

# THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

(An Association)

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### FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION

Hear Ye!

1995 Annual Meeting

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DATE: Saturday, June 24, 1995

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

#### 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 1994 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA Lincoln, Massachusetts

At twenty persons, attendance at the fifty-seventh Annual Reunion of the HARTWELLS of America on June 25, 1994 was, shall I say, underwhelming, but that in no way dampened the enjoyment of the day for those present. The Barn at HARTWELL Tavern, Virginia Road, Minute Man National Park, Lincoln, MA, and the Tavern itself have continued to improve as a venue over the nine years that the Reunion has been held there, and this last year was particularly interesting in that the Park Service provided us for the day the services of one of its most knowledgeable interpreters, Frank Chamberlain.

The assembled retired to the Barn at approximately 12:15 pm to enjoy a potluck, picnic-style, bring-your-own luncheon (there being no groundswell of enthusiasm for a return to the catered meals of previous years, and no one volunteering to organize or administer same, the picnic format will be repeated at the 1995 Reunion).

The business meeting was brief and unremarkable. The Recorded Secretary's Minutes of the 1993 meeting were accepted as published in the 1994 Newsletter. Connie Cincotti, Chair, Scholarship Committee, reported that no applications from qualifying students were received for the 1994-1995 academic year.

**MINUTES OF THE 1994 ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA  
(continued)**

In the absence of David HARTWELL Webber, his written report was accepted. As of June 25, 1994, the Association had on hand a total balance of \$12,669.17, comprised of \$7,452.04 in the Scholarship Fund Account and \$5,217.13 in the Operating Fund. The only extraordinary expenditure for the Association's 1994 fiscal year was the acquisition of a new printer for Genealogist Joy HARTWELL Peach (\$691.95).

Joy reported her readiness to go to press with the first five generations of the new Genealogy and brought the meeting up to date on her genealogical finds and musings of the past year.

Commorative gifts were presented to Connie Cincotti (eldest lady), Roger W. HARTWELL (eldest gentleman), Katherine F. HARTWELL (youngest attendee, at 6 years, 1 month), and to Lewis Clark, Orono, Maine for the long-distance award.

Mr. Chamberlain addressed the meeting briefly and fielded questions prior to conducting a cellar-to-attic tour of the Tavern.

**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  
1124 Main Street  
Dunstable, MA 01827

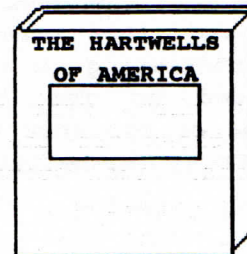
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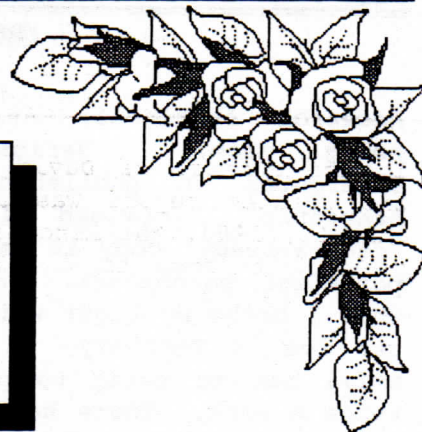
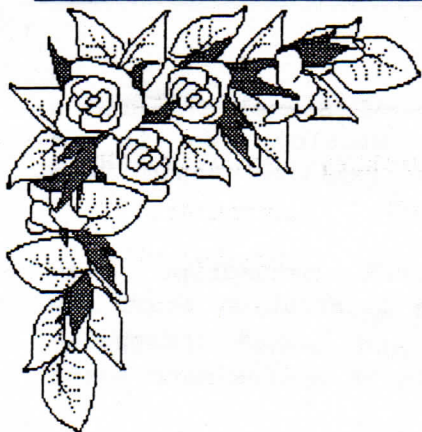
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**LIST OF ATTENDEES  
1994 MEETING  
OF THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA**

Eleanor HARTWELL Pickney	Lampater, NH
G.J. Pickney	Lampater, NH
James Allison	Revere, MA
Evelyn Allison	Revere, MA
Ruth Watts Rhonemus	Ayer, MA
Lewis Clark	Orono, ME
Harriet Clark	Orono, ME
William C. HARTWELL	Foxborough, MA
Katherine F. HARTWELL	Foxborough, MA
Wayne E. HARTWELL	Foxborough, MA
Judith Bacon HARTWELL	Foxborough, MA
Joy HARTWELL Peach	Lancaster, MA
Marcia Webber	Bedford, MA
Constance H. Cincotti	Brookline, MA
Christian HARTWELL	Otisfield, ME
Linda Fisher	Littleton, MA
Larry Fisher	Littleton, MA
Alison HARTWELL	Quincy, MA
Roger W. HARTWELL	Quincy, MA
Linda Radfern	(Not Given)





## GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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### HARTWELL VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1994

#### BIRTH

HARTWELL, AUSTIN ALENA<sup>14</sup>, daughter of Blaine and Lisa (Morency) HARTWELL, granddaughter of Robert Gordon "Porkey" and Helen HARTWELL, was born somewhere in Maine, 26 June 1994, weighing in at 8 pounds 5 3/4 ounces. (Submitted by Alice B. HARTWELL)

#### DEATHS

CUTLER, RUTH<sup>10</sup> (HARTWELL), daughter of Amos Bradley<sup>9</sup> and Nellie May (Miller) HARTWELL, died at Hatley, Quebec, Canada, 3 October 1994. (Reported by her daughter, Jacqueline (Cutler) Premdas).

HARTWELL, MARGARET M. (KIERNAN), widow of Francis A.<sup>9</sup> HARTWELL, mother of Susan L.<sup>10</sup> (HARTWELL) Tangney, Francis A. "Skip" HARTWELL, and Barbara Ann HARTWELL of Wilmington, died at Stoneham, MA, 18 June 1994. (Obituary in Boston Sunday Herald submitted by James Allison, whose good detective work succeeded in "attaching" this previously "unattached" family.)

WOODBERRY, HAZEL ELAINE<sup>12</sup> (HARTWELL), daughter of Claude Seymour and Hazel (Fahey) HARTWELL, and widow of Ronald S. Woodberry, died at Arlington, MA on 18 April 1994. She is survived by 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 sisters.

I suspect that there were many more HARTWELL births and deaths, not to mention marriages, but these are the only ones that have been brought to my attention. To have your personal vital statistics recorded in the annual newsletter and, eventually, in the upcoming genealogy, please send relevant data to the address above. Future generations will thank you!

**GENEALOGISTS REPORT - 1994-95****(continued)**

Research continues, and progress is being made. Heritage Books is interested in publishing my HARTWELL manuscript, provided I can provide "camera-ready" copy as well as a list of potential purchasers. Work was slowed when I broke my right wrist in a fall on the ice in February, an accident which still has me going to physical therapy twice a week. There have also been some computer problems that probably aren't worth going into for purposes of this report, except that some of them have to do with the ability to produce the "camera-ready" copy required by Heritage Books.

In July 1994, **Joann Nichols** -- past President of the Vermont Genealogical Society, a terrific genealogist, and a great help to me -- and I spent a fascinating week in Boston, researching at the Massachusetts Archives and the New England Historic and Genealogical Society (NEHGS).

One of the most significant findings of this research trip, from my point of view, was identification of **Samuel<sup>2</sup> HARTWELL's** third wife, Elizabeth Fletcher. I had long been skeptical of John F. HARTWELL's identification of Samuel's third wife as the Elizabeth Fletcher born 10 June 1698; daughter of Joshua and Grizel (Jewell) Fletcher. (To give John F. his due, he was probably copying an early Fletcher Genealogy that also misidentifies Elizabeth.) Firstly, this Elizabeth was 58 years younger than Samuel, an almost unheard-of generation gap between a husband and wife! For another thing, this Elizabeth almost certainly married Joseph Keyes in 1720, and was still bearing him children at the time she supposedly married Samuel HARTWELL in 1724! An unpublished FLETCHER Family manuscript at NEHGS provided a much more reasonable identification of Samuel HARTWELL's third wife in the person of Elizabeth (Proctor) Fletcher, the recently widowed third wife of Samuel Fletcher of Chelmsford. Samuel Fletcher's first wife was Hannah

Wheeler, a sister of Samuel HARTWELL's first wife Ruth Wheeler, so it is apparent that the families would have been well acquainted.

This same FLETCHER manuscript also provided much more information about the family of Daniel and **Sarah<sup>4</sup> (HARTWELL) Fletcher**, including an approximate death date for Sarah.

