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Apr. 20, 1965.

Dear "VicePresident Alden:-

I am writing in regard to the Annual Meeting of the "Hartwells".

The Pethybridges in Topsfield, Mass., have written me saying that Mr. Pethybridge is under the Doctor's care and they do not think they should undertake trying to get a place for us to meet in their town.

I do not want to ask Mrs. Sturdy in Harvard, Mass., for she so graciously took us last summer when we had no place to go.

John F., wrote me a letter saying that he could do nothing toward getting the meeting set up this year, as he is not able to walk very much. Also he has said he is semi-retiring as Genealogist and wants me to name someone in his place. He also told me that he would not be able to attend the next meeting for he is not well enough to travel far.

So on these different notes it occurred to me that possibly we could have the meeting in Waterville, Me., and maybe John could attend once more, if it was nearer home for him.

I will, very much appreciate, a reply, from you, as soon as possible, giving me your ideas on this matter.

We will have to find a meeting place, very soon, or else postpone having a meeting at all, and I am afraid if we do that it will be disastrous.

Very sincerely,

Beryl.
President.

Answered 4/25/65

28th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA - JUNE 26, 1965

The 28th annual meeting of the Hartwells of America was held on Saturday, June 26, 1965 at the Parish House of the Congregational Church in Topsfield, Massachusetts with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pethybridge as our gracious host and hostess. William G. Hartwell of North Anson, Maine had ably taken care of the arrangements. Fifty members and guests were present. The morning was spent renewing acquaintances and looking at the Hartwell scrapbooks and photos. At 12:30 P.M. lunch was served by Luther Witham, caterers.

Miss Beryl J. Hartwell, President, presided at the business meeting which followed the lunch. New members and guests were introduced. It was with sadness that we learned of the death this past year of Mrs. Mildred E. Jameson, Gen. Herbert Francis Hartwell and Mrs. Margaret Barter.

As is the custom, the president awarded small prizes as follows:

Oldest lady present	Miss Annie Hartwell, Madison, Maine	- 88
Oldest gentleman present	Harry P. Sturdy, Harvard, Mass.	- 85
Youngest person present	Diana Hartwell, North Anson, Maine	- 66
Coming the longest distance	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Hartwell, Clearwater, Fla.	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showing a balance on hand in the general fund of \$1603.06 and of \$353.04 in the permanent fund was read and placed on file.

It was announced that a few copies of the genealogy, copies of the supplement, coats of arms and stationery are still on sale.

Reports were read as follows:

John F. Hartwell, genealogist, in which he argued the merits of continuing the research on the English Hartwells which was begun by Ray Harris and is now being continued by Mr. Miles, an English genealogist, and Rodney E. Hartwell in California.

Rodney E. Hartwell, assistant genealogist, in which he explained the progress of the "English Hartwell Project" to date. As the material is being received, it is placed in a card file. A complete bibliography and an index are being prepared at the same time. He urged that the Association continue to support this project.

W. Frederic Hartwell, treasurer, in which he explained what materials had been salvaged from Malcolm Hartwell's print shop by Ray Harris. By spending now between \$350 and \$450 to supply missing pages for which plates are available, 113 copies of the genealogy valued at \$1700 would be available for sale. In addition, 200 more sets of materials, except for covers, would be ready when needed. He urged that this be done.

After much discussion of these reports, the following motions were made and carried:

Fred Hartwell moved, seconded by Louis Hartwell, that the officers use their discretion in allowing money for the continuation of the "English Hartwell Project".

Mrs. Harry Sturdy moved, seconded by Mrs. Roger Hartwell, that sufficient money be allowed W. Frederic Hartwell for completing the 113 copies of the genealogy, as outlined in his report.

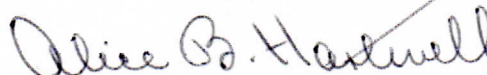
Alden Webber moved, seconded by Frederick Hartwell, that the officers check with W. Frederic Hartwell and make sure that provisions are made for the proper storage of the genealogy materials - plates, negatives, finished and unfinished books - which are now in his keeping.

Those present were so well pleased with Topsfield as a meeting place that they indicated a desire to come back next year. So, Louis Hartwell moved, seconded by Donald W. Goodnow, that if convenient with Mr. and Mrs. Pethybridge, we hold the 1966 meeting in Topsfield on Saturday, June 25. The motion carried.

