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FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION

1992 Annual Meeting

Hear Ye!



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DATE: Saturday, June, 27, 1992

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

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

Picnic Luncheon* 12:00 - 1:00

Business Meeting 1:00 - Conclusion

*(Due to 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)

DIRECTIONS:

From Route 495: Take Route 2 East to Acton and Concord. Route 2A joins Route 2 at Reformatory Circle: take 2A (where 2 makes a sharp right) into Lincoln for 1 mile to Battle Road on left. Proceed 6/10 mile to HARTWELL Tavern on left.

From Route 128 (I-95), take Exit 30B in Lexington for Route 2A West, Hanscom Field and Concord. Approximately 1.5 miles on Route 2A to Virginia Road (Battle 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 1991 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

Lincoln, Massachusetts

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Reunion of the HARTWELLS of America was held on Saturday, June 29, 1991 at the Barn behind the HARTWELL Tavern on Virginia Road, in Minuteman National Park, Lincoln, Massachusetts. Some 30-plus hardy souls were in attendance, despite the near record 94 degrees temperature for the day.

Coffee and conversation were free-flowing from 10:00 until noon as HARTWELL cousins brought one another up to date on the past year's happenings and discoveries. Costumed interpreters were in residence at the Tavern throughout the day to provide in-character background on the site and its place in the American Revolution. A picnic-style luncheon followed the morning's activities.

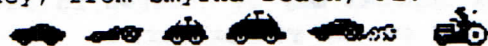
The business meeting was called to order by President Wayne E. HARTWELL shortly after 1:00 p.m. Following the customary opening prayer of thanksgiving offered by H. Roger HARTWELL, a moment of silence was observed in memory of deceased cousins.

Given the heat and humidity of the day, the meeting was not unduly prolonged. The Report of the Recording Secretary pro tem, Marcia Webber, was accepted as printed in the Spring, 1991 Newsletter. The Written Report of Treasurer David HARTWELL Webber was accepted after review by the attendees. Scholarship Committee Chairperson Connie Cincotti had received three applications shortly before the meeting; the Committee voted following the meeting to award three grants, in the amount of \$100. each, to Christopher A. HARTWELL, Selden, New York, Sheila A. Jones, Cortland, New York, and Trisha E. HARTWELL, Enfield, New Hampshire.

**MINUTES OF THE 1991 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA
(continued)**

Genealogist Joy Peach reported on the progress of the new Genealogy (see Genealogist's Report, following) and updated the members on the fruits of her many and varied lines of HARTWELL research.

Commemorative mementos were awarded to the brother and sister team of Connie Cincotti, Brookline, MA, and H. Roger HARTWELL, Raymond, ME, as they were the eldest lady and gentleman present (it should also be noted that the two have not missed a Reunion for as long as anyone could remember). Katherine Florence HARTWELL, Foxborough, MA, aged three years, one month, was recognized as the youngest attendee. The Long-Distance Attendee award went to O. Herbert McKenney, from Smyrna Beach, FL.



A return to the HARTWELL Tavern Barn for the 1992 Reunion was endorsed by vote of the members. There being no further business to come before the meeting, proceedings were adjourned for group pictures before the Tavern.

Marcia Webber
Recording Secretary pro tem

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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HARTWELL VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1992

DEATHS

HARTWELL, Miss Mary R., Southport, Connecticut; October 1, 1988.

HARTWELL, F. Leroy, Plattsburg, New York; January 15, 1991, age 100.

HARTWELL, Thomas A., San Francisco, California; July 14, 1990.

HARTWELL, Miss Marion B., Grimsby, Ontario, Canada; 1990.

LEAVITT, Marie, at Ontario, Canada, 19 December 1990. Wife of the late Harris Leavitt (submitted by Ruth HARTWELL Cutler).

TEMPLE, Rev. Irving A., at Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 13 February 1992. Born in Hopkinton, MA, the son of Adelbert and Mary^{9?} (HARTWELL) Temple, he is survived by his wife Lillian G. (Flewelling) Temple and several nieces and nephews. In 40+ years in the ministry, he served many churches including those in Danielson, CT, Fitchburg, MA, and Uxbridge, MA, before retiring in 1973. (Obituary, Worcester Telegram & Gazette.)

HARTWELL HAPPENINGS

CORRESPONDENCE

Congratulations to William and Ruth¹⁰ (HARTWELL) Cutler, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Hatley, Quebec, Canada on 19 May 1991. Ruth sent a newspaper clipping about the event, which included a great picture of the happy couple, and stated that messages of congratulation had been received from the Prime Minister, the Governor General, and the Premier of Quebec! Nice going!



