

# THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(An Association)



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May 25, 1948

Dear Cousins:

The News Letter this year will start with a brief and greatly delayed report of the meeting of the Clan last June.

This meeting was held at the First Parish Church in Bedford, Mass. The day was hot, the attendance was small, but the friendliness and enjoyment great. Outstanding features of the day were the words of welcome to Bedford by Alfred Hartwell Webber, who gave an interesting sketch of the local branch of Hartwells; the music by the Paul Revere Guild of Bell Ringers; the excellent lunch at the nearby Dominie Manse; and the discussions at the business meeting relative to the overworked (?) Corresponding Secretary and the under-manned genealogical committee. Many suggestions were made, but there were no positive conclusions, and the status of the above officials remains unchanged. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hartwell, of Hatley, Quebec, traveled the longest distance to attend the meeting, and members were present from Albany, N. Y., and from points in New Hampshire. Bedford, an ancient stronghold of the Hartwell tribe, is a delightful place in summer, and the church with its grounds and the famed Dominie Manse are ideal for meetings of this sort. It is hoped that later meetings may be held there.

It is regrettable that Miss Ethel M. Hartwell, our efficient Treasurer, has found it necessary to resign her duties. Her report, read at the meeting, showed a balance in the Savings Bank (as a nucleus for the Publishing Fund), of \$422.81, and on the active account (for current expenses, and towards the next directory) of \$202.25. The cost of printing and sending out the last directory was \$221.30. Miss Beryl J. Hartwell, P.O. Box 1316, Post Office, Albany, N. Y., has been appointed our new treasurer, and will take over the duties of the office immediately. The envelopes in which these letters are sent were addressed last October in anticipation of a report of the meeting last June, and so the return address is given as that of Ethel M. Hartwell, but your checks and contributions should be made payable to THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA, and sent to Beryl, whose address is given above.

For various reasons there will be no election of officers this year, but the old ones, with the exception of the treasurer, will hold over for another year, at which time it is hoped a thorough re-organization may be made. We have a new office, and are fortunate in having a man to fill it in the person of Capt. Andrew E. Hartwell, of Santa Monica, Calif. He is full of ideas and enthusiasm, and has undertaken to look out for our interests and collect genealogical material in his home state, as our Western Representative.

Several ideas are being considered to make our organization more representative, more efficient, and more conscious of individual responsibility. One is the possibility of forming "chapters" in localities well populated by Hartwells. These would not be Greek letter organizations, but small local associations drawing their membership from one or two states or cities, with active genealogical committees, and a delegate who will be a member of the official family of the parent organization. Details could be worked out later. I would welcome suggestions along this line. Another idea is to offer prizes to the persons submitting the most complete genealogical records of their families. This, of course, would bar out those whose records are already at hand, but it might be an inducement for others to take the interest and time to complete and send their records.

It should interest many of you to know that more than one hundred typed pages of the new genealogy, comprising 2000 or more names in the first seven generations, have been completed. This refers to the Younger Male line. There are difficult problems in connection with the Elder Male line, and so only four generations, covering about twenty typed pages, are done. These problems should be solved wherever and whenever possible, so that the work may progress, and the only solution would seem to be personal investigation by a trained genealogist. This is expensive work, costing, including expenses, from twelve to fifteen dollars a day. A great deal could be accomplished in one month, and if any of you feel moved to make a contribution for this purpose, and enough money comes in, it will be so used. Do not send this money at this time, but indicate on the enclosed card whether or not you would be willing to make such a contribution.

In this connection it would be well to know how many of you would consider the purchase of a Hartwell Genealogy when it is completed, as your answer to this question might well determine the advisability of embarking on this expensive research. The Genealogy will probably be in two volumes: The Elder Male line and the Younger Male line. It is likely that the second volume will be ready for publication before the first one is. If sufficient interest could be generated so that data would stream in instead of dribble in, the second volume might be ready for publication in five years. It is very difficult to estimate the cost, but it would probably not be less than \$10.00 per volume. Many of you would not care for both volumes, but only for the one in which your own family is recorded, and I imagine it would be possible to purchase a single volume. I should add that your subscription to the Genealogy would be payable on or before the time the manuscript is ready for the publisher, as an expensive work of this kind must be underwritten in some way before any publisher will undertake it. Indicating that you desire a copy of the Genealogy does not bind you in any way if you find you cannot subscribe when the time comes, but it will give us an idea of how widespread the interest is, and whether or not the project should be continued. I would appreciate a wide response on the enclosed postal card to the question relating to the Genealogy.

