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### **Vital Statistics**

### **BIRTHS**

The first known Hartwell descendant of 2002 appears to be **Caroline Avery Barfield**, daughter of Russell & **Carolyn Sue**<sup>13</sup> (Alan B.<sup>12</sup>, Hilbert A.<sup>11</sup>, Bert A.<sup>10</sup>, Henry H.<sup>9</sup>, Haskell F.<sup>8</sup>, Amos<sup>7</sup>, Oliver<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4-3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) (**Hartwell**) Barfield, who was born at Dubach, Louisiana on 2 Jan. 2002 (ltr. from grandfather, Alan B. Hartwell).

Congratulations to Joel A.<sup>12</sup> (Frederick T.<sup>11-10</sup>, George Hays<sup>9</sup>, Thomas Dwight<sup>8</sup>, George Frederick<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5-4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and Melissa (Newton) Hartwell on the birth of twin sons, **Nathan Joel** and **Tanner Newton Hartwell** in California on 20 July 2001 (e-mail from Ann (Davis) Hartwell).

**William Austen<sup>14</sup>** (William Lawton<sup>13</sup>, John William<sup>12</sup>, John Tully<sup>11</sup>, Clarence Francis<sup>10</sup>, Edwin Clarence<sup>9</sup>, John

Francis Lucius<sup>8</sup>, Lucius<sup>7</sup>, Phineas Ward<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) **Hartwell** was born at Houston, Texas on 3 July 2001 (ltr., Ann Hartwell Britton).

These "ancestor strings" just get longer and longer!!

### MARRIAGES/ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to **Katherine Ann**<sup>13</sup> **Hartwell**, (daughter of Robert John and Eva (Wells) Hartwell), and **George Dussart** who were married at Las Vegas, Nevada, on 31 March 2001. The wedding had an Egyptian theme, and Katherine made all the outfits herself.

**Pauline Marie Hartwell**, daughter of Joel & Florence Hartwell of Houston, TX, is engaged to marry James Michael McMahon of Lowell, Mass. An October (2002) wedding is planned (submitted by Charlotte (Todd) Hartwell).

### **DEATHS**

George Warren<sup>10</sup> (Frank W.<sup>9</sup>, Edwin E.<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Nathan<sup>6</sup>, Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Josiah<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) **Hartwell**, age 86, died at Springfield, Mass., 26 July 2001. He is survived by his wife, Louise (Coffey) Hartwell, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and a brother (submitted by Caroline Brown).

**Mabel C.** (**Metcalf**) **Hartwell**, wife of **Ernest Clifton**<sup>10</sup>(Harry D.<sup>9</sup>, Henry S.<sup>8</sup>, Jonathan<sup>7-6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) **Hartwell**, died at Greenfield, 5 August 2001. She is survived by her husband and her step mother (submitted by Caroline Brown).

## Minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

Just shy of forty Hartwell cousins—hailing from Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Utah, and Vermont—congregated at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Concord, MA, to observe the sixty-fourth Annual Reunion of the Hartwells of America Association, held on Saturday, June 30, 2001.

Folks got caught up on Hartwell facts and fiction and enjoyed pastries and beverages from 10:00 to noon, after which the picnic lunches were unpacked.

The business meeting was called to order by President Wayne E. Hartwell at 1:05 p.m. Roger Whichter Hartwell offered an opening prayer, which was followed by the observance of a moment of silence in memory of Hartwells and others having passed away since the last Reunion.

Thanks were extended to Reunion Committee members Marian Wheeler for again seeing to the excellent arrangements for First Parish and Jim Allison for providing the usual abundance of coffee and donuts. A "thank you" note from Ruth E. (Hartwell) Russow, Los Altos, CA—who had traveled the furthest to attend the 2000 Reunion, her first—was read and appreciated.

The first order of official business was the adoption of a motion that the Minutes of the 2000 Meeting be accepted as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer David Hartwell Webber reported on the Association's fiscal doings for 2001. As of June 30, 2001, the Scholarship Fund stood at \$9,182.62 and the Operating Fund at \$5,055.69. Total funds on hand increased \$496.86 from June 24, 2000. Receipts for the fiscal year from interest, dues, Hartwell literature, and donations to the Scholarship Fund, totaled \$1,758.73; expenditures for the 2000 Newsletter and Reunion and two Scholarships were \$1,261.87. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report carried unanimously.

