

26th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA - JUNE 29, 1963

The 26th annual meeting of the Hartwells of America was held on Saturday, June 29, 1963 at Huiguinn Hall, St. Peters Episcopal Church, Beverly, Mass., with 65 cousins and friends present. Hostess for the event was Mrs. Lillian Brine. A delicious lunch was served at 12:30 P.M. by Luther Witham, caterer of Lynn, Mass. Table decorations again featured the "traditional" water lillies brought by Mr. & Mrs. Harry P. Sturdy from their home, Road Island, in Harvard, Mass. Beautiful centerpieces were donated by Barter Brothers, Florists, of Beverly. The Barters are grand nephews of Mrs. Lillian Brine. After the meeting a drawing was held for all these flowers.

After the lunch opening remarks were made by Frederick W. Hartwell, President, who, because of his hearing disability, then turned over the business part of the meeting to W. Frederic Hartwell.

New members and friends were introduced. Prizes, contributed by Mrs. Harry Sturdy, were distributed as follows:

Oldest gentleman present: Ernest Hartwell, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Oldest lady present: Mrs. Lillian Brine, Beverly, Mass.

Youngest present: Susan Morse, Brunswick, Maine

Coming the longest distance: Mr. & Mrs. H. Emerson Kokjer
Wahoo, Nebraska

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84
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The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report showing a balance on hand in the general fund of \$2, 202.88 and of \$226.83 in the permanent fund was read and placed on file. The printer's bill for the genealogy supplement is still outstanding.

Roger Hartwell, Librarian, reported that all materials in his keeping are in a safely deposit box. He asked that members continue sending him materials which should be preserved. John Hartwell, Genealogist, reported that he is still collecting and filing data and will welcome all new information.

After some discussion, Raymond K. Harris of Detroit, Michigan, was unanimously chosen President for the coming yera. Ernest Hartwell moved that the other officers continue in their positions for another year. The motion was seconded and carried. The choice of next year's meeting place was left to the officers.

Entertainment was provided by Johnny Sisson, who clowned, performed magic acts and produced his puppets. Each child in the audience was called to the stage to help with an act or trick. The program furnished amusement for all ages.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 3 P.M., but cousins lingered on, talking in small groups. "See you next year", was the usual parting remark.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice B. Hartwell

Alice B. Hartwell (Mrs. John F.)

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

Treasurer's Report

June 28, 1962 to June 28, 1963

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

\$ 1,555.20

Receipts:

Bank Interest	\$ 77.49	
34 Genealogies	482.00	
Dues	412.00	
Coats of Arms, Stationery		
Book Plates, etc	103.50	
45 Supplements	90.00	
1962 Dinner Receipts	104.00	
Donations	12.11	
	<u>1,281.10</u>	2,836.30

Expenses:

1962 Hall Charge (Beverly)	20.00
1962 Dinner	125.25
Stationery and supplies	73.14
Postage	120.46
Shipping Expense (Malcolm's material)	125.07
Transfer to Permanent Fund	100.00
Printing Newsletters	29.50
1963 Meeting Entertainment	40.00
	<u>633.42</u>

Balance

2,202.88

On Deposit, Suffolk-Franklin Savings
Petty Cash, On Hand

\$ 2,187.08
15.80
2,202.88

PERMANENT FUND

New Account Opened July 10, 1962

\$ 100.00

Contributions
Interest

122.50
4.33

Balance on hand and on deposit
Suffolk-Franklin Savings Bank
Special Account (two signatures)

226.83

Respectfully submitted,

W. Frederic Hartwell

W. Frederic Hartwell, Treasurer

June 29, 1963

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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 26TH ANNUAL REUNION

to be held at Huiginn Hall (St. Peter's Episcopal Church)
corner of Hale & Ocean Streets, Beverly, Mass.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1963 - 10:30 A.M.

Lunch will be served to those making PAID IN ADVANCE reservations with
H. Roger Hartwell - 36 Richfield Street, North Quincy, Massachusetts, on or be-
fore Wednesday, June 26, 1963.

	Price each person
Fruit Cocktail	
Chicken a la king on patty shell	
Peas Mashed Potatoes	Children 12 years and under \$1.25
Ice Cream	
Coffee - Tea - Milk	All Others \$2.00

12:30 P.M.	Lunch	Promptly
1:30 P.M.	Business Meeting	

Annual Reports - Election of Officers - 1964 Reunion Plans

2:00 P.M. Entertainment

We have invited "Mr. Bob" and his Fun Show who guarantees to
entertain all between the ages of 3 and 93 with fun and gaiety.

Plan to come and enjoy a most interesting meeting - let's have the largest
group yet to attend.

