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Notice of Eighty-Fifth Anniversary Reunion & Annual Business Meeting

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Covid-19 infections and hospitalizations are on the rise in Massachusetts, leading health experts to call for stricter preventative measures, including avoidance of larger gatherings, until the current surge subsides. Because when that might happen is anybody's guess, the Hartwells of America Association's officers have as in the past two years deemed it prudent to cancel the traditional Reunion format for this year and to substitute a Zoom virtual meeting. Not a perfect solution, but it has worked well and at the least has allowed Hartwells from all over who might otherwise be unable to attend to do so remotely via their computers, tablets or cell phones.

We hope you will plan to attend this year's virtual Reunion. Please spread the word to other kinfolk who may be interested in attending. For attendees who do not currently subscribe to email delivery of the Newsletter, we will need their contact information: Names, Full Postal Addresses and Email Addresses. Registration requests may be emailed to CCHartwell29@gmail.com. If registered for last year, you have to re-register for this year.

We will notify everyone for whom we have emails of more meeting details as we get closer to the end of June. In the meantime, you will want to be sure that the latest version of Zoom (5.10.4) is enabled on your device—see this link for assistance.

Genealogist's Corner

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

It has been a slow, slow news year, so today I'm going to devote my space to enlightening neophyte genealogists about a matter many find perplexing. When I write in the Genealogy that "William¹ Hartwell died at Concord, Massachusetts, 12 March 1689/90," the uninitiated might get the impression that there's uncertainty about such a basic fact as a date of death. Not so. To learn why requires understanding the "old" and "new" styles of calendars, which can be a trap for the fledgling unwary genealogist.

In the "old" or "Julian" style, the year began March 25, and contained 365 days, 6 hours; in the "new" or "Gregorian" style, the year began January 1, and contained 365 days, 5 hours 49 minutes, and 12 seconds; and making a difference in the two styles of one day in 129 years. One is made nearly comfortable 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 sometime 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 (*text continues on page 5*)

Recap of the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

Recap of Eighty-Fourth Anniversary Reunion & Annual Business Meeting

Due to the ongoing pandemic, for second year the Annual Business Meeting of the Hartwells of America Association was moved from the Trinitarian Church in Concord, Massachusetts, to an online Zoom meeting on Saturday, June 26, at 1:00 pm. We were delighted to have 27 Hartwells in attendance from all across the United States.

After some Zoom housekeeping, President Wayne E. Hartwell (Attleboro, MA) called the meeting to order. The minutes of the 2020 business meeting, published in the 2021 newsletter were accepted.

Treasurer David Hartwell Webber (Hollis, NH) reported on the Association's fiscal doings for 2021. The balance on hand in the Scholarship Fund as per revised bank statements received after the close of the Association's 2021 Fiscal Year totaled a very respectable \$ 14,801.73. The Operating Fund, which pays for the Reunion, Newsletter, and other Association operating expenses, stood at \$555.64. Operating Fund revenue for the year from bank interest, dues, the sale of Hartwell literature, and donations was \$1,019.27. Offsetting expenses were \$2,254.88. Genealogy book (1) and Flash Drive (15) sales, plus interest brought in \$592.55 against \$359.40 expended for Y-DNA kits, Flash Drives, mailers and postage. All told, funds in the Scholarship, Operating, and Genealogy, and Operating funds totaled \$20,168.28

David reminded members about annual dues information that can be found on our website at <http://hartwell.org/join-the-hartwells-of-america/>.

Following David's report, Wayne presented him with a plaque recognizing his completion of fifty years' service to the Association as Treasurer.



Scholarship Committee Chairperson Marilyn Booth Manzella (Framingham, MA) reported that the Committee had made awards to two qualifying applicants for the academic year 2021-2022. They were:

Therese M. Gerlach of Jacksonville, Florida, an entering full-time junior at the **University of North Florida** is studying Biomedical Sciences. She graduated from Florida State College with an Associate of Arts degree and is considering getting a Master's degree in the future. When not at school, Therese works as an administrative assistant. In 2020, she earned a GPA of 3.7, placement on the President's List, and was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success. Therese has also been involved with the Catholic Campus Ministry and worked on several service projects.

Therese is a member of the 15th generation of Hartwells having descended through her mother, Lisa Angelique Hartwell Gerlach; her grandfather, John Wyland Hartwell; and great grandfather, Paul Clayton Hartwell.]

Jared C. Hartwell of Seneca Falls, New York, will be entering **Niagara University** as a freshman studying Human Resource Management. Jared submitted a lengthy biographic statement highlighting his activities. He has been active in sports and church and achieved academic success, being admitted to the National Honor Society and Rho Kappa National

Social Studies Honor Society. He and his three brothers all earned the rank of Eagle Scout and participated in a number of service projects.

Jared traces his ancestry back to William of Concord through his father, Jeffrey Ronald Hartwell; his grandfather, Ronald Groff Hartwell; and his great grandfather, George Chapple Hartwell. He is in the 13th generation.

Marilyn announced that the Committee had elected to make an award of \$500 to each applicant.

Stephen A. Hartwell (North Reading, MA) provided the Genealogy Report which included:

- Our 2007 printed genealogy, covering Generations 1-5 from the immigrant William Hartwell, authored by our genealogist Joy Peach (Lancaster, MA), can be found for sale in the Bookshop on <http://hartwell.org>.
- Our 2019 genealogy flash drive, containing .pdf files of Generations 1-5 and 6-9 in two files on a USB device, is also on sale in the Bookshop.
- Steve introduced Joy Peach, who described her ongoing work to incorporate corrections and extend the Genealogy to additional generations.
- A new Hartwell Reunion Archive, published by Steve at <http://www.hartwellclan.org/>, contains newsletters and photos of past Reunions from the 1880s to the present.

- The hartwell.org website, with kudos to our Webmaster, Wes Hartwell (Omaha, NE), has had a number of recent updates.
- The Hartwell Y-DNA project encourages Hartwell males to take a Y-DNA test from Family Tree DNA to further explore the patrilineal line—further details are at (Amherst, MA) as the eldest male Hartwells in attendance who were willing to participate.

Continuing a long tradition, Wayne took the microphone again to award the traditional door prizes. Each winner was mailed a Hartwell Genealogy flash drive.

- Eldest Gentleman - George E. Hartwell (Waverly, OH) **Alice Hartwell Godfrey, St. Albans VT**
- Eldest Lady - ~~Caroline Brown (Westford, VT)~~
- Youngest - Therese Gerlach (Jacksonville, FL)
- Furthest from Concord, MA - Joseph Feutz (Kapaa, HI)

As the final order of business, the Annual Reunion photograph was taken as a screenshot of the Zoom meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm, but a number of participants stayed on to chat until 2:30 pm. Stories were told, connections were made, and all-in-all, it was a pleasant “next best thing to being there” gathering.

Steve

Hartwell Items Available

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

Coat of Arms Description only—\$1.00

Please send orders to: David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer

Hartwells of America, 19 Terrell Ln, Hollis, NH 30349-8509

Make checks payable to HARTWELLS OF AMERICA



Left to Right by Row

David Webber, Stephen Hartwell, Lizz & Jim Radloff, Joy Hartwell, George Hartwell
 Jane Wong, Barbara & Howard Hartwell, Wylie Hartwell, Marilyn Manzella, Paul Ellis-Graham
 Eva House, David Graham AKA Mrquebec, Ellen Bowen, Cordie Puttkammer, Carol Booth
 Valarie McLain, Kay Philipps, Caroline Brown, Joseph Feutz, Arthur V. Hartwell
 Judy Hartwell, Catherine Feutz, Wayne Hartwell, Rebecca Cooke (no photo)

Annual Dues Payable Now

Annual Dues for the Hartwells of America, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, 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
 Hartwells of America
 19 Terrell Ln
 Hollis, NH 03049-8509

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

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from January 1 through March 25. 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* datebooks.

The so-called new style was finally adopted by Great Britain in 1751, when a law was passed that the year 1752 should begin on the first day of January, that the

third of September should be reckoned to 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's only 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. Good luck.

FORTY YEARS OF REUNIONS



1982



1992



2002



2012

**85th Anniversary
Hartwells of America
Reunion & Business Meeting
Saturday, June 25, 2022**

**Hartwells of America
385 South Main Street
Attleboro, MA 02703-6409**



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

Scholarship

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

Applications may be submitted through June 10, 2023 and will receive consideration at the June 25, 2023 Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2023-2024. To obtain eligibility requirements and applications, contact:

Marilyn Booth Manzella
Hartwells of America
Scholarship Committee,
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mbmanzella@rcn.com, or

at hartwell.org/scholar

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The Hartwells of America Association continues to sell a USB flash drive containing a .pdf file of the 596-page 2007 Genealogy, *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*, by Joy F. Peach, plus a second file comprising **Generations Six through Nine**, with Joy's latest research and Marilyn Manzella's careful editorial assistance. This wonderful accomplishment contains 1,503 pages and covers four additional generations of Hartwells beyond the Generations One through Five in the 2007 Genealogy. The flash drive sells for \$35 postpaid and is available in the Bookshop at the HOA website at <http://hartwell.org/>. The files are full-text searchable with Adobe Reader or similar software and may be printed out. Both files are protected by copyright law and are for individual use only.