

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

1942 June 27

SIXTH - ANNUAL MEETING - SIXTH

June 27 1942

The Hartwell Farm! On this spot stands the oldest Hartwell house in the country, sharing, with the Fairbanks house in Dedham, the honor of being the oldest house in Massachusetts.

In 1635 or 1636, William Hartwell, a youth of 22 or 23, left his native England, perhaps under an assumed name because of the religious persecutions of the time, and landed, probably in Boston. He found his way to what is now Concord in 1636, and is said to have built a house a mile or less east of the village. He bought a great deal of land, and on one portion of his holdings three or four miles farther east, in what is now the town of Lincoln, he is said to have built another house for one of his sons. There is a tradition that one of the sons built this house in Lincoln, and, if so, the building must be somewhat younger than is generally believed/ The question will never be settled, but what is a few years in the life of an old house. It was occupied by descendents of William until about fifty years ago. In the late 1920's it was purchased by Marion Fitch and Jane Poor for use as a tea room and called the Hartwell Farm. During these years it has become deservedly popular as an eating place, and it is here, through the kindness of the owners, in this building which certainly shows its age, that our meeting is to be held this year.

You may be short on tires, gas, sugar, money, and almost everything else except time, but still you can't miss this opportunity of gathering together at this ancestral hearth, and by pondering the hardships and privations that had to be endured 300 years ago, find strength and inspiration to meet the difficulties of to-day.

SO COME, by automobile if you can, by train and bus, and let's make this the largest and best meeting of all. Leave your lunch baskets at home, forget your other troubles, tuck away a DOLLAR for the excellent "feed" that the Farm will provide, and get acquainted and re-acquainted with some of your fellow Hartwells. They're a pretty good lot, even if many of them do forget to fill out and send in their blanks. And let me whisper that they are coming across nobly with their dues this year. Perhaps they want to see their names in the next directory, but I think the real reason is because they are interested in the organization and in the genealogical effort for which it stands.

The dinner will be at ONE o'clock on SATURDAY, June 27. Later in the afternoon there will be a short business meeting, a brief address by the Rev. Clifton Hartwell Brewer of Yale University, attendance prizes, etc. There is a bus leaving Arlington Heights ON THE HOUR every hour. Allow a good half hour to get to Arlington Heights from Harvard Square, Cambridge, or 45 minutes from either the South or North Station. Leave the bus at Virginia Road, Lincoln, and walk two or three hundred yards to the Farm. For those who drive, pick up Route 2A in Cambridge or Arlington and follow it to Virginia Road.

The room we want at the Farm seats 125. Let's fill it. I shall be looking for you any time after noon on June 27th.

Cordially yours

John F. Hartwell, Cor. Sec.

P. S. Bring the children. You know "as the twig is bent" etc.

ONE THING MORE. It is necessary to know how many chickens to have caught for the famous Hartwell Farm chicken soup, so DO NOT FAIL to let me know by June 20, if you expect to attend, and how many you are bringing with you. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. A postal card will do.

Sixth Annual Meeting - The Hartwells of America June 27, 1942

The annual meeting of the Hartwells of America was held at the Hartwell Farm, Lincoln, Mass. on Sat. June 27, 1942.

A delicious dinner, the kind that the Misses Fitch and Poor are noted for was served the gathering. This was followed by a business meeting, presided over by Pres. Swan Hartwell.

Reports of the treasurer, Wm. F. Hartwell and secretary (recording) Lillian E. Hartwell were read and accepted.

John F. Hartwell, corresponding secretary, and chairman of the geneology committee gave a detailed report of his activities during the past year concerning the Hartwell Association. His report was also accepted.

It was voted not to have another directory printed this year, but all were urged to continue their efforts in rounding up more Hartwells, and to add to material for the geneology.

No further old business to come before the meeting, the list of officers for the coming year, according to ballots received was read.

Pres:	Swan Hartwell,	Newton, Mass.
Vice-Pres:	Arthur I. Hartwell	Gardner, Mass.
" "	Clifton B. Hartwell	Hummelston, Pa.
" "	Frank E. Hartwell	Belton, Vt.
" "	Ralph W. Hartwell	Davenport, Iowa
Rec. Sec:	Miss Lillian E. Hartwell	Nashua, N. H.
Cor. Sec:	John F. Hartwell	Waltham, Mass.
Registrar:	Mrs. E. S. Gardner	Sherburne, N. Y.
Treas:	Wm. M. Hartwell	Medford, Mass.

-----

## Sixth Annual Meeting - The Hartwells of America - June 27, 1942

## Committee:

Ethel M. Hartwell	Lexington, Mass.
John W. Hartwell	Albany, N. Y.
Dr. Jonathan L. Hartwell	Bethesda, Md.
Richard L. Hartwell	Littleton, Mass.
Warren W. Hartwell	Hudson, Mass.

## Geneological Committee:

John F. Hartwell	Waltham, Mass
Louis H. Hartwell	E. St. Louis, Ill.
Mrs. Harriett S. Smith	Rochester, N. Y.
Arthur L. Hartwell	Gardner, Mass.

