

Fifth Annual Meeting - The Hartwells of America - June 28th, 1941

The fifth annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America, was held on June 28th. 1941 at the summer home of Mr. & Mrs. Swan Hartwell of June Plymouth, Mass.

The weather man was especially generous, providing a very beautiful, though very hot day, but when one reached the top of the hill, one was greeted and refreshed by the cool breezes, and the beauty of surrounding country-side.

Mr. & Mrs. Swan Hartwell, our very gracious host and hostess, were very considerate of the comfort of their guests, and did much toward making the meeting the success that it was, and a very memorable one. There was a greater number attending this meeting, and before the day was over, we believe that each one was more than repaid for their efforts in venturing out in the extreme heat.

The amount of food that was brought by the guests, plus the amount provided by our host and hostess was sufficient to insure the safety from starvation, for the Hartwell clan for at least several days. Tables arranged on the terrace provided a delightful spot to enjoy the repast.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Louis M. Hartwell. - Snyder, N.Y.

In the absence of the recording secretary, John F. Hartwell gave a brief report of the preceding meeting. Upon motion duly made, and seconded and was unanimously accepted, and voted to be placed on file.

The treasurer's report was next read (by John F. Hartwell, in the absence of the treasurer). This was also accepted and voted to be placed on file. The report of the corresponding secretary was read, accepted and voted to be placed on file.

A report of the number of copies of the Hartwell Coat of Arms

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was given by Pres. Louis M. Hartwell. Both he and Mrs. Daisy Hartwell, his wife, have done a fine piece of work in making these available to the members. They deserve a great deal of appreciation from each one of us.

The report of the Genealogical Committee was next read, motion was made and seconded that this report be accepted and place on file.

The report of the nominating committee was read and accepted.

No further business to come before the meeting, motion was made and seconded that the business meeting adjourn.

Dr. Samuel W. Hartwell psychologist of Snyder, N. Y. gave a ^{interesting} very talk.

Following this talk, those present gave a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown them by Mr. and Mrs. Swan Hartwell, our hosts.

Respectfully submitted:

Lillian E. Hartwell -
Recording Secretary.

Officers elected for 1941-42

President, Swan Hartwell of West Newton
Vice-President Dr. William W. Hartwell of Malden
Vice-President John W. Hartwell of Albany, N. Y.
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Cor. Sec John F. Hartwell of Waltham
Registrar Maxine Clark of Worcester
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Committee:

Frank O Hartwell of Springfield
Dr. Jonathan L. Hartwell of Bethesda, Maryland
Ethel M. Hartwell of Lexington
Richard L. Hartwell of Littleton
Lowell K Hartwell of Brockton

Members who have passed on during the past year

Mrs W. G. Willcox of Smyrna, N. Y.
Miss Elizabeth Stewart of Watertown, N. Y.
Miss Alice M. Buttrick of Arlington, Mass.
Mr. J. Bassett Colby of Boston
Mrs. Julia A. Brown of Falmouth, Mass.
Mr. Daniel H. Hartwell of Moline, Ill.
Mr Herbert C Hartwell of Mattapan, Mass.

Treasurers Report June 28, 1941

Balance on Hand June 29, 1940	111.34	
Sale of Coat of Arms	9.00	
Dues from Connecticut	3.01	
Dues received from June 29, 1940		191.00
to June 28, 1941		33
Interest from Bank.		<u>314.68</u>
Net Amount.		314.68

Expenditures

The industrial school for crippled and deformed children for Envelopes, Letter Heads, Due slips. Ballots & Printing	42.74	
Secretarial Service Waltham, Mass. Envelopes addressed, stamps put on Envelopes filled, sealed sorted and tied up		27.80
Gift package Mrs. C.A.Hartwell		215
John F Hartwell Pre-cancelled stamp		
Stamps for correspondence		
Book of 1887		
Negatives & Prints for coat of Arms of the Hartwell House of England.	54.50	
William M. Hartwell Stamps & Money Orders	<u>267</u>	129.86
Balance on Hand June 28, 1941	129.86	<u>184.82</u>

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Report of the Chairman of the Genealogical Committee at the fifth annual meeting in Plymouth, June 28th, 1941

