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Dear Cousins:

On June 25th of this year the 23rd annual meeting of the Hartwells of America will be held in the Parish House of the Topsfield, Mass. Congregational Church. Members will arrive at about 10 o'clock for the usual "visiting" period; lunch will be served at 12:30, followed by the business meeting at which items of special interest will be discussed, then, after photos of the group have been made, the meeting will adjourn for another twelve months. Many firm friendships have resulted from these meetings, and they should be continued for many more years, but, bring the children so that they may get the "habit" and carry on when most of the older ones among us are no longer able to do so.

Topsfield is very much on the map. To reach the town from the north take either route 1 or 95, and in either case turn off at the intersection of route 97 and travel about one mile to the Topsfield Common on which the Parish House is located. The distance from Portsmouth on route 95 is about 20 miles, and from Newburyport on route 1 about 13 miles. From the west and south take route 128 and turn off at the intersection of route 1 at South Lynnfield, then travel north to route 97. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT RESERVATIONS BE SENT IN NOT LATER THAN JUNE 21 TO MR. CHARLES E. PETHYBRIDGE, TOPSFIELD, MASS.

As many of you know, the U. S. Government is to establish the Minute Men National Historical Park in parts of Concord, Lincoln and Lexington, and the old Hartwell Farm House will be included in this area. There has been a great deal of interest in this project on the part of our Association because it is hoped that a Hartwell Museum may be established in the farm house. It is expected that Mr. Edwin W. Small, of the Boston National Historic Sites Commission will attend the meeting and discuss the entire project. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD CONCERN EVERY HARTWELL, AND EVERYONE SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE PRESENT.

Another project that has occupied the attention of your Corresponding Secretary for some time is the proposed supplement to the Genealogy, authorized at the last meeting, and to be published in 1961, if possible. The material has been assembled and consists of 50 or more typed pages. This supplement will be most useful, especially in connection with the Genealogy, as, in addition to records of three "new" family groups, it will consist of vital statistics since 1956, and considerable matter that was received too late for the Genealogy. It will be made on the same size sheets as the Genealogy, printed on both sides, same style, two columns, two indexes, and made to be inserted into the present Genealogy. The estimated cost will be \$1.00 a copy. I may point out here that copies of the Genealogy are still available, and I am sure that Malcolm will be glad to dispose of as many as possible.

At the meeting last June, requests were made for copies of the little booklet by Mrs. Webster, called "The Hartwell Arms, etc.". It was out of print, but our good cousin, Frank E. Hartwell, made a reprint during the past few months, and copies are now on sale at 50 cents each. There is an explanation of the Coat of Arms and a description of the Hartwell House with a sketch of the building which is situated about 40 miles from London, England.

With the publication of the Genealogy (and the supplement), the chief objective of our Association has been accomplished. But material will continue to be assembled for some future historian, and meetings will continue to be held, so keep the dollars rolling in for the treasurer. Putting out this letter costs ~~not~~ less than \$60.00, and it has become customary to issue a "report" letter in the Fall at about the same cost, for the benefit of the many good members who could not attend the meeting, but who want to know what is going on. So, I hope to see at least 100 of you at the meeting on the 25th of June, and

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR RESERVATIONS TO CHARLES E. PETHYBRIDGE, TOPSFIELD, MASS. AND, keep well.

Cordially yours,

John F. Hartwell

*Reservations 6/12/60
letter sent*

MINUTES OF THE 23RD ANNUAL MEETING - 1960

The 23rd annual meeting of The Hartwells of America was held on June 25, 1960 at the Congregational Church Parish House in Topsfield, Mass. with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pethybridge as hosts. Following a very pleasant social period, luncheon was served by Wheeler's Restaurant, caterers.

After lunch, the usual business meeting was held, with Beryl Hartwell, president, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. New members were welcomed. There were 90 members present. The two oldest were Mrs. Walter Flint, 92, and Frank E. Hartwell, 87. The youngest was Joy Hammond, 3. Clark Hartwell of Los Angeles, California, came the longest distance. Members were present from all the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Michigan, California, and Canada.

