

President
ALDEN W. WEBBER
61 South Road
Bedford, Mass. 01730

ice Presidents
MRS. JOHN F. HARTWELL
9 Burleigh Street
Waterville, Maine 04901

CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Corresponding Secretary
MISS PRISCILLA F. HARTWELL
1450 Boston Road
Springfield, Mass. 01129

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(AN ASSOCIATION)

NEWSLETTER MAY 1973

NOTICE OF 1973 ANNUAL MEETING

Treasurer
DAVID H. WEBBER
13 Sleigh Road
Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Genealogist
RODNEY E. HARTWELL, OLI
18002 Faysmith Avenue
Torrance, California 90504

Librarian
H. ROGER HARTWELL
Raymond, Maine 04071

Recording Secretary
DONALD W. GOODNOW
42 South Street
Auburn, Mass. 01511

Photographer
CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

DATE: Saturday, 30 June 1973

PLACE: Fellowship Hall, Unitarian Church,
Harvard, Massachusetts

LUNCHEON: The Ladies of the Unitarian Church will serve another of their
delicious lunches.

RESERVATIONS: To be made by Monday, June 25, 1973, to Mrs. Harry F. Sturdy,
Harvard, Massachusetts 01451. Telephone (617) 456-3941.

DIRECTIONS: Driving 90, 93, 95, 495, 1, 3, 9, 24 to Route 2 to Route 110 exit -
south to Harvard Center.

HOTELS: Mosley Motel, Routes 2A and 110 - Littleton, Massachusetts 01460.
The Concordian Motel, P.O. 71, Hosmer Street, Acton, Massachusetts
01720. (617) 263-7765. 5 mi. W on SR 2, 4 mi. E of I-95.

TIME: 10:30 A.M. Gathering
12:00 NOON Lunch
1:00 P.M. Annual Business Meeting ---
Election of Officers
Any other necessary business.
2:00 P.M. Entertainment - not yet determined.

If you did not make reservations for lunch but find at the
last minute you can come, do so.

Alden W. Webber
Alden W. Webber
President

President

ALDEN W. WEBBER
61 South Road
Bedford, Mass. 01730

Vice Presidents

MRS. JOHN F. HARTWELL
9 Burleigh Street
Waterville, Maine 04901

CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Corresponding Secretary

MISS PRISCILLA F. HARTWELL
1450 Boston Road
Springfield, Mass. 01129

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(AN ASSOCIATION)

News letter 1973

Treasurer

DAVID H. WEBBER
13 Sleigh Road
Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Genealogist

RODNEY E. HARTWELL, OLI
18002 Faysmith Avenue
Torrance, California 90504

Librarian

H. ROGER HARTWELL
Raymond, Maine 04071

Recording Secretary

DONALD W. GOODNOW
42 South Street
Auburn, Mass. 01511

Photographer

CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

The 35th annual meeting of the Hartwells of America was held in the Bedford Free Public Library in Bedford, Massachusetts, June 24, 1972, Saturday.

A delicious dinner was served in the luncheon room of the library.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by the president, Alden W. Webber. Thirty-six members were in attendance.

The minutes of the 1971 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. See report in minutes.

A list of members of the association who have passed away since the last meeting was read by the President and is as follows:

Mrs. William B. Peck, (Lucy King Hartwell) Mount Lakes, N. J. died February 15, 1971, Phillips, Maine, age 93

Hans Madsen Kokjer (son of Hans Kokjer and Malina Hartwell Kokjer, Holdrege, Nebraska, died March 17, 1969.

Mrs. Eva Alice Hartwell, Twin Falls, Idaho, died April 3, 1972, age 85

Mrs. Ruth Whitten Hills Hartwell (Mrs. William E. Hartwell) Ware, Mass. died August 3, 1971

Leon M. Hartwell, Woburn, Mass., died August 17, 1969, aged 67.

Mrs. Mary (Sullivan) wife of the late Leslie Hartwell, South Yarmouth, died August 21

Lewis R. Hartwell, Hamilton, Ontario, died Dec. 8, 1967

Mrs. Richard (Merle) Fadden, Potsdam, New York, died May 13, 1972, age 74

Fred C. Campbell, Lamoni, Iowa

George M. Hartwell, Littleton, Mass. died December 1971

Lt. Col. Prior M. Willey,

President
ALDEN W. WEBBER
61 South Road
Bedford, Mass. 01730

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(AN ASSOCIATION)

Treasurer
DAVID H. WEBBER
13 Sleigh Road
Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Vice Presidents
MRS. JOHN F. HARTWELL
9 Burleigh Street
Waterville, Maine 04901

Genealogist
RODNEY E. HARTWELL, OLI
18002 Faysmith Avenue
Torrance, California 90504

CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Librarian
H. ROGER HARTWELL
Raymond, Maine 04071

Corresponding Secretary
MISS PRISCILLA F. HARTWELL
1450 Boston Road
Springfield, Mass. 01129

Recording Secretary
DONALD W. GOODNOW
42 South Street
Auburn, Mass. 01511

Photographer
CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Letters of regret for not being able to attend were received and read by the President from:

Nelliejeanie Kennedy, San Diego, Cal.
Edwina F. Bush, San Diego, Cal.
~~Elizabeth Genz, Madison, Wisconsin~~
Oliver S.

Three newsletters, The Hartwells of America, were received during the year from Rodney E. Hartwell and are included in these minutes.

Prizes were given to the following:

Oldest Lady Present - Margaret H. Parfitt
Oldest Gentleman Present - Warren Hartwell
Youngest Member - Julie H. Webber

The Executive Committee voted to raise the annual dues to \$2.00, children under 12 to be \$1.00, to begin June 1972.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Sturdy was passed for the beautiful water lilies on the dinner tables.