The Cutler clan is growing. In a letter accompanying the news clipping, Ruth reported the birth of a new great-grandson, Ryan Kevin Comeau, b. 20 March 1991 at Cherbrooke, Quebec. Kevin is the grandson of Ruth's daughter Judy (Cutler) Drew, and the son of her granddaughter, Sue-Lane (Drew) Comeau. In addition, William and Ruth's granddaughter, Toni Irene Morse, daughter of Beverly (Cutler) Morse was married to Carl Douglas Smith at Hatley on 27 July 1991. Lastly, Ruth reported the death of Marie Leavitt, wife of the late Harris Leavitt, at Ontario, 19 December 1990. (Your genealogist has duly recorded these events in the forthcoming genealogy.)

HISTORIC LETTER

Many thanks to Philip Strong of Woodbridge, NJ, for passing along several different bits of information on Civil War era HARTWELLS that he acquired in the course of research into his own "line," which begins with Harriet Anna⁷ HARTWELL of Littleton, MA. And special thanks to him for spotting a most interesting article recently published in his local newspaper in commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The article quotes extensively from a "dramatic eyewitness account of the fatal shooting in Ford's Theater." written by Dr. James Suydam Knox. Knox was seated just under the Presidential box at the time of the shooting, and unsuccessfully pursued the assassin as he leaped from the box and ran across the stage and out the back of the theater. He was just in time to see the assassin "spring on his horse and ride off." Later, Knox was detained at police headquarters, giving evidence. The next day (April 15, 1865), he wrote of his experiences in an emotional letter now preserved in the archives of the library at Princeton University. The HARTWELL connection? James Suydam Knox married Elizabeth Swan⁸ HARTWELL, and it was she who donated the letter to Princeton University, her husband's alma mater.

**GENEALOGY UPDATE**

Work on the first five generations of the descendants of William¹ HARTWELL continues. Every time I think I'm nearly done, a breakthrough, such as the identification of John's wife, seems to occur. Now I know why it is recommended that no genealogy be published until every record (will, deed, tax list, etc.) has been examined. I'm not sure I totally agree with this "rule of thumb," since it would seem to preclude publication of anything except brief sketches of one person's life.

My "modus operandi" is to study as many sources as possible, and to document what I've studied, so that future researchers will know what I've looked at, and perhaps be able to find those sources that I didn't have the time, means, or knowledge to search out. They will also be able to restudy the documents I have read, and reinterpret them in light of their own ideas. I will state frankly where I feel more research might aid in solving a puzzle, and will clearly indicate that certain theories are my "best guess."

Some statistics on the first five generations may be of interest. In the "Register" format that I've chosen to use, every HARTWELL (male and female) who was a progenitor (had descendants), has an Arabic number, and is continued in a paragraph of their own. Those HARTWELLS who died young, or who had no progeny, have a Roman numeral, and are written about under their parent's Arabic number. (Many of these "non-progenitors" have fascinating stories, and made important contributions to their communities, so they should be written up (and read about), even though they had no descendants.

There are 159 HARTWELL family groups in the first five generations beginning with William¹, who is the first generation. His four children - Sarah (HARTWELL) Parker, Mary (HARTWELL) Hill, John, and Samuel - make up the second generation. The third generation contains 13 families, 8 males and 5 females. Generation number four expands to 39 families, 21 males and 18 females, and the fifth generation numbers 102 families, almost evenly divided with 52 male and 50 female families. There are projected to be 260 families in the sixth generation, and the numbers just go up from there, although since families have become smaller in recent generations, the numbers aren't quite so enormous as they would be if everyone kept having 10-12 children!

HARTWELL WIFE IDENTIFIED

Deborah (?) HARTWELL, the first wife of John³ (Samuel², William¹) HARTWELL has been identified. Since John and Deborah had no children, this piece of information is of academic interest only, but "finding" Deborah does give hope that some of the other unidentified HARTWELL wives will eventually be identified as well.

The present HARTWELL genealogy correctly identifies John's second wife as Mary (Brackett) Hill of Billerica, widow of John's first cousin, Jonathan Hill. However, it states that, although John HARTWELL willed his great Bible to Mary Manning, sister of his first wife, this bit of information is no help in identifying Deborah (John F. HARTWELL, ed., HARTWELLS of America, [1956], Vol. 2, p.1).

Your genealogist recently looked at John's original will (Middlesex Probate File 10564), written 14 May 1746, and now stored in an acid-free cardboard packet at the Massachusetts Archives, Columbia Point, Boston. John did, indeed, leave his Bible to Mary Manning, but he further identified her as Mary Manning "of Woodstock," which turns out to be an important clue.