Not one to let an opportunity pass, Newsletter Editor Wayne Hartwell once again described how every year persons fall off the mailing list because they neglected to send change of address notices (which should be mailed to Treasurer David Webber). Upon motion, a donation of \$50 for the Social Law Library was voted in appreciation for the time of Art Director/Graphic Designer Carole Doody in producing the Newsletter.

Long-time Scholarship Committee Chair Connie Cincotti announced the award of \$500 to Andrew Caleb Davison, Dartmouth College, majoring in Engineering. Connie also announced her retirement from the chairpersonship of the Scholarship Committee. After discussion and nomination (with perhaps a tad of conscription), it was voted that Connie be succeeded by Victoria H. C. Rogers, Otisfield, ME, and that, in recognition of her many years of dedicated work in the office, she retain the title of Chairperson Emeritus.

Genealogist Joy Hartwell Peach reported on her finds over the preceding year and the progress of the new Genealogy, which is to include the first five generations. In order to expedite "going to press," it was voted to establish a Genealogy Publication Committee charged with investigating publishers and the various available options. Committee members are Joy Peach, Marilyn Booth Manzella, Framingham, MA, Berkley Peabody, Salem, MA, and Wayne Hartwell. Expect good news at the 2002 Reunion!

It being noted that the office of Association Librarian was vacant, and after nomination and discussion, the group voted to elect Web Master Wes Hartwell (who was not there to defend himself) to fill that role, conditionally upon his acceptance thereof [Wes accepted].

Award winners for the day were Myrtle Hartwell Hoy, Boothbay Harbor, ME, eldest lady in attendance, and Robert Hartwell McConnell, Stow, MA, eldest gentleman. Kudos for traveling the furthermost to attend went to Karen Elliott, of Henderson, NV, who edged out Charles A. Hartwell, Phoenix, AZ, and Jaymisen Petersen, Salt Lake City, UT, by one state each. A special joint commendation—a copy of George Washington's Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour in Company & Conversation—was awarded to Katy (13) and Will (17) Hartwell, Foxborough, MA, in recognition of their having never missed a Reunion in their lifetimes (as if they had a choice). Katy Hartwell doubled up as also being the youngest to attend.

In wrapping up the business meeting, the group voted to return to First Parish in 2002 for the Reunion. Lastly, it was voted to donate \$100 to First Parish for the use of the facility and in recognition of the generous hospitality, and \$50 to the Sexton for his attentiveness during the day. A vote to adjourn the business meeting was carried.

Lastly, Association Photographer Alison Hartwell, Quincy, MA, captured on film the visages of the assembled meeting attendees, which is to say she took the group photograph of all those in attendance.

### **Hartwell Happenings**

### **Joy Peach**

Many thanks to Patricia Odiorne, President of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, for finding the gravestone of Celestia (Hartwell) (Hanscom) Bean in Wheelock Village Cemetery, Vermont. Pat was actually looking for Odiornes and didn't find any, but she was kind enough to make note of the stone for Celestia, whose death date/place was not previously recorded anywhere. Celestia died 19 November 1897, age 78 yrs 8 mos. Her stone not only identifies her as a Hartwell, but also as the wife of David Bean and the former wife of Samuel Hanscom, all information not usually found on gravestones.

A recent column in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette by James Dempsey concerns things for which Worcester should be proud. One of the items mentioned is **Dan** Hartwell's Locobazooka rock concert, an annual event now held in Green Hill Park.

Many thanks to Mr. Herbert Adams, who has spent years compiling Tufts Kinsmen, a genealogy of the Tufts family, for his input on the family of George and Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> (Hartwell) Tufts. This family was left out of the 1956 Hartwell genealogy, probably because Elizabeth's birth is not recorded, although she is mentioned in her father's probate file. Mr. Adams and your genealogist had a lively correspondence concerning this family!

