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Dear Cousins:

This is the annual "feeler". As usual I want opinions and advice, and I want you hard-headed Hartwells to express yourselves on the matters noted below as frankly and fully as you can.

I sometimes doubt the advisability of trying to continue our organization. We get adequate financial support, we have a good attendance and good times at the meetings, but we have very little active interest in the prime purpose of the organization, which is, obtaining material for a Hartwell Genealogy. As a club, we are fairly successful; as a group determined to get and publish our family records, we are, on the whole, a failure. Do you feel it is worth while to carry on this thing as a social organization? Why not ask for contributions to help pay for correspondence, which I enjoy, and which does uncover some genealogical material, and do away with the difficulty of finding persons willing to lend their names as officers, and also foregoing the pleasure of meetings which are increasingly difficult to arrange? If you have any definite ideas or reactions, kindly let me know.

Assuming that the organization is to continue, shall we try to have a meeting this June? You know all the arguments for and against a meeting. Transportation will probably be more difficult this year than last, so we might not expect an attendance of even 75. But if attendance is reduced as low as 25, shall we carry on to keep at least a spark of life in the social side of the organization? If we have the meeting, the lunch, similar to that of last year, may cost \$1.50. Should or could we pay that, or should we eat less and pay a dollar? Yes or no opinions, please.

With the unprecedented moving about and changes of address, is it advisable to issue a directory this year? Or should we wait until the "duration" is over and things have settled down a bit? I have probably 50 or 60 new names and addresses, and I venture there are from 100 to 200 old names with new addresses. This would warrant a new directory, but there might be 200 more changes of address during the next year. Opinions are in order.

As the annual letter must go out about April 1st, may I hear from you by that date.

Cordially yours.

John F. Hartwell
by R.L.H.

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To go with the report of the Recording Secretary

The deaths of two former members have been reported. Col Charles Leonard Heartwell (he spelled it H e a r t w e l l) died in Long Beach, Calif. on the 11th of December 1942. His great-great grandfather settled in southern Vermont, having removed there from his native town of Littleton, Mass. He founded the town of Heartwellville, which is still shown on some maps. He was a soldier of the Revolution. Col. Heartwell's father was a sea captain, and later a banker in Geneva, N. Y., Iowa, and finally in Hastings, Neb. The Colonel was a founder of banks and building and loan associations. He was city treasurer of Long Beach for nine years, and held numerous state and national offices of trust and importance. His hobby was collecting clocks, of which he had more than 500. His picture and something about his life may be found in our scrap book. He had no children.

Frank Wheeler Hartwell was born in Littleton in 1861, and died in Boston on March 22, 1943. He was member of the famous Littleton branch of the family, and is survived by a brother, our good friend, Charles A. of Littleton. Unfortunately, I have very little concerning Frank's life. He was one of eight children born to Charles Pollard and Lucinda Laws. One of his brothers was Burt L., who, you will remember, passed away in 1939. He was a member of our official board. Frank's only daughter, Marion, has numerous college degrees, and is the wife of Earl Sessions Wallace, the well-known educator. For more information concerning Mr. & Mrs. Wallace, see Who's Who for 1936. Frank's second son is the Belmont contractor, John Melvin Hartwell.