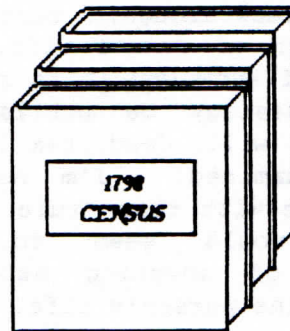
Next, a trip to New England Historic Genealogical Society gave me a change to look at the multi-volume "History and Genealogies of Woodstock, Connecticut." (Woodstock, CT was part of Massachusetts until 1749.) These volumes contain a sketch of the Manning Family which revealed that they were originally from Billerica, MA. The likeliest Mary Manning to have received John HARTWELLS Bible was Mary (Thompson) Manning, wife of Ephraim Manning. Ephraim and Mary were married at Billerica, ca. 1710, and moved to Woodstock about 1727. Sure enough, a perusal of the "Vital Records of Billerica, MA to the Year 1850" revealed that Mary Thompson, wife of Ephraim Manning was born there in 1691, and that she had an older sister, Deborah, born there 29 September 1676, the calculated date of Deborah (?) HARTWELL's birth. (Deborah died at Bedford, 15 June 1744, in her 68th year [Bedford VR, 124].)

Deborah (Thompson) HARTWELL and Mary (Thompson) Manning were actually only half sisters, Deborah being the daughter of Joseph Thompson by his first wife, Mary Brackett, whereas Mary was a daughter by his second wife, Mary Denison. Mary (Brackett) Thompson was a sister of Mary (Brackett) Hill's father, Peter Brackett. Therefore, John HARTWELL's second wife was the cousin of his first wife and the widow of his first cousin! A classic instance of "keeping it all in the family!"

HARTWELLS OF THE 1790 CENSUS

Since 1990 marked the 200th anniversary of the taking of the decennial census of the United States, it seemed appropriate to see what HARTWELL information could be found in the first Federal census. The census has evolved greatly over these 200 years as far as the type of informational statistics gathered. The 1790 Census contained only 6 categories: 1) Name of family head, 2) free white males of 16 years and up, 3) free white males under 16, 4) free white females, 5) other persons, 6) slaves. The head of family was included in the count under either category 2 or category 4.

It wasn't until the 1850 Census that everyone in the family was listed by name. The 1800 through 1840 Censuses, however, do have a bit more information, primarily more age categories. Some of the later censuses required occupations as well. Despite its obvious limitations, the 1790 Census is a useful genealogical tool in determining the location of families. By following the family through the ensuing censuses of 1800, 1810, 1820, etc. a pattern can evolve that may help to solve genealogical problems.



HARTWELLS OF THE 1790 CENSUS*(continued)*

The term "head of family" on the 1790 Census can be misleading. While most "families" consist of father, mother and children, in some cases the other members of the "family" do not appear to be related in the usual sense. Ephraim HARTWELL of New Ipswich, NH is a good case in point. It is well known that he and his wife had only one daughter, Mary, yet his "family" on the 1790 Census consists of 9 males over 16, 1 male under 16, and 8 females. It is not known who the extra persons are, or why they are listed as family and not in category 5 as "other persons." Possibly they were relatives of his wife, or somehow otherwise distantly related. All these variables can make it a challenge to decide "who's who" on the 1790 Census.

Just over one hundred and fifty years from the time William¹ appeared in Concord, Massachusetts, there were a total of 72 HARTWELL families, containing 301 "family" members and 2 "other persons," living in 7 different states. (A 1787 state census in Virginia reveals several HARTWELL families, in that state, who have not been taken into account in this article, which deals strictly with the 1790 Federal Census.) The vast majority of these families are descendants of William¹, and most have been at least tentatively identified. The states are listed first by number of HARTWELL families, and then alphabetically. (Note the absence of any HARTWELL families in Rhode Island, the only New England state they did not inhabit at this time.)

**Hartwell**

MASSACHUSETTS, as would be expected, had the most HARTWELLS, with 46 families containing 125 people in 17 different towns. Only one family was living in William's "home town" of Concord, but several families were in Bedford, Carlisle, and Lincoln, all of which were at one time part of Concord. Littleton had the greatest number (7) of HARTWELL families in any one town, and there was a large contingent in the Lunenburg, Fitchburg, Leominster area as well. Massachusetts is the only state where HARTWELLS have "other persons" living in their households, with two families reporting this category. There are five female "heads of families," the only state except Pennsylvania to report this phenomenon, and all of them are widows with the possible exception of Jemima in Shirley, Mass., who may be either the widow of James or his daughter. All the Massachusetts families have been identified except William in Fitchburg who had a family of one male over 16, one under 16 and 2 females.

NEW HAMPSHIRE had 7 families containing 56 persons (27 males of varying ages and 29 females). Three families were in Hillsboro, and one each in Fitzwilliam, Lancaster, New Ipswich, and Westmoreland.

