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Minutes of the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

Sixty-first Reunion of the Hartwells of America
First Parish Universalist Unitarian Church
Concord, Massachusetts, June 27, 1998

On Saturday, June 27, 1998, forty-three Hartwell cousins—hailing from such diverse places as Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Nebraska, Ohio and the New England states—converged on the First Parish Universalist Unitarian Church, Concord, MA, for the 61st Annual Reunion of the Hartwells of America Association. “Gathered” on July 5, 1636, First Parish was a particularly fitting venue for it is the congregation of which William¹ and in all likelihood many of his immediate descendants would have been members.

The business meeting was called to order by President Wayne E. Hartwell at 12:55 p.m. Roger W. Hartwell offered a prayer of convocation, following which a moment of silence was observed in memory of those who departed this earth since the last Reunion.

Thanks were extended to Reunion Committee members Marian Wheeler for making the arrangements for First Parish and “putting it together” and Jim Allison for providing the coffee and donuts spread.

First-time attendees were welcomed: Robert

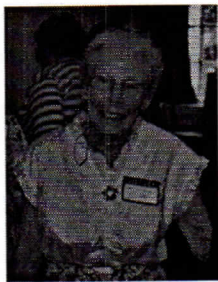
M. and Teri Hartwell, Columbus, OH (who found us on the Internet); Wes Hartwell, Omaha, NB (who put us on the Internet); Bob and Barbara Hartwell Hammond and Linda Hartwell Dustman, Denver, CO; George Dussart, Arvada, CO; and Lucy Booth, Framingham, MA.

A motion was next entertained and carried unanimously that the Association create the position of Web Master and that Wes Hartwell be installed therein in recognition of his time and dedication in mounting the Association’s Web Site (www.hartwell.org, for those of you who don’t already know). Wes briefly outlined the genesis of the Site (which was available for viewing during the day) and where he hoped it would take us.

A motion was made and carried that the Minutes of the 1997 Meeting be accepted as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer David Hartwell Webber reported on the year’s financial activity. As of June 27, 1998, the Scholarship Fund contained \$8,105.40 and the Operating Fund \$4,731.98, for a total of \$12,837.38, an increase of \$123.76 over the previous year. Receipts (interest; dues and Hartwell literature; donations to Scholarship Fund) were \$1,066.19 and expenses (Scholarships; meeting and Newsletter





Connie Cincotti

expenses; postage) were \$942.43. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was unanimously carried.

Scholarship Committee Chair Connie Cincotti announced that one qualifying application had been received for the 1998-1999 academic year. Nancy Watts-Orfao, 13th Generation and pursuing a Bachelors of Nursing degree at Worcester State College, MA, was awarded a scholarship grant in the amount of two hundred dollars.

Speaking for the Newsletter Committee, Wayne E. Hartwell reminded folks that people keep dropping off the mailing list because they neglect to send change of address notices (They should be mailed to Treasurer David Webber). Upon motion, it was voted to donate \$200 to the Social Law Library in appreciation for the time of Art Director/Graphics Designer Carole Doody in producing the Newsletter and the costs of production.



Donald P. Davison

Genealogist Joy Hartwell Peach reported on the past year's doings and the progress of the new Genealogy. It seems that the sticking point at this juncture is indexing; Joy is looking into computer programs to accomplish that function.

Continuing a long tradition, commemorative gifts were awarded to Connie Cincotti, eldest lady; Donald P. Davison, eldest gentleman; Katie Hartwell, youngest; and Charles A. Hartwell, for travelling the furthest to attend (Phoenix, AZ).



Katie Hartwell and Charles A. Hartwell

The last item of official business was the taking of a vote to return to First Parish for the 1999 Reunion if feasible and a vote to donate \$100 to First Parish in thanks for their hospitality and appreciation for the fine facilities.

As Photographer Alison Hartwell had to leave early for another

function, Judith Bacon Hartwell snapped the pictures of the assembled group—which were taken inside

owing to a sudden and torrential downpour at that moment.

