

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(An Association)

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May 25, 1949

"A grand reunion of the descendants of William Hartwell, of Concord, Mass., will be held on the 17th of September, next, on the old turnpike, about half way between Concord and Lexington, about three miles from either point. It is proposed that those who have not visited these points heretofore, arrive by rail at one station, and depart from the other, thus having the opportunity of visiting both the historic battle grounds in the course of delightful drives to and from the place of meeting. Omnibuses will run from each station, the fares to and from the ground not exceeding one dollar. An experienced caterer will serve dinner in the large and spacious tent on the grounds. Bring any old papers relating to family history, heirlooms, photographs, family pictures, views of residences, or, if unable to attend, send by mail to the subscribers at Concord, Mass., by the 12th of September, to be promptly returned. This meeting is expected to be the prelude to larger ones in future, and to an organized effort to become better acquainted with each other, and to preserve the honored memory of our ancestors. Come by earliest trains, and let as many as it suits to do so, arrive by Lexington, to better divide and accommodate bus transportation. Notify us of intention to attend and by which route."

(Signed) L. W. Densmore

Isaac B. Hartwell of Sutton, Mass.

Dear Cousins:

The above notice was printed on postal cards and mailed to a great many Hartwells sixty-five years ago—it was a notice of the first meeting of The Hartwell Association, an organization which survived for eight years or more. At some of the succeeding meetings the attendance reached two hundred, but why the meetings were discontinued after 1892 is not known at present. Possibly the moving spirit, Mr. Densmore, was not well; he published his second book "The Hartwell Family" in 1895, and died in 1898.

In 1937 the Hartwell Association was revived under the name of The Hartwells of America, and annual meetings have been held since except during one war year. Attendances have been smaller than they were sixty years ago, not because interest has been lacking, perhaps, but largely because the family as a whole is much more widely scattered now.

This letter goes out to announce the 13th annual meeting of The Hartwells of America to be held in Bedford, Mass., on the church grounds, June 25th, 1949, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be served at the nearby Dominie Manse. Take two suggestions from the old postal card. One, aimed specifically at those who have never visited Concord and Lexington, is to arrive a day earlier and visit these historic places; they are well worth a trip across the country, and perhaps in these trying and un-American times, your Americanism can be revived and sustained. The other suggestion is to bring or send papers, photos, etc., as indicated above, for possible use in the new Genealogy.

The new Genealogy? Progress is being made in this direction. A stream of books is coming to me from the Genealogical Library in Boston from which valuable data is being extracted. Correspondence continues, though on a rather small scale just now. Our Western Representative is laying the groundwork for an intensive campaign of data collecting, and a trained genealogist is being employed to dig up facts in records and libraries to which I have no access. Our book would have been farther advanced but for the fact that more than one hundred "finished" pages have had to be done over due to my inexperience in compiling such a work. However, many of the kinks have been ironed out, and I expect to report real progress next year.

Last year's appeal for a special research fund resulted in twenty-four donations in amounts from one dollar to twenty-five dollars. Not enough was received to start the field work which is so desirable, but the trained genealogist is working as noted above, and has turned in some much needed and extremely valuable data. She has been working for three days, and funds are available for three more days.

Coats of Arms, such as we had a few years ago, are not available now. Should there be sufficient demand for them, they could probably be reproduced, but at a considerable increase in cost. Mrs. Webster's booklet on the Hartwell House and the Coat of Arms, which was so popular in the first edition, has been re-printed and copies will be on sale at the meeting next month, or you may order from me by mail. The price is fifty cents.

No progress has been made on the proposed war memorial booklet, as no more data has been received. Sooner or later a search will have to be made through war dept. records for those with the surname HARTWELL; those with other surnames, except the few that have been received, can not be located for obvious reasons.

In the last 300 years there have been several Hartwells of unusual prominence in business or profession. It has been proposed that a series of brochures covering the lives and achievements of these men might be published. One has already been received, and two or three more are in process of preparation, I hope. These sketches would not be expensive, either singly, or combined in a volume. If any of you are interested in the project, won't you kindly indicate it on a postal card and send it to me? There isn't much point at working on the thing unless it is wanted.