Mr. Warren introduced Mr. Edwin Small, Boston, of the National Historic Sites Commission who explained the work of his agency in connection with the Minute Man Historical National Park. This was set up by Act of Congress, signed by the President, September 21, 1959. It is planned to have the park completed by April, 1975, the 200th anniversary of the revolution. An initial appropriation of one-half million dollars has been made to acquire property. It is to extend from Route 128 to Merrim's Corner, Concord, but since at this late date it is impossible to establish a continuing area all the way to Concord Bridge, two historic districts have been set up. The towns are cooperating in this. The first will consist of 625 acres containing two Hartwell houses and 6 others still standing since 1775. No early action is anticipated in acquiring the Hartwell houses, as both are in use and are well maintained, stable properties. The most critical problems are in the Lexington area, near Route 128, where industrial development threatens.

Reports. The Treasurer reported Cash on Hand, June 24, 1960, \$603.67. The Librarian (absent) reported no satisfactory arrangements have been made yet with the Lincoln Library for storing Hartwell records and he requests materials for the scrap-book. The Committee on the Hartwell Farm (Jefferson Warren) had nothing ^{to} report. The Corresponding Secretary (John Hartwell) called attention to the fact that coats-of-arms and Mrs. Webster's booklet were on sale here; and that tiles and plates with coats-of-arms were available from Mrs. Mamie Millwee, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma.

Election of Officers. A motion by Frank E. Hartwell, seconded by Mrs. Harry Sturdy, to re-elect the present officers, failed. The following officers were elected:

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| Jefferson T. Warren | President |
| Malcolm G. Hartwell | Vice President |
| Alice B. Hartwell | Recording Secretary |
| W. F. Hartwell | Treasurer |
| Roger Hartwell | Librarian |

The resignation of John F. Hartwell as Corresponding Secretary was regretfully accepted. Frank E. Hartwell moved that a committee be appointed to act with John F. Hartwell to pick a successor, this committee to include W. F. Hartwell, Roger Hartwell and John F. Hartwell. It was felt that this office was too important to fill in an off-hand way.

Minutes of the 23rd Annual Meeting (continued)

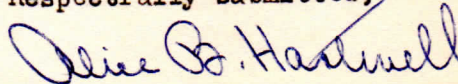
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Jefferson Warren assumed the presidential chair. Mr. Pethybridge invited the group back next year. Beryl Hartwell, retiring president, expressed the thanks of the group for the very satisfactory arrangements provided by Mr. and Mrs. Pethybridge.

Project: To look ahead to the time when we can operate Hartwell Farm as a family museum and to appeal for family possessions which might be donated for such a purpose.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice B. Hartwell (Mrs. John F.)

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TREASURER'S REPORT

June 27, 1959 to June 24, 1960

Balance on hand June 27, 1959 \$ 357.07

Receipts:

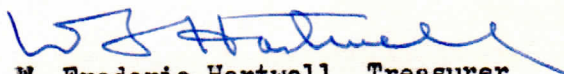
Dues, Coats of Arms, Hartwell Arms Book, Genealogy Supplement	\$ 288.40	
Bank Interest	13.12	
7 Genealogy Orders	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Receipts	401.52	758.59

Expenditures:

Fall Letter & Postage	57.24	
Hartwell Arms Book	25.00	
Spring Letter & Postage	67.92	
Treasurer for Postage	<u>4.76</u>	
Total Expenditures	154.92	

Balance on hand and on deposit in the
Suffolk-Franklin Savings Bank, Boston 603.67

Respectfully submitted,


W. Frederic Hartwell, Treasurer

June 25, 1960

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COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING HARTWELL FARM

At the annual meeting of the Hartwells of America, held in 1958, it was suggested that the acquisition of Hartwell Farm in Lincoln, Massachusetts would be a worthy undertaking for the Association.

A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of purchasing Hartwell Farm and establishing it as a permanent historic monument to the Battle Road and as a repository of Hartwell memorabilia.

Committee members Bernice Kneen and Margaret Parfitt were requested to meet with Marion Fitch and Jane Poor who own the Farm and operate it as a restaurant. The owners were interested in our project. They declared that they had no intention of selling the Farm as a restaurant, having had many offers to do so. They will continue to live at the Farm which has been their home for many years. They verbally assured the committee that ^{The} Hartwells of America would be given the first opportunity to purchase the property in the event of a future sale.

Before the meeting with the owners of Hartwell Farm it was announced in the newspapers that there was a good possibility of making the Battle road area a National Park to be known as the Minute Man National Historic Park. Such legislation would assure the preservation of all historic houses and other historical features within the district as outlined in the "Interim Report of the Boston National Historic Sites Commission Pertaining to the Lexington - Concord Battle Road", 86th Congress, 1st Session, House Document No. 57.