Your corresponding secretary has had other "troubles" than genealogical correspondence during the past year, but has managed to send out more than one hundred letters, and replies have been received to many of them, for which we are grateful. The comparatively small number of replies, however, is a potent argument for personal research. Most persons undoubtedly intend to reply, but the desired information isn't readily at hand, so the writing is postponed and eventually abandoned, and a wide gap in the records that might have been filled is left open. It is a curious fact that, while most persons have some pride of race or nationality, many have little or no pride of family, and that must be the explanation for so many incomplete and unsatisfactory family histories.

The directories sent out last year are already out of date, with much new material to be entered and many addresses to be changed, so your dues (the high cost of living has not affected this item) are solicited to build up the account in anticipation of this heavy expense in 1949 or at the latest in 1950.

The proposed Roster of those men and women who served in World War II is progressing slowly with sixty-two Hartwell surnames, and thirty-six with other surnames. There are doubtless many more Hartwell names that can be obtained from Government records, but there is no way of discovering additional names other than Hartwell. Of some, I have only the name, and it seems proper to list these here in the hope that their war records as well as some genealogical data may be sent in. Duane K. Hartwell, war record wanted; Forest Hartwell, family and war record wanted; George Copeland Hartwell, war record; George N. Hartwell, war record; Guindall Hartwell, family and war record; Harry O. Hartwell of Tamarack, Minn., family and war record; James A. Hartwell, family and war record; Lane Hartwell of Florida, family and war record; Lowell Hartwell, family and war record; Norris E. Hartwell of Cheyenne, Wyo., family and war record; Robert H. Barton, war record; Carter Kokjer, family and war record; Thomas E. Kokjer, Jr., family and war record; Robert J. Luder, family and war record; Lawrence Moseley, war record; William J. Murphy, family and war record; Harvey L. Schmulbach, war record.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** The meeting this year will be held at the church in Bedford, Mass., on the last Saturday in JULY, which is the 31st. Note the change from the last Saturday in June. It is hoped that this meeting may be a success not only socially but numerically. A long or a short trip will do you good, and your presence will encourage your officers, and generate interest which may spread and guarantee a permanent family organization. Bring the children; they should grow up to think attendance at the annual meeting is an agreeable "must," and come prepared to enjoy some new and old friends. There will be no other notice of this meeting, so remember the date, JULY 31st, and arrive at the church in Bedford at about ten o'clock A.M. on that day. It is highly important that you notify our President, Richard L. Hartwell, Littleton, Mass., **two weeks** before the meeting, if you expect to attend. Be sure, also, to specify the number of persons in your party so that reservations may be made at the Dominie Manse for the luncheon. President Richard L. Hartwell writes: "No organization can subsist on dues alone and we of the Executive Committee would ask that you well note the time and place of the gathering, and, if possible, COME."

Cordially yours,

John F. Hartwell, Cor. Sec.

Eleventh Annual Meeting - The Hartwells of America - July 31st. 1948.

The 11th. annual meeting of the Hartwells of America, was held on Sat. July 31st. in the First Parish Church, Bedford, Mass.

The weather-man smiled a bit more favorably on us, the weather was sunny, warm and more comfortable than that of previous years.

"Cousins" were present from So. Dakota, Arkansas, Vermont, Mass., New Hampshire, and New York State.

Pres. Richard L. Hartwell presided.

Reports of the treasurer, Ethel M. Hartwell, the recording secretary Lillian E. Hartwell were read and accepted and voted to be placed on file.

Regret was expressed at the resignation of Ethel M. Hartwell as treasurer. Miss Beryl Hartwell of Albany, N. Y. was elected as the new treasurer.