-----

No further business to come before the meeting, the rest of the afternoon was devoted to remarks from Pres. Swan Hartwell and several members of the association, the renewing of acquaintances, visiting through the house and grounds.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to hold the 1943 meeting at the Hartwell Farm.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

*Lillian E. Hartwell*  
Recording Secretary.

June 27, 1942

There were 74 registered at this meeting.

It was unanimously voted to hold the 1943 meeting at the Hartwell Farm  
A rising vote of thanks was given to Louis M. and Daisy (his wife)  
Hartwell for the fine work done on the Hartwell Coat of Arms.

79 Coats of Arms ----\$77.00 added to the treasury from the  
sale of these.

A scrap book of interesting pictures and accounts of the Hartwells  
over the years was of great interest to the members and attracted  
much attention.

There were registration cards given out to those attending, showing  
the line of descent.

An interesting talk was given by the Rev. Dr. Clifton Hartwell Brewer  
on present day conditions, and how they colleges are affected by them.

Prizes were awarded to-Hayward Hartwell, 84 years young, the oldest  
member present.

John Hartwell, youngest, son of the Noel Hartwells

Mrs. Harry J. Fisher (mother was Julia Hartwell)  
Watertown, N. Y. (coming longest distance.

Respectfully submitted:

*Lillian E. Hartwell*

Rec. Secretary.

To be added to the Recording Secretary's report:

Result of election of officers by mail, April, 1942:

55 votes were received

For President, Swan Hartwell 33 (Dr. Samuel W. Hartwell 22)

For Vice-Pres, Frank E. Hartwell 45  
 Clifton B. Hartwell 42  
 Arthur L. Hartwell 40  
 Ralph W. Hartwell 37

For Registrar, Mrs. E. S. Gardner 30 (Miss Maxine Clark 29)

Committee, Jonathan L. Hartwell 52  
 John W. Hartwell 50  
 Ethel M. Hartwell 48  
 Richard L. Hartwell 40  
 Warren W. Hartwell 32

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

Officers for 1942-43

President - -	Swan Hartwell, West Newton, Mass.
Vice Presidents - -	Arthur L. Hartwell, Gardner, Mass.
	Clifton B. Hartwell, Hummelstown, Penna.
	Frank E. Hartwell, Bolton, Vt.
	Ralph W. Hartwell, Davenport, N. Y. <sup>79</sup>
Recording Secretary -	Lillian E. Hartwell, Nashua, N. H.
Corresponding Secretary	John F. Hartwell, Waltham, Mass.
Registrar - -	Mrs. E. S. Gardner, Sherburne, N. Y.
Executive Committee	Ethel M. Hartwell, Lexington, Mass.
	John W. Hartwell, Albany, N. Y.
	Dr. Jonathan L. Hartwell, Bethesda, Md.
	Richard L. Hartwell, Littleton, Mass.
	Warren W. Hartwell, Hudson, Mass.

TREASURER'S REPORT, JUNE 27, 1942

Balance on hand, June 28, 1941		\$184.82	
<u>Received from June 28, 1941 to June 27, 1942:</u>			
Sales of Coats of Arms . . . . .		8.00	
Sales of Mrs. Webster's booklets. . . . .		5.00	
Sales of Cards, Hartwell House of England		1.80	
Sales of "Heroes of the Battle Road" . . . . .		4.00	
Publishing Fund. . . . .		1.00	
Unaccounted for. . . . .		.50	
Dues from Connecticut . . . . .		3.15	
Dues from members. . . . .		152.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>360.77</u>	\$360.77
 <u>Expenditures from June 28, 1941 to June 27, 1942:</u>			
To The Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children for envelopes, letter heads, due slips, ballots, and printing directory		141.29	
To J. F. Hartwell for pre-cancelled stamps, stationery and stamps for correspondence		51.84	
To Frank E. Hartwell for 100 copies of the Coat of Arms booklet . . . . .		15.00	
To Secretarial service labor, letters and paper. . . . .		16.80	
To Treasurer for stamps. . . . .		2.01	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>226.94</u>	<u>226.94</u>
 BALANCE ON HAND, JUNE 27, 1942			 133.83

Report of the Corresponding Secretary  
at the sixth annual meeting at  
Hartwell Farm, Lincoln,  
June 27, 1942

Your Corresponding Secretary has had an "easy" year. Only 1788 pieces of mail have been sent out since the last meeting, compared with 3200 pieces last year. There were actually more letters mailed this year, but only 63 directories and 20 of Mrs. Webster's booklets. In fact, there was so little to do this year, that I reconsidered my decision to give the whole thing up, or put it in the hands of some bureau, and did all the work myself, with the exception of the annual letter.