The committee drafted a letter supporting the proposed park

program and offering its assistance. The letter was sent by President Beryl Hartwell to Mr. Mark Bortman, Chairman Boston National Historic Sites Commission, Congressman Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr., and Senator Leverett Saltonstall. Favorable replys were received stating that we will be advised when the bill is scheduled for hearings in the Senate. We have also been informed that our letter has been forwarded to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for inclusion in their records pertaining to the Park and will also be made available to the National Park Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Jefferson T. Warren, Chairman.



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Not much to report this time, as most of what might have been reported was in the news letters of last month. The usual batches of semi-annual news letters have been sent out, and in addition several dozen letters asking for genealogical information have been mailed. There has been some interesting correspondence with members of a large group of Canadian families, most of whom have been most co-operative. These families, right on our doorstep, have only recently been discovered, and their origin is unknown at present, but may be a lost part of the Concord group.

Work has progressed on the supplement. It will not be finished until near time for publication, but there are nearly 800 names recorded already, and there will be more. The publication of this supplement will be delayed unless the volume of orders is increased. The price of \$1.00 is based on the assumption that several hundred copies will be sold. It should be understood that another supplement is most unlikely, at least for many years, and this one contains all the available information--births, deaths, marriages, new material--up to the time of publication. It would be a great help if each of you would order a copy and try to induce relatives to do the same. Requests for copies of the Genealogy continue to be received, and a surprising number of members send for Mrs. Webster's little booklet on The Hartwell Arms. Brother Frank hasn't offered to make a fourth printing, but that may not be necessary.

I think this ends my report, my 23d and last. I wonder how many who attended the first meeting in 1936 are present to-day? If there are any here, will you please stand? And I hope many of you will be on hand for the meeting 24 years from now.

Respectfully submitted

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THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

FALL, 1960

June the 25th was a delightful day in Topsfield, Mass., and 100 more or less members of the Hartwell clan enjoyed the meeting there for the 23rd annual reunion of the family. Our cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pethybridge were the gracious hosts.

After a bountiful and savory luncheon served in the Congregational Church Parish House, President Beryl J. Hartwell opened the meeting. Reports were requested, read and approved. Treasurer Fred Hartwell reported a balance of \$603.67

All members of this association are probably aware that since the publication of the family genealogy the special interest of the members has been the future of the venerable Hartwell Farm House at Lincoln, Mass. This 17th century structure is now assured of preservation within the bounds of The Minute Man National Historic Park.

Mr. Edwin S. Small of the Boston National Historic Sites Commission very kindly came to the meeting and described plans for developing this newest National Park. The Battle Road linking Lexington, Lincoln and Concord will comprise one part of the park, while the area around North Bridge in Concord will become another unit. Historic property within the park will be restored as it was on the eventful night of the 19th of April 1775. Land acquisition began in July, but the park will necessarily be years in completion.

The establishment of a family museum would be a worthy project for our association. The preservation and exhibit of historical Hartwell items would certainly interest all members. A museum might be established in connection with Hartwell Farm, but there are other possibilities. Write us your opinions, and let us know if you have items to contribute. A list of items and their whereabouts could be a start.

A family museum or any other undertaking will require funds. Vice President, Malcolm G. Hartwell suggests establishing a Hartwell Foundation to implement future projects of lasting value. This is an important idea for consideration at the next annual meeting.

With the greatest regret and a standing vote of thanks, the association accepted the resignation of John F. Hartwell, Corresponding Secretary. John will continue his invaluable work with family genealogy as he has done for the past 24 years. A committee is seeking his successor to the secretaryship.

Officers elected for the fiscal year are: Jefferson T. Warren, President; Malcolm G. Hartwell, Vice President; W. Frederick Hartwell, Treasurer; Alice B. Hartwell, Recording Secretary; John F. Hartwell, Genealogist; H. Roger Hartwell, Librarian. A nominating committee has been appointed.

Everyone enjoyed the reunion very much, and at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Pethybridge it was voted to hold the 1961 meeting in Topsfield again. Our meeting place is located just across the street from the historic old Parson Capen House which is open to visitors.

This year we were especially pleased to welcome: Mrs. Walter Flint, oldest member present (92); Mr. Frank E. Hartwell, next oldest (87); Joy Hammond, youngest (3); Mr. Clark Hartwell from farthest away (Los Angeles).

Remember that the Genealogy, colorful Coats of Arms and heraldic tiles and plates are for sale. Send in your order with your dues.