The NEW SUPPLEMENT is out! Thanks to John F's untiring efforts. \$2.00 a copy

Genealogies available - including a supplement	\$17.00
Coats of Arms - in full color	\$ 2.00
Book Plates - in full color	\$.25 each (5 or more \$.20 each)

The Permanent Fund, started last year, has doubled thru contributions. Why
not subscribe to it in memory of loved ones who pass on? Suitable acknowledg-
ment will be made to their family by the Treasurer upon receipt of necessary
information. Or include this Fund in your will - what better place than to
help perpetuate the name of Hartwell?

For the meeting on June 29th, 1963

I am beginning to think that Hartwells are a most patient tribe of people. The November newsletter was delayed for four months for various reasons, and the Supplement was delayed for a much longer period, but in both instances there seemed to be practically no impatience or even curiosity. I believe I did receive three or four inquiries, however. Was it patience, or apathy? The Fairbanks family sends out four "papers" a year, and if one issue is delayed for a few days, many members write in to ask what the matter is. Are the two families so different, or is it just a difference of approach or of organization? Have we any pride in our family and its doings and accomplishments or are we satisfied to just drift along in the same old rut and eventually peter out for lack of vision and interest?

To emphasize these points I have written this piece to be read at the meeting which I hope may have the effect of pointing to the road we can take if we have a mind to. As the saying goes "wake up and live", and take this paper as a challenge and not as a criticism.

One announced purpose of our Association was the formation of pleasant friendships among members. This purpose has been realized to a large extent, but a great many of our members have failed to share in this most desirable objective, as the following may show.

For several years there were 1300 names of Hartwells and descendants on our mailing list. A constant check has been made on these names resulting in the discovery that many of these members were showing no interest whatever in the Association. Letters were unanswered, dues were unpaid, requests for data were ignored, and their attendance at annual meetings was unknown. It was finally decided not to carry these uninterested people longer than 15 years on the mailing list, and consequently, over the years, about 500 names have been dropped. Of the 800 names remaining, 10 to 15 percent have attended annual meetings with more or less regularity; approximately 20 percent have sent in annual dues regularly, and about 65 per cent have taken no active part in the affairs of the Association, except that a very small percentage of them have sent in occasional dues and attended occasional annual meetings. Some firm and lasting friendships have been formed, but altogether far too many members have failed to profit by this opportunity to fulfill our purpose. The reasons for the usually small attendance at meetings are various: too great distance from the meeting place; weather; illness; forgetfulness; meetings too dull; lack of interest, etc. The first three of these reasons are valid. Forgetfulness is a weak excuse; dullness and lack of interest go hand in hand and could be corrected if we would make use of our intelligence and imagination. For one thing, look at our choices of meeting places. Some of them have been good, attractive choices, like the ones last June and to-day, but most of these good choices shared the fatal defect of being held in a hall or church vestry, where, after a short social period, the members assemble for lunch or dinner, stay for the business meeting, and then scramble for home. Why shouldn't they? There is nothing to hold them there, and the few children who sit through the, to them, dull business meeting, tease to go home. Only twice in 25 years have we met for a picnic lunch, or where there was entertainment for children. As for adults, there is seldom any kind of entertainment or activity--readers, magicians, etc. etc. No wonder interest lags and the meetings are dull.

Part of our trouble in our organization or lack of it. Last June there was a hospitality committee. There never has been a welcoming committee, an entertainment committee, a "location" committee to decide the place of the next meeting, a publicity committee, not even a nominating for the past 20 years. But another part of our trouble is the evident reluctance of most members to serve in any capacity. The affairs of the Association seem to be in the minds of most members for a total of not more than ten minutes between annual meetings. They seem to have a real "let George do it" attitude. They could form themselves into committees, with the blessing of the president, and work up some enthusiasm for various activities, but it would require some thought and work, and, as the membership is widely scattered, some correspondence.

Our Association is 27 years old. Most of the original members are gone, but there has always been and still are a few active, dedicated members to keep the ship afloat. There is still much work to be done-- obtain and keep records towards a possible second supplement; a big project of re-writing and re-publishing our Genealogy to include in one volume the various supplements and addenda; help to reorganize our Association for more effective work; strive for a realization of a Hertwell museum, etc. etc. Is this too much to ask? We are Hertwells!! The Genealogy seemed impossible 25 years ago!

May 4, 1963

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NEWSLETTER - Winter 1963-1964

Sixty-three signed the register at the 26th annual meeting of the Association held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Beverly, Massachusetts, last June and enjoyed a delicious catered dinner.

A short business meeting followed which was opened by President Frederick W. Hartwell and turned over to Treasurer W. Frederic Hartwell due to the deafness of the President. With the exception of President, the same officers were elected for another year.

Raymond K. Harris of Dearborn, Michigan, who has been of great assistance in locating and tracking down many missing branches of the family, was unanimously elected President. The Treasurer reported an increase in our bank balance over the previous year but quickly added that this was a temporary situation inasmuch as the cost of printing the supplement had not been finally determined and was unpaid at that time. (The bill was paid last September and just about used up all of the receipts of the previous year.)