The treasurer reported that \$129.00 had been collected in dues, with donations of \$32.00 for the publishing fund. The report showed a balance on hand of \$681.87 and \$419.76 in the publishing fund, this to be devoted to the publishing of a genealogy, sometime in the future.

The subject of sending letters and announcements (to Hartwell who seemed to indicate no interest in the organization) was discussed. Mr. Hartwell of Albany, N.Y. said he believed we should send letters to all, appealing to them and see if they are sufficiently interested in continuing to receive letters. Mr. Alfred H. Webber of Bedford, Mass., and Mr. Frank Hartwell of Bolton, Vt. both felt that letters should be sent to all and that it was a good investment. A follow-up post-card might be a good method to stimulate interest.

Mr. Frank H. Hartwell has contributed some books on the Hartwell Coat of Arms, these to be sold at .50 each, -the money received to go to the publishing fund. Mr. Richard L. Hartwell expressed the association's

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Mr. Alfred H. Webber mad a motion that the gift of the booklets be accepted with appreciation. This motion was seconded.

Mr. Hartwell of Albany, N. Y. suggested that a small charge be made for the directory, and Mr. Alfred H. Webber suggested that the last page in the directory be such that it could be torn out, whereby the receiver of the directory be asked to pay .25 for the copy, and on that page, space be assigned for the person's signature, this to be sent with the twenty-five cents.

Mr. Hartwell of Albany made a motion that letters be sent to all the Hartwells again, and to those who did not demonstrate any interest at all after this year, that these should be discontinued, and should not be a drain on the few carrying the financial burden. This motion was not carried. John F. Hartwell felt the letters should be continued. Mr. Frank E. Hartwell said he would be willing to print card for the association

John F. Hartwell told of our new Western representative, Mr. Frank E. Hartwell in Santa Monica, Calif.

Post card were sent out to 1432 Hartwells, concerning meetings, groups and activities. To date, there have been 50 replies, 16 approved of regional chapters, 14 live where there are no other Hartwells, 9 were willing to form regional, 32 willing to contribute, one named \$25.00 as the amount and one \$1.00, -all others mentioned no sum.

John F. Hartwell, who journeyed from Little Rock, Ark. for the meeting and to whom the association owes a great debt of gratitude for his zeal, interest and efforts, in keeping the association alive and the gathering of the wealth of material that he will some day use in the genealogy, was <sup>a</sup> most welcome figure at the meeting. He told of methods used in getting<sup>n</sup> genealogical material, namely, research in cemeteries, wills, probate office and in travelling from town to

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town, etc. He also said that about 70% of the 50 said they would want 1 or 2 copies of the geneology. There are now about 15,000 names for the geneology, and there should be 5,000 more before publication. Another method by which more information could be obtained was suggested by John F., in that each one in the assoc. send one letter per month to some Hartwells and ask that they send information to him, about their family. He urged each one to get as much information as possible.

Officers for 1948-1949 were elected as follows:

Pres:	Richard L. Hartwell	Littleton, Mass.
Vice. Pres:	Miss Ethel M. Hartwell	Exington, Mass
Treas:	Miss Beryl Hartwell	Albany, N. Y.
Corresp. Sec:	John F. Hartwell	Little Rock, Ark.
Rec. Sec:	Miss Lillian E. Hartwell	Nashua, N. H.

At the request of Pres. Richard L. Hartwell, Alfred H. Webber again read the history of the Hartwells in Bedford, Mass. with some additions to it.

A delicious luncheon was served at the Domine Manse. The remainder of the time was spent in chatting, renewing acquaintances, and meeting new members. We are indeed most grateful to those who make it possible for us to meet in the Church and in such friendly and pleasant surroundings.

It was unanimously agreed that we meet in Bedford in 1949.

Respectfully submitted:

*Lillian E. Hartwell*  
Recording Secretary.

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The Hartwells of America.

Treasurer's Report

June 29, 1947 to April 27, 1948.

RECEIPTS.

1947.

June 29

On Hand in Savings Banks

\$ 625.06

Dues	\$	50.00
Interest - Dues Acct.		3.89
Publishing Fund		27.00
Interest - Pub. Fund Acct.		11.60

Total Receipts

92.49

TOTAL

\$ 717.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

1947.