The work, however, has consumed a good deal of time that might have been used in genealogical correspondence. I have suggested an assistant Corresponding Secretary, but think this might be found impractical unless the assistant<sup>Liverpool</sup> within a very few miles of Waltham. Two of our good members volunteered their help a year ago. I am grateful to these cousins for their kind offers of assistance; help, when scarce, is doubly appreciated. But I did not avail myself of their services, as it would have involved sending or carrying our mailing list to and from these members, with accompanying envelopes, stamps, and other material, and it looked like a bigger job than doing it all myself.

One possible solution occurs to me. This past year there were 1380 names on our mailing list. Many of them have sent in information, and  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  of them have sent dues. The great majority are silent (or dumb). This majority, or most of it, not having been heard from in the past five years, could be dropped from the mailing list, leaving us to deal with only about 500 names, and easing up the work by about 66%. The danger of this is that occasionally a good, informative reply is received from some procrastinating individual, who realizes, after several annual letters, that he has a responsibility, and proceeds to discharge it. Without the annual letter as a reminder, this information would never be received. As information is of the utmost importance, I would hesitate to economize work or expense, if doing so would deprive us of this much needed data. It is a serious question, and might merit some discussion, and possibly a vote of the meeting.

We have never announced the number of our contributing members, chiefly because we haven't very many, and don't like to appear weak or small, and besides, it is poor psychology. But all of us here are contributing members, and I think I can now reveal (with apologies to Pearson and Allen) that our paid membership last year was 175, and the year before that, 135. And this revelation is made in connection with our balloting system. Last year 60 of the 135 members (or 44%) sent in their votes; this year this duty appealed to 55 out of 175 (or 36%). The stock argument is that "we don't know the candidates", and I suppose that may be one reason why so many persons (excluding Hartwells, of course), neglect their civic duty at the polls. Shall we continue to elect our officers in this manner, or devise some other way? This may also merit some discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

June 24, 1942

John F. Hartwell, Cor. Sec.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JUNE 27, 1942

The four members of this committee have been more or less busy this past year. I can't state their efforts in figures, but all have contributed substantially to the family records. Mrs. Smith has not been well, and has lived where conditions are not favorable for research, but she has turned in some valuable material on the New York families. Arthur L. has finally been able to pull his family out of their relative obscurity, and has prepared an excellent record of the descendents of his grandfather, Charles, of Gardner. Louis H. of East St. Louis, Ill. is getting on in years, and is quite deaf, but he manages to keep around, is intensely interested, and has sent in several good contributions. The chairman has plugged along, but has only 335 letters to his credit this year, of which 151 have been favored with replies. He has also made about 50 calls on individuals, libraries, and cemeteries, and studied quite exhaustively about 30 books of vital statistics of Mass. towns, unearthing many names and dates. A year ago, the names that could be added to the Genealogy numbered 6828; at this time they have increased to 8266, a gain of 1438.

Some progress has been made on "lost" families. I think I have succeeded in combining three of them, but where and with whom they originated is still a mystery. There are still many branches of the family with whom no contact has yet been made. Some of these families may have "run out", but there are others that we just haven't happened to come across. These are war times, and we are putting all we can into war bonds and other war efforts, but if peacetime pursuits can ever be indulged again, our organization should seriously consider an active campaign for family histories. Correspondence is most unsatisfactory in this field. As stated a minute ago, less than half of my letters have brought replies, and I often have to write two or three times, and then hitch on a team of horses to drag a few dates from a shy, reluctant Hartwell. And if there should be a brother or sister or a step-mother that I didn't know about and so couldn't enquire for, not one in fifty of my correspondents would be guilty of volunteering such information. Therefore correspondence is a necessary evil at present, and a failure. The active campaign would involve the securing of funds, real funds, so that members of the committee could travel to some towns where data is to be found, find a place to sleep and something to eat for a couple of days, and interview our bashful brothers, consult town records and haunt cemeteries. Until this is done, we shall be scratching only the surface of our family records and histories. And when it is done, either our dues will have to be increased or we shall have to receive some large voluntary contributions. This warning is for you to digest during the war, and act upon afterwards.

For full measure of what confronts us, here is another thought. Our family is a very large one. The smaller Upson family published their Genealogy a year ago, after twelve or more years of intensive work and research, at a cost of \$3000. Our publishing fund, started, it is true, only a year ago, amounts to \$5.00. At that rate, our book can not be out for more than 600 years, and then will be as large as the Britannica and cost up to \$10,000. What a saving in money and

material it would be if our publishing fund should grow so that our grandchildren, in their old age, might have a look at the Hartwell Genealogy!

Your committee is grateful to you and to the hundred other absent contributing members for your continued support. Without it, nothing could be accomplished. But will you not do a little missionary work as well? There are Hartwells or descendents in your neighborhood who have no interest in our organization, and who contribute neither time nor money nor information to our cause. Can't you enthuse these people so that they may be an asset and not a drag on our efforts? Egg them on to send data! Preach to them the need for dues! Let's resolve to make still new friendships with our cousins, and to be alive and active in our attitude towards our organization and what it stands for.

Respectfully submitted

John F. Hartwell, Chairman

June 26, 1942