Your committee has not been as active this past year for various reasons. One is that the chairman in all committees usually does 90% of the work, and this particular chairman had to subside for three months this year, thus losing valuable time for the cause. Another reason is dealt with in the Corresponding Secretary's report, and concerns the excess of routine work,--licking stamps, folding and filling letters, etc.--all of which limits the time available for genealogical correspondence. I have at least fifty names scattered through the country and to whom I have been unable to write for lack of time. There are many others who need to be wooed with a second and a third letter before they see the light and come across with a little information. There are still others who never volunteer a name or a date not specifically asked for; I am supposed to guess that they have children, for instance, married or unmarried, when I never heard of the family before, but just picked a name out of a telephone book. However, a total of 188 letters ~~have~~ has been sent out, with the usual good proportion of replies (about 45%), 56 calls and interviews made on town clerk's offices, libraries, cemeteries, etc., and many telephone and city directories consulted. A great deal of material was gathered from a careful study of eleven Mass. town histories. This was done while I was confined to the house.

I took two trips last summer. One resulted in the "discovery" of a small group of Hartwell families in Port Jervis, N. Y., who can give no account of themselves farther back than their grandfather. The other was an interesting trip through Virginia, during which a large group of Heartwells was visited. They can go back to an Israel who died about 1802, but can give no clue as to where he came from or his parentage. Some progress has been on several of my 13 or 14 "stray" families, but none of them have as yet been hooked up with William of Concord. An immense amount of time, to say nothing of capital could be spent to advantage in this most interesting phase of the work.

Names added during the year amount to 1277, and the total now is 6828, or nearly as many as Mr. Densmore put into his Handbook. This is encouraging. But the mild interest shown by most of our people in furthering the work by sending in data is discouraging. Of the mailing list of 1285 names, only four or five ever voluntarily send me notice of change of address, or of a birth, death, or marriage, with dates. I am grateful to a few who send in newspaper clippings; it all helps. But I am afraid that many of us are

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suffering

from the great American habit of paying your money and letting someone else do the work. You have done beautifully with dues, and are to be thanked most heartily for this kind of support. To my surprise we have enough cash in the treasury to pay for the new directory (which cost, in the mail, \$132) and leave a balance of nearly \$75. Some of this will be used for ~~xxx~~ stationery, and, I hope, much of it for stamps, but still we are not in the red, as we have been some previous years. This support is most gratifying. Now if you will only add to it a little practical work,--sending an address, or a date, or a clipping, or a picture, perhaps even getting so strenuous as to write a letter of inquiry to some Hartwell or descendent that you may hear of,--if you will do all of some of these things, I shall vote the Hartwell tribe as the best of them all. One thing more. This proposed assistance can be extended to cover some official capacity in our organization. Nobody works, except the corresponding secretary and the treasurer, but I have approached several Hartwells asking to use their names as candidates for some office, and been informed that they had no time. I am sure that when one has no time, he has no interest, so in these cases I have been glad to let the matter drop, but this shouldn't be in our clan. We should be, at least, not ashamed of our Hartwell name or blood, and be willing to be useful in any way that doesn't cost us much time, and only one dollar.

As I indicated last year, if any of you feel called upon to make a contribution in money, our treasurer and the genealogical committee will try to conceal their grief. Some town clerks demand a fee for looking up records, the fee depending on the size of the job. We have never been affluent enough for this luxury. Some professional genealogists are willing to help in special cases, but require a fee for that purpose. Sometimes I could make a special trip to some rather remote place, if I could afford it; I do afford it for many nearer places. I think this is all the preaching and begging necessary at this time. I have a chance at it only once a year, and must make the best of it. I hope, however, that some of this may sink in and that our work may progress at a faster rate because of it.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Hartwell, Chairman Gen. Comm.

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Your Corresponding Secretary has sent out more than 3200 pieces of mail since the last meeting on June 29th 1940. This includes the directories, 1283 copies, the letter of directions, 650 copies, the annual letter, 1282 copies, and letters to members of the executive committee, etc.

Our mailing list has grown to a total of 1285 names. Six states, Delaware, Georgia, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota and Wyoming are not represented. Massachusetts still leads with 370 and Brockton leads all town with 34 names.