Members attending for the first time were:

Whitney Smith, Winchester, Mass.
Richard Duncan, Jr., Boxford, Mass.
Donna Lee Duncan, Bedford, Mass.

Voted to hold the next meeting in either Harvard or Bedford. Executive committee to decide the location. It was voted that all members pay for their own luncheons.

The President named the following nominating committee to submit a slate of officers for 1973, 1974 and 1975:

Mrs. Catherine A. Hartwell
Mrs. Gladys R. Donnelly
Mrs. Beatrice H. Goodnow

President
ALDEN W. WEBBER
61 South Road
Bedford, Mass. 01730

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(AN ASSOCIATION)

Vice Presidents
MRS. JOHN F. HARTWELL
9 Burleigh Street
Waterville, Maine 04901

CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Corresponding Secretary
MISS PRISCILLA F. HARTWELL
1450 Boston Road
Springfield, Mass. 01129

Treasurer
DAVID H. WEBBER
13 Sleigh Road
Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Genealogist
RODNEY E. HARTWELL, OLI
18002 Faysmith Avenue
Torrance, California 90504

Librarian
H. ROGER HARTWELL
Raymond, Maine 04071

Recording Secretary
DONALD W. GOODNOW
42 South Street
Auburn, Mass. 01511

Photographer
CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

It was suggested that the last newsletter of 1973 be sent to all Hartwells living in the area who are not members as of June 1972.

Mr. Charles A. Hartwell, Jr., was given a vote of thanks for taking the group picture.

Business meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M. Following the business meeting Dr. Whitney Smith, Vexillologist, and a member of the Hartwells of America, spoke about the flags of the Revolutionary War period. He explained the evolution of our present flag from the "Flag of England". He also explained that contrary to legend Betsy Ross did not design or make the first American flag. He showed several replicas of the old flags to illustrate his talk.

The history of the old Bedford Flag was told and we all had an opportunity to see the original flag which is preserved in the Bedford Library.

We all wish to thank Dr. Smith for a very interesting talk.

Respectfully submitted

Donald W. Goodnow
Recording Secretary

President
ALDEN W. WEBBER
61 South Road
Bedford, Mass. 01730

Presidents
MRS. JOHN F. HARTWELL
9 Burleigh Street
Waterville, Maine 04901

CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Corresponding Secretary
MISS PRISCILLA F. HARTWELL
1450 Boston Road
Springfield, Mass. 01129


THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA
(AN ASSOCIATION)

Treasurer
DAVID H. WEBBER
13 Sleigh Road
Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Genealogist
RODNEY E. HARTWELL, OJ
18002 Faysmith Avenue
Torrance, California 90504

Librarian
H. ROGER HARTWELL
Raymond, Maine 04071

Recording Secretary
DONALD W. GODNOW
42 South Street
Auburn, Mass. 01511

Photographer
CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

June 30, 1973

The 36th annual meeting of the Hartwells of America was held in Fellowship Hall, Harvard, Massachusetts, June 30, 1973 at 10:00 A. M. Saturday. A Delicious dinner was served by the Ladies of the Unitarian Church of Harvard. The ladies and Mrs. Sturdy were duly thanked for the dinner.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:15 P. M. by the president, Alden W. Webber. Thirty-seven members and four guests were in attendance.

Charles Hartwell introduced Miss Marion Fitch, co-owner and operator of the Hartwell Farm. Miss Fitch gave a very interesting talk on the ~~xxx~~ acquisition and restoration and operation of the farm, including the serving of dinners and lunches. She also told about the fire and several incidents concerning it. Miss Fitch is publishing a book of her memoirs.

Because the minutes of the 1972 meeting had been published in the newsletter the reading of the minutes was omitted. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A list of the members of the association who have passed away since the last meeting was read by the president. A moment of silence was observed to their memory. The list is as follows:

Mr Cecil J. Scott, 167 Armington St., Edgewood, R.I. 7/19/72

Marion W. Hartwell's son-in-law, Burr M. Willey in Vietnam 6/19/73

Mrs. Hans Madsen Kokjer in Holdrege, Nebraska, 6/16/72

Mrs. Fanny May Hinson Hartwell, Middleboro, ~~Ken.~~ KY 1/20/60

Mrs. Ernest F. Hartwell, 5645 40th Av. Apt. 309 St. Petersburg, Fla.

1/14/73 95 years old

George W. Hartwell, Ponoka, Canada, April 1973 Aged 52

Lora Hartwell Fish, Hartley, Quebec, Canada 88 years old

Alfred G. Turner, Fall River, Mass. 10/29/71

Mrs. Oscar O'Brien, Independence, Kansas

Letters of regret from those who were not able to attend were read:

Jefferson T. Warren, 6609 SW 65th St. S. Miami, Fla. 33143

Mrs. Eula Hartwell White, Bedford Quebec, Canada

A letter of resignation as genealogist and writer and printer of the news letter was received from Rodney E. Hartwell, Voted to accept his resignation with regret.

Albert Thomas Hartwell of New York City offered to print the newsletter for the year 1973-74. Voted to accept his offer.

Prizes were given to the following:

Oldest Lady Present - Mrs. Winnifred Sturdy

Oldest Gentleman Present - Merrill Sprague

Youngest Member Present - Julie H. Webber

Member Coming Longest Distance - Myrtle Hartwell Hanson
Richmond, Indiana

Voted to thank Mrs. Sturdy for the lovely water lilies.

Voted to thank Charles Hartwell for taking the group picture.

It was voted to send the last newsletter of 1973 to all Hartwells living in the area who were not members as of June 1973.

Alden Webber reported that the Federal Park Service hope to restore the Hartwell Farm. The rooms are not to be restored but the building will be used to exhibit old arts and crafts. The estimated cost of restoration is \$100,000.

