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Notice of Annual Meeting & Seventieth Anniversary Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 30, 2007

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

Picnic Luncheon: 12:00-1:00

Business Meeting: 1:00-1:45

Special Speaker: 1:45

Don't miss this very special Reunion!

Not only is it the seventieth anniversary of the first Reunion when, 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 Association, attendees will have the opportunity to be among the first owners of the long-anticipated *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*, Association Genealogist Joy Peach's masterful genealogy of the earlier generations of William¹'s progeny.

In addition, the Association has invited Brian Donahue, author of *The Great Meadow, Farmers and the Land in Colonial Concord* (Yale University Press 2004). Mr. Donahue is associate professor of American environmental studies on the Jack Meyerhoff Foundation, Brandeis University, environmental historian at Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA, and has been a historian at Middle Man National Historical Park, Concord, MA. *The Great Meadow*, exquisitely researched and eminently readable, features as a central character William¹, exploring his land holdings from 1636 onward and his place in the development of mixed husbandry in the earliest years of Concord. An excerpt:

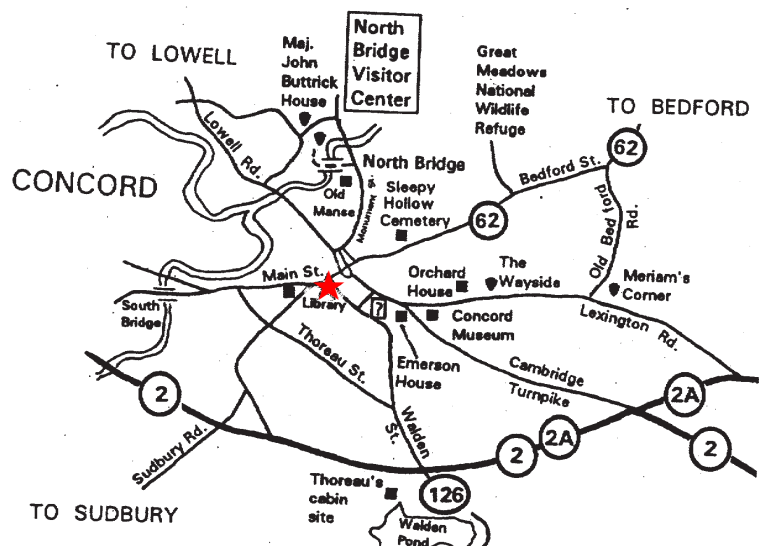
The English named their largest expanse of planting

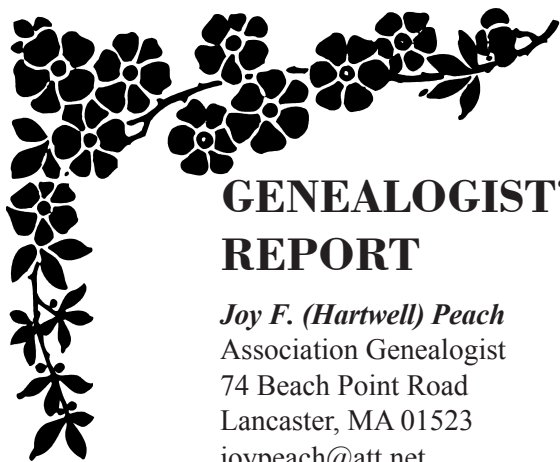
ground the Cranefield, after a Bedfordshire village where several of them were born. William Hartwell was among those who came to Concord from that open field country in the English Midlands, bringing traditions of common husbandry with him. He owned several tillage lots in the Cranefield . . . William Hartwell, a man of middling means, owned only four acres in the Great Meadow-and his lot lay nearly three miles from his door, at the lower end of the meadow. (at 7).

Don't miss this chance to learn from Prof. Donahue, in remarkable detail, about the life and times of your first American Hartwell ancestor.