The Hartwells of America is twelve years old. Whether it is to celebrate any or many more birthdays is up to the members. We have a mailing list of 1400 names. Of these, there are possibly twenty-five who have taken an active, effective interest. Another two hundred and fifty have paid annual dues more or less regularly. We have no way of knowing how many annual letters go into the waste paper basket unread, but a thousand or more of our kith and kin remain silent and unknown. Were they to take the interest required to fill out a genealogical blank and return it, the book would be well on the road to completion, and the few of us who are trying to keep the organization alive, would be greatly encouraged. From these, and from those who send dues, suggestions that might be of benefit to the organization, would be most welcome. Our family should take its place with the thousand or more other families who have been proud to publish their history and records.

REMEMBER THE MEETING, JUNE 25, at 9 a.m., BEDFORD, MASS. YOU WILL RECEIVE NO FURTHER NOTICE. Notify Richard L. Hartwell of Littleton, Mass., of your intention to be present, and of the size of your party, and DO IT NOT LATER THAN JUNE 15th. Let's show by our presence that we wish the meetings and organization to continue.

Cordially yours,

JOHN F. HARTWELL, Corresponding Secretary.

Twelfth Annual Meeting - The Hartwells of America - June 25th. 1949

The twelfth annual reunion of the Hartwells of America was held Saturday, June 25th. 1949 at the Unitarian Church, Bedford, Mass.

The "cousins" began gathering as early as 9:00 a.m. and continued until the last, arriving about 1:00 p.m.

Both the business and social part of the meeting were held in the church, it's lovely interior, rich in simplicity, a quiet benediction on the group.

As usual, it was an extremely hot day, and one found the interior of the church delightfully cool, restful and comfortable, a very welcome relief from the heat outside.

Forty-three members attended this meeting.

There was much visiting and chatting among the members, renewing old and meeting new acquaintances.

Pres. Richard L. Hartwell presided.

Reports of the Treas: Ethel M. Hartwell, Record. Sec: Lillian E. Hartwell, Cor. Sec: John F. Hartwell were read, accepted and voted to be placed on file.

No officers have been elected for three years. John F. Hartwell had prepared a list -a slate of officers for 1949-50, 1950-51. These were accepted. These included:

Pres:	Frank E. Hartwell	Belton, Vt.
Vice-Pres:	Capt. Andrew E. Hartwell	Santa Monica, Calif.
Vice-Pres:	Alfred H. Webber	Bedford, Mass.
Vice-Pres:	Albion A. Hartwell	Long Island City, N. Y.
Vice-Pres:	Mrs. H. P. Sturdy	Harvard, Mass.
Rec. Sec:	Miss Lillian E. Hartwell	Nashua, N. H.
Cor. Sec:	John F. Hartwell	Little Rock, Ark.
Registrar:	Mrs. Edmund S. Gardner	Sherburn, N. Y.
Treasurer:	Miss Beryl J. Hsrtwell	Albany, N. Y.

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Genealogical Committee (not to voted on) (for Rec. Sec. files)

John F. Hartwell 418 No. Ash St., Little Rock, Ark.
 Capt. Andrew E. Hartwell 2111 16th., Santa Monica, Calif.
 Mrs. Richard F. Fadden 113 Market St., Potsdam, N. Y.

Treasurer's report: On hand: 740.83
 Disbursements 137.51

Balance 603.32
 Publishing fund \$30.00 -- for genealogy

John F. Hartwell reported the following deaths:

Mrs. Mary Anderson	
Wm. Greene Wilkins	Newtonville, Mass.
Mrs. John A. Hartwell (widow of Dr. John A.)	New York
Mrs. Chas. A. Hartwell	Littleton, Mass.
Mrs. A. W. Dodge	Lynn, Mass.
Mrs. Nellie Ward	Peabody, Mass.
Mrs. Fanny Cotton	Melrose, Mass.

There were 1408 letters sent during the past year. This is a big task, but John recommends they continue to be sent. He gave some interesting accounts of getting information.