Following the meeting and cleanup, quite a few folks paid a visit to the Hartwell Tavern in Lincoln, where a "Renaissance Man" Ranger (whose name, unfortunately, we don't remember) conducted a top-to-bottom tour and played several period pieces on the harpsichord as we waited out another shower.

Judith Bacon Hartwell
Recording Secretary

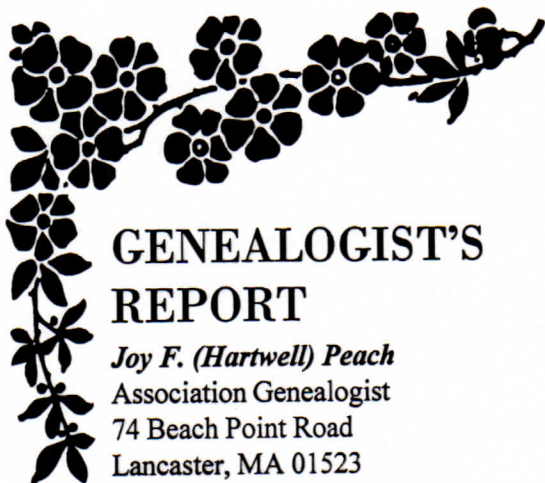


1956 Genealogy Available

John F. Hartwell's 1956 Genealogy, *The Hartwells of America*, long out of print and unavailable, has been reprinted by the Higginson Book Company of Salem, MA under an extensive preservation reprinting program with the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston.

Under a discount program with Higginson, arranged by Wes Hartwell, for members of the Hartwells of America Association, the Genealogy regularly priced at \$66.00 is available to members for \$45.00 (plus \$4.95 postage), which includes both the Elder Male line and the Younger Male line volumes in a single paperback volume with class A, archival-quality binding. Contact:

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GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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Vital Statistics

Births

Avery Langford¹² Hartwell, daughter of Charles Gerard¹¹ (Charles Arthur¹⁰, Arthur Edward⁹, Edward Young⁸, Charles A. L.⁷, Jonathan⁶, John⁵, Josiah⁴, Jonathan³, Samuel², William¹) and Dana (Johnson) Hartwell, was born at Houston, Texas, 14 October 1998 (e-mail from James Haskins Hartwell).

Marriages

Edward Mussey¹⁰ Hartwell (Arthur Edward⁹, Edward Young⁸, Charles A. L.⁷, Jonathan⁶, John⁵, Josiah⁴, Jonathan³, Samuel², William¹) married fourth, at Austin, Texas, 14 June 1998, Karen Bordelon (e-mail from James Haskins Hartwell).

Deaths

Clarita¹⁰ (Hartwell) Berryman (Arthur Edward⁹, Edward Young⁸, Charles A. L.⁷, Jonathan⁶, John⁵, Josiah⁴, Jonathan³, Samuel², William¹), died at Houston, Texas, 22 March 1999. She was born at Houston 7 July 1924 and married there 19 Dec. 1942, Joseph Berryman, who died in 1996. No children (e-mail from James Haskins Hartwell).

Bertha M. (Wagner) Hartwell, 84, widow of Charles Davies¹¹ Hartwell, died at Nashua, New Hampshire, 6 December 1998. Born in Lowell, MA, 3 June 1914, she is survived by a daughter, Charlene Falbo of

Nashua, a son, Robert M. Hartwell of Duxbury, two granddaughters and two grandsons (obit., Lowell Sun, submitted by Charlotte Todd Hartwell of Littleton).

James C.⁹ Hartwell (James Porter⁸, James Albert⁷, James⁶, Jacob⁵, Joseph⁴, Edward³, John², William¹), 86, died at Fitchburg, MA, 12 January 1999. He was a gas line attendant for 25 years at Marble Oil Co. He is survived by five sons, three daughters, 17 grandchildren, "many" great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces (obit., Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

Jean Doris (Peterson) Hartwell, widow of George Nicholas¹⁰ (George L.⁹, George N.⁸, John Nicholas⁷, John⁵, Edward⁴⁻³, John², William¹) Hartwell died at Arlington, Washington, 5 April 1999 (reported by her niece, Melba Rumsey).