President Hartwell expressed thanks and appreciation for the fine hospitality and arrangements and at the suggestion of Alden Webber the assembly gave a rising vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pethybridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice B. Hartwell (Mrs. John F.)
Recording Secretary

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

Treasurer's Report

June 16, 1964 to June 18, 1965

General Fund

Balance on hand and on deposit in the
Suffolk Franklin Savings Bank, Boston
Balance in Petty Cash Fund

\$ 1,678.08
9.24

\$ 1,687.32

Receipts:

Bank Interest	69.18
Genealogies & Supplements	170.00
Dues	243.25
Coats of Arms, Stationery, Book Plates, etc.	17.40
Donation toward English Genealogy Research	<u>7.00</u>
	506.83

2,194.15

Expenses:

Bank Exchange	.35
Postage	129.79
English Genealogy Research	360.75
Printing Fall Newsletter	45.00
Printing Spring Newsletter	24.75
Scrap Books	18.70
First National Bank Storage	<u>11.75</u>
	591.09

Balance

1,603.06

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

1,599.71
3.35
1,603.06

PERMANENT FUND

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

290.75

Contributions	49.00
Interest	<u>13.29</u>

Balance on hand and on deposit in the
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353.04

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NEWSLETTER - FALL 1965

This year the Hartwell family gathered at the Parish House of the Congregational Church in Topsfield, Massachusetts, for the annual meeting on June 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pethybridge were our hosts, William Hartwell made the arrangements, and there were fifty members present.

The minutes of the meeting held in 1964 were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report placed on file. Our president, Miss Beryl Hartwell, expressed appreciation and thanks for the fine arrangements and hospitality.

There were several new members present and guests who were introduced. Miss Ann Hartwell of Madison, Maine, was recognized as the oldest lady present, Mr. Harry Sturdy of Harvard, Massachusetts, as the oldest gentleman, Miss Diana Hartwell of North Anson, Maine, as the youngest, and Louis and Daisy Hartwell of Clearwater, Florida, as the ones coming the longest distance. They were presented with small gifts.

Old business in the form of items for sale included:

Genealogies
Coat of Arms

Supplements
Stationery

After some discussion Treasurer Fred Hartwell's proposal that 113 genealogies be completed so that they would be salable was approved. A letter from Rodney Hartwell containing a plea for continuing the English research was read and the officers of the Association were instructed to use their discretion in allocating and raising money for continuing the research.

Arrangements have been made to store the plates and negatives of the 1956 genealogy with Rodney and all finished salable material with the Treasurer.

We were saddened by the passing of Mildred E. Jameson, General Herbert Francis Hartwell and Mrs. Margaret Baxter.

John F. Hartwell, our Genealogist, expressed appreciation of the efforts of Mr. John G. Miles of Richmond, England in searching records for information of early Hartwells. When the English Genealogy is finished, it will be largely due to his interest and work. A word or two of encouragement from some of us will do much; write to John G. Miles, Esq. 43 Mount Ararat Rd., Richmond, England.

The meeting for 1966 will be held in Topsfield on the last Saturday in June if it is convenient for the Pethybridges. A rising vote of thanks was given the Pethybridges for their hospitality. Start planning now to be present at the June 25, 1966 meeting. It is always nice to see old friends and to make new acquaintances among our "cousins".

Items Available from the Treasurer

	U.S.	Foreign
1956 Genealogy including Supplement	\$13.00	\$15.00
1956 Genealogy without Supplement	\$12.00	\$14.00
Supplement	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.25
Coat of Arms including Inscription	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.25
Description	\$.25	\$.30
Stationery 15 Sheets 10 Envelopes	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.25
" 35 " 25 "	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.35
" 100 " 75 "	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50
Dues - per person	\$ 1.00	Remit in U.S.

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Annual Dues to June 30th. of \$1.00 each are enclosed for the following:

Dr., Mr., Mrs., Miss,
Address
 Dr., Mr., Mrs., Miss,
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Address

Make Checks Payable To THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

Send to: W. FREDERIC HARTWELL, Treas.

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Please make note of any change of address on back or other items of interest.

To The Hartwells of America

Our Association is faced with two attractive, interesting, and worthwhile propositions, both of which could be carried on simultaneously, but, in doing so, one of them would suffer.