On his trip back home, John F. stopped at a town in Southern Indiana. There were a lot of Hartwells there, but he wasn't too proud of them.

The subject of many Hartwell relics was brought up at this time, namely pictures of houses, family groups, furniture, bibles, etc. It was suggested that these might be collected and loaned to some museums. The Lexington Historical Society was mentioned as a possible place to exhibit these. There is a clock dated 1792, that might be contributed when the family now having it would be finished with it. Ethel M. Hartwell suggested that perhaps the N.E. Society of Preservation of Antiquity might be interested. She volunteered to contact them.

Alfred H. Webber appointed to make investigation concerning museum collection. He suggested that in the vicinity of Boston would be best.

Publication of a new genealogy is very expensive, at this time we have about \$500. in the publishing fund, this would be a small amount, since it would cost about \$6000.00. In about a year or

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or two, John F. reported that he would have about 200 typed pages toward the geneology.

There were "cousins" present from Arkansas, Mass., New Hamp., Ohio, Vermont, New York, Maryland, Rhode Island, Wisconsin.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Hartwells concerning the coming geneology. It was further suggested that a double post-card might be likely ^{to} bring better results.

The meeting adjourned, members feeling that it had been a very successful as well as a very pleasant day.

Respectfully submitted:

Lillian E. Hartwell -
Recording Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report.

August 1, 1948 - to - June 30, 1949.

BALANCE - July 31, 1948. \$ 671.87

Receipts:

Aug 1 1948	Dues	\$ 23.00	
Sept. 1948	Dues	5.00	
Oct. 1948	Dues	5.00	
Jan. 1949	Dues	7.00	
June 1949	Dues	8.00	
Sept. 1948	Interest-Dues Fund	.34	
Apr. 1949	Interest-Dues Fund	1.87	
Aug. 1948	Publish. Fund	14.75	
Sept. 1948	Publish. Fund	4.00	
TOTAL			68.96
			TOTAL RECEIPTS 740.83

Disbursements:

Aug. 10, 1948	- Ethel Hartwell for Postage	\$ 2.63	
Aug. 10, 1948	- Andrew Hartwell	10.00	
Jan. 11, 1949	- John F. Hartwell for Post. Index Cards, etc	17.10	
Apr. 13, 1949	- John F. Hartwell for Yearly Letter	75.00	
June 14, 1949	- Andrew Hartwell for Post. etc	32.63	
June 14, 1949	- B.J. Hartwell, M.O. Fee	.15	
TOTAL			137.51
			BALANCE:- \$ 603.32

Balance on Hand:-

Albany Exchange Savings Bank Dues Fund	\$ 89.79	
Albany Savings Bank Publish. Fund	512.92	
Cash on Hand	.61	

\$603.32

Beryl J. Hartwell.

Treasurer.

SLATE of OFFICERS for THE
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for the term

1949-50; 1950-51

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Box 1316, Albany, N. Y.

John F. Hartwell, Cor. Sec.
418 N. Ash St., Little Rock, Ark.

September 10, 1949

Dear Cousins:

In response to many requests for a report of the meeting last June, this letter is being sent, not to the entire mailing list, but to those who have shown enough interest to pay their dues for one or more of the past twelve years.

It was the twelfth annual meeting, I believe, and was held in the Unitarian Church at Bedford, Mass., on June 25th, 1949. Clansmen began to assemble as early as nine o'clock. The day was hot, but the church was reasonably cool, and the time until noon was spent pleasantly in conversation and in getting acquainted. After an excellent lunch at the Dominie Manse across the street, the forty-three Hartwells present returned to the church where a short program of entertainment by a magician was enjoyed, and then the business meeting was called to order.

The usual reports were read and accepted. The high lights were the treasurer's statement that the publishing fund had passed the \$500 mark, and the corresponding secretary's announcement that about 220 letters asking for data had been sent out. Then a slate of officers for the next two years was presented and unanimously adopted. The new officers are: Frank E. Hartwell of Bolton, Vt., Pres.; Andrew E. Hartwell of Santa Monica, Calif., Alfred H. Weber of Bedford, Mass., Albion A. Hartwell of Long Island City, N. Y., and Mrs. H. P. Sturdy of Harvard, Mass., vice presidents; and the "permanent" officers were re-elected,-- Lillian E. Hartwell of Nashua, N. H., rec. Sec., John F. Hartwell of Little Rock, Ark., Cor. Sec.; Beryl J. Hartwell of Albany, N. Y., treas.; and Mrs. Edmund S. Gardner of Sherburne, N. Y. registrar.

