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# HARTWELLS OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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# Notice of Annual Meeting & Seventy-First Anniversary Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2008

Place: Trinitarian Congregational Church

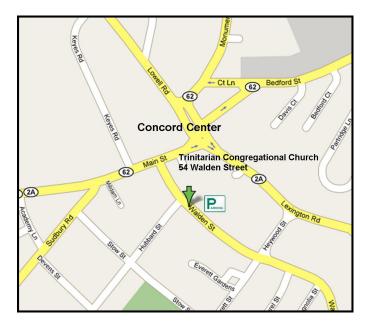
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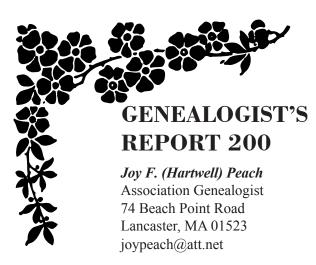
Time: Greetings & Salutations

Coffee & Pastries 10:00-12.00 Picnic Luncheon: 12:00-1:00 Business Meeting: 1:00

### **Reunion Site**



NOTE change in venue: Due to renovations at First Parish in Concord Church, we will be meeting at Trinitarian Congregational Church for this year's Reunion.



#### GENEALOGIST'S REPORT - 2007

My compilation of the first five generations from William<sup>1</sup> Hartwell of Concord in 1636 is now in print. Anyone is more than welcome to contact me to obtain my biographies of their Hartwell ancestry from the sixth through their own generation. All they have to do is ask!

Research is always ongoing, as descendants of William continue to be born, marry and die all over the world. Following are the vital records for 2007 that have come to my attention. I'm sure there are many more that have not come to my attention, as I have no births or marriages to report!

#### **2006 DEATH**

My thanks to Rebekah Hartwell for identifying her grandfather, whose death was listed in last year's list of deaths found on the SSDI:

RICHARD M[AXWELL]<sup>10</sup> HARTWELL, b. 24 Jan. 1926; d. Grand Rapids, IL (SSDI had Matteson, IL).

#### 2007 DEATHS

**Note:** While the Social Security Death Index [SSDI] is a major source of deaths; the listing gives only a name, a birth date, a death date, sometimes a place of death, and sometimes a place of last payment. Of the 51 Hartwell deaths in 2007 listed in the SSDI, only 12 have been fully identified and one more possibly identified, so copies of

- obituaries and/or other sources of information are most welcome. Those who have been identified, or are known from other sources are listed first, followed by those whose deaths were found only on the SSDI.
- Bernice "Bunny" C. (Callahan) Hartwell, widow of Frank Morse<sup>10</sup> Hartwell, died at Suffield, CT 7 Jan. 2007 (SSDI). (see 2007 Newsletter for Frank's death notice).
- CARROLL THERON<sup>12</sup> HARTWELL, son of Loren Alva<sup>11</sup> Hartwell, b. 9 Nov. 1933; d. Pepin, WI 10 July 2007 (SSDI-card issued MN). He was married, but it is not known if he had any children.
- DAVID WILSON<sup>10</sup> HARTWELL, son of Gifford Newton<sup>9</sup> Maybelle (Wilson) Hartwell, b. 4 March 1918; d. East Sandwich, MA 4 Jan. 2007 (SSDI). He was married and had two sons.
- **DONALD PUTNAM<sup>11</sup> HARTWELL**, son of Harry Putnam<sup>10</sup> & Claire (Brindle) Hartwell, b. 6 Sept. 1935; d. at Fall River, MA 29 Nov. 2007 (SSDI). It is not known whether or not he was married.
- ELAINE ANN (YOUNG) HARTWELL, wife of Richard Walker<sup>11</sup> Hartwell (who survives her), d. 7 March 2008. Although she died in Georgia, her funeral took place in Bedford, MA (obit., Boston Globe, sent by Jim Allison)
- EUGENE DWIGHT<sup>10</sup> HARTWELL died at Rotterdam, NY 7 June 2007. He is survived by his wife, Mary L., three children and five grandchildren (obit. sent by Mary L. Hartwell; SSDI).
- Eva (Wells) (Barnhouse) Hartwell, widow of Robert John<sup>12</sup> Hartwell, b. Raleigh, NC 21 July 1925; d. Denver, CO 26 April 2007 (SSDI).
- JOHN BURNS<sup>10</sup> HARTWELL, son of Nathan H.<sup>9</sup> and Ethel M. (Burns) Hartwell, b. 5 Jan. 1925; d. at Littleton, MA 18 Oct. 2007. Survived by his wife, Evarose, three sons, eight grandchildren and nine great-grand children (obit sent by Charlotte Hartwell).
- LESTER STEELE<sup>10</sup> HARTWELL son of Lester Steele<sup>9</sup> and Mary (Fenton) Hartwell, b. 4 June 1943; d. Pompano Beach, FL 8 Feb. 2007 (SSDI, card issued MA). He was married, but it is not known if he had any children.
- MALCOLM JAMES<sup>12</sup> HARTWELL, son of Malcolm Durwood<sup>11</sup> & Lurlene (Lorrain) Hartwell, b. Welsh, LA 3 Oct. 1960; d. 17 Dec. 2007 (SSDI, card issued Louisiana). It it not known if he was married.
- NATHAN HAYWOOD<sup>10</sup> HARTWELL, brother of John Burns (above), b. 14 Feb. 1923; d. at Townsend, MA 12 April 2007. (SSDI).
- PRISCILLA FRANCES<sup>11</sup> HARTWELL, dau. of Herbert Francis<sup>10</sup> and Georgia M. (Rodick) Hartwell, b. Springfield 8 Oct. 1913; d. at Wilbraham Nursing

- Home 4 November 2007, age 94 (obit. sent by Caroline Brown; SSDI).
- ROBERT LYNDSEY<sup>10</sup> HARTWELL, b. 13 June 1918; d. Peyton, CO 8 May 2007 [SSDI-card issued CA]
- The following have not been identified:
- Albert L., b. 3 Feb. 1925; d. Arcadia, LA 3 Dec. 2007.
- Alva Marie, b. 31 Jan. 1926; d. Apple Valley, CA 16 Nov. 2007 [card issued TX]
- Anne C., b. 10 April 1925; d. Houston, TX 4 May 2007 [card issued SC]
- Barry, b. 27 Oct. 1942; d. 18 June 2007 [card issued CA] Betty E., b. 13 Aug. 1919; d. Vancouver, WA 7 May 2007 [card issued OR]
- Bryne, b. 23 Nov. 1936; d. Kennett, MO 2 Jan. 2007 [card issued IN]
- Charles Thomas, b. 6 Sept. 1940; d. Wapakoneta, MD 8 Dec. 2007 [card issued WV]
- Christophe A., b. 26 March 1988; d. Baltimore, MD 25 Jan. 2007.
- Darryle L. b. 6 May 1949; d. Missoula, MT 14 Nov. 2007. David D., b. 19 Nov. 1945; d. 21 April 2007 [card issued WA]
- Delbert J., b. 9 May 1921; d. Bluefield, WV 8 Dec. 2007 [card issued NC]
- Dorothy B., b. 6 Sept. 1912; d. at Stamford, NY 3 Nov. 2007. Dorothy L., b. 25 Oct. 1916; d. St. Albans, WV 10 April 2007.
- Edward D., b. 21 May 1921; d. Mead, OK 21 Dec. 2007 [card issued CA]
- Emma C., b. 8 Sept. 1948; d. Lynchburg, VA 24 May 2007 Emory O., b. 2 May 1916; d. Hurricane, WV 5 July 2007 [card issued NC]
- Ernest R., b. 25 Oct. 1916; d. Avondale, AZ 3 May 2007 [card issued IL]
- Ferne E., b. 27 Oct. 1923; d. Alamagordo, NM 11 Dec. 2007 [card issued MO]
- Floy A., b. 13 Feb. 1919; d. Bloomington, CA 2 Nov. 2007 [card issued UT]
- Inez L., b. 25 April 1932; d. Kimberling City, MO 13 Dec. 2007 [card issued WI]. Note: possibly Inez (Low) Hartwell, widow of **Sidney Neal**<sup>11</sup> **Hartwell**, but further confirmation is needed.
- James R., b. 19 April 1934; d. Butlerville, IN 28 March 2007 Jane L., b. 17 Jan. 1928; d. Jonesboro, GA 17 May 2007 Jeff D., b. 25 March 1926; d. 24 Aug. 2007 [card issued ND]
- Laura S., b. 6 Aug. 1907; d. Belleville, IL 18 April 2007Lucille Daniels, b. 8 April 1933; d. Columbia, SC 30Dec. 2007
- Mable L., b. 17 Aug. 1918; d. at Baltimore, MD 29 June 2007. Mary C., b. 15 Jan. 1915; d. Fort Pierce, FL 25 Dec. 2007 [card issued OH]
- Michael D., b. 19 April 1962; d. Greensburg, IN 13 April 2007

Nancy J., b. 31 March 1930; d. Plymouth, IN 5 Nov. 2007 [card issued MI]

Opal B., b. 26 April 1929; d. Worthington, KY 16 May 2007 [card issued NC]

Peter, b. 19 July 1912; d. Oswego, NY 20 Aug. 2007.

Rebecca Ann, b. 24 March 1956; d. Amarillo, TX 16 Aug. 2007

Richard L., b. 22 Feb. 1948; d. in California 21 Nov. 2007 Ruby M., b. 14 Sept. 1933; d. New Castle, PA 3 June 2007 Russell L., b. 8 Jan. 1960; d. 24 May 2007 [card issued MO] Ruth S., b. 5 March 1946; d. St. Albans, WV 18 Sept. 2007 [card issued NC]

Virginia L., b. 6 June 1920; d. Poplar Bluff, MO 11 Sept. 2007 [card issued IL]

Ward J., b. 14 March 1911; d. Wake Forest, NC 2 April 2007 [card issued MI]

Wesley R., b. 27 April 1927; d. Sykesville, MD 17 June 2007 [card issued WV]

Joy F. (Hartwell) Peach, Hartwell family genealogist

#### Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

On Saturday, June 30, 2007, some fifty Hartwell cousins and friends convened at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Concord, MA for the Hartwells of America Association's 69th Anniversary Reunion.

President Wayne E. Hartwell (Foxborough, MA) called the business meeting to order promptly at 1:00

Evelyn Allison (Revere, MA) offered an opening prayer, which was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Hartwell cousins and friends departed since the last Reunion.

The following first-time Reunion attendees were recognized and welcomed: Stephen Hartwell, North Reading, MA; John and Barbara Hartwell, Niantic, CT; Chuck and Cindy Hartwell, New Salem, MA; Kay Hartwell Philipps and Ed Philipps, West Chester, PA; William Hartwell Thalheimer, Somerville, PA; Alena Grace Thalput, Somerville, PA; and David Graham, Morrisonville, NY.

The minutes of the 2006 business meeting, as published in the 2007 Newsletter, were accepted.

David Hartwell Webber (Dunstable, MA) delivered the Treasurer's report. As of the close of the Association's 2007 Fiscal Year (June 30, 2007), the balance on hand in the Scholarship Fund was a healthy \$12,905.67 (with receipt during the year of donations tallying \$1,068). On the other hand, the Operating Fund, which finances the Reunion, Newsletter, and other Association operating expenses, contained only \$2,373.98. Revenue to the Operating Fund for the year, from bank interest, dues, and the sale of Hartwell literature, and including a one-time dividend of \$486, was \$1,059.93, while operating expenses for the year totaled \$1,088.93. In view of yet another annual deficits in the Association's operations, David reiterated the need for either a healthy increase in the number of dues-paying members (unlikely) or an increase in the annual dues to keep the Association's operations solvent. To address the situation, the Executive Committee sponsored the following motion: "That the annual dues for membership in the Hartwells of America Association be set at Five Dollars (\$5.00) commencing with the Association's 2009 fiscal year, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009." During discussion of the motion, Wayne Hartwell pointed out that the dues were last increased—from \$1 to \$2—in the early 1970s; in terms of 2007 inflation-adjusted dollars, the dues were worth about 49¢, or barely enough to mail a Newsletter. After further discussion, the motion was passed. On motion, David's report was accepted.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Victoria H.C. Rogers (Otisfield, ME) announced that the committee had voted to award Scholarship Grants for the 2007-2008 academic year in the amount of \$200 each to Andrew Bowen, of Santa Rosa, CA, a sophomore at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, majoring in journalism; Shauna McLain, from Esko, MN, a freshman majoring in business at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND; and Katherine F. (Katy) Hartwell, of Foxborough, MA, a sophomore pursuing a major in studio art at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY. On motion, Vickie's report was accepted.

Association Genealogist Joy Peach (Lancaster, MA) was pleased (and probably relieved, as well) to report that The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations, her masterful genealogy of the earlier generations of William1's progeny, had been received from the printer and was available for purchase (Treasurer David Webber actually sold out all the copies he had brought to the Reunion). Joy received a hearty round of congratulations and thanks for her efforts on behalf of the Association.

Seventieth Anniversary Reunion Memorial T-Shirts, crafted by Katy Hartwell, were distributed to the following distinguished attendees. The person traveling the furthest to attend was William E. Hartwell of Middlebourne, WV. William noted for the record that at the last Reunion he attended (the third, in 1939), he had received the prize for being the youngest (not bad: show up every sixty-eight years or so and get an award every time). Lucy Booth, of Framingham, MA, was the eldest lady (86) in attendance, while Warren Hartwell, Swampscott, MA, took top honors in the eldest gentleman (83) category. Alena Grace Thalput, Somerville, PA, was clearly the youngest attendee (see photo), but we forgot to record her age.

Contributions were voted to First Parish for its muchappreciated 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.

Following the conclusion of the formal business meeting, and after hearing the day's special speaker, the attendees posed for a group photo by Association Photographer, Alison Hartwell (Quincy, MA).

Judith Bacon Hartwell *Recording Secretary* 



2007 Reunion Photos: Top Left: Oldest woman; Top Right: Oldest man; Bottom Left: youngest; Bottom right: Farthest distance

## 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 13, 2009 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2009-2010. To obtain eligibility requirements and applications, contact: Ms. Victoria H. C. Rogers, 652 Scribner Hill Rd, Otisfield, ME 04270 or at the Web site <a href="http://www.hartwell.org/scholar.html">httml</a>>

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 Items Available

Full Color Coat of Arms (of the present baronet)—\$3.00 Coat of Arms Description only—\$1.00 145-page Booklet, "The Hartwell Arms"—\$2.00 Add \$2.00 for shipping and handling to your order.

Please send orders to:

David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer Hartwells of America 1124 Main Street Dunstable, MA 01827

 $Checks\ payable\ to\ HARTWELLS\ OF\ AMERICA$ 

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL DUES INCREASE**

Please take notice that on June 30, 2007, at the business meeting of the seventieth Annual Reunion of the Hartwells of America Association, the following motion was duly made and carried: "That the annual dues for membership in the Hartwells of America Association be set at Five Dollars (\$5.00) commencing with the Association's 2009 fiscal year, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009." That increase is reflected in the form for payment of dues contained in this Newsletter.

## The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations 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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# Guest Speaker, Prof. Brian Donahue

The Hartwells have long known that William1 first appears on record in the New World in 1636 when he was "allotted a tract of nine acres of land [in Concord], probably the fifth allotment from Meriam=s corner, nearly a mile east of the Public Square." John F. Hartwell, The Hartwells of America: a Genealogy, Introduction at 2 (1956). But no one knew with any certainty where that tract of land might be. Now, thanks to our special speaker at the 2007 Reunion, Brian Donahue, author of The Great Meadow, Farmers and the Land in Colonial Concord (Yale University Press 2004), we all know.

Donahue is associate professor of American environmental studies on the Jack Meyerhoff Foundation, Brandeis University, environmental historian at Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA, and formerly a historian at Minute Man National Historical Park. The Great Meadow, a work of high scholarship, exquisitely researched and eminently readable, features as a central character William1. In his very informing and entertaining illustrated talk, Professor Donahue focused on the exploring William1's land holdings from 1636 onward through several generations and his place in the develop-ment of mixed husbandry in the earliest years of Concord. Of particular interest was Professor Donahue's placement of William1's original homestead: along Lexington Road

(Rt. 2A), "[p]ast Emerson's house, past the Alcott's Orchard House, a few doors past the Wayside, near the east end of the village, stands the modest Grapevine Cottage. Here a man named Ephraim Bull bred the Concord grape from native stock in 1840, an achievement commemorated by a small plaque set into the yard fence. Even the historical marker looks historic, as if Bull had placed it there himself in 1841. Two centuries before Bull this was the homestead of William Hartwell, whose seventeenthcentury home may yet reside within the structure we see today." The Great Meadow at 2-3. And so one more Hartwell question is laid to rest.





Hartwell Tavern, Lincoln, Massachusetts (print courtesy Minute Man National Historical Park)

Be sure to visit The Hartwells of America Association's Web site—www.hartwell.org—and check out the Message Board for the latest news.

Alison Hartwell Corresponding Secretary 100 Marlboro Street Wollaston, MA 02170



# Annual Dues Payable Now

Annual Dues for the Hartwells of America, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, in the amount of \$5.00, are enclosed for the following:

Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Dues should be mailed only to:	David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer	

David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer Hartwells of America 1124 Main Street Dunstable, MA 01827-111

It would be greatly appreciated if you could enclose a self-addressed, stamped return envelope with your dues.