While it's always dangerous to start thanking people publicly, for fear that someone will be left out, I'd like to express thanks to the following (not listed in any particular order) people for their contributions:

\* Thanks to **Ann Dzindolet** -- current President of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, and receptionist at New England Historic and Genealogical Society -- who, despite a busy schedule, is doing a terrific job editing my efforts on the first five generations of the **HARTWELL Clan**, preparatory to publication. Ann is making sure that every "i" is dotted, and every "t" is crossed, and doesn't hesitate to ask her fellow genealogists the proper way to cite obscure dates, "iffy" proofs, and other sticky points that always arise in compiling genealogical data.

\* Thanks to **Richard Shelley** of Taunton, who wrote me concerning my DUNTON article, and ended up providing me a great deal of information on **Abner and Mary<sup>6</sup> (HARTWELL) Shelley**. Abner is misidentified as Abner Shirley in the published Vital Records of Bridgewater (and in John F. HARTWELL's genealogy), and nothing about them was previously known to me. Seems the family moved to Westmoreland, NH, where they raised eight children, including a son named **HARTWELL Shelley** that I didn't find last year when compiling my "HARTWELL as a Given Name" article for this newsletter! Incidentally, if anyone is interested, I have lots more HARTWELL Whoever's to add to my previous list.

## GENEALOGISTS REPORT - 1994-95 (continued)

\* Thanks to **Thomas Anderson** of Batavia, IL who has spent hours making a terrific HARTWELL descendency chart for use in the new genealogy.

\* Thanks to **George MacVeigh** of Bethesda, MD, who has shared with me his findings on the family of **John<sup>7</sup>** and **Maria (Putnam) HARTWELL** of Pennsylvania, and especially their daughter **Samantha<sup>8</sup>** (HARTWELL) Tryon. More information is still needed on this elusive family.

\* Thanks to **Ann (HARTWELL) Britton** for her research into **Barry/Berry HARTWELL** of Philadelphia, PA, and for sending a copy of her great-grandfather, **John Francis Lucius HARTWELL's** obituary. Ann has provided much valuable information over the years, and it seems she's still at it!

\* Thanks to **Jim Allison** and **Rita Eisner** we have figured out the saga of **James Albert<sup>7</sup>** HARTWELL's three wives, and learned some other fascinating facts about his life.

\* Thanks to **Constance<sup>12</sup>** (HARTWELL) Fullerton for completing a family sheet on her family, as well as persuading her sister and her niece to do likewise. Have a wonderful trip to England, Connie and George!

### OTHER OFFICERS

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## HARTWELL HOUSES

A couple of houses with HARTWELL connections have been "in the news" this past year. *Yankee Magazine's* "House for Sale" in June 1994 featured a "double house" in Hancock, New Hampshire, built in 1813 by brothers John and Henry Whitcomb, as a residence for themselves and their new brides. John and Henry were married the day after Christmas in 1813 in Littleton, Mass. The *Yankee* article didn't name the brides, but Littleton records show that Henry married Love Foster, and John married **Lydia<sup>6</sup>** HARTWELL, daughter of **John<sup>5</sup>** and **Mary (Dix) HARTWELL**. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places, and listed for \$695,000!

Public Broadcasting Corporation's "This Old House" did an addition to an old center-chimney house in Acton, Mass. One early episode sought to explain why such a seemingly large house needed to be expanded. To illustrate just how much room a center chimney takes up, the show's host took viewers to the remains of the **Samuel HARTWELL** house in Minuteman National Park, Lincoln, Mass, where he described the structure of the huge old center chimneys, and pointed out how valuable it was to have such a good example still extant. Unfortunately, he didn't name the original owner of the house whose chimney was providing such an instructional segment of the show, but we all know which house was described.



## THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

### **About The Scholarship Program**

In 1937, a young Boston Lawyer, Claude S. HARTWELL, called together all of the Boston area HARTWELLS for the organization of the HARTWELLS OF AMERICA, an unincorporated association. The announced purposes of the Association, followed to this day, were "to hold meetings and preserve records, memorials, histories, and genealogies" with the hope that the Association's activities would "result in new handclaps and the formation of pleasant friendships."

The annual meeting, or Reunion, of the Association has been held every year since (with the exception of one War year) on the last Saturday in June, with old friendships renewed and new friends made. Through the years the fostering of a spirit of good fellowship has transcended the Association's written objectives, although an impressive Genealogy has been compiled, of which a comprehensive revision is in the works, and a vast HARTWELL library assembled.

In keeping with the Association's broader objectives, it was decided at the 1979 Annual Meeting to establish the HARTWELLS of America Scholarship Fund. The first awards were made for the 1980-1981 academic year and since have ranged in amounts from \$100. to \$500., depending on the funds available and the number of applicants.