### **Attached & Unattached Families**

The 1956 edition of *Hartwells of America* contains 21 so-called "unattached" Hartwell families. These were families whose connection to William<sup>1</sup> Hartwell of Concord, Massachusetts was either not know, or did not exist. We know that the vast majority of the Hartwells in America are descendants of William<sup>1</sup>, and these descendants have been the primary focus of most of the research done on the family. John F. Hartwell was perfectly aware that while some of the families in this section probably should "attach" to William, some of the other families would not ever "attach," so the term is somewhat misleading. In the years since the publication of Hartwells of America, research has expanded our knowledge of some of these families. Following is the current status of these 21 families.

- 1. The Cleveland, Ohio family (page 137) is definitely "unattached." The 1880 Federal Census indicates an Irish origin for the family, who came first to Canada, then to Cleveland.
- 2. Daniel Hartwell of Essex County (pps 137-140) has been "attached" as a son of Daniel<sup>6</sup> (YML #466), either by an unknown mother, or by Daniel's known wife, Elizabeth Keyes. While not "set in concrete" the rationale for this attachment is based on the great research done by Judith Palmer, who first discovered that Daniel Hartwell was "of Conway in our county of Hampshire," when he sued the owners of the ship on which he had served. Daniel undoubtedly belongs somewhere on this branch of the Younger Male Line, and Daniel<sup>6</sup> seems the most likely candidate.
- 3. The Indiana families (pps 140-144), most of whom no doubt belong on the family tree of William<sup>1</sup> Hartwell of Concord, remain in limbo. One researcher thinks they all descend from Joseph<sup>5</sup> Hartwell of Vermont, but this theory seems hardly possible. Their arrival in Indiana from (mostly) New York state, which has very poor records, makes "attaching" them difficult, if not impossible.
- 4. The First Hartwells in Virginia (pps 144-145) do not descend from William<sup>1</sup>.
- 5. Israel of Virginia (pages 145-148) does not descend from William.
- 6. While some of the James Hartwells remain in "limbo," James of Dutchess Co., New York (pps. 148-155), who married Rebecca Atkins is most likely #455 YML, son of James<sup>5</sup> and Abigail (Wilson) Hartwell of Stockbridge, Mass, rather than the elusive William and Mary (Cable) referenced by HOA, about whom there is no other confirmation. The fact that James' grandfather, was named William, and that he named a daughter Deborah, the name of his purported mother, have contributed to this attribution.
- 7. The so-called "Norwalk Connecticut Family" (p. 155) may also belong under descendants of James & Rebecca (Atkins) Hartwell, but they could also descend from Niles Hartwell of the Elder Male Line.
- 8. Oliver of Damascus, Pennsylvania (pps. 155-156) also remains a puzzle, although he probably should

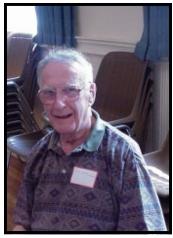
"attach" somehow.

- 9. Thomas of Rochester, NY (pp. 156-159) is the same as #380 EML (Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Peter<sup>4</sup>, etc.). The good detective work of former assistant genealogist, Ray Harris, who was descended from this line, provided this link. More work needs to be done on this family. Although HOA claimed that Thomas never married, Ray's research revealed that he was in Canada along with his brothers Ebenezer and John, and he was married with a family of six daughters and two sons, although Ray never found the marriage record or a name for his wife.
- 10. Virginia Hartwells (page 159-163) see remarks under #4.
- 11. William Herbert Hartwell (p. 164) has been conclusively attached to #1477 YML, son of Thomas [J.]<sup>7</sup> (Amasa<sup>6-5</sup> etc.) & Sarah (Parker) Hartwell. There can be no question that this is where he belongs.
- 12. Jeremiah Hartwell of England (pp.164-165) does not attach to William. I have corresponded with Leslie Nutbrown in Canada, who is compiling a genealogy of this family, and, according to Leslie, some of them changed their name to Hartley, making it difficult to trace them. Also, some of them married descendants of William¹ of Concord, further confusing the issue.
- 13. The California family almost certainly attaches to Lewis<sup>7</sup> and Sally (Magoon) Hartwell (#1081 YML). Although called "Edward" by HOA (as well as on the 1850 Federal Census), and said to have "gone to Kakota," an Edwin F. Hartwell is found on the 1880 Federal Census in Dakota territory, and his family matches perfectly with that given the "California" family. Also, the Iowa birthplace of many of the children matches well with the migration to Iowa of several members of this Vermont family.
  - 14. The Denver Colorado Family remains unattached.
  - 15. Another Colorado Family remains unattached.
- 16. An Irish family from Newfoundland does not attached.
- 17. A family from Mechanicsville, NY, is unquestionably the same as #5382 EML.
- 18. Another New York family probably belongs to either #5, 6 or 7 above.
- 19. A Stamford, NY family, also falls into this category.
- 20. A family from Michigan remains unknown, and is especially puzzling given the lack of any Hartwell family in Charlevoix, MI on the 1880 census.
- 21. A family from Wisconsin should attach somehow. In addition to the above, I have been forced to "unattach" the so-called descendants of James<sup>5?</sup> (#283

YML), as my research in Worcester County Probates and Deeds uncovered absolutely no indication that Nathan ever had a son named James, and every reason to believe that he did not. Deeds from Nathan's two daughters to Philemon Priest (husband to both of them) mention only the shares in their father's estate that belong to each of them and to their mother. Surely, if there was a brother, he would have been entitled to a share, or would at least have been mentioned as not deserving a share for whatever reason. I do believe that Nathan's brother, James (who married Jemima Frost), probably did have a son named James, but whether he married Eliza Rathbone, or whether he went to Maine and married Sarah Kimball— which seems far more likely—are matters of speculation. Just who was James Hartwell who married Eliza Rathbone (if indeed there ever was such a person) is undetermined at this point in time. My intuition tells me that this family belongs in the Elder Male Line rather than the Younger Male Line, but there is no "proof positive."

To sum it up, while in 1956 there were thought to be 21 "unattached" families, we have succeeded in definitely attaching four and possibly attaching two, leaving ten that probably should attach, but we don't know how. This theoretically leaves six families that don't attach, but in actuality there are far more than that. Data from the 1880 Federal Census CD, kindly sent to me by Ann (Hartwell) Britton, reveals a number of immigrant Hartwell families mostly from Ireland, but also from England, Prussia, China, and other exotic places, not to mention numerous Hartwell families of color, particularly in the southern states. Some of these may be mistakes on the part of the census taker, but this still leaves a sizeable number of families bearing the Hartwell surname who are not descended from William<sup>1</sup> of Concord, and thus are difficult to include in a genealogy containing primarily people who are his descendants.

Well, sports fans, 105 consecutive wins was not meant to be, although the Valley High basketball Cavaliers of Bingham, ME ran their streak to 101-0 before dropping their final regular season game. Valley, led by seniors Jason and Luke Hartwell, then went on to win its fifth straight Class D State Championship. Luke and Jason, who finished their high school careers at 83-1, are moving on to NCAA Division III powerhouse Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH (not to be overlooked is the fact that they're both excellent students, as well). Congratulations, guys, and best of luck at the next level.



Bob McConnell



Karen Elliott



2001 group shot



Jason and Luke taking down the net from yet another State Championship.

### 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 21, 2003 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2003-2004. 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">http://www.hartwell.org/scholar.html</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

#### Please send orders to:

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

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Notice of Annual Meeting
65 th Annual Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 29, 2002

Place: First Parish in Concord Church

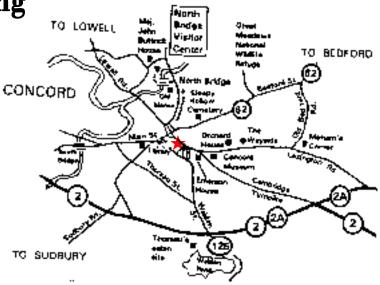
20 Lexington Road Concord, Massachusetts

(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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### Annual Dues Payable Now

Annual Dues for the Hartwells of America, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, in the amount of \$2.00, are enclosed for the following:

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:

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

Hartwells of America 1124 Main Street Dunstable, MA 01827 It would be greatly appreciated if you could enclose a self-addressed, stamped return envelope with your dues.