

THE ENGLISH HARTWELL GENEALOGICAL PROJECT

November, 1965

Report No. 2

The English Hartwell Genealogical Project was started October 2, 1961. It is, in brief, to accumulate and compile into a printed genealogy all information on the Hartwell family in the British Isles. Therefore, being a companion volume to the book The Hartwells of America, which the Hartwells of America (An Association) have already printed.

The Project received its first big push from the family genealogist, John F. Hartwell of Waterville, Maine, who continues to support it. The former president of the association, Raymond K. Harris, of Dearborn, Michigan, has been most instrumental in helping the Project along - making a visit to England, researching, and paying bills. In 1965, as assistant genealogist of the association, I asked for, and was given permission to continue the work on the Project.

A number of people have been called in on this Project: The Reverend (Dom) William W. Bayne, O.S.B., of Portsmouth Priory, Rhode Island, has willingly consented to draw the arms of various Hartwells as they may come to the attention of the searchers. Mrs. Catherine Foote Moyer, a professional genealogist for over forty years, has been called in for consultation and will continue to give of her time and knowledge in this matter. There are naturally a large number of individuals who have become interested in the Project, and to all of these continuing thanks is given.

Our greatest helper in this has been Mr. John G. Miles, of London, England, our "field worker". To his professional eye little of importance to the Project can escape. His convivial attitude and professional deligence has been a great boon to all working on the project. To him this has become more than just another assignment it has become a challenge and perhaps a forerunner of other such genealogies, much needed in the field of Anglo-American ancestral research.

To all my "helpers" my sincerest appreciation!

This, the second report, is intended to arouse interest among the Hartwell family for the Project. It is interesting to note that prior to the publication of the 1956 Genealogy of the Hartwells of America, the mailing list of the family association approached 1500 people; after the appearance of the genealogy this list showed a marked decline. It is my hope to bring many of our members back to the association as well as to present to them a finished genealogy of which they can be justly proud. But we need support. And this, and subsequent reports, will seek the needed support for this noble project.

When asked to present a report I was concerned with what information to include. I therefore made a survey of what might be of interest to all members, and have decided to present to the member of the family a very brief glimpse of some of the information compiled. First, I asked Father Bayne to draw the arms of the Hartwells already known to us. These are reproduced on the second page of this report. There are others which will be used in subsequent reports. But a ward of caution: do not select one of these arms and use it for your own! These are not necessarily the arms of your branch of the family, and in any case they are not your personal arms. If you are interested, please let me know and I will try to ascertain what your arms might be.

The arms illustrated are as follows:

1. The arms of Hartwell of Kent, Northumberland and Northamptonshire.
2. The arms of the present Baronet, of Dale Hall, Essex.
3. The arms of Hartwell of Cornwall.
4. The arms of Hartwell of Northumberland.
- 5-12. Arms of various Hartwell families, as yet unidentified as to geographical locations. The arms in the center of the page are those of one of the Hartwells of Preston.

I have admittedly abbreviated the above information, but any members interested in further discussions are certainly welcome to write directly to me.

Below are given some excerpts from letters and documents received from Mr. John G. Miles. There are interesting insights into the family living in England, and are the kinds of things of which the family can take pride and interest, and of which family tradition, feeling and fraternal bonds are built.

"...the Northampton Manor was held since the early 12th Century by a Hartwell, and so remained until the reign of King James I. We have references of the 17th Century. They then sold it and the family scattered and some served in Ireland. In 1430 it is said that John Hartwell of Hartwell received Preston Manor from Wymer Preston. The Hartwells are said to have remained mesne lords until the 17th Century."

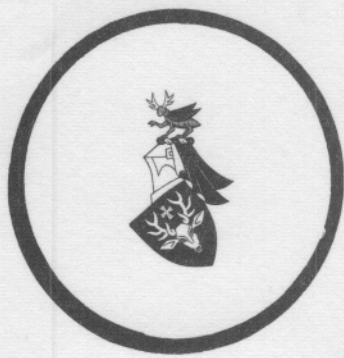
"The Victoria County History is clear that Alwin, a thegn of King Edward the Confessor, held Hartwell. After the conquest it was granted to William Peveral and belonged to the honour of Peveral in Nottingham, which soon came into royal hands. At the end of the 12th Century, as we know, Walter de Hertwell and his son Barnabas held one knight's fee in Hartwell when they granted their land to William de Luton. Walter must have died before 1205 because in that year his son Barnabas gave 40 marks to have seisin of the knight's fee in Hartwell. Barnabas probably died before 1229 when a Walter paid a fine to be quit of military service. He also paid scutage in 1234. Soon after this he was succeeded by William de Hertwell who died before 1247. In 1254 his heir still a minor was in the wardship of Ralph son of Nicholas and was presumably the William son of William who held the manor in 1271."