Catherine "Kitty" Fiske Higgins, daughter of Dr. Cyrus Hartwell Fiske, grand-daughter of Isabella Tiffany⁹ (Samuel Cyrus⁸, Samuel⁷⁻⁶, Jonas⁵, Samuel⁴⁻³⁻², William¹) Hartwell, and wife of James C. Higgins, died at Westford, MA 4 March 1999. Kitty graduated from the Buckingham School, attended Wellesley College and Radcliffe College and studied art at the Museum School in Boston before moving to New York City to become art director for *Lord & Taylor* and *Junior Bazaar* magazine. She was then asked to take up modeling, and became a "Powers Girl" as well as a noted Ford model. She was featured in *Life* and *Look* magazines, was a cover girl for *Junior Bazaar* and *McCalls* magazines, and a model for the Ipana toothpaste ads. In addition, she was an early model for fashion photographer Richard Avedon. In later years she created ads for small businesses and enjoyed gardening, design and sewing. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, a brother, and three grandchildren (obit., submitted by Charlotte Todd Hartwell of Littleton).

Hope⁹ (Hartwell) Spear, daughter of Harold Hall⁸ (Harris Cowdry⁷, Benjamin F.⁶, Samuel⁵⁻⁴, Ebenezer³, John², William¹) Hartwell, and wife of Dr. Ivan Spear, died at Worcester, MA, 3 Feb. 1999, age 74. Hope was a member and/or former officer of several civic and cultural institutions in and around Worcester, and in 1992, she received the Robert W. Stoddard Award for outstanding community service. She is survived by her husband, a son, two daughters, a brother, and

five grandchildren (obit., Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

Henry G. Hartwell, 90, a 13-year resident of Duxbury, MA and formerly of Wilmington, MA, died February 5, 1998. Born in Mansfield, MA, Henry graduated from Mansfield High School ('25) and from Chapel Hill/Chauncy Hall, Waltham, MA ('27); in 1931 he received a degree in electrical engineering from M.I.T. An electrical engineer, Henry retired from GTE (formerly Sylvania) in 1972, after 37 years of service. Henry was survived by his wife of 61 years, Constance E. (Nash) Hartwell; two daughters, Rebecca Chin, Duxbury, MA and Janice Hartwell, Tallahassee, FL; a son, David Hartwell, Pleasantville, NY; and 5 grandchildren. (obit., Duxbury Clipper, Feb. 11, 1998)



Hartwell

Hartwell Items Available From the Treasurer

	<u>UnitedStates</u>	<u>Foreign</u>
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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	\$0.25	\$0.30
145-page Booklet, "The Hartwell Arms"	\$1.00	\$1.25

Please send orders to:

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Editorial Musings

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From time to time, as space permits, your editor will take the liberty of including the results of his random research into items of Hartwell interest and genealogy generally. The following two bits are adopted from papers prepared for last year's Reunion.

A Puritan-Colonial Genealogist's Nightmare: The Old and the New Style Calendars.

When Joy Peach writes in her draft of the new Genealogy that "William¹ Hartwell died at Concord, Massachusetts, 12 March 1689/90" are you left with the impression that there's uncertainty about such a basic fact as a date of death? Fear not—Joy's quite correct, as usual. To find out why requires an explanation of the *old* and *new* styles of calendars, a minor adjustment not unique to the 18th Century, and a trap for the unwary genealogist.

In the old, or *Julian* style, the year began the 25th of March, and contained 365 days, 6 hours; in the new, or *Gregorian* style, the year began the 1st of January, and contained 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds, thus differing from the true tropical year by only 22 seconds and making a difference in the two styles of one day in 129 years. One is made nearly conformable to the other by dropping one day from the old, and adding one to the new, styles in each century, excepting every fourth, whose centennial year is considered a leap year. Still with us?

The new style had been first adopted by Catholics in 1582 but not generally by Protestants until some time afterwards. To meet the wishes of both, it was customary from the first settlement of this country until 1752 (although not uniformly so) to give a double date from January 1st through March 25th. Thus, March 12, 1689 was written March 12, 1689-90, 1689/90, or 16^{89/90}. March was also reckoned to be the first month, April the second, and so on, and dates were adjusted accordingly. Thus, "18th d. 4 mo.

1667,” or “18. 4. 67,” was June 18, 1667. And you thought you had trouble with *your* date books.

The so-called new style was finally adopted by Great Britain in 1751, when a law was passed enacting that the year 1752 should begin on the 1st day of January; that the third of September should be reckoned to be the 14th, and that the intermediate eleven days should be omitted in the calendar. Talk about a lost weekend!

At the present time, to ascertain the day in new style corresponding to any date in the old style, it is necessary to add ten days from 1500 to 1700 (1600 being a leap year) and eleven days from 1700 to 1752. Thus the 2nd of September, 1635, the date of incorporation of the Town of Concord, will correspond with September 12, 1935.

Writing in 1835, Lemuel Shattuck, author of *A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD*, Appendix IV at 390, observed that:

Want of careful attention to double dates, and difference in style, has occasioned many mistakes; and among others, the anniversary of the landing of Pilgrim fathers at Plymouth has been erroneously celebrated on the 22d, instead of the 21st of December, the latter date being the true date corresponding with the old style.

Gosh! And I thought they landed the last Thursday in November. I certainly hope this clarifies things.

Was William¹ an Original Settler of Concord in 1635?

Just wondering; nobody—save Jim Allison—seems to want to go out on a limb and say so definitively. But at least the following author concludes that he was, although the sources for his statements are not given.

In 1635, a small company of twelve or fifteen families broke their way along the Indian trails into the forest, away from the seashore. Starting from Newtown (now Watertown), at the head of the tidewater in the Charles River, they made their toilsome way . . . over hills and across swamps to the “Musketaquid.” Their object was the wide, grassy meadows of that stream, free from the forest growth, and the level plains on its banks where the Indians

had raised their corn. These meadows and plains Simon Willard had known, if not seen, in his trading for furs with the natives. He was the leader of the small company, made up of Peter Bulkeley, the minister, John Jones, the teaching elder, . . . *William Hartwell* . . . with their families,—sturdy Englishmen from Kent, Surrey, Yorkshire, and Bedfordshire who had come to this country in the “great emigration” of that time.

John S. Keyes, “Concord,” in *HISTORY OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS* 570 (Boston, 1881)(emphasis supplied). On the other hand, one finds the following:

HARTWELL. All of this name in New England are supposed to have originated from *William*, who was among the first settlers in 1636; and in subsequent life was distinguished by the title of *Quartermaster*, at that time honorable in military life

Shattuck, Lemuel, *A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD*, Appendix at 373 (Boston, 1835)(reprinted, Goodspeed’s Book Shop, Boston, 1985). Shattuck’s version of things would coincide with that expressed by Densmore, and restated by John F., that William¹ was a “Johnny-come-lately” who didn’t show up until the spring of ’36, based on the fact that that’s when he was allotted a tract of land. At the same time, there’s no evidence that any allotments were made before that spring so William¹ could easily have over-wintered with the rest of the original ’35 settlers.

I find convincing Jim Allison’s impeccable logic shared at last year’s Reunion: if William¹ didn’t arrive until 1636, he would have been unlikely to have received “the *fifth* allotment from Meriam’s corner.” You decide, bearing in mind that the Town records for the earliest years of the settlement at Concord do not exist.



Hartwell Happenings

Joy Peach

Many thanks to **Zelda Moore** of Ayer, MA, who recently forwarded photocopies of a diary kept by Samuel⁵ Hartwell in the late 1790s-early 1800s. Zelda obtained the diary, the family bible, and other papers from the estate of Ralph Howard Richardson, a descendant of Samuel's through his granddaughter, Mary Anna Hartwell who married Joseph Henry Richardson. Zelda would like to share this information with any descendents of John Holden⁶ and Caroline (Shattuck) Hartwell, if they would contact her.

Samuel begins his diary with "a short sketch, or record, of the Life and Death of my Hon^d Parents, & Grandparents." Curiously, Samuel gives his grandfather's name as "John" rather than his actual name of "Ebenezer," which all the other information in the diary serves to verify.

Samuel goes on to relate how he built a barn in 1790, and in 1791, he built a small house and married Caroline M. Wright. In 1797 he finished the house "so far as to move into it in December." Samuel records births and deaths of family members, interspersed with long religious passages. He laments that he is not sufficiently Godly, and determines to do better. Towards the end of the diary he mainly commemorates Thanksgiving Day and his birthday, apparently the most significant dates in the year for him. The diary is an intriguing glimpse into another era, and I am most grateful to Zelda for sharing it.

Thanks also to **Alice B. Hartwell** who occasionally sends Hartwell information from Maine. Her latest submission was an article about twins Luke¹⁴ and Jason¹⁴ Hartwell (Blaine Robert¹³, Gordon Robert¹², Charles Waldo¹¹, John Howard¹⁰, Charles C.⁹, John H.⁸, John⁷, Isaac⁶, Jonas⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Samuel², William¹) are starting guards on the basketball team of Valley High School of Bingham, ME which won the '97-'98 Maine State Championship in its class.

Web Site

The Hartwell Web Site constructed by **Wes Hartwell** of Nebraska continues to bring much fodder to your genealogist. It is truly amazing how many people have contacted Wes or myself (or both of us) either looking for information about their Hartwell ancestors or eager to "update" information we already have. We can usually help most of these people, but some still remain "unattached." A couple of queries have resulted in valuable information that I would probably not otherwise have. Wes's latest contact was from George Whitney Hartwell, originally from Natick, MA and now living in CA, whose eldest son, Erin, is an Olympic cyclist who has thus far scored a bronze medal (Barcelona) and a silver (Atlanta) and is looking toward a gold in Sydney. George found it amazing to discover a web site dedicated to his own family's genealogy.

TV Program

One of the e-mail contacts is **Kevin Ruskin** of Los Angeles, who is working on a television program about Revolutionary activities in the Concord/Lexington/Lincoln area. Kevin wants to feature Samuel and Mary (Flint) Hartwell, and I have forwarded him a great deal of information about this couple. In the process of compiling the information, I have been struck by the differing versions of the story of how Mary carried the alarm to William Smith's house. There are also several pictures of the purported Samuel Hartwell homestead before it burned, and the house has different features in different pictures!! Most confusing. Kevin has promised to keep me informed about the program.

Research Updates

Your genealogist has been busy with several different projects this past year. One of my goals is to check all the entries in the 1850 Federal Census regarding Hartwells. Previous to 1850, the Federal Censuses only

name the head of the household. Other members in the household are enumerated only by age and sex; i.e., males under 16, males 16-26, males 26-36, etc., followed by females under 16, females 16-26, etc., etc. In 1850 the government began naming all the members in the household, not just the head. Ages and birth-places are also given, and while relationships are not specified, assumptions can be made. This exercise has proved helpful in locating people, and in estimating birth dates. (One of my greatest complaints with the 1956 genealogy is a lack of places where events happened. In many instances, a person could be born in one state (or country), married in another, and die in yet a third place, but their write-up in "Hartwells of America" will give only dates.) Places are important in genealogy.

Another project is to "de-construct" the Hartwell Scrapbook, which I showed at the 1997 Annual Meeting. While I'm happy that someone saved all this Hartwell data, I could wish they had not clipped the newspaper articles quite so closely, and had included the name of the paper and the date it was published. Most of the marriage notices and obituaries glued into the scrapbook do not contain either a place or a date, and matching them up with the person has proved time-consuming and frustrating. Also, articles were pasted into the scrapbook without any attempt at continuity, so sometimes articles about the same person are found on several widely separated pages. I'm carefully removing each article from the intensely acidic paper of the scrapbook and putting it, together with my own

write-up of the person, in a sheet-saver in a three-ring binder, which I plan to bring to the reunion.

Lastly, I must confess to straying away from Hartwell research to do a project for the Lancaster Historical Society. The Historical Society board of directors decided to commemorate Black History Month for the February 1999 program, and I thought it would be fun to see what African-Americans had actually lived and worked in Lancaster. This research resulted in some fascinating findings which were woven into a great program by Professor Joan Francis of Atlantic Union College and AUC's Black Christian Union Choir. I was then informed that the Freedom's Way Heritage Association was giving scholarships for several different areas of study, including African-American research, so I applied for, and received, a grant. This information will eventually be published by Freedom's Way. Incidentally, this research isn't so far removed from Hartwell research as one might at first imagine. There are several African-American families who used the surname Hartwell, including descendants of **Jeffrey** (or **Jesse**) **Hartwell** of Bedford and Dracut. Jeffrey was the slave of **Joseph⁵ Hartwell** of Bedford and served valiantly in the Revolution, after which Joseph gave him his freedom and bought him a farm in Dracut. Also, **Charles Atherton⁷ Hartwell**, was colonel of the 77th U.S. (colored) regiment after the Civil War and later held a prominent position in the Freedman's Bureau. Charles A. is mentioned in Franklin Dorman's recently published "Twenty Families of Color in Massachusetts," which (in my humble opinion) is a good model for genealogists everywhere.

Annual Dues Payable Now

Annual Dues for the Hartwells of America, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, in the amount of \$2.00, are enclosed for the following:

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Name: _____

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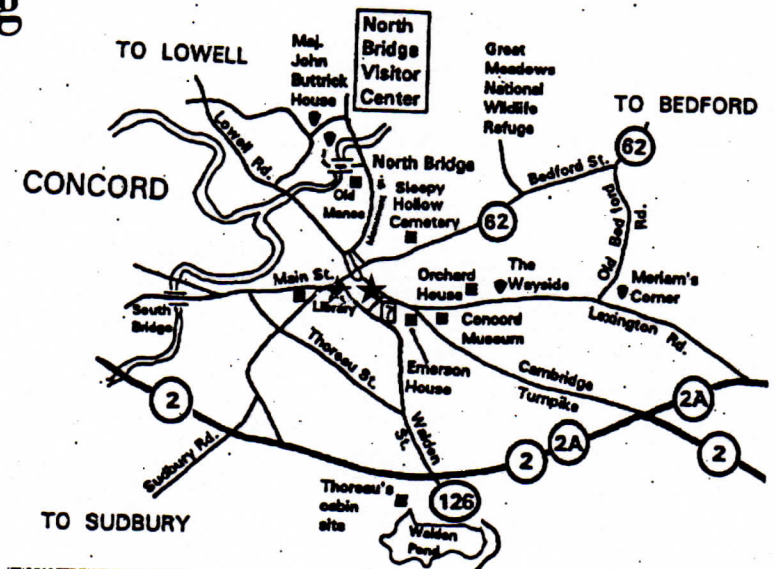
Notice of Annual Meeting

62 st Annual Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 26, 1999

Place: *First Parish in Concord Church*
20 Lexington Road
Concord, Massachusetts
(Note ★ on map, one block south from Main St., on right)

Time: *Greetings & Salutations*
Coffee & Pastries, 10:00-12:00 a.m.
Picnic Luncheon: 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.



THE **HARTWELLS** OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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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 by 12:00 noon, through June 26, 1999 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 1999-2000. To obtain eligibility requirements and applications, contact:

Ms. Constance G. Cincotti
294 Cobb Hill Rd
Otisfield, ME 04270

Please note that scholarship grants are only available to those whose dues to the Hartwells of America Association are paid currently as of the date of the Reunion at which the grants are awarded.