VERMONT also reported 7 families: three in Putney, and one each in Athens, Castleton, Dummerston, and Reedsboro. There were 33 males in both age categories and 22 females. All have been identified, and family sheets for them sent to the Vermont Genealogical Society, which is planning to celebrate Vermont's 200th anniversary as a state (in 1991) by publishing a series of books containing information on all the families listed in the 1790 (actually taken in 1791) census for that state. A tremendous and noteworthy project!

NEW YORK contained 5 widely scattered families in five different towns, with a total of 21 males and 13 females. All are identified except James in Southeast, Dutchess (now Putnam) County, NY whose family of 2 males over 16, 4 under 16 and 2 females does not seem to match very well with the report of him in "HARTWELLS of America."

CONNECTICUT reported 4 families in three different towns, Killingly, New Milford (2), and Washington, for a total of 20 persons - 11 males (6 over 16 and 5 under 16) and 9 females.

MAINE had only 2 families, Oliver (who is unidentified), living in Sandy Point in a family consisting only of himself, and Edward in Canaan, with a family of one male over 16, one female, and 7 males under 16. The young males are all sons of Edward and his wife, Lydia, who deserves our sympathy! Let's hope she had some female neighbors for company once in a while.

PENNSYLVANIA had one family in North Liberties Town, Philadelphia County. Martha was the head of a family consisting of one female (presumably herself). Anyone with information on who she may have been is urged to contact Joy Peach, HARTWELL Family Genealogist, 74 Beach Point Road, Lancaster, MA 01523.

A final point of interest about the 1790 census is the naming pattern of the heads of the families. 67 male heads of families shared 30 given names: six each were named John, Joseph, and Samuel, four, Jonathan, and only three bore the name of progenitor, William, a name tied for third place with Daniel, Timothy, and Ephraim. Most unusual male name by today's standards is probably Asahel, but none of the HARTWELL men bore a name that was not considered a "first" name. The practice of giving males family surnames, such as the mother's maiden name, seems to have started late in the 18th or early in the 19th century. Half of the female family heads (3) were named Mary, with Abigail, Jemima, and Martha accounting for the other three.

HARTWELLS OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The HARTWELLS of America annually awards a scholarship or scholarships to students pursuing post-secondary educational programs.

Applications may be submitted through June 27, 1992 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the Scholarship Grants to be awarded for academic year 1992-1993. To receive eligibility requirements and applications, contact:

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

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 HARTWELL Webber, Treasurer
HARTWELLS OF AMERICA
13 Sleigh Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

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THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

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.

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW!!!!

Annual Dues to June 30th of \$2.00 each are enclosed for the following:

Name _____

Address _____

*** MENU ** ** MENU ** ** MENU **

SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO WAYNE E. HARTWELL.
 to: Wayne E. Hartwell, 29 Hayden Drive, Foxborough, MA 02035
 PLEASE return by June 24, 1992

Please do not send Annual Dues to the above address--send Dues only to David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer, Hartwells of America,
 13 Sleigh Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824

NAME: _____

SELECTION:	Price per Item		Number of Items	=	Total
	_____		_____		_____
1. SLICED TURKEY SANDWICH With lettuce and tomato	\$4.75	x	#_____	=	\$_____
3. TURKEY DELUXE SANDWICH With stuffing and homemade Cranberry Sauce.	\$4.25	x	#_____	=	\$_____
4. BAKED HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH With honey mustard and lettuce and tomato	\$4.75	x	#_____	=	\$_____
TOTAL COST					\$_____

All sandwiches are served on country white bread with potato chips and a beverage--check your choice of a 12 oz. can of:

	Regular	Diet
Coca Cola	__	__
Orange	__	__
Pepsi Cola	__	__
Lemonade	__	__
Seven up	__	__
Iced Tea	__	__
Hawaiian Punch		__

** Luncheon is being catered by GREEN ACRES TURKEY FARM **
 ROUTE 121, WEST STREET, WRENTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Make your check payable to
 Wayne E. Hartwell

**** If you are allergic to Nutra-sweet, sulfites, or have similar problems, please explain and indicate an alternative choice so that we can do our best to accomodate you: _____

THIS RECEIPT IS VALID ONLY IF IT IS SIGNED BY THE CASHIER AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE. IT IS NOT VALID FOR REFUND OR EXCHANGE. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. WE DO NOT CASH CHECKS. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE PRICES WITHOUT NOTICE. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF CASH OR VALUABLE ITEMS LEFT IN OUR STORES. WE DO NOT CARRY CREDIT CARDS. WE DO NOT CASH CHECKS. WE DO NOT CASH CHECKS.

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All sandwiches are served on choice white bread with extra cheese and a beverage - your choice of a 12 oz. soft drink.

Item	Regular	Price
Soft Drink		
Large		
Medium		
Small		
Large		
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