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The 17th annual reunion of the Hartwells of America was held June 26, 1954 at the Homestead Inn in North Hampton, N.H. with William Hartwell, North Anson, Maine President presiding. Fifty-four cousins were present including 8 children. Honors for oldest present went to Allen Hartwell, Durham, N.H. and for youngest to the twins Fawn & Dawn Davis of Stetson, Maine.

Minutes of the June 27, 1953 meeting, held in Albany, N.Y. were read by Beryl Hartwell and approved. Beryl then read the treasurer's report which was also approved. It showed a balance on hand in the general account of \$524.56 and in the publishing fund of \$3,018.17 - - making a total of \$3,542.73.

In the absence of Malcolm Hartwell of Saginaw, Mich. who has undertaken the printing of the genealogy, John Hartwell gave a progress report on the work. The group gave Malcolm a rising vote of thanks for all he has done.

There followed a discussion on how to raise the rest of the funds - some \$2,000. more - necessary to publish the genealogy. Allen Hartwell suggested sending a "rosy report" of this meeting to all the missing cousins. Frank E. Hartwell offered to print such a letter free of charge. Mrs. H. P. Sturdy offered to give postage money. John W. Hartwell suggested that we add to the report letter the thought that if every one receiving it would send \$2.00 to the publishing fund, we could put the project over. These suggestions and generous offers were all accepted and the President appointed a committee composed of Allen, John & Alice to compose the letter.

A motion was made by John W. Hartwell that at future meetings all children under 12 would be charged half price for their dinner, the difference to be made up by the association treasury. The motion was seconded and carried.

John W. Hartwell moved and Mrs. Steady seconded the motion that the present officers continue for 1954-55. The motion carried.

Allen Hartwell moved that the Pres select a nominating committee to choose officers for next year. The motion was seconded & carried. The Pres. then appointed Frank, Allen, & John F. Hartwell to serve on this committee.

After some discussion it was decided that next year's meeting would be held on the

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4th Sat of June, as usual, and would again be held at the Homestead Inn, North Hampton, N.H.

The President appointed a committee composed of Mrs. Warren Teague, Mrs. Rickenback and himself to look after the arrangements of the 1955 meeting.

The group expressed thanks to the following people:

Mrs. William B. Peck, Mrs. H. P. Steady, and George C. Hartwell for generous "on the spot" contributions to the publishing fund.

Mrs. Warren Teague and Mrs. Rickenback for the splendid arrangements for this years meeting.

The Marshalls of the Homestead Inn for the fine accommodations & delicious meal.

Before and after the meeting interesting color slides were shown by Mr. Teague and Frank E. Hartwell.

Respectfully submitted

Alice B. Hartwell

Alice Hartwell, Secy Pro Tem

Income (monthly)		Occupation: retired
Salary (wife's)	\$277.00	Little Rock Public Schools
Pension	100.00	Perkins Institution, Watertown, Mass.
Interest	6.00	Savings account & bond.
Total	\$383.00	

Real Estate Yes
 Location: Little Rock, Ark.
 Assessed valuation: \$950.00
 Amount of Mortgage 1539.00 Pulaski Federal Savings & Loan Assn.

Personal Property
 Savings: \$ 847.57
 Bond: 1000.00

Expenses (monthly basis)	
Household, etc.	\$100.00
Personal, etc.	57.50
General expenses: Taxes	\$4.00 4.00
Mortgage	42.00
Miscellaneous expenses:	
Car: operation, taxes, insurance, depreciation	56.75
Medical	40.00
Contributions, gifts, dues, etc.	12.00
House repairs, improvements, furnishings	20.00
	<u>332.25</u>

This leaves an apparent balance of about \$50.00 a month, which would be whittled down considerably if some special, non-recurring expenses were included, like, during the past year, \$112 for X-rays; \$120 for dentist work; \$70 for oculist and optician; \$130 for rebuilding the old garage, (this we are taking out of savings); \$100 for Venetian blinds.

