

# NEWSLETTER

## THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(an association)

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### NOTICE

#### FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REUNION

##### 1988 Annual Meeting

**DATE:** Saturday, June 25, 1988

**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 a lack of cooking facilities on the premises, box lunches may be ordered in advance--see enclosed reservation form--or bring your own if you prefer)

Business Meeting--  
1:00 - Conclusion

#### DIRECTIONS:

From North or South on Route 128 (I-95), take exit in Lexington for Route 2A West. Approximately 1.5 miles on Route 2A to Virginia Road, on right. The Hartwell Tavern is 3/8 mile further on Virginia Road (past the Samuel Hartwell Farm site) on the Right.

### MINUTES OF THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

Lincoln, Massachusetts

The Fiftieth Annual Reunion of the HARTWELLS OF AMERICA was held on June 27, 1987 at the barn behind the Hartwell Tavern on Virginia Road (also known as Battle Road for its part in the American Revolution) in Minute Man National Historical Park, Lincoln, MA.

Due to persistent drizzle and the threat of imminent downpours, the meeting assembled for the customary group photograph at the outset of the day's activities, rather than at the end. This proved to be a wise break from tradition as the remainder of the day saw heavy rains.

A picnic-style box luncheon, provided by the good offices of Chris Hartwell, was enjoyed prior to the business meeting.

The business meeting itself convened at approximately 12:40 with a prayer from H. Roger Hartwell. President Wayne Hartwell welcomed the attendees and introduced the Association officers who were present: Joy Peach, Genealogist, David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer, Priscilla Hartwell, Corresponding Secretary, Judith Bacon Hartwell, Recording Secretary and Librarian, and Connie Cincotti, Scholarship Committee.

The deaths of the following cousins was reported to the meeting and in their memory, the group joined in a moment of prayer: Wilbur Howard Hartwell, Madera, CA, October 31, 1984; Lyla Mae (Hartwell) Rector, Madera, CA, September 27, 1984; Lewis William Hartwell, December 27, 1985; Florence A. (Hartwell) Dean, Madera, CA, January 27, 1985; Lois (Mitchell) Hartwell, Loyalton, CA, June 2, 1986; Ruth (Bassett) Hartwell, Largo, FL, April 10, 1986; Chester Lincoln Hartwell, Pembroke Pines, FL,



January 16, 1987; George C. Hartwell, Hummelstown, PA, March 24, 1987; Marion A. Fitch, Littleton, MA, May 12, 1987. Miss Fitch was remembered as a long-time Association member and Reunion attendee who, with her partner, Jane Poor, owned and operated the Hartwell Farm Restaurant in the former Samuel Hartwell Farm prior to its destruction by fire in 1968.

Those persons attending their first Reunion were recognized, as follows: Carl L. Sprinkle, Maybelle (Hartwell) Sprinkle, and Linda N. Sprinkle, Eaton Rapids, MI, Paul Hartwell and Scot Hartwell, Stoneham, MA, and Mitchell Dutch Warner and Signia R. Warner, Amherest, MA.

The President then called for the report of the committees.

The Recording Secretary's report comprised a request for revisions and corrections to the Minutes of the 1986 meeting, as published in the 1987 Newsletter. No corrections being stated, the Minutes were accepted as published.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing and accepted by the meeting as submitted.

Connie Cincotti reported on behalf of the Scholarship Committee that it had been voted to award two grants, in the amount of \$200 each, to Jeffrey Stephen Hartwell, Cohasset, MA and Scott W. McConnell, Philadelphia, NY.

Joy Peach, our Genealogist, reported on some accomplished Hartwells of the last century. In perusing "History Carved in Stone", the publication of the Association of Gravestone Studies, Joy noted references to one Isaac Hartwell of Fitchburg, MA. Isaac, it appears, was one of the better and more artistic gravestone masons practicing his craft in the area in the 1830's and 1840's. Joy has discovered two examples of his work in her researches.

Another artistic Hartwell is Alonso who, in the 1830's, was a noted artist in watercolor and oil, as well as a wood carver and book illustrator in the era before the photograph. Examples of his work are in the Littleton and Lancaster Massachusetts Public Libraries, as well as private collections.

Joy expressed her frustration with her inability to follow up research on early records

concerning individuals who moved to New York State so as to verify certain entries in the Genealogy.

