the Genealogy / Archives / [Hartwell Farm](#) page on our website. It captures photographs, stories, history and more about this famous property in Lincoln, MA.



A china place setting from Hartwell Farm



Hartwell Farm circa 1955

This was the homestead of several generations of Hartwells dating back to the late 1690s. In more recent times it became a restaurant known as Hartwell Farm before it burned down in a tragic fire in 1968. You can see the remains of the property just down the road from the Hartwell Tavern in [Minute Man National Historic Park](#).

## A Last Look at Reunion 2024



2024 Hartwell Reunion attendees (L to R): Peter and Marilyn Manzella, Michael Hartwell, Judy and Wayne Hartwell, Katy Hartwell, Jeff Seeger, Stephen and Joy Hartwell, David Hartwell Webber.

Photo credit: Barbara Seeger