The Permanent Trust Fund received modest contributions during the year and as of the meeting stands at \$226.83.

There are a few copies of the Genealogy and Supplement left - a copy of each will be mailed upon receipt of \$17.00 by the Treasurer.

After the meeting everyone enjoyed a Puppet and Fun show.

Shortly after our meeting our new President left for Scotland and England where he did some research on the Hartwells in those countries. Here is his report:

I'm writing a report on my visit to Scotland and England this past summer. The weather was damp and cool during most of the time.

One shouldn't miss visiting the old castles, palaces and old parish churches in Scotland and England. One reads about it in the papers and magazines but one must really see them to fully realize how those old buildings can be there for so many centuries and be changed so little during that time. When any repairs are made, the workers take their time trying to match their work with the old.

I took a walk through the gardens at Delapre Abbey just out of the city limits of Northampton. It is located about three miles from Preston Deanery where the Hartwells lived for over eight generations until Sir Robert Hartwell sold the Manor in 1620 and went to live in the parish of Odell in Bedfordshire.

Delapre Abbey is situated about a half mile from the road and you have a lane to walk through to the Abbey. There are pastures on both sides of the lane where they raise hogs, sheep and cattle. The land has been leased out to a neighboring farmer who uses the field in back of the Abbey for raising grain.

The Delapre Abbey is used for the headquarters of Archives and a Museum. This is where the Northamptonshire Records Office is located also. It is real interesting to read through all the old registers centuries old and which have faded somewhat through the ages but the writing is still plain enough to read.

I found that if one made a circle covering about 25 miles in diameter using the Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire border as the center, you would be able to cover the area where the Hartwells lived from the 1100's through the last part of the 1400's except for the ones who went to Harringworth on the Rutland border. The others were just like Mexican jumping beans hopping back and forth across the borders of Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire. In the 1500's, they started to spread out to some of the other counties. There were 51 Wills and Administrations filed in those three counties and there are many more for those three among the Chancery Court of Canterbury Wills which include Jasper, the father of Sir Robert Hartwell of Preston Deanery. We are in the process of getting the Hartwell Wills and Administrations from the other counties. There is some hope that with these Wills and the parish registers which we are also in the process of getting from the areas where the Hartwells lived, that we will be able to show the relationship of each branch and where they branched off. We find that there were several ways of spelling Hartwell even in the parish registers listing the children of a family. Finally, they seemed to agree upon spelling the name as Hartwell.

Here is a suggestion from our beloved Genealogist, John F. Hartwell:

It has been proposed that we abandon the idea of a Museum of Hartwelliana, and turn our attention to the forming of a Genealogy of early English Hartwells of the 17th and 18th century which should include the much wanted data on the family of which our ancestor, William, was a member. Our President, Ray Harris, spent a month or more in England last summer in an intensive and quite successful search for these ancient Hartwells. He consulted genealogists, parish registers, county records, wills, etc., and came home last September followed by a long train of notes and papers of all descriptions, some of which are still arriving. Coming from various sources these papers, composed largely of lists of Hartwells without reference to relationships, are awaiting some master hand to set them in order, otherwise to be stored away and forgotten, and these papers are too valuable to suffer such a fate.

In view of these facts, it has been suggested that a trained genealogist be engaged to work at the difficult job of forming this long list of Hartwells into groups or families with places of residence and any other data that may be found.

It will be an expensive undertaking and require a considerable amount of time. There is in our treasury a fairly large starting fund, which should be augmented by dues receipts, sales of books and contributions. It is hoped that enough enthusiasm may be generated for this project so that many contributions, both large and small may be received. If this whole proposition is approved by the membership, work could be started soon, or as soon as all the data arrives from

England. After the work is started, if it seems evident that it cannot be financed, all contributors will, of course, receive refunds from our treasury.

It is hoped that our members may attend the meeting in large numbers and be prepared to vote yes or no on the proposition as outlined above.

As for the proposed Museum, it is agreed that the idea is an excellent one. However, with the Government moving at its usual slow speed in such things, it might be ten or twenty years before this dream is realized. Then, with its finger in the pie, we would probably be subject to government rules and regulations. If this hurdle is passed, we would be faced with the constant expense for a custodian, for heat and light, insurance and general maintenance, and finally, I doubt if enough material is available to make a Museum worthwhile. This is my personal opinion; if the membership thinks differently, so be it.

This may be the last of my butting into the affairs of our Organization. It has been a lot of fun and I have met many wonderful people. If you want to have a good time and learn much about the traits and quirks of the Hartwell tribes, of which you are a member, become a genealogist and enjoy yourself; they are a fine people and well worth knowing.

Look at your dues receipt. If it doesn't read "Paid to June 1964", complete the enclosed slip and mail to the Treasurer.