Mrs. Catherine Hartwell read the report of the nominating committee:
(See file)

President: Charles A. Hartwell

Vice Presidents: Mrs. John F. Hartwell

Mrs. (Dr.) Constance Hartwell Cincotti

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Richard Duncan

Treasurer: David H. Webber

Corresponding Secretary: Miss Priscilla F. Hartwell

Librarian: H. Roger Hartwell

Photographer: Charles A. Hartwell

Voted to accept the report of the nominating committee. Voted to have the secretary cast one vote for the new slate of officers.

Voted to thank Alden Webber for his work as president of the association for the past two years. It was suggested that the new president work with Alden Webber and the executive committee to choose a new genealogist.

Next meeting to be held in Fellowship Hall in Harvard. The president appointed the following committee to make all arrangements;

Mrs. Charles Hartwell Jr.

Mrs. Alden Webber

Mrs. Nancy Duncan

Voted to adjourn the meeting which was done at 3:10 P.M.

Recording Secretary

Donald W Goodnow

Donald W. Goodnow

President
ALDEN W. WEBBER
61 South Road
Bedford, Mass. 01730

Vice Presidents
MRS. JOHN F. HARTWELL
9 Burleigh Street
Waterville, Maine 04901

CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

Corresponding Secretary
MISS PRISCILLA F. HARTWELL
1450 Boston Road
Springfield, Mass. 01129

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(AN ASSOCIATION)

Treasurer
DAVID H. WEBBER
13 Sleigh Road
Chelmsford, Mass. 01824

Genealogist
RODNEY E. HARTWELL, OLI
18002 Faysmith Avenue
Torrance, California 90504

Librarian
H. ROGER HARTWELL
Raymond, Maine 04071

Recording Secretary
DONALD W. GOODNOW
42 South Street
Auburn, Mass. 01511

Photographer
CHARLES A. HARTWELL
92A Pinckney Street
Boston, Mass. 02114

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 24, 1972 - June 30, 1973

Balance on hand and on deposit in the Suffolk
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, as of June 24, 1972

Passbook #251581	\$ 2,026.05
Passbook #490 009 7	180.04
Passbook #404 335 2	<u>514.05</u>

\$ 2,720.14

RECEIPTS:

Bank Interest	\$ 157.66
Dues, Genealogies, Supplements, Coat of Arms	351.25
Donations toward English Project	77.00
Donations toward Preservation of Hartwell Memorabilia	<u>10.00</u>

\$ 595.91

EXPENSES:

Bank Vault Storage	\$ <u>15.00</u>
--------------------	-----------------

\$ 15.00

Balance on hand and on deposit in the Suffolk
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, as of June 30, 1973

Passbook #251581 English Project	\$ 2,214.99
Passbook #490 009 7 Dues, Genealogies etc.	533.53
Passbook #404 335 2 Permanent Fund (For Preservation of Hartwell Memorabilia)	<u>552.53</u>

\$ 3,301.05

Respectfully submitted,

David Hartwell Webber
David Hartwell Webber
Treasurer

36th ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The 36th annual meeting of the Hartwells of America was held in Fellowship Hall, Harvard, Massachusetts, June 30, 1973 at 10:00 A.M. Saturday. A delicious dinner was served by the Ladies of Unitarian Church of Harvard. The ladies and Mrs. Sturdy were duly thanked for the dinner.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by the president, Alden W. Webber. Thirty-seven members and four guests were in attendance.

MARION FITCH IS GUEST SPEAKER

Charles Hartwell introduced Miss Marion Fitch, co-owner and operator of the Hartwell Farm. Miss Fitch gave a very interesting talk of the acquisition and restoration and operation of the farm, including the serving of dinners and lunches. She also told about the fire and several incidents concerning it. Miss Fitch is publishing a book of her memoirs.

Because the minutes of the 1972 meeting had been published in the newsletter the reading of the minutes was omitted. The minutes were approved.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Catherine Hartwell read the report of the nominating committee: (See File)

President: Charles A. Hartwell
Vice Presidents:

Mrs. John F. Hartwell

Mrs. (Dr.) Constance Hartwell
Cincotti

Recording Secretary:

Mrs. Richard Duncan

Treasurer: David H. Webber

Corresponding Secretary:

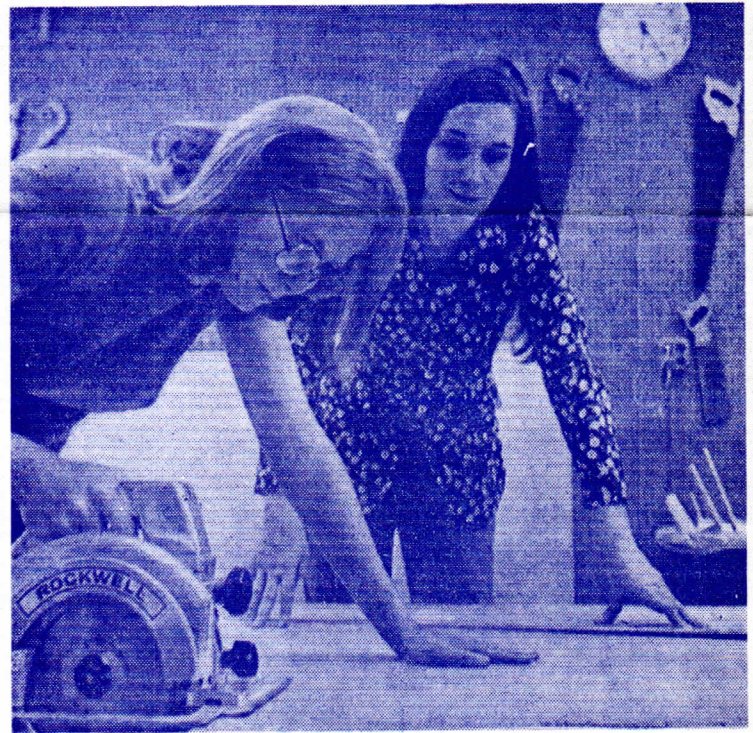
Miss Priscilla F. Hartwell

Librarian: H. Roger Hartwell

Photographer: Charles A. Hartwell

Voted to accept the report of the nominating committee. Voted to have the secretary cast one vote for the new slate of officers. (cont.)