Finally, Joy shared the facinating window on the past provided by the wills of Sara Hartwell Melvin Smith, the daughter of Ebenezer (3rd generation from William). Born in 1694, the widowed Sara Melvin married Elisha Smith in Worcester in 1741. Elisha's 1766 will reveals a detailed care and concern for his wife that speaks well of the success of their marriage and gives insight into the lifestyle of the times. When she died at seventy-five, Sara made special provision in her will that her daughter receive her black velvet cloak with the scarlet lining, probably her most valued possession.

The meeting voted unanimously to undertake to have the 1988 Reunion once again at Minute Man National Historic Park.

Minute Man Park memorabilia were awared as gifts to the following;

Eldest Gentleman: Carl R. Sprinkle (84).  
Eldest Lady: Maybelle (Hartwell) Sprinkle (83)  
Youngest: William Charles Hartwell (2-1/2).  
Travelling Furthest: Carl, Maybelle, and Linda Sprinkle, Eaton Rapids, MI

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the proceedings were adjourned.

## GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

Joy Peach, Association Genealogist

## VITAL RECORDS

### DEATHS

In Harvard, MA, on May 2, 1988, MORRILL G. SPRAGUE, age 88, long-time Association member and Reunion attendee. Mr. Sprague was the owner of M.G. Sprague Co., engaged in the sales of farm machinery in Still River, MA. Mr. Sprague was active in Harvard town affairs for more than 30 years and in 1985 received an honorary award for his service to the town. Mr. Sprague leaves a son, MORRILL G., JR., Austell, CA; two daughters, PATRICIA JOHNSON, Haverhill, MA and JANET FALCONER, Claremont, CA; and nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



PAST REUNIONS

In South Daytona, FL, on January 5, 1987, SAMUEL H. HARTWELL, age 96. Born in Lewiston, ME, Samuel H. was a long-time resident of Springfield, MA, where he owned a Firestone tire dealership for 35 years prior to his retirement in 1959, at which time he moved to FL. He is survived by a stepson, FRED TUNNINGTON, Tallahassee, FL, a stepdaughter, JOAN EICHMAN, Ventura, CA, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In Burlington, Ontario, Canada, on May 22, 1986, HARRIS ROY LEAVITT, age 90. Mr. Leavitt was the son of Charles and Lucy Carr (Hartwell) Leavitt.

In Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, on January 20, 1987, EZRA LLOYD GEORGE HARTWELL, age 62. Son of AMOS BRADLEY and NELLIE MAE (MILLER) HARTWELL.

In Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, on July 5, 1987, one day prior to her 86th birthday, NELLIE MAE (MILLER) HARTWELL. Widow of AMOS BRADLEY HARTWELL, she is survived by two daughters, RUTH (HARTWELL) CUTLER and LAURA (HARTWELL) SAUNDERS, two sons, WALLACE and GEORGE, as well as 18 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

In Pomona, CA, on May 14, 1987, MILTON HOYT HARTWELL, age 73. Son of CHARLES FRED and ANNA MATILDA (HOYT) HARTWELL.

MARRIAGES

At Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on June 26, 1987, WENDY MAE (HARTWELL) DREW, daughter of WALLACE and HAZEL HARTWELL and widow of GRAYDON DREW, to GORDON KLINE.

NOTE: Vital records such as the foregoing are essential if the next edition of "The Hartwells of America" is to be up-to-date, complete, and accurate. If you are aware of any births, deaths or marriages which should be included, please forward them to your Genealogist.

Lately, I have had occasion to go through a large box of papers that belonged to former Association Genealogist, John F. Hartwell. Among those papers were booklets from some of the nineteenth century reunions of the Hartwell Association.

The second annual reunion was held on September 18, 1885 at Concord, MA, and featured the wedding of Minot S. Hartwell, a Congregational minister, and his bride, Abby Staples, both of Woonsocket, RI. They were attended by four members of the Association and--while presumably the participants knew in advance of this proceeding--the rest of the gathered clan were taken completely by surprise! It's a grand idea, and perhaps one which ought to be perpetuated. What better sendoff could a young couple wish than the congratulations of so many representatives of the family?

L.W. Densmore was Genealogist back in that time, and he made a lengthy report about the trials and tribulations of gathering birth, marriage and death statistics for his proposed Genealogy (I can sympathize with him--times haven't changed).