During the remainder of the time problems of stepping up the collection of data, and of financing the new Genealogy were discussed along the following lines:

Newspaper clippings are valuable. Every reference to the name of Hartwell either as a given name or a surname should be clipped and sent to the Cor. Sec. Telephone and city directories should be searched for the name, and in passing through towns where one or more Hartwells dwell, take a little time to interview the culprit,--don't simply send in the name, and expect the Cor. Sec. to do ALL the work. Besides, interviews are much more effective than correspondence. And be sure to get all the data,--all dates of birth, death and marriages, names of husbands and wives, names of parents and grandparents, with dates. It is important that the Genealogy be as complete as possible, not only that whole families be not omitted, but that records already sent in be made and kept up to date. A card at any time to the Cor. Sec. will do the trick. We MUST get this material together if the book is to be ready for publication in two or three years.

As for financing the book, there were no very practical suggestions. A "drive" for more contributing members was suggested. It is a good suggestion for individual membership campaigns, but if we should double or triple our contributing membership, our receipts would not be more than \$600 a year. It is impossible to estimate the cost of the book at this time. There will probably be two volumes bound together to save binding costs. The cost of the volume will probably be between \$10 and \$20. The cost of printing 150 copies will probably be between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Even at the smaller figure, the charge for the book would have to be more than \$30, and, as that is more than most people would pay, some way must be found to raise a minimum of \$2000 or \$2500, so that the book may be sold for \$20 or less. Since the meeting, the suggestion has been received that our Association be incorporated, and that we then employ a professional "fund raiser" to help us over the difficulty. (We might appeal to the Government; every one else does!) Personally, this doesn't appeal to me. I feel that there are enough Hartwells in the world with sufficient pride and interest to come across with pledges of from \$25 to \$500 each, and put the thing over without calling on outside help. Bequests have been suggested. Inasmuch as the money will be required within a very few years, and I want all of you to live to be a hundred, bequests might not be of much value. However, if any of you wish to accomodate in this way, I am sure the Association would express proper regrets, and say a fervent "thank you". My bequest has been made. If the book isn't published while I am alive, all the material will go to the N. E. Hist. Genea. Society, there to slumber peacefully until some Hartwell wakes up and takes steps to complete the thing and have it published. This same Society will also act as trustee of our funds.

The time has come for you,--deeply interested, mildly interested, dutifully interested members,--to send in suggestions and expressions of opinion that may help to get the book in print. Two or three hundred copies of this letter will be sent out. May I hear from half of you?

One more word. The meeting broke up at about five o'clock. The place of the next meeting was not decided upon, but will be announced in the annual letter next year. I think it was agreed that something must be done to attract members to these meetings, and renew interest in the Association and its aims. You who have not attended meetings for some time are cordially invited to do so next June. You whose contributions in dues lapsed are earnestly invited to get in touch with our treasurer again, and many of you can do, what some have done, and include a few dollars for the publishing fund with your dues. The attendance was encouraging this year, and members were present from Wisconsin, Ohio, Arkansas, Maryland, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. I hope more states may be represented next year with large delegations from each state.

Cordially yours,

John F. Hartwell, Cor. Sec.

P. S. I nearly forgot one other subject under discussion at the meeting. Scattered around among Hartwells all over the country there must be a great many OLD things,--letters, papers, photos, deeds, commissions, larger articles of all descriptions. It would be a fine thing if all such heirlooms, instead of falling into the hands of strangers, could be collected and loaned to some museum, or Historical Society, where they could be on exhibition and preserved. Museums are pretty well crowded, and the idea may not be practicable, but our second vice-president, Alfred H. Webber, was asked to look into the matter and report at the next meeting.