THE LADY IS A CARPENTER!



LADY CARPENTER INSTITUTE was founded by Joyce Hartwell, right, who gives instruction to Janet Huck, a magazine reporter. The institute, in New York City, is graduating its first class of 34 students this month. All the women were beginners who knew nothing about carpentry. (UPI)

THE HARTWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

The undersigned hereby acknowledges the receipt of one dollar from Sara Ketterwell Wright of Hubbardsville whose name is enrolled as a member of the Hartwell Family Association.

Date, Dec 5 1884 Name, Samuel Hartwell
Treasurer.

The Hartwell Scrapbooks contain many fascinating items which chronicle the the Association's 91 years of existence.

The original membership card shown above was issued in the third year of existence of the original association.

MEETING continued from page 1

A list of the members of the association who have passed away since the last meeting was read by the president. A moment of silence was observed to their memory. The list is as follows:

In Memoriam

Mr. Cecil J. Scott, 167 Armington St.
Edgewood, R.I. 7/19/72
Marion W. Hartwell's son-in-law, Burr
M. Willey in Vietnam 6/19/73
Mrs. Hans Madsen Kokjar in Holdrege,
Nebraska 6/16/72
Mrs. Fanny May Hipson Hartwell, Mid-
dleboro, Kansas 1/20/60
Mrs. Ernest F. Hartwell, 5645 40th
Avenue, St. Petersburg, Fla. 1/14/
73 95 years old
George W. Hartwell, Ponoka, Canada
April, 1973 Aged 52
Lora Hartwell Fish, Hartley, Quebec,
Canada 88 years old
Alfred G. Turner, Fall River, Mass.
10/29/71
Mrs. Oscar O'Brien, Independence,
Kansas

Letters of regret from those who were not able to attend were read:
Jefferson T. Warren, 6609 SW 65th St.
S. Miami, Florida 33143
Mrs. Eula Hartwell, Bedford Quebec,
Canada

A letter of resignation as genealogist and writer and printer of the newsletter was received from Rodney E. Hartwell, voted to accept his resignation with regret.

Albert Thomas Hartwell of New York City offered to print the newsletter for the year 1973-74. Voted to accept his offer.

PRIZES

Prizes were given to the following:
Oldest Lady Present -
Mrs. Winnifred Sturdy
Oldest Gentleman Present -
Merrill Sprague
Youngest Member Present -
Julie H. Webber
Member Coming Longest Distance -
Myrtle Hartwell Hanson,
Richmond Indiana (cont.)

A NOVEL TABLE!

A special thank you to Mrs. Clair Carpenter for sending along the photo above and the story below. A copy will be added to the Hartwell Scrapbook.

A NOVEL TABLE

OWNED BY
O. F. HEARTWELL, HASTINGS, NEBR.

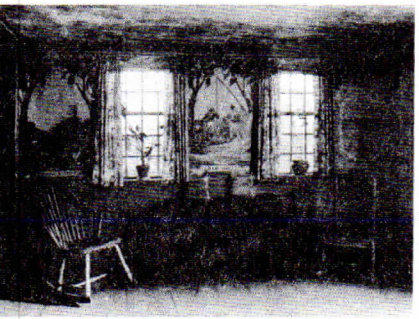
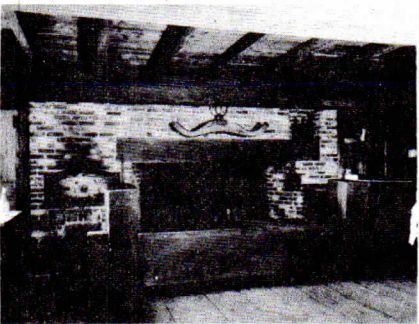
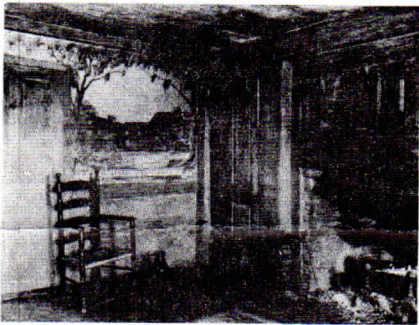
The picture on the opposite side of this card shows Mr. O. F. Heartwell, of Hastings, Nebraska, displaying a table which any collector of curios might be proud to possess.

This table dates back more than half a century in its history. The top of it is made from a large knot of an ash tree cut by Benjamin Heartwell, at Geneva, N. Y., in 1858. The tree was split into fence rails by him and son, Oscar Heartwell, and the wart or knot off of the side of the tree was kept in the family and finally brought to Hastings, Nebraska, by Charles Heartwell, in 1887. Benjamin Heartwell had already hewed from the knot a heavy plank in an effort to make a table from it, but was not successful. O. F. Heartwell, Jr., in 1914, completed the work, and the work is truly artistic.

The size of the table is 24x42 inches. The accompanying picture gives but a faint idea of the beauty of this remarkable piece of cross-grained wood. The 180 or more rings, showing the age of the tree, are not concentric. There are many variations in thickness which, under a high polish, reflect the light in such a way as to produce a wonderful iridescent effect.