July 2

Check-First Church, Bedford	\$	10.00
Use of Rooms, June 28th.		1.00
Identification Tags (100)		5.25

Nov. 21

Attendance Prizes (3)		
Indust. School for Crippled & Deformed Children, for ptg., addressing, postage		10.25

Dec. 22

John F. Hartwell for Postage, Cards, N.E. Historical & Genealogical Membership		13.75
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Apr. 27/48

Fac-Simile Letter Co. for Addressing Envelopes, List of 1364 names		28.70
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Apr. 27

Ethel M. Hartwell, Postage, Misc., etc.		4.30
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Total Disbursements 73.25

73.25

TOTAL

\$ 644.30

Dues Account Fund	\$	182.89
Pub. Fund Account		461.41

\$ 644.30

*Beryl J. Hartwell*  
Treasurer.

The Hartwells of America.

Treasurer's Report

May 8, 1948 to July 31, 1948.

RECEIPTS.

1948.

May 8

Received from Ethel M. Hartwell the amounts in both bank accounts for the Hartwells of America Association  
 Dues Fund Account  
 Publishing Fund Account

\$ 182.89  
 461.41

Total

\$ 644.30

May 17

Deposited in Albany Exchange Savings Bank - Dues Fund  
 Deposited in Albany Savings Bank - Publishing Fund

182.89  
 461.41

July  
 July

Dues  
 Publishing Fund  
 Interest - Pub. Fund Account

129.00  
 32.00  
 .76

Total

161.76

TOTAL

\$ 806.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

1948.

June 7

John F. Hartwell for Ptg. Dues Slips,  
 Postage, etc.

113.95

June 26

B.J.Hartwell, P. O. Box. 1316  
 June & Sept. Quarter 1948.

3.46  
 6.78

July 15

B.J.Hartwell for Stamped Envelopes

July 22

Arthur E. Hartwell, (Western Representative) for Postage, etc

10.00

Total

134.19

BALANCE

\$ 671.87

Balance on Hand:-

Albany Exchange Savings Bank  
 Dues Fund  
 Albany Savings Bank  
 Publishing Fund  
 Cash on Hand

\$ 176.94

494.17  
 .76

\$ 671.87

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## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE BEDFORD, MASS., JULY 31, 1948 \*\*\*\*\*

Last year's debate on the question of providing an assistant for the Corresponding Secretary seems to have settled itself in favor of the Corresponding Secretary being his own assistant, or at least it worked out that way. It will cost you folks money, but apparently there is no help for it; I will continue to do what I can, and hire, at present day exorbitant prices, what I can't do.

And so, after much delay and difficulty, your Corresponding Secretary finally managed to send out 1432 copies of the annual news letter to a like number of addresses on our mailing list. The treasurer's report will show you how generous the response has been in terms of annual dues; a few letters have been received giving up-to-the-minute data, and a great many changes of address have come from the Post Office Department. Fifty or more of the annual letters could not be delivered to persons who had moved and left no address.

Of the large number of annual letters sent out during the past ten years, a thousand or more each year have gone to members who have never shown the slightest interest,—members who have never contributed dues or data or responded in any way to our approach. It is a question whether we should carry along this "dead wood" any longer, or delete these names from the mailing list and use them only in the directories. An expression of opinions from the floor might be a guide in this matter. The expense in postage and stationery for these thousand names is around \$25.00 a year. Is this justifiable? It is true that many people are hopelessly disinterested, but it is also a fact that many are simply careless and dilatory. From time to time I receive apologetic letters after as much as a year's delay. Recently I received some wanted data from a man to whom I wrote in 1941! But is it worth while maintaining the whole list for the sake of a few stragglers?

The border line between the duties of the Corresponding Secretary and the Chairman of the Genealogical Committee is thinly drawn. Many letters sent out by the Corresponding Secretary refer to genealogical matters. But if all these should be included in the report of the Genealogical Committee it would show that 55 letters have been mailed since the meeting in 1947, and 148 replies have been received. This includes (or does not include) work done by our hustling Western Representative, Capt. Andrew E. Hartwell, of Santa Monica, Calif. During the year he has contributed the plate for the very effective reproduction of the Coat of Arms on the letter heads, and has contacted a great many Hartwells in his locality. He will try to obtain all Hartwell data on the entire Pacific coast, which will be a most valuable service.