Remember your congenial cousins too, and put Topsfield on your itinerary next June.

Sincerely,

Jeff Warren

The British patrol passed the farmhouse of Sgt. Samuel Hartwell of the Lincoln Minute Men and was seen by Sukey, a slave girl, who was gathering chips in the dooryard for the next morning's fire. She thought the patrol was a funeral procession and reported it as such to Mary Hartwell. After riding a mile or two farther on the Concord Road, the patrol wheeled about and rode back toward Lexington. See

The old road bends again eastward beyond the woods at the Bloody Angle and on the north side, half a mile farther on, is faced by three old houses, only a few hundred feet apart, which were built long before the British marched by. The first or most westerly was a tavern kept by Ephraim Hartwell and also the home of Sgt. John Hartwell of the Lincoln Minute Men; the second, the Sergeant Samuel Hartwell House; and the third, the Captain William Smith House. The last two have already been mentioned in this narrative.

Sergeant Samuel Hartwell House remains today. See

Many folks bearing the HARTWELL name and their descendants are unaware that an organization exists known as THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA (An Association).

The written purposes of THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA are to "hold meetings and preserve records, memorials, histories and genealogies..." but it is hoped that our activities will result in new handclasps and the formation of pleasant and lasting friendships among us. This fostering of a spirit of good fellowship transcends our written objectives.

"Our children will regard us as we do our ancestors, and we might best preserve the brief record for theirs."

"In 1887 a Handbook of Hartwell Genealogy was published by Mr. L. W. Densmore. Twenty-five years ago an active association called The Hartwells of America was launched and under its auspices, using the old Handbook as a basis, records of more than 20,000 Hartwells and their descendants have been accumulated. This Association has published the Hartwell Genealogy containing many illustrations, replicas of ancient wills and allotment deeds, a page of the immigrant William's account book, and the direct line of descent from Sir Simon Hartwell in 1066." This book contains over 800 pages of very interesting and historical reading--neatly finished in Buckram Cloth Binding -- INDEED -- a book that you, a Hartwell, will treasure for years to come.

The Association is now ready to publish a supplement to the Genealogy. This supplement will contain many new pages of historical data especially interesting articles regarding our ancestors relating to the part the various individuals served in Revolutionary days as minute men. Further this new supplement will contain many new families of Hartwells who were not known at the time the first genealogy was published. Since that time any amount of data regarding these new families has been received. Also we ask those who now have the genealogy to send in up-to-date material regarding their families so it can be included in the new supplement.

We are hoping this new supplement can be ready some time in June or July of next summer. The association would like to have your order reservation now, as only a limited number will be published. At the present time the price has been set at \$2.00. You will find enclosed a convenient order blank.

Captain Parker dismissed his men on Lexington Green with orders to respond again at the beating of the drum. Those who did not live near enough to go home repaired to the Buckman Tavern.

Eluding two of the British horsemen who pursued him as far as a swamp, Dr. Samuel Prescott came out of a thicket into a field behind the house of Sgt. Samuel Hartwell of the Lincoln Minute Men. He rode up to the back of the house and rapped loudly on the kitchen door, awakening all of the family and requesting that the news be speeded to Capt. William Smith of the Lincoln Minute Men, who lived a short distance back on the road to Lexington.

Sukey, the slave girl, in terror of the British, refused to leave the house, so Mary Hartwell, the sergeant's wife, placing her 5-month-old infant in Sukey's arms, rushed out the door and down the road in the darkness to Captain Smith's house. The latter mounted his horse and hastened to Lincoln Center, 2 miles to the south, where the two Lincoln companies eventually assembled and started off for Concord. They were the first companies to reach Concord from any of the neighboring towns.

(The Sergeant Samuel Hartwell House and the Captain William Smith House survive and should be permanently safeguarded within the proposed park. See appendix C.)

COPYING FROM THE SUPPLEMENT

The tramp of the Regulars drawing near was heard by Mary Hartwell, the young wife of Sgt. Samuel Hartwell, who had been awakened earlier and had run to Capt. William Smith of the Lincoln Minute Men with the news brought by Dr. Prescott. In the absence of her husband, who had ridden off to join his company in Lincoln, she had done the morning chores at the barn and was back in the house when she saw the bright red line of troops swinging up the road from the east. In later years, she used to repeat her impression of the dazzling spectacle somewhat as follows: "The army of the King marched up

THE NEW SUPPLEMENT IS FULL OF INTERESTING READING