Two years ago I suggested an assistant corresponding secretary. Nothing was done about it. Last year it became necessary to hire a great deal of the work done. This is not satisfactory on account of expense, and because it seems impossible to get a good job done. And even if our treasury could always stand similar drains, there is a great deal of preparatory work to do before the material reaches the hands of the printer or of the secretarial service bureau.

This is the corresponding secretary's work. But as I happen to be the chairman of the genealogical committee, and need much more time than I can get for genealogical

correspondence, I want the assembly here to give serious consideration to the election next year, of my successor as corresponding secretary. With all, or nearly all, of this routine work off my hands, some progress may be made in digging up material for the Genealogy, which, after all, is the chief reason for our existence as an organization. At the present rate, young Hartwells are being born almost as fast as I can record new names. Instead of sending out two or three hundred letters a year, the genealogical committee should send 1000, as Mr. Densmore did 55 years ago, and then we might get somewhere. It seems impossible to think that there isn't some one willing to take over this corresponding secretary's work, and release me for the all-important research end of the enterprise. It is up to some one to present himself or herself for the job, and I shall be glad to hear from this interested and slightly self-sacrificing person at any time before the next ballot is sent out. If a Genealogy is desired, make it possible for me to do the job before I reach 90.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Hartwell, Cor. Sec.

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Regrets

at not being able to attend the reunion in Plymouth
June 28, 1941

Mrs E. S. Billings, Smyrna, N. Y. "I hope the weather man provides a fine day for the event, and of course the ladies will attend to the eats; better stock up on a large supply of digestive tablets, that no doubt will be needed!"

Dr. & Mrs Alfred S. Hartwell, Honolulu, T. H.

Mrs Mary Hartwell Temple, Hopkinton, Mass. "I enjoyed the meeting of our group two years ago, but have not been able to make the trip since that time. I trust those who can go will have a good time."

Mrs. Lottie G. Hartwell, 15 Yale St., Winchester, Mass.

Mrs. Emma A. Hartwell, Westboro, Mass. "As much as I should enjoy being one of the party, I shall be unable to, as we work every Saturday morning. Hoping it will be a well attended and enjoyable outing,"

Ralph W. Hartwell, 1205 Arlington Ave., Davenport, Iowa. "You have no idea how badly I feel about not being able to meet with all of you again this year. I being one of those mechanics so badly needed by the Government in this defense program, I'll try to keep my shoulder to the wheel. My best wishes to all"

Shattuck O. Hartwell, 1446 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul, Minn. "I regret that none of our family can get to the meeting. Sorry, but we send best wishes and greetings to all."

Mrs W W Lyon, Smyrna, N. Y. "I regret very much that I am not "coming by automobile" to the meeting. I wish it could be in Plymouth, N. Y., my native town, about four miles from my home. Wish you all a fine time"

Mrs Josephine F. Prouty, Littleton, Mass. "I am sorry to say that I cannot attend the gathering at the home of Mr & Mrs Swan Hartwell, but distance prohibits me. I am disappointed, for Hartwells are dear to me and I miss them" (Mrs Prouty's mother's name was Hartwell)

Miss Louise Hartwell, 160 Walnut St., Montclair, N. J. "I do not know the address of Mrs. Douglass Hamilton and know she is not interested in The Hartwells of America", nor am I. I can not attend their fifth annual meeting"

Mrs. William E. Hartwell, 41 Belmont St., Somerville, Mass. "We regret very much that we cannot join the good family of Hartwells at Plymouth. We had such a good time last year that we wanted to be with you all again, but cannot plan it this time"

William M. Hartwell, Medford, Mass., our treasurer. Is employed at the Charlestown Navy Yard, and expects to work Saturday and Sunday, and before long, to have a ten hour day. He hopes we shall have a good day and a fine meeting.

Maxine Clark of Worcester, Mass., our registrar. Maxine was ill last year at the time of the meeting, and had planned to be present this year, but has to take her vacation now, and has accepted an invitation to spend it in North Carolina. She was sorry to write me the "bad news".

Helen B. Hartwell, 81 Prospect St., Northampton, Mass. "I wish it might be that I could even consider attending a Hartwell reunion of the larger family and tribe. I did attend several at Concord, back in the 80s.