The response to the postal card questionnaire included in the annual letter has not been encouraging. The 1432 members managed to return about fifty of the cards, and a few more may come in later. Sixteen of the fifty endorsed

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the idea of regional chapters, but as practically all of these live in localities where there are very few Hartwells, it looks as though few chapters would be established. To make the prospect all the more dim, only nine would be willing to help form a chapter. Thirty-two would be willing to contribute towards special research; one would generously give \$25.00, and one would give \$1.00; no others mentioned stated amounts. Whether to go ahead and call in the contributions on that basis is a delicate question. The call could be made and the option presented of either returning the contributions or adding them to the publishing fund in case the total received is not large enough to make the special research practical. To repeat what has been said before, this research is essential to the success of the Genealogy. I think none of us would want a sketchy book with many whole families omitted entirely and many others with incomplete and wholly inadequate data. This doesn't mean that the Genealogy should or can be perfect; no one ever is, as there are always some persons impossible to reach. But I, for one, am unwilling to put out the book until every effort has been made to include the disinterested, even the unwilling ones, and a great many of the older generations whose records might be discovered in town, church, cemetery and probate records. I must warn you, however, that special research may not be a complete success, as the most diligent search may fail to turn up the desired data, and we would have nothing to show for our money except the certain knowledge that the data is hopelessly lost. To finish the postal card questionnaire, thirty-five, or about 70% would want one or both volumes of the new Genealogy. This is a good showing, and should assure us of at least \$350 provided these people live long enough to receive the published work. In this connection it should be stated that, although publication may be still a few years away, an "angel" will have to be found to finance the thing. Our publishing fund amounts to a few hundred dollars and is slowly increasing. On the basis of the questionnaire the sale of the books will amount to a very few hundred more, and so, unless many more purchasers can be found or an "angel" provided, the books will remain unpublished. If any of you know of a man, Hartwell or heathen, who wants to invest \$5000.00 in such an enterprise and lose the greater part of it, send him to me at once so we may get the money out of him before he happens to die.

I believe I have only one death to report at this time. Mrs. John A. Hartwell, a generous and enthusiastic supporter of our cause, died in New York last December. She was the widow of the nationally known surgeon of Bellevue Hospital in New York, Dr. John A. Hartwell

You will notice that Mrs. Webster's little booklet has appeared again. The original edition was exhausted, and our good cousin and printer, Frank E. Hartwell of Vermont, obligingly offered to reprint it and take a chance on getting his money back. Like everything else, the price has been advanced, and the booklet can now be had for fifty cents. Tell all your relatives and advise them to buy copies from Frank E. Hartwell, Bolton, Vermont.

Much has been said about the future of our organization. Like most organizations, it will be held together by a small minority, if at all, and then only by each one doing a great deal more than attend meetings. In addi-

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tion to the small amount you contribute as dues, you could help the organization enormously by contributing time enough to write a letter a month to names you can pick out of the telephone book, or that you see in the papers, or from a list that I could furnish you. This might consume six valuable hours a year. And then many of you could make a call once in two months on some Hartwell or descendent in your neighborhood to obtain new information, or to bring old information up to date. That might take six more hours, making a total of half a day a year. As a matter of fact, if every interested member would do his duty, much special research might not be necessary. Only by cultivating enthusiasm yourselves and communicating it to others can our organization continue to thrive and fulfill our objectives. Some family organizations are a hundred years old or more. I think there is vitality and character, pride and tenacity enough among the Hartwells to sustain our organization for many years yet. But, I assure you, there can be no "let George do it" attitude. Let us have active members indeed and not in name only.

I regret that this report is so lengthy. As it is I haven't mentioned the proposed war memorial booklet, but that was pretty well covered in the annual letter and perhaps no comment is required now.

Respectfully submitted

*John F. Hartwell*  
Corresponding Secretary and  
Chairman of the Genealogical Committee