There will also be a special agenda item up for a vote at the business meeting. Treasurer David Hartwell Webber reports that although the Scholarship Fund is in fine shape, the General Fund is becoming depleted because the expenses of the Annual Reunion and Newsletter have not, for several years, been offset by revenue from annual dues. Therefore, the Executive Committee will sponsor a motion to increase the annual dues (currently \$2.00).

Reunion Site





GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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Much has happened since the last annual meeting in June 2006. As I write this report, my efforts in rewriting the first five generations of the Hartwell saga are on their way to the publisher! This exciting event couldn't have been accomplished without the hard work of President Wayne Hartwell, Marilyn Booth Manzella and David Hartwell Webber of the publishing committee, as well as the numerous correspondents who provided valuable information. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you!

Meanwhile, research continues, as descendants of **William¹ Hartwell** are being born, marrying and dying all over the world. Following are the vital records that have come to my attention. (I'm sure there are many more that have not come to my attention!)

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **EVERETT SMITH¹¹ HARTWELL**, son of Thomas Aston & Marilyn Frances (Kay) Hartwell and **SHANNON DENISE SMITH**, who were married at Santa Cruz, California on 24 September 2006. Shannon is the mother of Collier John Smith, born in 1992.

DEATHS

ABBOTT, JEANNINE (HARTWELL) ("unattached" Virginia line), b. Houston, TX 5 July 1928; d. Tulsa, OK 17 Jan. 2005. She is survived by her husband William G., two sons and one daughter (reported by William G. Abbott).

HARTWELL, ALBERTINA (DEMARIA), widow

of Max Merrill¹¹ Hartwell (#7976 YML), d. at Jupiter, Florida 11 November 2006, age 90. She is survived by her daughter, Kyra Skrypek and two grandchildren (reported by Caroline Brown).

HARTWELL, BERNARD⁹ (#4056 EML), b. Lynn, MA, 13 April 1913; d. South Yarmouth 27 June 2006 (obituary and Social Security Death Index (SSDI). HOA says he was unmarried, but his obituary says he is survived by two daughters and one son.

HARTWELL, FRANK MORSE¹⁰ (#7395 YML), d. Suffield, CT 9 December 2006, age 97. Survived by his wife, Bernice, son Michael, daughters Ellen Crane, Ethel King and Mary Merchant, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren (reported by Caroline Brown).

HARTWELL, RICHARD LELAND¹¹ (#7587 YML), b. 9 July 1944; d. Old Fort, NC 27 April 2006 (SSDI).

HARTWELL, RICHARD WHITE⁹ (#4077 EML), b. Springfield, MA 12 June 1932; d. Agawam 3 Nov. 2006; not continued in HOA, he is survived by two daughters and one son.

SIR RODNEY¹⁰ HARTWELL (not in HOA), b. Omaha, NE 12 Feb. 1938; d. Daggett, CA 4 Jan. 2006 (letter from the Augustan Society and SSDI). Sir Rodney was a former genealogist of the Hartwells of America Association and spearheaded the "English Project" which attempted to find William¹ Hartwell's origins. Rodney published the findings in a series called The Beetle Gazette, until a fire in his studio destroyed much of his research.

HOY, MYRTLE¹⁰ (HARTWELL) (HANSEN) (#6629 YML), d. Bloomington, MN 5 Oct. 2005, age 95 (reported by her daughter, Novella (Hansen) Johnson).

MCMAHON, PAULINE GLADYS⁹ (HARTWELL) (#4363 EML) d. Clinton, MA 31 October 2006, age 91. Not continued in HOA, she is survived by three of her five children, thirteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren (obituary in Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

MURPHY, WILLIAM J., husband of Beverly Jane¹¹ Hartwell (#7977 YML), d. Greenfield, MA 2 April 2007, age 89 (reported by Caroline Brown)

DORIS ELEANOR¹⁰ (HARTWELL) (PETERSON) OSBORN (#7245 YML) d. either at Marlboro, MA or Palm Harbor, FL 22 Nov. 2006 (obituary in Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

Listed below are the 2006 Hartwell deaths from the Social Security Death Index, in the hope that someone will be able to identify them. My thanks to those who responded to last year's list by identifying several of the names that were unknown to your genealogist.

Audrey J. Hartwell, b. 18 Dec. 1925; d. Glendale, AZ 12 June 2006; SSN issued MN

Cedric D. Hartwell, b. 22 Nov. 2005; d. 20 Feb. 2006; SSN issued SC

Christina A. Hartwell, b. 16 June 1920; d. Pittsburgh, PA 20 July 2006; SSN issued PA

Elise Hartwell, b. 7 July 1935; d. Marlboro, NY 26 April 2006; SSN issued NY

Frank T. Hartwell, b. 15 Oct. 1916; d. Modesto, CA 9 May 2006; SSN issued CA

Gerald D. Hartwell, b. 15 Oct. 1918; d. Shiawassee, MI 10 May 2006; SSN issued MI

James L. Hartwell, b. 31 Jan. 1924; d. Muncie, IN 30 July 2006; SSN issued IN

James P. Hartwell, b. 26 Aug. 1929; d. Kent, WA 18 Feb. 2006; SSN issued WA

Jesse Hartwell, b. 15 March 1924; d. Mesquite, NV 23 Feb. 2006; SSN issued LA

Johnny Hartwell, b. 1 March 1958; d. Columbia, SC 9 June 2006; SSN issued SC

Joseph A. Hartwell, b. 18 May 1946; d. Old Fort, NC 19 July 2006; SSN issued WV

Linda D. Hartwell, b. 4 June 1970; d. Newport News, VA 1 July 2006; SSN issued VA

Lutishia E. Hartwell, b. 13 March 1934; d. Pearisburg, VA 25 July 2006; SSN issued WV

Nellie L. Hartwell, b. 5 May 1924; d. 3 Feb. 2006; SSN issued IN

Richard C. Hartwell, b. 25 April 1924; d. Lakeland, FL 16 March 2006; SSN issued NY

Richard M. Hartwell, b. 24 Jan. 1926; d. Matteson, IL 30 Jan. 2006; SSN issued MI

Rudolph Hartwell, b. 10 Dec. 1922; d. North Orangeburg, SC 1 April 2006; SSN issued SC

Sears Hartwell, b. 15 April 1911; d. Monroe, LA 19 April 2006; SSN issued LA

Tommie J. Hartwell, b. 10 July 1928; d. Columbia, MS 19 Feb. 2006; SSN issued MS

Vivian J. Hartwell, b. 27 July 1943; d. Hague, VA 20 Jan. 2006; SSN issued PA

Willie M. Hartwell, b. 20 Aug. 1932; d. Lindside, WV 28 Aug. 2006.

Joy F. (Hartwell) Peach
Hartwell family genealogist

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

Applications may be submitted through June 14, 2008 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2008-2009.

To obtain eligibility requirements and applications, contact:

Ms. Victoria H. C. Rogers, 652 Scribner 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.

Hartwell Happenings

Joy Peach

The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations

The most noteworthy happening of the past year has to be that the Genealogy committee wrapped up its labors on Joy Peach's new five-generation genealogy of William¹'s descendants and got it off to the publisher in time for it to be available for purchase at this year's Reunion on June 30th.

At 626 pages, including bibliographic references, illustrations, a number of interesting appendices, and a complete index, it's a marvelous piece of work.

From Joy's Introduction: "While this genealogy is far from 'done,' it does contain my best efforts to date on the families involved, and I hope it will become the standard work on the family until something better comes along. In conclusion, I would like to thank the numerous correspondents who have provided interesting data (most of whom are acknowledged in the text), the personnel of the many research facilities I have haunted and, most of all, the members of The Hartwells of America Association for putting their faith in me. It has been a fascinating and rewarding project, and will continue to keep me occupied for the foreseeable future."

Hartwells throughout America and beyond owe a huge debt of gratitude to Joy for this major contribution to the family's history.

If you purchase your copy at the Reunion, Joy will gladly autograph it for you, so, as they say, "come on down"!

Order Form

Yes, please send me _____ copy/ies of *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*—ISBN: 978-0-9793318-0-0

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Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

Saturday, June 24, 2006, a cloudless, sunny day, welcomed thirty-odd (that's odd as in an approximate number; not odd persons) Hartwell cousins and friends to the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church for the Hartwells of America Association's 69th Anniversary Reunion.

Following a morning of coffee, donuts, and muffins (graciously provided by Jim and Evelyn Allison, Revere, MA), much catching up on Hartwell facts (and gossip), and luncheon, President Wayne E. Hartwell (Foxborough, MA) called the business meeting to order.

Roger Whitcher Hartwell (Quincy, MA) offered an opening prayer, which was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Hartwell cousins departed since the last Reunion.

First-time Reunion attendees Ron Ellis (Hopkinton, MA), Paul Ellis-Graham (Highland Mills, NY), Kimball and Carol Hartwell (Dupont, WA), Ruth Hartwell (Rochester, NY), and Lesley and Una Hartwell (Lynnfield, MA) were recognized and welcomed.

The minutes of the 2005 business meeting, as published in the 2005 Newsletter, were accepted.

David Hartwell Webber (Dunstable, MA) delivered the Treasurer's report. As of the close of the Association's 2006 Fiscal Year, the balance on hand in the Scholarship Fund was a healthy \$10,969 (and had received donations of \$1,545 during the year), while the Operating Fund, which finances the Reunion, Newsletter, and other Association operating expenses, contained only \$2,689. Revenue to the Operating Fund for the year, from bank interest, dues, and the sale of Hartwell literature, was \$552. At the same time, operating expenses for the year totaled \$901, continuing a trend of annual deficits in the Association's operations. Plainly, there has to be a marked increase in the number of due-paying members, or an increase in the annual dues, to keep the Association afloat.¹ On motion, David's report was accepted.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Victoria H.C. Rogers (Otisfield, ME) reported that the committee had voted to award a \$200 Scholarship Grant to Shawn D. Porter, who will be a freshman at Framingham State College. Sean is the grandson of David Hartwell Webber. On motion, Vickie's report was accepted.

Genealogist Joy F. Peach (Lancaster, MA) brought the meeting up to date on her latest finds and, most importantly, reported that the Genealogy, apart from images

and photographs, was ready to send to the copyeditor for submission to publication. On motion, Joy's report was accepted.

Contributions were voted to First Parish for its much-appreciated use, once again, for the use of its facilities, and to the Social Law Library for the work of the Library's graphic designer on the preparation of the Association's Newsletter.

Now the fun began. For the person traveling the furthest to attend, Kimble Hartwell received a Hartwell Tavern, 69th Anniversary Reunion Memorial T-Shirt, designed and executed by Katy Hartwell (Foxborough, MA). As the eldest lady in attendance, Kimble's mom, Ruth S. Hartwell (93), (Middlesex, NY), also received a T-shirt to recognize that achievement. A T-shirt for the "least-young" gentleman in attendance went to Warren Hartwell (Swampscott, MA). Ironically, as the youngest attendee, Katy Hartwell won one of her own T-shirt creations.

Following the conclusion of the formal business meeting, the attendees grouped for the "you can't deny you were here" group photo by Association Photographer, Alison Hartwell (Quincy, MA), followed by a tour of the Hillside Burying Ground (where William¹ is interred [somewhere, but that's a different story]).

Judith Bacon Hartwell
Recording Secretary

¹ [Ed. Note: For those of you who might think that sales of the new Genealogy will fill the gap, you should be aware of two things. First, publication of that work is being personally funded by members of the Executive Committee; at least 200 of the 500 Genealogies ordered must be sold for them not to be out of pocket. Second, there are eight more generations that can go to press; it would be fiscally prudent to set aside a fund for future publications..]

Those were the days . . .





Hartwell Tavern, Lincoln,
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Minute Man National Historical
Park)

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check out the Message Board
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