This idea of a table top made of wood cut cross-grain is unique. It is doubtful if a single duplicate of this work can be found.

FOR YOUR HARTWELL SCRAPBOOK



LANDMARK IN PUINS—Part of original structure (on right) still faces Battle rd.

Hartwell Farm destroyed

The sodden clutter represented a place where an epic had occurred — a drama of our national awareness.

By ROBERT TAYLOR

Hartwell Farm, gutted by fire, lay in a heap of icicle-crusted rubble. A wintry sun leaked through frozen pine branches, across the boulders and split-rail fences of Lincoln fields, and flecked the remnants of the roofless, original structure.

At 10:30 last Sunday night Hartwell Farm burned almost to the foundations. It had been operated as a restaurant for some 40 years by the late Jane Poor and by Marion Fitch. The firemen had little chance to save the building. Miss Fitch, distraught, was restrained from rushing into the flames: for the interior contained marvelous antiques, possessions and memories.

Now Hartwell Farm tumbled in the slush. A cardboard, its "KEEP OUT" scrawled by red crayon, hung askew near a naked bulb dangling from the splintered lintel. To the left, as one looked at the farm from Battle Road, rose a chimney, an open hearth, blackened andirons and a welter of smoking debris.

This comprised additions to the house made by Miss Fitch to accommodate the restaurant trade. The original Hartwell Farm — a site of the utmost significance in American history and a potential highlight of the emerging Minute Man National Historical Park — still stood, as a shell.

The asphalt pavement before

the entrance was littered by crushed paper cups; and within the paint-blistered, sagging frame, a chimney staircase angled to nowhere.

Spectators had begun to straggle past the sawhorses that blocked that portion of the street, and stood jiggling in the cold and talking in low, awed voices. "There's the door Prescott rapped on," said a young woman, pointing to a slab of cracked lumber.

But it was not the door: the door was at the rear of the house, gone forever, and with it a part of the American past, something precious, fragile and profound.

In the chill silence one could invoke that past. For the sodden clutter represented a place where an epic had occurred—a drama of our national awareness.

It was Tuesday evening, the eighteenth of April, 1775, a mild, moonlit night. Down that road, past Hartwell Farm (which should not be confused with the Hartwell Tavern, beyond) cantered three cloaked horsemen. They wore cockaded hats, dark blue military capes and swords: British officers patrolling the roads to seal off Concord from provincial messengers.

Outside Hartwell Farm, the home of Samuel Hartwell who was a sergeant in the Lincoln company of Minute Men (his father, Ephraim, kept the tavern), Sukey, the slave girl, was gath-

ering kindling. The dark riders filled her with grim forebodings. "Mistress Hartwell!" she cried, running into the house, "there's a funeral going by!"

Later that night, Dr. Samuel Prescott of Concord, who had been lingering with his sweetheart, a Miss Mulliken of Lexington, and who while on his way home from courting, had joined up with Revere and Dawes, the colonial messengers from Boston. Prescott did indeed hammer on the back door.

He had eluded the British patrol which scooped up Revere to end The Midnight Ride, and escaping through a swamp, emerged behind Hartwell Farm.

As Samuel Hartwell, a gunsmith and locksmith, saddled up, his wife Mary — leaving Polly, aged four, and Sally, two, and a five-month infant, with Sukey — ran through the elm shadows to the neighboring farm. This property was owned by Captain William Smith who galloped to Lincoln Center and aroused the town.

From Hartwell Farm, Mary could see the British grenadiers tramping in a brilliant red line, distinguish the infantry coming closer through the dawn, in scarlet coats, white leggings, pointed caps, powdered wigs, bosom-pins and frogged lace. And Hartwell Farm was situated amidst the guerrilla skirmishes of April 19th:

Bloody Angle, the swirling forays and counter-attacks. Retreating British soldiers fired several shots into the house; and one soldier thrust his broken musket into a window.

"The burning of Hartwell Farm is a great loss," said Benjamin Zerby, in charge of the National Park Service's Historical Park. "There are 18 houses of Colonial vintage in the park — well over half the land has been acquired, although much property is still privately-owned — now there are 17: it's as simple as that."

Can Hartwell Farm be restored? Possibly. The Park Service is running out of its original authorization. "Unless we get an increase in the authorization," says Zerby, "it is out of the question." But the possibility exists, nevertheless, that measurements, photographs might yield a reproduction.

It is perhaps ironic that the desolate clapboards lying in the Winter dusk should mark the site of a restaurant known to moderns for the excellence of its chicken soup.

On that April day it was Mary Hartwell's lookout. Just up the road a fallen young British officer sprawled in the dust that whole afternoon, his head pillowed on the black ribbons of his regalia and his ruffled shirt gleaming in the sun.

Shown in the left-hand column of this page are a number of photographs of the interior of Hartwell Farm taken from a delightful promotional booklet which was prepared and made available to guests when they dined at the Farm. A copy of the booklet is in The Hartwell Library and the Editor wishes to thank our Librarian, H. Roger Hartwell for his diligence in accumulating and safeguarding Hartwell items and for making the booklet, the Fitch Article, and numerous Fire Items available for the Newsletter. a.th.



BY KAY BODKIN
Women's Editor

A Woman's View

Standing in the doorway of her cozy Lincoln apartment, Marion Fitch greeted me with the same warm smile and expectant expression so familiar to Hartwell Farm visitors over the years.

This virtually unimitable woman who with her partner, Jane Poor, built a house and a business in the best traditions, has lived to lose all three after an association of more than four decades.

To those who know her, she is nearly a living Lincoln legend. It would only be expected of her that she remain the same active, enthusiastic woman who was a Virginia rd. neighbor to the entire town.