In 1891, the 8th reunion was held at the Concord, MA Town Hall on August 27 and heralded the first instance of rain upon the family gathering. Much discussion revolved about whether to hold the 1893 reunion in Chicago, IL in conjunction with the Columbian Exposition. No firm decision was reached, however; it was voted to hold the 1892 reunion in Concord and there to again discuss the 1893 plans. L.W. Densmore gave an extended report concerning a journey he took tracking missing Hartwells from Maine to Michigan and many points in between. Your Genealogist would dearly love to know what became of the data he collected on this trip because many of the Hartwells he claimed to have located are still among the missing and the data appears to have been lost. Anyone having any clues as to its whereabouts is urged to contact me. There is also a list of inquiries recorded, and most remain unresolved today. Most frustrating!

Membership in the Hartwells of America Association is quite a bargain. Dues were \$1.00 in 1885 and 1891 and have risen to only \$2.00 today



# The Hartwell Family

The Descendants of

**WILLIAM HARTWELL**  
OF CONCORD, MASS. 1636.

Many folks bearing the name of Hartwell and their descendants are unaware that an organization exists known as the Hartwells of America (an Association). Its first meeting was held in Boston on May 2, 1937, called by John F. Hartwell and Claude S. Hartwell.

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 the formation of pleasant and lasting friendships among us, as well as a shared pride in our common heritage.

Using the Handbook of Hartwell Genealogy, 1636-1887, compiled by Lyman W. Densmore, as a starting point, John F. Hartwell brought family lines up to date, filled in some gaps, and tried to unravel "mystery families". Eventually, John's research yielded enough new information to warrant its being combined with Densmore's work in a new book, *The Hartwells Of America, A Genealogy*. Association members provided the funds and G. Malcolm Hartwell printed the Genealogy at cost. A paperback supplement was published in 1962.

*The Hartwells of America, A Genealogy* traces the lineage of more than 20,000 Hartwells descended from William of Concord, MA. Comprised of about 475 pages and neatly bound in navy buckram, the volume also contains background information on English origins, biographical sketches, and photographs.

## HARTWELL ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THE TREASURER

	United States	Foreign
1962 Genealogy Supplement	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

# ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW!

Please make checks payable to HARTWELLS OF AMERICA and send to David H. Webber, Treasurer, Hartwells of America, 13 Sleigh Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824

Annual Dues to June 30th of \$2.00 each are enclosed for the following (PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY)

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## HARTWELLS WANTED!

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

## HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications may be submitted through June 25, 1988 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the Scholarship Grants to be awarded for academic year 1988-1989. To receive applications, contact:

Mrs. Constance G. Cincotti  
13 Greenway Court, Apt. 5  
Brookline, MA 02146

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA  
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Treasurer's Report  
June 27, 1987 - June 25, 1988

Balance on hand and on deposit in the First Mutual Bank for Savings,  
Boston, and MITRE Employees Credit Union, Bedford , as of June 27, 1987.

Passbook #251581 Scholarship Fund	\$ 326.87	
Money Market Account Scholarship Fund	5,462.16	
Passbook #4900087 Operating Fund	925.38	
Money Market Account Operating Fund	<u>9,202.44</u>	
		\$15,916.85

Receipts:

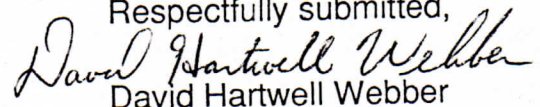
Bank Interest		
-Operating Fund	645.99	
-Scholarship Fund	290.09	
Dues, Genealogies, Supplements	381.75	
Scholarship Fund Donations	<u>25.00</u>	
		1,342.83

Expenses:

1987 Annual Meeting	39.18	
1987 Newsletter	167.54	
Postage	202.00	
Scholarship (2)	400.00	
Safe Deposit Box Rental	<u>15.00</u>	
		823.72

Balance on hand and on deposit in the First Mutual  
of Boston, and MITRE Employees Credit  
Union, Bedford, as of June 25, 1988.

Passbook #302515812 Scholarship Fund	341.90	
Term Cert. #A1205 Scholarship Fund	5,362.22	
Passbook #349000877 Operating Fund	993.07	
Term Cert. #A1204 Operating Fund	<u>9,738.77</u>	
		16,435.96

Respectfully submitted,  
  
David Hartwell Webber  
Treasurer