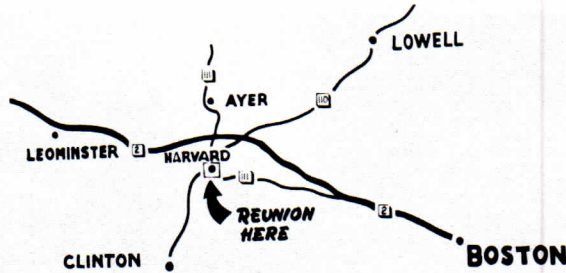




THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(An Association)



NEWS LETTER
May, 1959

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Dear Cousins:

This is the 22nd annual news letter and is being sent out to several hundred Hartwells or Hartwell descendants in hope that it may stimulate interest in our organization and perhaps, induce some members who have never attended one of these annual reunions to try one at least once.

The annual reunion will be held for the third time, at Harvard, Mass., with our cousins, the Sturdys', as hosts, which will guarantee a good time and excellent arrangements.

THE DATE IS SATURDAY, JUNE 27th; THE HOUR 10:30; AND THE PLACE, THE HARVARD, MASS. TOWN HALL. SEND YOUR RESERVATIONS TO MRS. H. P. STURDY AT HARVARD, MASS., AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING. AND....KEEP THIS PARAGRAPH. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICE.

You will meet at these annual reunions, many interesting people from various Hartwell families and descendants; they are all interested in the various undertakings of the organization, the Hartwells of America.

The organization completed the genealogy which has now gone through it's second printing and is available to all those who wish a copy. New material for the supplement, as well as up-to-date records of births, deaths and marriages are constantly being mailed in to our secretary — this is all being kept to be recorded in a supplement printing.

Another project that has been in thought is to publish a number of short biographical sketches of prominent Hartwells or members of unusual accomplishments. There will be ten or twelve of these sketches of between 500 and 1000 words each. The general plan is to have them printed for insertion in the genealogy. I would appreciate hearing from anyone interested in this matter.

On the back of this news letter, you will see a reproduction of a photograph of the original Hartwell Homestead. This Hartwell Homestead is located at Lincoln, Mass. — only a few miles from Harvard, where the reunion is being held. You might find it very interesting to visit the old Homestead. This Homestead is well over 300 years old; it is now known as the "Hartwell Farms", a very famous dining place in that local.

At the meeting last June it was suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the question of acquiring the Hartwell Homestead as a family museum. The committee has been working on the project, but I have no report from them at this writing; it no doubt will be discussed at the annual reunion meeting.

One of our more recent and most enthusiastic members has had copies made of our Coat of Arms for use as book plates. These copies are 3-1/2" x 4" in size, full color, with gummed back, and are very attractive. Orders may be sent to Rodney E. Hartwell, 18002 Faysmith Avenue, Torrance, California. The cost is 15 cents a copy, or \$1.50 a dozen.

We send out these news letters twice a year to inform you on what the organization is doing towards keeping the Hartwell Family History up-to-date and to further it's work into years to come. Thank you for your support in the past and hope you will be with us in the future.

Cordially yours,
John F. Hartwell

John F. Hartwell
Corresponding Secretary



THE HARTWELL FARM HOUSE IN LINCOLN, MASS. - 1955

June 27, 1959

The 22nd annual reunion of the Hartwells of America was held Saturday, June 27, 1959, in the Town Hall, Harvard, Massachusetts. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sturdy were in charge of arrangements.

The cousins started assembling at 10 A.M. and enjoyed visiting with each other until time for a delicious dinner which was served by the Alliance of the Unitarian Church.

After dinner the business meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Beryl Hartwell. A total of 68 persons were present. Those attending for the first time were introduced. The following were recognized with small gifts:

Oldest male Hartwell - Frank E. Hartwell (86)
Oldest female " Annie Hartwell (83)
Youngest Hartwell - David Hartwell Duncan (2½)
Coming Longest Distance - Geraldine A. Hartwell, Hastings, Neb.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand, as of June 27, 1959, of \$357.07, on deposit in the Suffolk-Franklin Savings Bank, Boston.

Roger Hartwell, librarian, asked for material for the family scrapbook. He also read a letter from Harriet Rogers, historian of the town of Lincoln, Mass., offering the use of a locked, fireproof filing cabinet for storage of Hartwell records and documents. Frank E. Hartwell made the motion and Mrs. Harry Sturdy seconded it, that we accept this offer with thanks.

Jefferson Warren reported on the work done by the committee appointed last year to investigate the possibilities of acquiring Hartwell Farm and operating it as a family museum. The original members of the committee, in addition to Mr. Warren, were Alden Webber, Harry Sturdy and Mrs. Stuart Kneen. Mrs. Margaret Parfit and Alfred Webber were added later.

The committee approached the owners, the Misses Fitch and Poore, who seemed interested and indicated that they had no intention of selling the place as a restaurant, but intended to continue living there after they retired. Verbally, they assured Mrs. Parfit and Mrs. Kneen that they would give the Hartwell Association first option.

