

Eighth Annual Meeting - The Hartwells of America - June 24th. 1944

The Hartwells of America held their eighth annual meeting at the Hartwell Farm, Lincoln, Mass., (This is the original home-  
stead,) on Saturday, June 24th. 1944.

Forty-two members braved the stormy weather, (it rained very hard all day) and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, which began at one o'clock, when the guests sat down to a very delicious luncheon. It might be well, here, to mention the fact that since this was war-time, and that pleasure driving curbed somewhat due to gas shortage and rationing, prevented many from attending.

Following luncheon, the guests adjourned to one of the reception rooms for the annual business and social hour. Pres. Irving F. Hartwell of Salem, Mass., presided at the meeting.

Reports of the treasurer, Wm. Hartwell of Woburn, Mass., and the recording secretary, Miss Lillian E. Hartwell of Nashua, N. H., were read and accepted.

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| The treasurer's report: | Bal. on hand, June 1943 | \$254.01    |
|                         | Dues                    | 144.00      |
|                         | Rec'd - Coat of Arms    | 19.00       |
|                         |                         | <u>5.50</u> |
|                         | Total Bal. on hand      |             |
|                         | June 24th. '44          | \$313.45    |
|                         | Publishing fund         | \$118.45    |

The report of the corresponding secretary, John F. Hartwell of Waltham, Mass., was read and accepted. A very excellent report on the progress of the genealogy was also given by John F., who as chairman of the genealogical committee, has spent much time and effort on this project.

Many letters from members unable to attend were read.

Letters received included:

Louis M. Hartwell      New York      regretted inability to attend

Clifton B. Hartwell      State of Wash.      in service



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| Dr. Brewer (wired regrets) |                    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hartwell | Billings, N. Y.    |
| Clarence Hartwell          |                    |
| Mrs. Burt L. Hartwell      | Edgewood, R. I.    |
| Arthur L. Hartwell         | Gardner, R. I.     |
| Annie H. Hartwell          | N. Anson, Maine    |
| Wm. G. Wilkins             | Newtonville, Mass. |
| Ralph W. Hartwell          | Davenport, Iowa.   |

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Some of our boys who are (or were) in service include:

Harry D. Hartwell (wounded in action) Naval service - Shelburne Falls, Mass.  
 Geo. A. Hartwell Petty officer U.S.N.R.-ill in Veteran's Hospital  
 New Calendenia Vet. Hospital, Rutland Heights, Vermont. *Mass.*  
 Geo. P. Munroe - 28th Div. U.S.A. (died of gun shot wounds)

The group were urged to write to those confined to hospitals.

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John F. reported the following in his report:

462 letters had been sent out during the past year.  
 188 cards " " " " " " " "  
 8 old directories mailed out.

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162 paid memberships last year.

Next year should be a directory year. It was also noted that there were 100 cousins who were either in service or had left the organization.

His report also included the following information:

20 typed pages have made toward the publishing of geneology - has started writing the geneology--5 generations.  
 2 Volumes will be necessary - concentrating on the younger branch.

John suggests that the geneology - be one of interesting items of members.

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The president suggested a vote of thanks to John F. for his untiring efforts concerning Hartwell geneology.

Prizes were given to the following:

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| Oldest present: | Mrs. Maryn E. Hopkins | Salem, Mass.      |
| Youngest "      | Virginia Lee Godbold  | Winchester, Mass. |

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| Travelled longest distance to attend mtg. | Mrs. Helen E. Hartwell | Bath, Maine. |
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A motion was made and seconded that each one provide themselves with name card, and pinned on.

Pres. Irving F. Hartwell also suggested that at Christmas time, that a Christmas card be sent to some one in the directory, to some one you do not know - good advertising for the Association.

It was decided to leave <sup>the choice of</sup> the place of the meeting for next year be left to John F. and his committee.

The Hartwell Coat of Arms, that are so beautifully made by Mr. and Mrs. Louis <sup>M.</sup> Hartwell (<sup>Snyder, N.Y.</sup> Rochester, N.Y.) sell for \$1.00. The money received from the sale of these, (less the cost of the Materials used) has been and is being turned into the treasury. This entails a great deal of time and work from these two fine members, and we are happy to give them a vote of thanks, in appreciation for their <sup>interest,</sup> generosity and service.

No further business to come before the meeting, the balance of the afternoon was given over to the social part of the program.

Edward R. Hartwell of Nashua, N. H. is a gentleman interested in many hobbies, and has a wealth of knowledge concerning same. He, himself owns a variety of collections, is an authority on them and and in antiques. He gave an excellent talk on the U.S. mint, and U.S. coins, from the earliest coins up to the present ones, an excellent history of them, their interest to collectors, why some were scarce, and what made some of greater value than others. Following his talk, he further entertained the group with a collection of <sup>humorous</sup> stories.

Guests departed for home at about 5:30, - all voting it a very enjoyable afternoon.

Respectfully submitted.

*Lillian E. Hartwell* -  
Recording Secretary.