The first proposition has to do with the proposed Hartwell Museum in the old farm house in Lincoln, Mass. The idea is a fine one, but as I see it, there are serious obstacles in the way. In the first place, the U. S. Government owns the property; and at the speed with which the government does such things, it could easily be ten or twenty years before we knew that we could use the farm house. There would be the usual red tape involving perhaps congressmen and necessary forms and documents, with the usual delays and bickerings. Then if the final answer is "yes", can we get the government, or expect it to provide a curator or custodian, and to meet operational costs, including upkeep, insurance, salaries, etc. And granted all this, are there Hartwells enough with interest enough and enough generosity to furnish materials, such as old and authentic Hartwell furniture, pictures, documents of various kinds, to make it a Museum. Many years ago I approached a man, a Hartwell descendant, who had in his house a great many heirlooms from the old farm house. I asked him to sell me one or two small pieces and he flatly refused. How many Hartwells would behave the same way.

The second proposition is this: I take it for granted that all of us are interested in learning more about our American ancestor, William of Concord. The fact is that we know practically nothing about his family in England, his parents or brothers or sisters; and are not even certain as to the place of his birth, although he is supposed to have been born in Cranfield, a little town in Bedfordshire, England. Further back, we know nothing of his grandparents or great-grandparents except what is given in the table of our Genealogy—a table taken from Mr. Densmore's Handbook of Hartwell Genealogy, and of doubtful origin and authenticity. Besides our direct line back through two or three centuries, there are many other lines, possibly somewhat related; and it might be of interest to learn something about these ancient Hartwells—where they lived, what they did, perhaps even what they wrote in letters, how they lived, etc., etc. With all this in mind, our cousin, Ray Harris, spent three months in England collecting data from many parishes and other sources. Until recently he has learned nothing of importance about our William; but lately a very efficient man, Mr. Miles, who is continuing the research there, found a Francis Hartwell (the reputed father of William) who lived in Astwood in Buckinghamshire, and had at least one child born there. He then apparently moved to Cranfield where a child was soon born in 1611, two years before the birth of William. Mr. Miles hopes to find more data which seems likely to be the information we want. Such research costs money which we are able to furnish up to a point; and our good Cousin Rodney in California, who is most enthusiastic, promises to work on this mass data with the help of a genealogically minded friend at no cost to us except for necessary supplies and further research. The actual time and work he proposes to this work is promised free. This seems too good an opportunity to pass up, and I strongly urge that this work for an English Hartwell Genealogy be continued until completed. The chief fly in the ointment is the question of financing the publication of this work; but we managed quite well with the American Genealogy, and I have faith that the English one may meet the same good fate.

It seems imperative that this work be continued now. The Museum, worthy as it is, will not suffer from a delay, which should not be too long.

John F. Hartwell

June 1965

June 24, 1965

To: The Hartwells of America

Re: Genealogies - Available Supply of 1958 Printing

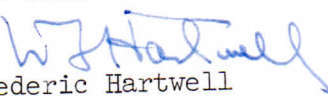
It appears desirable that a report be presented at this meeting so that all may know just where we stand with respect to the available supply of the present genealogy.

In 1958 we arranged with Malcolm Hartwell to print 200 additional copies of the 1956 Genealogy as a second printing. One hundred of them were to be bound and the others held for later binding as needed. Shortly after Malcolm died in the summer of 1962, Ray Harris, one of our more active members and a past president, was fortunate in salvaging all of the Hartwell material that Malcolm had on hand in his print shop. All of this material was shipped to me for storage.

Our present supply of books out of the first 100 of this second printing is about exhausted, and I have recently undertaken a careful examination of all of the material that I have been storing. I find that there are 113 covers and somewhere between 75,000 and 80,000 printed pages of material. With the exception of a few missing pages this can be assembled into 300 books. The 113 copies that can be completed including covers represents a potential value of about \$1700. To preserve the material, it needs immediate collating so that it can be properly wrapped and stored. There are only about 30 pages that are missing -- so it would appear that Ray did an excellent salvage job for us. The missing pages were probably not yet printed. Ray also salvaged the negatives and plates used for printing as well as the plates for printing the Coat of Arms in color. I anticipate that I will be able to replace the missing pages including the Coat of Arms Page in full color by spending between \$350. and \$450. which would appear to be very reasonable. By doing this now I can complete and have ready for sale the 113 additional copies with a sale of \$1700., and in addition have about 200 more sets of material except for covers available for later binding when the need arises. These represent another \$3000. clear income except for binding expense.

I trust the members agree with my decision to complete this material; it would be too bad to lose out on what has already been done, particularly, since it is of no value in its present condition. If someone would like to volunteer to store this material after it has been completed, I would appreciate their letting me know.