The story is not in the tragedy of the February, 1968, fire that reduced the famous old Hartwell Farm, house turned restaurant, to a shell, but in the present activities of Marion Fitch whose talents are being put to good use in a variety of projects.

One thing is certain, she's still one of the best cooks around...and the most gracious hostess!



Marion Fitch

Marion Fitch is an active volunteer worker at the Old Town Hall Exchange in Lincoln. Hartwell Farm china and glassware are among available items in the shop. The bottles on the top shelves contain Miss Fitch's French Dressing and also Mustard Sauce, quickly recognizable to those familiar with the Hartwell Farm menu.

Within thirty minutes from the time I stepped through her door, we were sipping hot tea and devouring delectable pop-overs, fresh from the oven, smeared with creamy butter and Miss Fitch's special peach preserves.

And, she made them look so easy! First she poured 1 cup of milk into a big crockery bowl and added ½ teaspoon salt. She broke two eggs into the bowl and stirred just enough to break up the eggs. One cup flour was added next, to be lightly beaten in, leaving an extremely lumpy batter. To one side, she had 5 oz. glass custard cups greased and waiting. There was enough batter for six. Cautioning me to remember that the pop-overs will raise better in glass than in metal, she placed the dishes in a cold (yes, cold) oven and set the temperature for 450 degrees. And that was that!

She wouldn't let me peek into the oven until thirty minutes on the dot had elapsed. Of course, they were perfect...high, golden brown and absolutely delicious.

As we enjoyed late Saturday tea time, we discussed her busy schedule. Of particular interest to area folk, is her work with the Lincoln Old Town Hall Exchange. The charming shop in the old Lincoln Town Hall is sponsored by a group of residents concerned with the preservation of the building. They banded together to form a volunteer committee operating the shop on a consignment basis. Handicrafts and foodstuffs from Lincoln residents afford them a small profit, enough to accomplish their maintenance of the Lincoln landmark, and offers Lincoln women an outlet for their talents, with a small monetary compensation for their efforts.

A bit of Hartwell Farm now has its place in the old Town Hall Exchange. On one shelf, you'll see the restaurant's china with its picture of Hartwell Farm in that familiar Heliotrope shade of light purple. The sketch on the china was actually accomplished by the company who makes it when they made a copper plate of one of Miss Fitch's line drawings, though she won't admit that it's her own work.

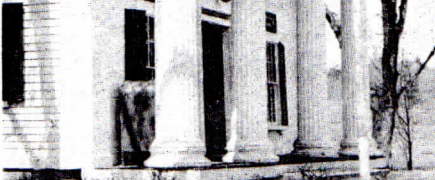
Water glasses as were used at the Farm are also on sale.

As we spoke, I could see the dark lines on my tea cup and saucer caused by the fire and could not help but be amazed that no more serious damage had been done.

Also available at the Exchange are Marion Fitch's French Dressing and the Mustard Sauce as were used at Hartwell Farm. The well-loved Chicken a La King and Chicken Soup round out the restaurant's favorites now available at the Exchange, but more is planned for the future.

My favorite was always the Roquefort Dressing, and Miss Fitch promises a supply as soon as suitable containers, now on order, arrive.

The answer to everyone who has inquired...her famous Brown Sugar Rolls are not available at this time. Making these necessitates space, and in her tiny kitchen she simply cannot manage them. Besides, her oven will only bake one dozen at a time. She tells in an amusing story about making



The Old Lincoln Town Hall is the location of the Exchange Shop, sponsored by a committee of Lincoln residents whose main purpose is to preserve the historic town landmark. Handcrafted items and food are provided by area women for sale in the building located in Lincoln center.



This marvelous photograph of historic Hartwell Farm was among a group of receipts, and personal mementos retrieved by Marion Fitch after fire destroyed her home and restaurant in February, 1968. The edges, singed by flames, in no way mar this early picture of the Virginia Road structure.

some for a special friend. She had to prepare them in her living room.

Every other Friday from 12 noon til 2:30, Marion Fitch is a volunteer at the Exchange in Lincoln Center. She also works at the Lincoln Library in a volunteer capacity.

With all this cooking, volunteer work and her own social life, she doesn't find much spare time. Hopefully, she will spend what time she can working on a cookbook of the beloved Hartwell Farm recipes which I know is planned. With all of us nipping at her heels, surely it will become a reality.

Fortunately, her recipes and books of notes were among the articles recovered from the debris. Regular visitors to Hartwell Farm may recall seeing Miss Fitch perched behind the high old school desk which served as a reservations area. She sat on a wooden barrel-like container, lined in fabric, with a cushioned seat. In this, were stored her recipes and menus. Inexplicably, this was one of the few things that did not burn.

On a table in her living room, I noticed one of the handcrafted copper coffee servers which always drew cries of pleasure from customers. A ribbon on the handle

held a tiny card with the simple message "Greetings from Hartwell Farm." Miss Fitch explained that a friend to whom she had sent it years ago recently presented her with the server knowing how much it would mean to her now that there are no more. Its thoughtful message is as cherished as the gift.

The aftermath of the fire, aside from the heartaches, has brought about extremes of frustration, humor and thoughtfulness, as in the incident related here. Appalling as it may be beloved articles, such as an old garden seat and favorite plants from the garden, were taken from the grounds following the fire. With so little left to be retrieved, it seems especially-offensive that anyone could actually dig up plants from the garden and carry them away... forever denying their presence and the memories therein to the one for whom they could have meant so much.

To all those familiar with historic Hartwell Farm, these lines are self explanatory. For our readers who do not know of it, we will briefly relate its past below.

