

# THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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## Eighty-Sixth Anniversary Reunion & Annual Business Meeting

To be taking place **in person** this year.

### Itinerary

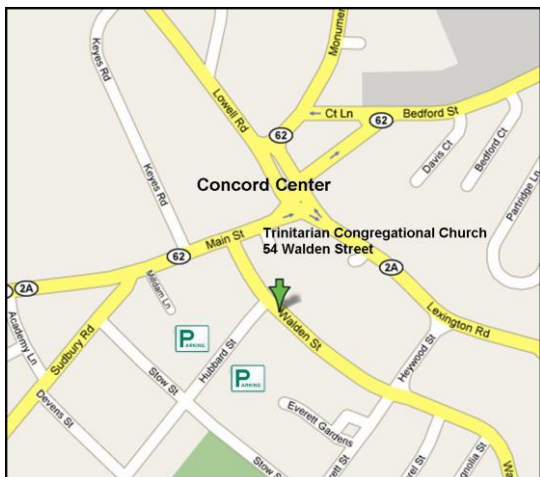
**Date:** June 24, 2023

**Location:** Trinitarian Congregational Church,  
54 Walden St, Concord, Massachusetts

### Schedule:

- 10:00 am to Noon—Coffee, pastries and socializing
- Noon to 1:00 pm—Bring your own picnic luncheon
- 1:00 to 1:45 pm—Business meeting
- 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm—Group photo and additional time for socializing

There will be Hartwell genealogy items for sale, material from our archives for viewing, information about our genealogy projects, and, of course, door prizes. We hope you plan to attend—spread the word!



## Genealogist's Corner

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With the unfortunate passing of long-time genealogist Joy Peach, I have assumed responsibility for the Hartwell genealogy until a new volunteer can be found

Thanks to the diligence of Joy's daughter, Rebecca Cooke, who segregated Joy's collection of Hartwell materials, digital and print, from Joy's other projects and sorted them into 14 (!) banker's boxes for storage. They have fortunately found a temporary home with our president, Wayne Hartwell.

Our Hartwell genealogy publications continue to be of interest. During the fiscal year we sold one printed genealogy, Generations 1-5, and twelve flash drives with Generations 1-9 (look for the For Sale section later in the newsletter if you are interested). With the genealogy research largely completed, we hope to continue publication of additional generations (Generations 10-14) if we can marshal some editorial assistance.

Do you know about our Hartwell Clan website at <https://hartwellclan.org/>? Your Genealogist maintains this site for special projects of interest to our Association. There are two active projects at the present: an archive of HOA Reunion Newsletters dating back to 1885 and a Y-DNA study of the Hartwell male pedigree. Feedback and

contributions are welcome!

Now here are some notes from the field:

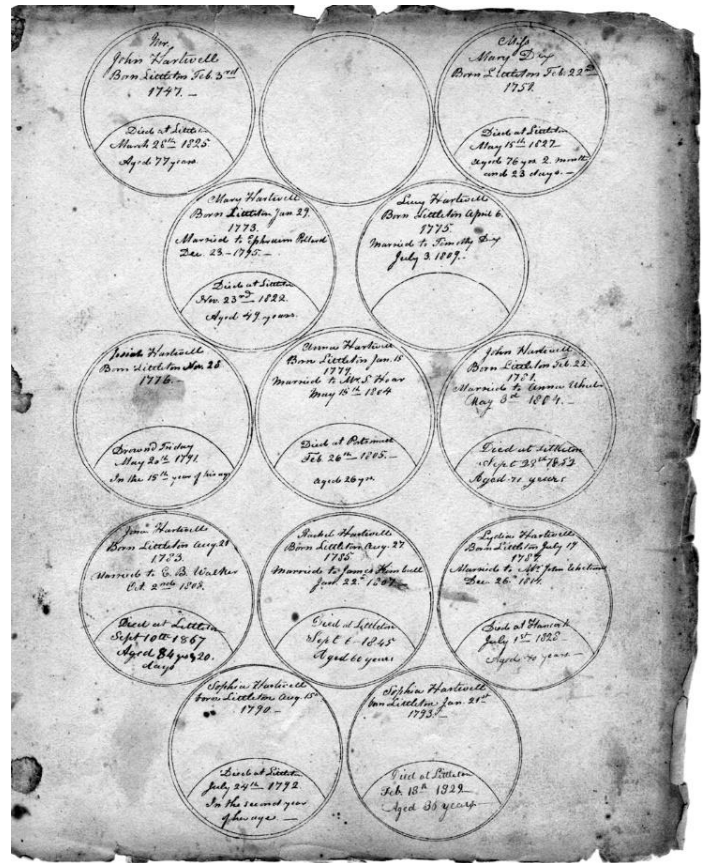
Susan Farrell emailed suggestions for revision to 7.628 Ephraim Hartwell and his children. We appreciate your feedback and will include this in a future update.

Member Caroline (Godfrey) Brown reported that her mother, Alice Virginia (Hartwell) Godfrey, 101, passed away peacefully Tuesday evening, March 14, 2023, in St. Albans, VT. She was born August 12, 1921 in Springfield, MA to Earle D. and Dorothy Gould (Mitchell) Hartwell. Until recently, Alice was a frequent Reunion attendee.

Sam Hartwell of Cleveland Heights, OH emailed a wonderful scan (right) of the frontispiece from a 1772 Hartwell family Bible illustrating birth, marriage, death information for 5.144 John Hartwell (1747-1825), his wife Mary Dix (1750-1827) and their ten children. Such family bibles are a great resource or genealogical information although it seems they fell out of vogue toward the end of 19th century.

"When you sit by the fire  
yourself to warm  
Take care that your tongues do  
your neighbors no harm."

Sage counsel from *Hartwell Farm*, a precious 3x5 inch, 12-page booklet authored by Marian Fitch and Jane Poor, owners of the restaurant of that name, and kindly sent to us by Alan McEwen of Bellingham, WA from his family archives. It could derive from *Hartwell Farm, a Way of Life* (part history of the establishment and part cookbook). We are investigating the pamphlet's provenance. Both works will be available to examine at the Reunion.



Finally, an inquiry from a student in Germany who wanted to know the identity of an "A. A. Hartwell," cited as the author of an article in the *New York Folklore Quarterly*, 1949 entitled "The Life, Deeds, and Teachings of Tammany, the Famous Indian Chief." Does anyone know the identity of A. A. Hartwell? (it is unlikely he is my great grandfather, Allen Augustus Hartwell.)

Readers are encouraged to communicate with the *Genealogist* by email or post to Facebook. Provide an answer to a question above or pose a query yourself. Suggest an idea for a new project and volunteer your time to help work on it. Contribute new information to our Hartwell genealogy, including additions, corrections or suggestions. Let us know the story of any Hartwell memorabilia in your family. Keep in touch!

## Minutes of the 2022 annual meeting

President Wayne E. Hartwell (Attleboro, MA) called the business meeting to order at 1:06 p.m., welcoming the 21 Hartwell cousins who were tuned in for the proceedings. The minutes of the 2021 business meeting, as published in the 2022 Newsletter, were accepted.

David Hartwell Webber (Hollis, NH), Treasurer, you will recall, officially retired after last year's Reunion. David graciously extended his tenure, however, to accommodate the Association's time necessary to enlist a new Treasurer. Outlined here is David's annual Treasurer's Report.

As of May 31, 2022, the balance on hand and on deposit in the Association's Digital Federal Credit Union accounts stood as follows: Scholarship Fund, \$416.47; Genealogy Fund, \$5,128.14; Operating Fund, \$585.69; and a Certificate of Deposit at \$13,383.90, for a total of \$19,514.25.

Receipts for the year from bank interest (\$35.41), dues and Hartwell literature (\$428.20), and donations to the Scholarship Fund (\$498.80) totaled (972.41). General expenses for the year for Scholarships (2 @ \$500) and Newsletter Production and Postage (\$647.42) amounted to \$1647.42. Genealogy Fund receipts for the year were \$562.47 from bank interest (\$10.47) and Flash Drives (\$552.50) against expenses of \$470.78 for Y-DNA Kits and Flash Drives and \$71.21 for mailings and postage.

A copy of David's 1972 Report, his first, was viewed. It contains a couple of long-forgotten entries, notably the "Permanent Fund, for the "Preservation of Hartwell Memorabilia" (\$514.05) and the "English Project" (\$2,026.05), a years-long fruitless venture to reveal William's English lineage. A quirk: The account total in 1972, \$2,720, adjusted for inflation to 2022, is \$19,766, nearly matching the 2022 actual balance of 19,514.25. Just goes to show that under David's stewardship the

Association's finances were on a pretty even keel.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Marilyn Booth Manzella (Framingham, MA) reported that the Committee had made awards of \$500 each to three qualifying applicants for the academic year 2022-2023, two of whom are twin sisters.

Kiara Mecham, of Bonney Lake, Washington was an entering freshman at Brigham Young University studying Animation. She was in her 7th year of competitive dance and is also interested in religion, horses, and family history. She has immersed herself in multiple forms of art but is especially inspired by animation. Kiara has built her character by tackling hard challenges that have taught her valuable life lessons.

Ava Mecham, also of Bonney Lake, Washington and Kiara's twin, was also entering Brigham Young University in September as a freshman, studying Exercise Management. Ava is an artist, a skill that has been passed down through each generation from her great-grandfather. When she is not participating in competitive dancing and gymnastics, she enjoys spending time in the Northwest mountains with her family, as well as cooking and baking to share. Ava had maintained a 4.0 GPA through high school.

The third recipient was Gabrielle Comeau of Columbia, South Carolina who will be a senior at the University of South Carolina studying Accounting. At the University, she is a captain of the competitive co-ed cheerleading team and active in her sorority. She had completed one accounting internship and was then an intern with Deloitte & Touche.

In 1988, Gabrielle's mother, Julie Hartwell Webber Comeau, was the recipient of a Hartwell Scholarship. She writes "as a high school graduate, I was grateful to receive the scholarship, of course, but as an adult the magnitude of what organizations such as the



Hartwells of America offers to young adults is even more meaningful. It truly does take a village to provide opportunities to those who may otherwise not have the means to fulfill their dreams, and I am thankful for the scholarship that was offered to me.”

Marilyn thanked those who had generously contributed to the Scholarship Fund and pointed out that since the inception of the Scholarship Fund in 1979, 87 Hartwell descendants have received awards totaling \$17,750. The recipients have lived in 21 states and studied at 69 different institutions.

Stephen A. Hartwell (North Reading, MA) offered the Genealogy Report which included an update on our Genealogy activities. These covered referencing Joy Peach’s Genealogist’s Corner article in our 2022 Newsletter, information on Hartwell genealogy materials for sale (see <https://bookshop.hartwell.org>) and the ongoing Hartwell Y-DNA and the Reunion Newsletter projects (see <https://hartwellclan.org>).

There were no Y-DNA kits given away because all the eligible males present had already been tested.

The traditional door prizes were awarded as follows: Each winner was mailed a Hartwell Genealogy flash drive.

- Eldest Gentleman—Howard A. Hartwell (Millinocket, ME).
- Eldest Lady—Cordie Puttkammer (Mackinac Island, MI).
- Youngest—Faith Wintle (Exeter, ME).
- Furthest from Concord, MA—Paul Ellis-Graham (Marlboro, NY).

The Annual Reunion photograph was taken as a screenshot of the Zoom meeting, which wrapped up at 2:10 pm. Attendees voiced enthusiastic support for a return to Trinitarian. While Zoom served its purpose, it obviously left a lot to be desired. Onward and upward!

Judith Bacon Hartwell, Recording Secretary

## Remembering

**Joy Frances (Hartwell) Peach**  
**Nov. 8, 1932 - Sept. 23, 2022**

Born a Hartwell in Littleton, Massachusetts, Joy developed an interest in genealogy while still a child. Intrigued by her grandfather’s incomplete and unindexed genealogy of the Hartwell family compiled in 1887, and having attended her first Hartwell Reunion in 1940 (the fourth), she set off to fill in the blanks; a trek that would last some eight decades.

Along the way, Joy completed the National Institute for Genealogical Studies course, was a member of several genealogical societies, a frequent contributor to, and editorial board member of, MASSOG, the quarterly publication of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, and had articles published in the New England Historic Genealogical Society’s *NEXUS*, their *Register* journal and *The American Genealogist*, as well as making speaking appearances. Throughout, however, her primary focus was the Hartwell family.

At the 1975 Reunion, Joy was named the Association’s



official Genealogist and began in earnest revising and correcting John F. Hartwell’s *The Hartwells of America* (1956) while adding copious original research of her own.

Over the years, she devoted the bulk of her time to amassing comprehensive data covering fifteen generations in various degrees. In 2007, the Association published the first installment of Joy’s efforts in book form, *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*. Not one to rest on her laurels, however, Joy readied generations six through nine for publication, which were released in 2019 in PDF format. These two works are major contributions to the family’s history. They, together with Joy’s full body of work over her 47-year tenure as Association Genealogist, are contributions for which she is owed a debt of gratitude beyond measure.



*Left to Right, by Row*

(1) Hartwell, Stephen, North Reading, MA; Hartwell, Joy, North Reading, MA; Manzella, Marilyn Booth, Framingham, MA; Hartwell, Judy & Wayne, Attleboro, MA; Hartwell, Barbara & Howard, Millinocket, ME; (2) Cooke, Rebecca, Westfield, MA; Radloff, Jim & Lizz, Sandwich, MA; Hartwell, Arthur V., Carmichael, CA; Peach, Joy Hartwell, Lancaster, MA; Hartwell, Neil, Fowey, Cornwall, Eng.; (3) Faith Wintle, Exeter, ME; Putkammer, Cordie, Mackinac Island, MI & brother Ash; Wong, Jane, Monterey Park, CA; Hartwell, John, Omaha, NE; Webber, David, Hollis, NH;(4) Graham, David, Morrisonville, NY; Paul Ellis-Graham, Marlboro, NY.

## Hartwell Items for Sale

(Order Genealogy items at the Bookstore on our website: <http://hartwell.org> or by mail)

- **The Genealogy**

The 596-page hardbound 2007 Genealogy, *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*, by Joy F. Peach. \$56.00 postpaid.

- **The USB Flash Drive**

Containing a .pdf file of the entire 2007 Genealogy (see above), plus a second .pdf file comprising *Generations Six through Nine*, with Joy's most recent research and Marilyn Manzella's careful editorial assistance. The drive contains a total of 1,503 pages covering nine generations of Hartwells. 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. \$35.00 postpaid.

### The Coat of Arms (order these items by mail)

- Full-color Coat of Arms of a former English baronet, adopted by the Association as its own in the 1940s, along with a full-page background/description. \$10.00 postpaid
- 145-page Booklet, "The Hartwell Arms" \$10.00 postpaid

**Orders to:** Stephen Hartwell  
137 Chestnut Street  
North Reading, MA 01864

Check or money order should be made out to Hartwells of America Association. Contact Stephen at [cchartwell72@gmail.com](mailto:cchartwell72@gmail.com) if you would like to send payment electronically or have other questions

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**The Eighty-Sixth Anniversary Reunion &  
Business Meeting of the Hartwells of America  
will be held Live & in Person  
on June 24, 2023 at the  
Trinitarian Congregational Church,  
54 Walden St, Concord, Massachusetts**



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

### Annual Dues Payable Now

Annual Dues for membership in the Hartwells of America Association for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$5.00 per person, are now payable. Membership income helps support our Reunion and Newsletter costs as well as our Scholarship program. Additional donations are welcome.

Please provide the following information for each member:

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We will acknowledge receipt via email.