Mr. Warren explained S.1460 now being considered in Congress. This bill, introduced by Senators Saltonstall and Kennedy, would provide for the establishment of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Lexington, Concord, and Lincoln area. Hartwell Farm would be included. Letters indicating the interest of the Hartwell family in this project, offering assistance and asking to be kept informed were sent to the Commissioner of Historical Sites, Congressman Thomas P. O'Neal and Senator Leverett Saltonstall. All of the replies, which were read, were favorable but indicated that matters are progressing slowly.

Malcolm Hartwell suggested that the committee continue to operate during the coming year and that a resume of its finding be included in the report letter to be sent out by John F. Hartwell.

John F. Hartwell reported that he was still gathering data on the family. He wondered if a booklet on prominent Hartwells would be welcome. There has been quite a demand for Mrs. Webster's booklet on the Hartwell Coat of Arms. Would it be possible to have it reprinted?

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John F. also suggested that the time had come for him to have an understudy - someone who could continue the genealogical work.

A motion was made by W. Frederic Hartwell and seconded by Malcolm Hartwell that the material on prominent Hartwells continue to be collected, be stored with family records and be included in a future revision of the genealogy.

Frank E. Hartwell said he still had the cuts for Mrs. Webster's booklet and offered to reprint 100 copies at his leisure. W. Frederic Hartwell made the motion that this offer be accepted, the costs to be paid by the Association and the sale price of the booklet to be then determined. William G. Hartwell seconded the motion. A paper was circulated for the names of those who wanted copies.

Malcolm Hartwell reported that he still has 215 genealogies on hand. Orders continue to come in slowly.

Coats of Arms are still available from John F. Hartwell at \$2.00 each. Tiles with the Coat of Arms may be had from Mamie Millwee, Fort Cobb, Okla. at \$2.50 each.

W. Frederic Hartwell expressed appreciation of John F's work over the years as corresponding secretary, and asked for suggestions for an understudy. Harriet and David Rogers of Lincoln, Mass. were mentioned and John F. agreed to get in touch with them to find out if they were interested.

W. Frederic Hartwell read a humorous poem entitled "My Get Up and Go Has Got Up and Went" written by Ann Pratt, a 92 year old "youngster."

Greetings were read from Mr. & Mrs. Orson Eager, Phoenix, Ariz., John W. Hartwell and Beatrice Hartwell Goodnow. Note was made of the passing of Mr. William B. Peck last October. Mr. & Mrs. Peck were loyal members of the Association. William G. Hartwell made the motion that a note of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Peck in the name of the Association. The motion was seconded and passed.

Frank E. Hartwell made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Harry Sturdy, that the present officers continue for the coming year. The motion passed.

There was some discussion concerning a meeting place for next year. Most members felt that it should be in the Boston area but should not be held in the same town too many years in a row. Mrs. Duncan suggested Bedford, Mass. Mrs. Charles Pethybridge invited the association to come to Topsfield, Mass., and this invitation was accepted. Mr. & Mrs. Pethybridge will act as co-chairmen. W. Frederic Hartwell suggested that should it be necessary to rent a meeting place, the Association might absorb that cost.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sturdy and the Unitarian Alliance for the fine entertainment provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cor. Sec. report, June 27, 1959

There isn't much to report this year as things have been very quiet on the genealogical front. Some letters, other than the news letters have been sent out; a few, perhaps a dozen or fifteen new names have been received; some deaths have had to be recorded also some births and marriages; a steady trickle of orders for the genealogy and the Coat of Arms have come in, and that's about all.

Material for the proposed supplement is steadily accumulating, and it might be well for Miss President to ask for opinions on issuing a supplement now, or to wait until the genealogy has been in print for five years--that is two years longer, or not at all. Also there might be some kind of a discussion of a proposed "prominent Hartwell" booklet. Is it worth while? Would there be any demand for it? If issued should it be printed or mimeographed; in booklet form or to be added to the genealogy; free or subject to a nominal charge? The material on hand now consists of about 8500 words. There should be more "prominent Hartwells", but it is difficult to ferret them out and get some qualified relative or other person to write them up.

There has been some demand for Mrs. Webster's little booklet "The Hartwell Arms" which was printed by Frank E. ten or more years ago. It is a rather interesting explanation of the Coat of Arms, and a sketch of the Hartwell house in England. The small original edition is nearly exhausted. Would you authorize another, or shall it be forgotten?

This about ends the report. It remains to be said that my term of office should expire very soon. It is becoming quite a task, especially getting out the newsletters, and if our organization is to continue, some one must be found to take over the major part of the work such as keeping records and addresses up to date, attending to a considerable correspondence, and being responsible for the news letters. For ten years I did this work in addition to a heavy work schedule in school. After wards I had more time to devote to it so the publication of the book was made possible ten years later. Now the work is easier, but the doing of it is harder and becoming increasingly difficult. Time for an "understudy"!