### **Eligibility**

Any child of a parent surnamed HARTWELL, or any lineal descendant of William HARTWELL of Concord, Massachusetts (1613-1690), who will be enrolled as a student in any post-secondary school degree program, full or part time, is invited to apply.

Selections among applicants shall be based on financial need, although that is neither the sole nor necessarily the primary criterion. In selecting the deserving applicant of applicants, the Scholarship Committee shall give consideration as well to the applicants' biographical information and such other factors as in its discretion it deems warranted. Any information contained in an application shall be considered only by the Scholarship Committee and shall otherwise remain confidential.

It is not required that an applicant attend the Annual Meeting in order to be eligible (although new HARTWELLS are always welcomed). If a recipient will be unable to attend, however, his or her award will be conditioned upon his or her agreeing to write to the Association, before the Annual Meeting next following the award, and describing in what manner the scholarship benefited the recipient during the school year.

### **Submission**

Applications for an academic year may be submitted up to the date of the Annual Meeting next preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is sought (i.e., the application for the academic year 1999-2000 would be due on or before the last Saturday of June, 1999).

Completed application forms or requests for additional forms or information should be directed to:

Ms. Constance G. Cincotti  
10 Greenway Court - Apt 5  
Brookline, MA 02146-3315



## ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW!!!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see in your Newsletter? Any suggestions are welcome.

## 1995 MINUTES

On June 24, 1995, thirty-three cousins and guests congregated at the Barn at Hartwell Tavern, Virginia Road, Minuteman National Historical Park, Lincoln, Massachusetts for the 58th Annual Hartwell Reunion, marking a decade of such meetings at this site. In addition to renewing acquaintances and getting up-to-date on Hartwell happenings, folks spend the day visiting with Park Service interpreters, Michael Greeley, Clinton Jackson, and Andy Konemys (i.e., the Tavern Keeper and Redcoats). Throughout the day we visited with them and they provided richly detailed insights into the history and lifestyles of the Colonial War period.

Development of the Tavern Site as a venue for exploration of Colonial history continues to expand, replete with cows and more full time interpretive staff, including this day, a basket weaver by whom the children were enthralled. We were joined for coffee and donuts by the British Army and the Tavern Keeper.

At approximately 12:15 p.m., the assembled retired to the Barn to enjoy a picnic-style, bring-your-own luncheon. The Business Meeting started promptly at 1:15 p.m.

Given that the Association's Constitution and Bylaws provide term limits for Officers, and several present Officer's tenures have vastly exceeded these limits, it was determined that a Nominating Committee should be appointed to propose nominees for the 1996 Annual Meeting. In the interim, Jim Alison volunteered to serve as the point man on the Reunion Committee. (Any questions or comments regarding preparations for the 1996 Reunion can be directed to Jim at 206 Rumney Road, Revere, Massachusetts 02151-5624.) Caroline Brown agreed to join Susan Rutledge (Recording Secretary), Alison Hartwell (Corresponding Secretary), and Joy Beach (Genealogist) to serve as a Newsletter Committee. The sense of the meeting was that efforts should be made to publish a

newsletter in the Fall to solicit the interest of any who would be willing to participate as an Officer or in any other capacity and to promote attendance at next year's reunion.

The Recording Secretary's Report was accepted as printed in the Spring 1995 Newsletter. Connie Cincotti reported that there were no new applicants to the Scholarship Fund this year. The applications have been rebanded. Anyone wishing to apply should contact Connie at 294 Cobb Hill Road, Otisfield, Maine 04270 for an application. David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer, reported that as of June 24, 1995, the Association had on hand a total balance of \$13,430.83, comprised of \$7,928.34 in the Scholarship Fund account and \$5,502.49 in the Operating Fund. Our thanks go out to Alice Hartwell (Waterville, Maine) who donated \$200 to the Scholarship Fund. Joy Beach reported that the first five generations of the new Genealogy should be ready to go to press this year. The holdup has been getting a camera-ready copy to the publisher due to various computer/printer problems.

Commemorative gifts were presented to Connie Cincotti (eldest lady), Bob Hartwell McConnell (eldest gentleman), Willis Hand (youngest attendee), and Susan, Charlotte, and Samantha Rutledge, Madison, Alabama for traveling the farthest distance to attend the Reunion. Our congratulations also went out to Ruth and Bob McConnell who were celebrating 56 years of marriage.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. to allow for yearly pictures in which the interpreters took part, following which many stayed to watch the basket weaver weave his magic over the children.