John F. has an ample supply of the 1962 supplement so that complete material will now be available to anyone who desires to purchase it. With this material available we can again offer it for sale in the Fall Newsletter.


W. Frederic Hartwell

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MEMO TO: Miss Beryl J. Hartwell,
President, The Hartwells of America
Post Office Box 1316
Albany, New York 12201

FROM: Rodney E. Hartwell, Assistant Genealogist

SUBJECT: Interim Report on the "English Hartwell Project"

1. To date many hundreds of names from English Parish Registers, and other public documents, have come from the various researchers in England. Together with this have come copies of documents, primarily wills, administrations and charters.

2. The materials from Registers is prepared as soon, after receipt, (for inclusion in a five by eight file), as possible. This involves placing on the cards all information known, including particularly names of fathers and mothers, and sons and daughters. In this way already many connections have been made.

3. In some of the more detailed Parish Registers is to be found information on one family maintaining residence in one area for as long as five generations. This material has already been put into genealogical format toward publication.

4. The able assistance of Forest E. Barber has been received in the preparation of the records as they now stand, and future assistance will be forthcoming. Mr. Barber is a recognized authority in English research, as well as having quite a reputation for working our difficult genealogical problems.

5. A complete bibliography is in the process of being compiled, with the able assistance of the firm known as "Heraldry Today" in England, and from which firm I have recently ordered two books dealing with the Hartwells, and their possessions, notably Hartwell Manor in Aylsbury. They are dated at 1861.

6. The Reverend (Dom) William Wilfrid Bayne, O.S.B., of The Priory, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, has undertaken to prepare for publication the existing examples of coats-of-arms of the Hartwells, and has already begun this project. He is a recognised authority in the field of Heraldry in this country and in England. He is the official herald-painter to the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States. We are most fortunate to have his assistance in this work.

7. Knowing that a financial problem exists concerning the project, I have already undertaken to secure pledges of purchase for the genealogy in its finished printed format. This is coming along well, through the vehicle of the publication of the Augustan Society, of which I am President. Also, I have secured locally the aid of Mr. Stewart Luce, a "cousin" who has enlisted the aid of his office staff when the time comes to prepare the copy for printing. A further acquaintance of mine in Canada, The Reverend Arthur Foulger-Edington, will undertake to print the book at 10% over cost, which would be a substantial savings to all concerned.

8. The Index to the volume is being prepared along with the work, so that this most vital item in any genealogy will be available to all.

9. The anticipated date of completion can not at this time be ascertained, as Mr. Miles, the genealogist in England, is yet working on the researches, and therefore constant material is being added to the documentaries on hand. It will take time to absorb this into the material, and to review the existing card files and the Index to include it as it comes in. I should estimate that two years would be a conservative estimate. However, I have at my office a Mimeograph machine which is available to me

at no cost. Though this I can prepare at the direction of the Hartwells of America short articles on various facets of the work I am undertaking and mail them free of charge to the membership if such is desired. This will immediately bring information to the attention of the members, and also provide it for use to all interested.

10. In conclusion I can not urge the Hartwells of America strongly enough to continue this most worth-while project. Those genealogists who are already aware of the project have hailed it as a step which all American families should take. As a project to bring credit to all our family and to our lineage it stands paramount to all else at this time.

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12. Donations of material on the family, or money to further the projects of the Association, may be sent to the Treasurer, whose address appears on page one. I shall be personally pleased to receive comments from all, or to answer any inquiries concerning this project.

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10. The anticipated date of completion can not at this time be ascertained, as Mr. Miles, the genealogist in England, is yet working on the researches, and therefore constant material is being added to the documentaries on hand. It will take time to absorb this into the material, and to review the existing card files and the Index to include it as it comes in. I should estimate that two years could be placed as a conservative estimate. However, should interest be sufficient, I will from time to time issue a short mimeographed report, or "articles" on some particularly interesting find. This will bring information to the attention of all interested and concerned.

11. In conclusion, I can not urge all Hartwells, and allied families, and all others interested, to support this most worth-while project. Those genealogists who have already been appraised of the work hailed it as a step which all American families should take. As a project to bring credit to all our family and to our lineage it stands paramount to all else at this time.

12. Donations of material on the family, or money to further the projects of the Association, may be sent to the Treasurer, whose address appears on page one. I shall be personally pleased to receive comments from all, or to answer any inquiries concerning this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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