I am grateful for the backing and help that has been offered and given, and hope some way may be found to keep our Association together for many more years.

John F. Hartwell

John A. Hartwell

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA
TREASURER'S REPORT

June 22, 1958 to June 27, 1959

Balance on hand June 22, 1958 \$ 439.21

Receipts:

Dues and contributions	198.00	
Bank Interest, Savings	14.32	
Coats of Arms	33.15	
36 Genealogy Orders	<u>456.00</u>	

701.47

Total 1140.68

Expenditures:

To Treas for postage	4.64
500 dues cards	2.50
"Hello" tags	1.20
J.F.H Fall letter & postage 10/30	25.60
J.F.H. Springs letter & postage 5/14	49.67

2nd payment on 2nd printing 10/20	400.00
final payment 2nd printing 4/10	<u>300.00</u>

Total expenditures 783.61

Balance on hand and on deposit in the
Suffolk-Franklin Savings Bank, Boston 357.07

Respectfully submitted,

W Frederic Hartwell

W. Frederic Hartwell, Treasurer

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September, 1959

Dear Cousins:

Sixty-eight clansmen, women and children braved the threatening weather on June 27th and journeyed to Harvard, Mass. for the 22d annual meeting of The Hartwells of America. Many "old" faces were missing, but on the whole, the good fellowship and enthusiasm in evidence made it one of the best meetings ever. Several "new" members were most welcome, and two new localities were represented--Nebraska and Canada. Prizes were awarded as follows: To the oldest man, Frank E. Hartwell, 86; to the oldest woman, Annie Hartwell, 83; to the youngest, David Hartwell Duncan, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; and to the one who came the longest distance, Geraldine A. Hartwell from Nebraska.

After the usual "visiting" period from 1 to 12:30, a delicious lunch was served by the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian Church, and this was followed by the business meeting. The usual reports were read and approved, and then special reports were in order. Our treasurer announced that the second printing of the genealogy was entirely paid for and there was a substantial balance on hand. Incidentally, orders for this book are coming in rather slowly and should be speeded up a little, as this edition is strictly limited and there will not be another. The Corresponding Secretary reported that material for the proposed supplement is accumulating satisfactorily, but, by vote of the meeting, it will not be published until 1961-five years after the issuance of the first edition. And here it may be noted that the second printing differs but slightly from the first edition. But the supplement will contain many corrections as well as much new material, so watch out for the publication date and get your order in early.

Other business. Our Librarian, Roger Hartwell, asked for materials for the scrap book, and read a letter from the Lincoln Library offering the use of a locked, fire proof filing cabinet for storage of Hartwell records. It was moved and seconded that we accept this offer, with thanks. A proposal by the Cor. Sec. that a booklet on prominent Hartwells be published, was disposed of by a motion that such material be stored with family records and kept for a genealogy revision. A motion to reprint Mrs. Webster's "The Hartwell Arms" was passed, and the original publisher, Frank E. Hartwell, offered to do the work at his leisure, the price of the reprint to be determined later. W. Frederic Hartwell read a humorous poem entitled "My Get Up and Go Has Got Up and Went" written by Ann Scott, a 92 year old "youngster".

And now for the "big" news. Cousin Jefferson Warren, chairman of the Committee appointed last year to look into the possibility of acquiring the Hartwell Farm in Lincoln to be used eventually as a repository of Hartwell memorabilia, reported that they have been active and have some good news. The owners of Hartwell Farm were interviewed and assured the committee that our Association would be given the first opportunity to purchase the property in the event of a future sale. Later it was announced in the newspapers that there was a good possibility of making the Battle Road a National Park to be known as the Minute Men National Historic Park. Legislation to this effect would assure the preservation of all the historic houses and other historical features within the district comprising parts of Lincoln, Lexington and Concord. Letters sent by the committee to the Commissioner of National Historic Sites, to Congressman Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr. and to Senator Leverett Saltonstall received favorable replies, and we were advised that we will be notified when the bill is scheduled for hearings in the Senate. I am sure you will all be interested in this rather lengthy report and will appreciate the efforts of the Committee. Perhaps it is not too early for all of us to look around for suitable articles, such as books, papers, pictures, furniture, etc., that we might be willing to contribute or loan towards this worthy project.

It was announced that copies of the genealogy are still available; that "Coats of Arms" are still for sale at \$2.00 (Free to purchasers of the genealogy); and that tile with "Coats of Arms" by Mamie Millwee, Ft. Cobb., Okla., is available for \$2.50.

By this time, our thoughts turned homeward. Votes of thanks were given to our most gracious hosts, Harry and Winnifred Sturdy, and to the Alliance for the fine dinner. Upon invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Pethybridge of Topsfield, Mass., it was voted to hold the next meeting in their town. As the attendance this year, probably because of the weather, was below what was expected, we hope that all who attended, plus many other "old" and "new" ones, may be present next June in Topsfield. Perhaps the name of the town is prophetic; Let's make the attendance TOPS next time.

Cordially yours,

John F. Hartwell, Cor. Sec.