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NOTICE

1986 ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday, June 28, 1986

PLACE: The Barn at Hartwell
Tavern, Lincoln, MA.

TIME: Greetings & Salutations,
Coffee & Doughnuts
10:00 - 12:00

Picnic Luncheon.
12:00 - 1:00

(due to the absence of
cooking facilities on
the premises, box
lunches will be avail-
able--see enclosed
reservation form--or
bring your own).

Business Meeting
1:00 - Conclusion

DIRECTIONS:

From North or South
on Route 128 (I-95), take
exit for Route 2, West, to
Concord; after 2 miles on
Route 2, take right at light
onto Bedford Road; at end of
Bedford Road, cross Route 2A
and take sharp left onto
Virginia Road (Virginia Rd.
starts directly across from
the end of Bedford Rd., but
the street sign is not
visible until you cross
Route 2A); the Hartwell
Tavern is 3/8 mile further
(past the Samuel Hartwell
Farm site) on the right.

COME TO EXPERIENCE THE HISTORY

In 1754, Ephriam Hartwell opened a part of his home as a tavern, where travelers were provided bed and board. It was also a popular gathering place for local people. The present Hartwell Tavern (a 1775 building with later additions) was a typical country inn of the Revolutionary War period.

Now an integral part of historic Minute Man National Historical Park, the Tavern will be open throughout the Reunion day, with interpretative presentations by the National Park Service commencing at 8:30 and concluding at 5:00.

A short walk down Virginia Road is the site of the Hartwell Farm, home of Samuel (son of Ephriam) Hartwell, a sergeant in the Lincoln Company of Minute Men, and his wife, Mary. On the night of the famed ride of Paul Revere, April 18-19, 1775, Dr. Samuel Prescott, who rode with Revere, went to the Farm to alert Samuel Hartwell of the British march on Lexington and Concord. Samuel immediately left to join the "rebel" contingent which was to gain everlasting fame at the battle of North Bridge.

Samuel was a gunsmith and locksmith, and his house was to have been burned by the British, but--as put by Mary--the British in retreat to Boston were in too much of a hurry to finish the task and, apart from a bayonet thrust through a window and a few errant shots into the garret, the family escaped unscathed.

MINUTES OF THE 1985 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARTWELLS OF
AMERICA - MANSFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

The forty-eighth Annual Reunion of the Hartwells of America was held on June 29, 1985 in Mansfield, Masssachusetts. After luncheon the meeting was opened by a prayer by H. Roger Hartwell.

First time attendees, Florence Hartwell of Mansfield and William Charles Hartwell (age 6 months) also of Mansfield, introduced themselves to their Hartwell cousins and were warmly welcomed.

Letters were read from Hartwell cousins who were unable to attend the Reunion.

A moment of silence was observed for the loss of Gladys Hartwell of Grafton, Massachusetts, since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Connie Hartwell Cincotti and seconded by H. Roger Hartwell that the Minutes as published in the Newsletter be accepted without correction.

The Treasurer's Report as submitted by David Hartwell Webber was, upon motion duly made and seconded, accepted by the meeting. David was unfortunately unable to join us but his diligent stewardship of the treasury was gratefully acknowledged in his absence.

The Genealogist's Report by Joy Peach centered on the need to update the Hartwell Genealogy. It has been thirty years since John F. Hartwell's massive undertaking was published. A new generation of Hartwells has been born and formerly unknown Hartwells have been discovered so that the amount of unpublished data is barely manageable manually. Happily, also, new computer technology has made the task of dealing with the volume and complexity of this information more feasible. Joy reported that she hoped to enroll in a course on computerization of genealogical information. The meeting unanimously voted to approve the computerization of the genealogical records and instructed Joy to proceed, as her schedule permitted, to determine what her needs would be in terms of hardware and software for such a course of action. Several attendees with access to computers at home or at work volunteered their equipment or experience to the project.

Further discussion centered on the cost and complexity of getting the updated Genealogy published. Concern was expressed that the cost of such a volume would be prohibitive; the only point upon which there was any clear consensus was that the book would have to be published on a subscription basis.

Joy asked for input and assistance from anyone with any expertise or information bearing on either computerization or

publication of the updated genealogy. Even if you have never attended a Reunion, if you have any information, either positive or negative, about genealogical software, subscription publication, etc., please share it with your Hartwell cousins as your knowledge could be very helpful. Just drop Joy a note.

The Scholarship Committee awarded a five hundred dollar scholarship to Brian Hartwell Negus of Dunwoody, Georgia. Brian, a second year student at the Medical College of Georgia, graduated magna cum laude from Duke University. Brian expects to receive his M.D. degree in June of 1988. Brian's proud grandmother, Hope Hartwell Negus, is a frequent Reunion attendee. The entire Association wishes Brian the best of luck in his studies and future career.

The Meeting appointed the following members as its Nominating Committee for a slate of officers to be recommended for election at the 1986 Reunion: David Hartwell Webber, H. Roger Hartwell, Alison Hartwell and John Christian Hartwell.

The meeting discussed adoption of a new Constitution, as revised by Wayne E. Hartwell pursuant to a vote of the 1984 meeting. It was voted that the proposed revised Constitution and By Laws be circulated in the 1986 Newsletter for review by the membership at large. The Constitution will be ratified at the 1986 Reunion; any member having suggestions or comments may forward them to Wayne Hartwell, 30 Lantern Lane, Wrentham, MA. 02093.

A lively discussion of potential sites for next year's Reunion resulted in the appointment of the following persons to seek out a Reunion site: Connie Hartwell Cincotti, Judith Bacon Hartwell, Roger Whitaker Hartwell and Alison Hartwell. The top contender suggested at the meeting was the Hartwell Tavern, in Lincoln, Massachusetts.

The traditional Gifts were awarded to the following:

Eldest gentleman - William Gray Hartwell
Eldest Lady - Connie Hartwell Cincotti
Youngest attendee - William Charles Hartwell
Persons travelling furthest to attend - William Gray and Florence Hartwell, from North Anson, Maine.

Upon adjournment, there being no further business to come before the meeting, the attendees assembled for photographs by Alison Hartwell.

Judith Bacon Hartwell
Recording Secretary

JOY PEACH, our Genealogist, has designed a special form for up-dating our Hartwell Genealogy and has been doing a great job of putting our things in order . . . we thank you Joy. If you need information, have requests, Birth/Death information or need forms, please write to:

JOY PEACH
R.F.D. #1, BEACH POINT ROAD
LANCASTER, MASS. 01523

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"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.

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We are missing 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, and 1972.

Please look around to see what you can find...all future Hartwells will appreciate it — Send anything you may have to: Editor, Hartwell News, 134 East 70th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021.