Alice has personal obligations amounting to several hundred dollars, not included above. This takes us to about bed rock. I pick up 10 or 15 dollars occasionally which are also not included. BUT we haven't a penny of debt. The loss of my church job at \$125 a month was quite a blow, but I think we may survive

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NEWS LETTER

Dear Cousins:

Well, the news letter is being sent out a month or two earlier than usual this year, and it will open with a subject in which all of you are, or should be, much concerned--the new Genealogy. I am happy to report that the book is actually being printed. We hope to have it ready for the meeting in June, but that will depend largely on my ability to do the index by that time. There will be 20,000 or more names to arrange alphabetically, and I figure it will require not less than 400 hours of work to do that job.

As we have mentioned before in previous letters we are only printing the number of books for which we have orders. Is your order in? If not! Why not! Use the order blank enclosed with this letter. Fill it out, mail it in, and a book will be reserved for you. We do not want to leave any Hartwell family out. This is our last request that you reserve your copy now.

The members of the Association who are working on the Genealogy have given many years of their time in research of records to bring this book to print. It is 65 years since the last Genealogy was printed and no doubt it will be another 65 years before another one will be.

The eighteenth annual meeting, held last year, was a great success, and we are to meet in the same place this year. The last Saturday in June is our regular get-together date, and the place is The Homesteader on U. S. Route 1, in North Hampton, New Hampshire. The Homesteader is about seven miles south of Portsmouth, N. Y., and about thirteen miles north of Newsburyport, Mass. You will receive a reminder card in May with fuller details. Do plan to be there and help to make it the best and largest meeting ever. It is within easy reach of all New England, a nice day's drive from New York and Pennsylvania, and a fine little trip from any place east of the Mississippi. #

The customary pink slip is enclosed. Don't neglect your annual dues. Correspondence is still going on and material is being collected that should have been received in time for the new book, but which will be held for possible supplement or revision. And a new Directory is among the possibilities.

So, I'll be seeing you at North Hampton!

Cordially yours,

Corresponding Secretary

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(An Association)



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July 19, 1954

Dear Cousin:

We missed you in North Hampton, N. H. on June 26th. Remember? That was the date of the annual Hartwell reunion. And a fine time we had, too. Clansmen and their families from age 9 months to 83 years gathered from seven states. In all, 54 came to enjoy good fellowship and an excellent turkey dinner at the Homesteader Inn. Now, don't you wish you had been there? Better start planning *now* to meet your cousins next year on the last Saturday of June -- same place.

Aside from the social angle, the meeting was a big success in another respect: We have now gone about 7-10 of the way in our effort to raise funds to print *The Hartwell Genealogy*. To be exact, the treasurer reported \$3,018.17 in the publishing fund, in addition to the general expense fund, which shows a balance of \$521.56. And, before the meeting was over, enthusiasm ran so high that Miss Beryl received some \$500 more in contributions and dues, boosting the publishing fund to about \$3,500. The only fly in the ointment is that too few people have had a share in this undertaking.

The manuscript is ready, the index is being prepared, and the publisher is eager to get started. All we need is to have the full estimated cost of publication on hand: \$5,000.00. Do you know of a Hartwell "angel" from whom we might beg or borrow the balance needed? We don't! However, it did seem to those assembled that concerted individual effort could put the project across and so they voted to send you this report and this appeal. (The cost of doing this was generously donated by several members present.) *If each one of you receiving this would slip \$2* (or more!) into the envelope inclosed for your convenience, and mail it *at once*, our goal would be attained, and the two dollars (or more) credited on your copy of the book. **Won't you please join hands with us and assure the publication of our family history? COME ON, ALL OF YOU! LET'S PUSH THIS THING OVER THE TOP!!**

Cordially yours,

JOHN F. HARTWELL.



IMPORTANT P. S.: Here's an extra order blank in case you mislaid the one sent you in May. If you have already ordered for yourself, how about ordering one or more *now* for a relative or for your public or state library?