For Marion Fitch, Hartwell Farm is still very much alive, though her partner, Jane Poor, who died some years ago, and the

building they restored from a shell are now part of the past. As we recalled the mellow glow of hanging lamps reflecting on the aged beams, the crackling fires in old hearths, smells of good food wafting from the kitchen, the guest book in the parlor and the flowers' round the door, we look forward to a possible future time when it once again may welcome visitors as part of Minuteman National Park.

Miss Fitch, who highly compliments the park staff for their consideration and cooperation, enjoyed discovering new tidbits of information as she and the park's architect-historian, Mr. Carroll, worked together to complete a history of the structure.

To put her feelings into words would certainly be difficult, but in a typically gracious phrasing, she would say only this about the fire. "The house was such a friend always... it seems a shame that she should lose her dignity."

She has't, Miss Fitch. The shell of the main house and the giant chimney stand a silent vigil as if to say to the ashes, "We defy you, fire." They stand with great dignity. And each car, which imperceptibly slows as it passes, simultaneously pauses with respect to a great lady.

Hartwell Farm: A Historic Landmark

Built originally around 1685, Hartwell Farm was the home of Sergeant Samuel Hartwell and his wife, Mary Flint Hartwell, in 1775.

It was there that Dr. Samuel Prescott, having eluded two British horsemen at 1:30 in the morning, rode up to rap on the door and awaken the Hartwell family. Prescott asked that news of the British advance be sent to Captain William Smith of the Lincoln Minute Men, an eighth of a mile back on the road to Lexington, so that he could ride on to Concord. It was due to Dr. Prescott's warning and the Hartwell alarm that two Lincoln companies of Minute Men were the first to reach Concord from any of the neighboring towns.

The last member of the historic Hartwell family to live in the house was John Hartwell, who was born in the house in 1848.

Miss Fitch and her companion and business partner, Miss Jane Hamilton Poor, bought the old house 44 years ago, renovated it in the style of its original period, and

opened their restaurant on April 19, 1929. Miss Poor passed away in 1961, at the age of 66.

When the two owners first moved into the house, they did most of the early work of refurbishing by themselves. They tore down old wallboards to uncover wood paneling and beams dating back to the mid-17th century, replaced rotting timbers with wood of suitable age and thickness in order to preserve the original appearance as much as possible, and scraped away dozens of layers of crumbling paint.

In 1928, Miss Fitch and Miss Poor began adding the part they called "The Barn," using wide boards from an old cider mill, 12 x 14 beams from an old school house in Somerville, floor boards and 3 x 5s from an ice-house in Wakefield. Fireplace bricks were found in old houses being torn down in Boston. An antique schoolmaster's desk served as an office. Flagstones for the summer terrace had come originally from the Court House that was torn down in Boston in 1815 to make room for the Boston City Hall.

Providing an atmosphere as nearly authentic as they could make it was only part of the effort the two very gracious ladies made, however. Excellent food, good-humored understanding, spirited conversation were offered all comers - the travelers from all parts of the county as well as local Lincoln, Concord and Lexington residents and other visiting New Englanders.

Besides, participating in the April 19 celebration, and acting as hostess to all who attended it, Miss Fitch, and Miss Poor while she was alive, offered Hartwell Farm as a meeting-place for countless civic meetings.

For a number of years, through

the cooperation and generosity of Miss Fitch, who always dressed in 18th-century costume for the occasion, the townspeople of Lincoln have reenacted the events of the early morning hours of April 19, 1775, on the doorstep at Hartwell Farm.

Marion Fitch has often told visitors how Hartwell Farm was to have been burned by the British because Sgt. Hartwell was a gunslinger. It escaped being burnt in 1775, she has said, "because when the British returned from Concord, they were in too much of a hurry to stop."

Fire almost entirely destroyed historic Hartwell Farm on Virginia rd. in Lincoln in February of 1968, despite the efforts of five local and neighboring fire departments to save the 275-year old building. Only a portion of the east wing of the building was left standing.

Miss Marian Fitch, 76, owner of the building and its popular, country-style restaurant since 1924, reported the fire at 10:26 p.m., when she noticed electric lights flickering and smelled smoke, apparently coming from the cellar. Miss Fitch and an employee were forced out into the cold. Because the restaurant was to have remained closed on Monday, no one else was in the building at the time.

The fiercely blazing fire, swept by strong winds, gutted the central portion of the old building within minutes, then spread to both ends, finally claiming the roof and much of the newer part of the building.

Standing within the borders of the Minute Man National Historical Park, the building was to have been preserved by the park authorities and its use as a restaurant would have continued.

THE HARTWELL NEWS

is edited and published for

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA (an association)

by RANDOM PRESS a hartwell company at 176½ East 75th Street, New York, N. Y. 10021 Telephone (212) 734-4000

MEETING continued from page 2

Voted to thank Mrs. Sturdy for the lovely water lillies.

Voted to thank Charles Hartwell for taking the group picture.

It was voted to send the last newsletter of 1973 to all Hartwells living in the area who were not members as of June, 1973.

THE HARTWELL FARM

Alden Webber reported that the Federal Park Service hope to restore the Hartwell Farm. The rooms are not to be restored but the building will be used to exhibit old arts and crafts. The estimated cost of restoration is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.).



FILE PHOTO OF HISTORIC HARTWELL FARM IN LINCOLN

Voted to thank Alden Webber for his work as president of the association for the past two years. It was suggested that the new president work with Alden Webber and the executive committee to choose a new genealogist.

The president appointed the following committee to make all arrangements for the next meeting:

- Mrs. Charles Hartwell, Jr.
- Mrs. Alden Webber
- Mrs. Nancy Duncan

Voted to adjourn the meeting which was done at 3:10 P.M.