"British Museum C. 3329/C.146. (Oxon). Grant by John de Hertwell, mayor of Oxford, John de Norton and John Gibbes, bailiffs, John de Yeftele and Nicholas Saundreson, chamberlains, and the commonality of burgesses of the said town, to Robert Tresailian for his counsel given and to be given, of a yearly pension of 40s. 26 Nov. 41 Ed. III."

"An amusing anecdote given to me is that there was a public house (Inn) at Odell called the Mad Dog, said to have got its name from a publican named William Hartwell who owned a recipe for the cure of the bite of mad dogs and which he sealed up a few days before his death in 1827 and this physic was offered for sale in the Northampton Mercury."

I am sorry that I can not go on an on, which is my inclination, but space does not so permit. May I ask members of the family to indicate to me in a brief note or post card if they have found this report of interest and would like to receive others in the future? I am more than willing to continue sending such information as long as there is an interest. Please let me know.

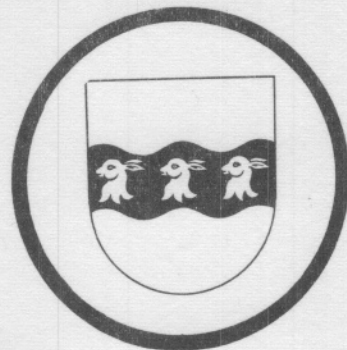
I wish also to thank the staff of The Augustan Society for helping in the printing and distribution of this report, therefore making no demands on the finances of the Hartwell Association. In return they have asked me to inclose one of their brochures, which I am pleased to do.



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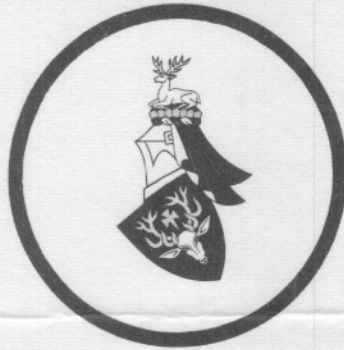
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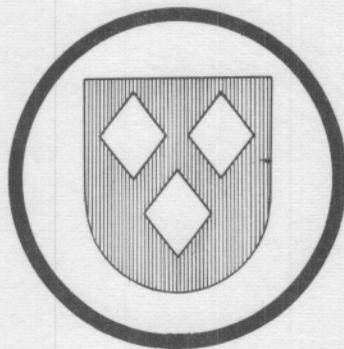
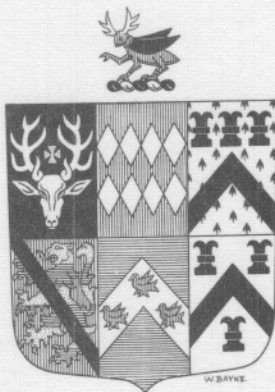
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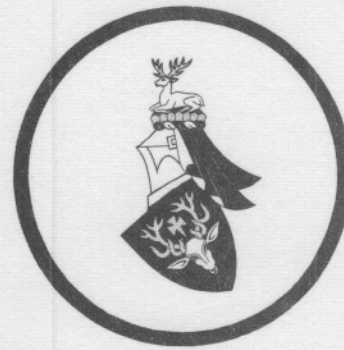
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In concluding this report, may I ask all generous minded members of the family to realize that the costs of searching are heavy, and I know that our Treasurer will be more than plased to recieve some financial assistance. No amount will be refused! I have appended below a form which may be used to send funds to the Family Association.

Rodney E. Hartwell, Assistant Genealogist
The Hartwells of America
18002 Faysmith Avenue,
Torrance, California 90504

TO: W. Frederic Hartwell, Treasurer
The Hartwells of America
9 Wingate Road,
Wellesley, Massachusetts 02181

I am pleased to be a part of this worthwhile Project and enclose _____ for the continuance of the work.

Signed: _____
Address: _____

TO: Rodney E. Hartwell, Assistant Genealogist
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I have found your report on the English Hartwell Genealogical Project of interest. May I recieve all future reports?

Signed: _____
Address: _____

(Please list on the back the names and addresses of any friends or relations to whom you would like reports sent in the future).