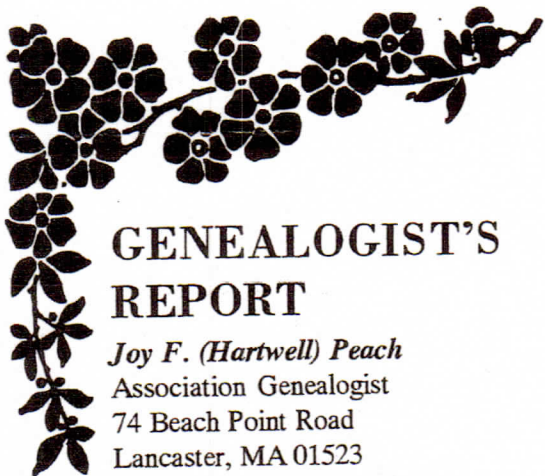


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GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

Harrison Stacey¹⁴ Hartwell, son of James Lee¹³ (Alan B.¹², Hilbert A.¹¹, Bert A.¹⁰, Henry H.⁹, Haskell F.⁸, Amos⁷, Oliver⁶, Joseph⁵, William⁴⁻³, Samuel², William¹) Hartwell, was born at Dubach, Louisiana, 8 January 2001 (submitted by Alan B. Hartwell).

DEATHS

Charles Allen¹¹ Hartwell (John H.¹⁰, Charles C.⁹, John H.⁸, John⁷, Isaac⁶, Jonas⁵, Samuel⁴⁻³⁻², William¹) died at Bingham, Maine, 7 July 2000. His wife had predeceased him, but he was survived by his son, Robert G., two daughters, Priscilla (Hartwell) Messer and Roberta (Hartwell) Carter, nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, whose names we do not have (obit. submitted by Alice B. Hartwell). Curiously, some records concerning Charles give his middle name as "Waldo"; apparently he changed it somewhere along the line.

Doris Arlene⁹ (Hartwell) Granger (Norcross Needham⁸, Harris C.⁷, Benjamin F.⁶, Samuel⁵⁻⁴, Ebenezer³, John², William¹) died at Exeter, New Hampshire, 15 November 2000, age 86. Her husband of 59 years, Ralph Granger, predeceased her. She is survived by three children: Dr. Clark A. Granger, Dr. Ralph H. Granger, and Carolyn (Granger) Whitlock, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson (submitted by her daughter, Carolyn Whitlock).

Elizabeth Speer Hartwell, former wife of Major Stephen (probably son of Stephen Warren⁹, Stephen⁸, Hiram Joseph⁷, Stephen⁶⁻⁴⁻⁵, William³, Samuel², William¹) Hartwell, died at Alexandria, Virginia, 14 Dec. 2000. Elizabeth's lengthy obituary outlined her many environmental efforts, which included saving the land of Mason Neck, Virginia from industrial development and preserving an area for bald eagles, an effort that led critics to call her "Eagle Lady." Among her many honors, she was named Fairfax County Citizen of the Year in 1971. Survivors include two sons and two grandsons, about whom we have no information (obit. submitted by Lucinda J. Peach).

Jeanette Michael¹³ Hartwell (William Eugene¹²⁻¹¹⁻¹⁰,



2000 Reunion

William⁹⁻⁸, James Munroe⁷, Ephraim⁶, Samuel⁵, Ephraim⁴, Samuel³⁻², William¹), who was born 14 April 1986, died 24 April 2000 (submitted by her grandfather).

Robert Wyland¹¹ Hartwell (Reuben Carlos¹⁰, Hiram Carlos⁹, Reuben Parker⁸, Amos⁷, Samuel⁶, Simon⁵, John⁴, Ebenezer³, John² William¹) died at Omaha, Nebraska, 11 July 1999, age 89 (submitted by John Francis¹³ Hartwell).

Deepest sympathy to Berlyn and Sally E. (Shane) Johnson on the death of their son, **Troy Shane Johnson**, in Colorado last November. Troy was a great-grandson of Samuel Jefferson Shane and Lizzie Sophia⁹ (Peter⁸, Ebenezer⁷, Peter⁶, Ebenezer⁵, Peter⁴, John³⁻², William¹) Hartwell. Sally is a good genealogist and has been a big help in tracking some of the descendants of the elusive Ebenezer⁷ Hartwell.

Hartwell Items Available

United States Foreign

1962 Genealogy Supplement	\$2.00	\$2.25
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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 through June 23, 2001 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2001-2002. To obtain eligibility requirements and applications, contact: **Ms. Constance G. Cincotti, 294 Cobb Hill Rd, Otisfield, ME 04270 or at the Web site** <<http://www.hartwell.org/scholar.html>>

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.

Minutes of the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

On Saturday, June 24, 2000, thirty Hartwell cousins convened at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Concord, MA, for the sixty-third Annual Reunion of the Hartwells of America Association.

The business meeting was called to order by President Wayne E. Hartwell at 1:04 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 again seeing to the arrangements for First Parish and to Jim Allison for his usual excellent job in providing the coffee and donuts spread.

A motion was made and carried that the Minutes of the 1999 Meeting be accepted as published in the Newsletter.

In Treasurer David Hartwell Webber's absence, Recording Secretary Judith Bacon Hartwell reported on the financial activity for fiscal year 2000. As of June 24, 2000, the Scholarship Fund contained \$8,661.46 and the Operating Fund \$5,081.99, for a total of \$13,743.45, an increase of \$627.49 over the previous year. Receipts (interest; dues and Hartwell literature; donations to Scholarship Fund) were \$1,177.49 and expenses (Scholarships; meeting and Newsletter expenses; postage) were \$550.00. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was unanimously carried. [David would like it noted that sending in your dues with a self-addressed, stamped envelope greatly reduces his time managing the membership list, not to mention saving the Association money for postage].

Scholarship Committee Chair Connie Cincotti read a letter of thanks from 1999-2000 scholarship recipient Amy Wedgenhoff. Connie announced that two qualifying applications had been received for the 2000-2001 academic year. Jennifer Carey Hartwell, pursuing a degree in Biology at Iowa State University, and Lindsey Mack, who is in the Journalism program at Western Michigan College, were each awarded a scholarship grant in the amount of two hundred dollars. Connie reminded the attendees that updated scholarship information and a new application is available for download at <<http://www.hartwell.org/scholar.html>>, and that contrary to previous years, completed applications are due the Saturday *prior* to the Reunion (which will be by June 23rd for academic year 2001-2002). Moved and carried that the Scholarship Committee's report be accepted.

Wayne E. Hartwell, "President for Life" and Newsletter Editor by Default, once again urged people to think of the Association when preparing change of address forms;

the Association generally drops twenty to thirty Newsletter recipients annually because of no forwarding addresses or because forwarding orders have expired (address changes should be mailed to Treasurer David Webber). Ironically, additions to the mailing list generally nearly equal those lost so the total number of recipients has rested around 475 for years. Upon motion, it was voted to donate \$50 to the Social Law Library in appreciation for the time of Art Director/Graphics Designer Carole Doody in producing the Newsletter [which, many have observed, is a vast improvement of late over the home-made versions your Editor used to produce!]. Motion made and carried to accept the Report of the Newsletter Committee.

Genealogist Joy Hartwell Peach first reported what a help her research into the 1850 Federal Census was turning out to be. For example, it helped her identify a mysterious Edward Hartwell in Wahpeton, ND, about whom she'd corresponded several years ago with a lady who had discovered his grave out there, and wanted to know more about him. He wasn't mentioned in the 1956 Genealogy except as Edward⁹ Hartwell who married Rose Rice. Rose's genealogy was given as she was a granddaughter of a Hartwell, and it was frustrating to have her husband referenced only as Edward⁹. He was a Civil War veteran, and Joy felt he deserved to be more fully identified, even though he and Rose had no children. Records from the 1850 census of New York made his identification practically certain. Joy also spoke about Josiah and Azubah Hartwell's actually having had six children while credited with only a son, John, in the 1956 Genealogy. In fact, none of their children bore that name. They were the ancestors of the lady who discovered Edward Hartwell's grave, and she thought Edward might be related to them, but this turned out not to be the case. They just all happened to end up in Wahpeton, ND. Joy also mentioned that one of the criteria for publication of the new Genealogy will have to be that the publisher selected would use acid-free paper; the 1956 genealogy is crumbling to bits due to the high acid content of the paper used. As for female lines in the new Genealogy, Joy explained that most surname genealogies only give the birth dates of the females, with sometimes a mention of who they married. The 1956 Hartwell Genealogy carries some female lines for several generations and completely ignored others. Joy stated her belief that all the females should be treated equally, and her willingness to carry the lines out to the grandchildren of the Hartwell-named female, which is extremely generous by most standards (actually one publisher Joy contacted wanted her to eliminate the grandchildren). On the other hand, some people have asked Joy to include their lines, even though their closest Hartwell-named ancestor is six or seven generations back from themselves. Joy's view was that they should be in a genealogy of whatever their current surname is. John F. Hartwell, compiler of

the 1956 Genealogy, also had trouble with this concept, as evidenced by some very angry letters to him about this problem. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the policy for inclusion of female lines in the new Hartwells of America Genealogy will be to carry them out to the grandchildren of the Hartwell-named female. Motion made and carried to accept the Genealogist's Report.

The traditional celebratory gifts were awarded to Connie Cincotti, Otisfield, ME, eldest lady; Robert Hartwell McConnell, Stow, MA, eldest gentleman; Laura Richards, Salem, MA, youngest; and Ruth E. (Hartwell) Russow, Los Altos, CA, for traveling the furthest (with husband Vernon) to attend.

The last items of official business were the taking of a vote to return to First Parish for the 2001 Reunion if feasible and a vote to donate \$100 to First Parish in thanks for their hospitality and appreciation for the fine facilities, and \$50 to the Sexton for his time for the day.

In closing, Photographer Alison Hartwell snapped the Scrapbook pictures of the assembly, which then for the most part retired to admire First Parish's gorgeous perennial herb gardens (observed by one wag to be considerably more photogenic than our group).

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Bacon Hartwell,
Recording Secretary



Connie Cincotti



Laura Richards

Hartwell Happenings

Joy Peach

Watch for an article about the **Hartwell Farm Restaurant** in the February, 2002 *Yankee* magazine. Mr. George Lewis of Wayland, who has fond memories of dining there as a child, has been asked by the editors to write the article. His research led him to yours truly, who happens to be good friends with a niece of Marion Fitch, former owner of the famous eating establishment. The three of us spent a delightful February afternoon together, and we think the picture he took of Betty (Marion's niece) holding a dish from the Hartwell Farm, will be used in the article.

The first Unitarian Church of Worcester, which is in the process of rebuilding from a devastating fire last June, has announced that their newly refurbished steeple is now lighting the Worcester skyline at night, thanks to a gift from Dr. Ivan Spear in memory of his beloved wife, **Hope (Hartwell) Spear**.

Many thanks to **Alice B. Hartwell** for forwarding articles about Hartwells that come her way. Most recent are articles about a **Hartwell Little Yard (Cemetery)** in Brunswick, Maine, as well as several articles about the basketball dynamos, twins **Jason** and **Luke Hartwell**. Does anyone know anything about the elusive **Hartwell Little**? All information gratefully received.

Found on the Internet

I recently received an e-mail from someone who stated that she just liked to help people search the net for genealogical information. She forwarded a lengthy compilation of information which included the following notice:

In cleaning house [in Maryland] one day, I came across a framed letter that looked rather old, and, reading it, became perplexed as to its origin. It is a letter appointing guardianship to "Daniel McNly of Bridgewater in the County of Plimouth" (Massachusetts). The child is Jonas Hartwell, a minor of Jonas Hartwell late of Bridgewater, deceased. The letter is dated 4 April 1763 and is signed by the Judge of Probate of Wills for the County of Plimouth. I would like to find a descendant of said Jonas Hartwell so that the document can be returned to its rightful family. [signed] Margie Pasini, malayfield@hotmail.com

Of course, the Jonas Hartwell of the guardianship letter is Jonas⁶, Jonas⁵, Samuel⁴⁻³⁻², William¹, born posthumously at Bridgewater to the late Jonas and Ruhamah (Fenno) Hartwell. The guardianship is somewhat puzzling

in that Ruhamah married secondly to Josiah Snell, who, one would think, would have been appointed guardian to the infant Jonas.

In any case, your genealogist has been searching for the maiden name of Jonas' grandmother, Hannah, for some years. Knowing that guardianships are often somehow "within the family," I decided that this probate file might lead to clues that would identify Hannah. A search for "McInly's" turned up nothing, so the probate record itself was examined. The Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point in Boston has most all Massachusetts probates on microfilm, and I was able to find the film of the original guardianship paper. This showed conclusively that Jonas's guardian was Daniel **Manley**, not Daniel McNly, and points up the dangers of information found on the net! I have become more convinced than ever that Daniel Manley was somehow related to the family. Not only was he appointed guardian of young Jonas, but he was also guardian of Jonas's two older brothers. He requested payment for "keeping" young Jonas for three years, and also for clearing the "dung" from the Jonas Hartwell farm, where he appears to have lived for a time.

I still haven't made any connection between Daniel Manley and the Hartwell and/or Fenno families. The probate index indicates several other documents that might pertain to the case, but they are all on a reel of microfilm that is currently missing from the collection at the Massachusetts Archives. The staff is researching this, and hopes to either find or replace the missing reel in the near future. I'm really eager to pursue this mystery!

Incidentally, Jonas himself is not one of the "shining lights" of the Hartwell family. Perhaps growing up without a father didn't help his character development! He practiced ministry in Maine until he was dismissed from his church because of his drinking habits, and he died at Hallowell, Maine, ca. 1809, age "about 45." He married Sally Smallcorn of Portsmouth, NH, by whom he had five children. After Jonas's death Sally married secondly, a Capt. Turner, about whom nothing is known. This family is almost certainly the Hartwell family mentioned briefly in Laurel Thatcher Ulrich's Pulitzer prize-winning book, *A Midwife's Tale*. It is curious that the guardianship letter ended up in Maryland, but my information on descendants, if any, is sketchy at best.

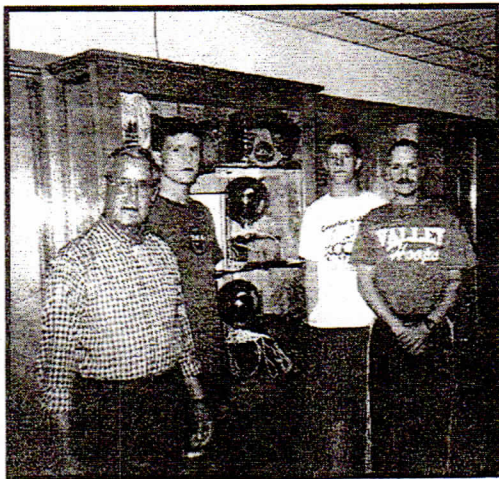
Speaking of unidentified wives, I was extremely pleased

Who was George Hartwell's Wife? (and who were his children?)

to have Dr. David L. Greene, editor of *The American Genealogist* (one of the most prestigious genealogical journals) accept my article on finding the previously unknown wife of **John³ Hartwell** of Bedford, Mass. The article appeared in the January 2001 edition.

Web Master Wes Hartwell has been hard at work. The Hartwells of America Web Site now sports a message board (at <<http://www.hartwell.org/discus>>) and Wes has produced a CD-ROM version of the complete, 450+ page 1956 Genealogy and 1962 Supplement (available at <<http://www.hartwell.org/hbook1.html>>). While the 1956 work leaves a lot to be desired from a purely genealogical perspective—as Joy Peach has often cautioned—there is still demand for it and Wes points out that the photographs on the CD are far superior to those in the Higginson Book Company reprint. The price for the CD is \$29.95, including shipping, and Hartwells of America Association members may take \$5.00 off. Mail order only: Hartwell CD, Weston S. Hartwell, 14111 Blair High Rd., Omaha, NE. 68142. You may also view the book “Heroes of Battle Road” by Frank Wilson Cheney Hersey (1930, reprinted 1983), which is “chock full” of Hartwell related stories and photos, online at <<http://www.hartwell.org/brintro.html>>.

How about a “three-peat”? Jason and Luke Hartwell, junior twins at Valley High School, Bingham, ME, chalked up their third consecutive undefeated basketball season in leading Valley to its fourth straight Class “D” state championship. Valley’s 84-0 record is the eighth-longest in national high school history and earned them a feature article in the February 9, 2001 issue of *Sports Illustrated* magazine. With Jason and Luke returning next year, together with 6'9" center Brian Andre, your editor wouldn't bet against 105-0! Good luck, guys.



Pictured (l. to r), grandfather, Robert Gordon¹² (Charles Waldo¹¹, John Howard¹⁰, Charles C.⁹, John H.⁸, John⁷, Isaac⁶, Jonas⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Samuel², William¹), Jason¹⁴ and Luke¹⁴ (or is it Luke and Jason? A free coffee and donut at the Reunion to the first person who correctly identifies them), and father, Gordon¹³ (a Valley star himself in the 70s).

The 1956 Genealogy (page 32 YML) gives the following bio: 556 GEORGE-6 (William-5 Joseph-4 William-3 Samuel-2 William-1), b. 4 Aug. 1814, m. a MRS. GETCHELL. He was a baker, erratic in his movements, lived awhile in Lynn, sometime in Boston, went to Calif. about 1854, last heard of at Woodland, Yolo Co., Calif., severely injured in July 1875, but little heard from him since.

Issue, HARTWELL

1449 EDWIN W., b. Oct. 21, 1847.

George Hartwell, baker, was found on the 1850 Federal Census in Lynn, Massachusetts, with presumed wife, Mary C. Hartwell, and the census taker checked the column that indicated that the couple had been married within the year. Also listed were three Hartwell children, all born in Massachusetts: Frances A., age 11, Frederick A., age 9, and Charles D., age 6 (Reel #311:274). The most likely explanation for three children born before George's marriage to Mary C., might be that Mary C. was a second wife, and that George's three children were by some other woman. However, the published Lynn Vital Records to 1850 list the birth of Frederick A. Whitney to George and Mary C. Hartwell on 20 February 1841, which matches well with the Frederick on the census.

The Barbour collection of Connecticut vital records lists the marriage of George Hartwell and Mary C. Whitney at Thompson, Connecticut on 24 February 1849, which agrees with the census statement that they were married within the year. It seems most unlikely that George's two wives (if, indeed, he had two wives), would both have been named Mary C, and it would have been extremely unusual in those days for an unmarried couple to blatantly record a child in town records 8 years before they were married, so what is going on here?

The Whitney genealogy provided a partial answer. It's biographical sketch of Zimri Whitney states that he married Mary C. Getchell at New Bedford on 5 April 1838, and this couple had Frances A., b. 5 July 1839, Frederick A., b. 20 Feb. 1841, and Charles D., b. 6 April 1844. Note that these names and ages coincide perfectly with the three children in the George Hartwell household on the 1850 census. However the Whitney genealogy gives no death date for Zimri, nor does it mention a second marriage for Mary C.

It would seem that either the census taker was too lazy to record the fact that the children had a different surname than their parents *or* that George had legally adopted them by that point. This still doesn't explain why the Lynn vital records list Frederick's birth under the surname Hartwell, nor does it explain why the Hartwell genealogy credits George with a son, Edwin, born two years before George married Mary C., and about whom there are no further records and who was not enumerated on the 1850 census. Did he really exist, and if so, does he belong to some other Hartwell family?

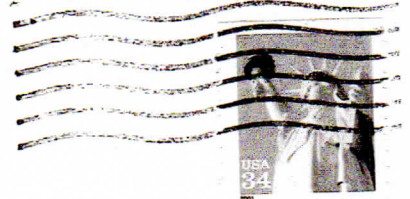
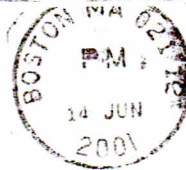
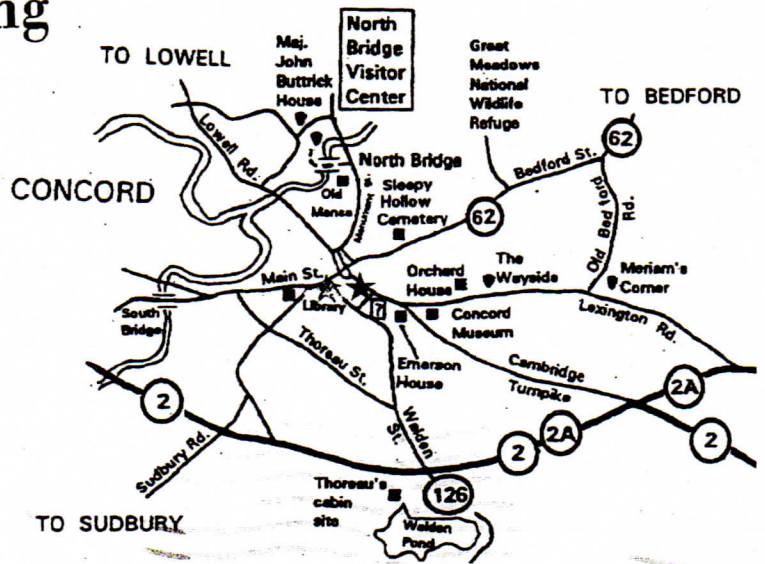
Notice of Annual Meeting

64 th Annual Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 30, 2001

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.



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