Donald W. Goodnow, Recording Secretary

**SEND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS
ABOUT HARTWELLS
TO THE EDITOR**

SWAN HARTWELL

Swan Hartwell was a past president of the Association and at all times during his long affiliation he was a moving force in perpetuating the Association.

In Memoriam

Swan Hartwell at Age 97

A memorial service will be held in Newton Cemetery Chapel, Newton, on Monday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. for Swan Hartwell, 97, of Boston and Tucson, Arizona. He died on August 5.

Born in Somerville, New Jersey, he was a direct descendant of one of America's earliest Huguenot families. In recent years he spent much time in Tucson but has always maintained his Boston residence.

He began his business career as an independent anthracite broker in New York, and in 1910 joined his father's com-

pany, H.N. Hartwell & Son. He later became president of the company and was chairman of the board at the time of his death.

Under his leadership the company acquired White Fuel Company, which became one of the largest independent oil terminals on the Atlantic coast. White Fuel is now part of Texaco.

Surviving are his wife, Edna Wilson Hartwell, and two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Crosby of New Britain, Conn., and Mrs. Allison Favrot of New Orleans, La.

WHERE ARE YOU?

If you know the correct current addresses of the following persons, the staff will appreciate hearing from you so that we can up-date our mailing list.

- Fisher, Miss Carla Joe
- Fisher, Mr. Lester R.
- Hartwell, Mrs. Daisie B.
- Hartwell, James H.
- Hartwell, James T.
- Hartwell, Jimmie
- Hartwell, Mr. & Mrs. John B.
- Lambert, Mrs. John F.
- Hartwell, Mr. Michael Lee
- Johnston, Mrs. Neil Douglas
- Mitchess, Mr. & Mrs. Charles F.
- Perez, Catherine Bowman
- Quibell, Mrs. Ruegg Victor
- Seely, Hartwell I.
- Smith, Mr. Burton M.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

If we are not mailing this to your proper address including zip code, please drop us a card to notify us of your correct Full Name and Address including Zip Code.

ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES

Donald W. Goodnow, Auburn, Mass.
 Beatrice H. Goodnow, Auburn, Mass
 Marcia C. Webber, Bedford, Mass.
 David Hartwell Webber, Chelmsford, Mass.
 Julie Hartwell Webber, Chelmsford, Mass.
 Priscilla F. Hartwell, Springfield, Mass.
 Kenneth Sawyer, Berlin, Mass.
 Louise H. Poole, Clinton, Mass.
 Ralph Hartwell Smith, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Beryl J. Hartwell, Albany, N.Y.
 Anna Gibson, Albany, N.Y.
 Sally Hartwell, Raymond, Maine
 Roger Hartwell, Raymond, Maine
 Donna Rooney (Guest), Bedford, Mass.
 Donna Lee Duncan, Bedford, Mass.
 Nancy H. Duncan, Bedford, Mass.
 Constance Hartwell Cincotti, Brookline, Mass.
 Catherine A. Hartwell (Mrs. Fred), Wellesley, Ma.
 Charlotte Hartwell, Littleton, Mass.
 Marion W. Hartwell, Littleton, Mass.
 Dorothy Bradford Ferguson, Walpole, Mass.
 Charles A. Hartwell, Winthrop, Mass.
 Linda J. Donnelly, Westwood, Mass.
 Mrs. Gladys Macquiecorrie, Rodlindale, Mass.
 William Donnelly, Westwood, Mass.
 Gladys Donnelly, Westwood, Mass.
 Winnifred L. Sturdy, Harvard, Mass.
 Albert Thomas Hartwell, New York City
 Merrill G. Sprague, Harvard, Mass.
 Myrtle Hartwell Hansen, Richmond, Indiana
 Mrs. Gale Hartwell (Barl), Rapid City, S.D.
 Rev. & Mrs. Clair Carpenter, Troy, N.Y.
 Dorothy Heartwell
 Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Jones, Howard
 (Guests of Mrs. Sturdy)
 Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Y. Hartwell, N. Anson, Maine
 Marion Fitch, Littleton, Mass. 01460 (Guest)
 Alden W. Webber, Bedford, Mass.

HARTWELLS WANTED!

If you know of a HARTWELL who is not receiving this Newsletter just use the coupon below to send us his or her name and address, and we'll make sure they get a copy from now on.

If you're reading someone else's copy, just fill in the coupon below and we'll put you on the complimentary list!

If you are in a position to donate time, service, or what have you - please let us know - we need you!

PLEASE PRINT

name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I can help.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zn. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zn. _____

**The Hartwell Family
 and Account of The Decendants of
 WILLIAM HARTWELL
 OF CONCORD, MASS. 1636-**

You are a member of "CLAN HARTWELL"!

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 handclaps and the formation of pleasant and lasting friendships among us. This fostering of a spirit of good fellowship transcends our written objectives.

"In 1887 a Handbook of Hartwell Genealogy was published by Mr. L. W. Densmore. Thirty 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 new Hartwell Genealogy, (800 pages in all) which contains many interesting pages of material including biographical sketches, 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." Neatly finished in Buckram Cloth Binding - INDEED - a book that you, a Hartwell, will treasure for years to come.

Think of it as a gift to your children or grandchildren, you will be surprised how it will be appreciated.

HARTWELL ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE TREASURER

	United States	Foreign
1636-1956 Genealogy inc. Supplement to 1968	\$13.00	\$15.00
1636-1956 Genealogy <i>without</i> Supplement	12.00	14.00
1968 Supplement only	2.00	2.25
Full Color Coat of Arms [of the present Baronet]	2.00	2.25
Coat of Arms Description only	.25	.30
14 page Booklet "The Hartwell Arms"	1.00	1.25

Please send orders to:

David H. Webber, Treasurer, Hartwells of America, 13 Sleigh Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824.

Make checks payable to: THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA