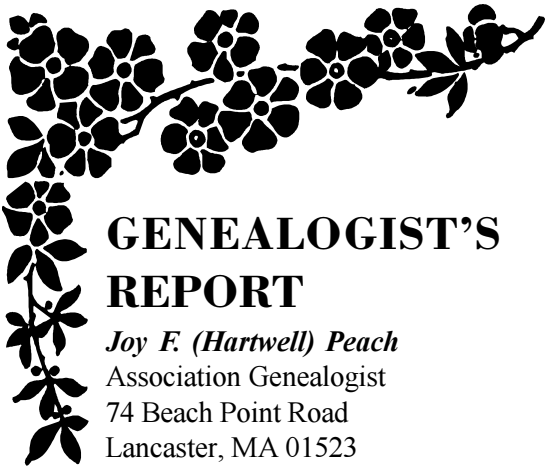


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GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

No births or marriages were reported this year.

DEATHS

Adams, Barbara Ann¹⁰ (Hartwell), widow of Robert Adams, died at Westfield, MA, 11 November 2002 (submitted by Caroline Brown).

Cefalo, Anthony P., son of Anthony F. & Margaret P.⁹ (Hartwell) Cefalo, died at Sarasota, FL, 29 June 2002 (obit., Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

Cefalo-Berry, Lucy, dau. of Anthony F. & Margaret P.⁹ (Hartwell) Cefalo, died at Rindge, NH 23 June 2002 (obit., Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

Hartwell, Josephine (Young), d. at Lake Ariel, PA 1 October 2002. She was a member of the "unattached" Oliver Hartwell family (submitted by Roger King).

Hartwell, Rosemary (deVegter), wife of Harry¹¹ Hartwell, died at Puget Sound Healthcare, WA, 21 Sept. 2002 (submitted by Caroline Brown).

Morton, Frances Elizabeth⁹ (Hartwell), died at Longmeadow, MA, 18 Feb. 2003, age 85 (submitted by Caroline Brown)

Mowry, Margaret Lillian¹¹ (Hartwell), died at Greenfield, MA, 9 October 2002 (submitted by Caroline Brown).

Poole, Louise Hartwell, died at Clinton, MA, 5 March 2003, age 92. Daughter of Herbert E. and Alice Sawyer (Green) Poole, and granddaughter of Edward F. and Louise Abigail⁷ (Hartwell) Green, she was a 50-year member of Hartwells of America (obit., Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

Tapply, William R., husband of Ethel Melina¹⁰ (Hartwell)Tapply, died at Lunenburg, 20 October 2002 (obit., Worcester Telegram & Gazette).

Vidito, Edith (McKenney), great-granddaughter of Nancy⁷ (Hartwell) McKenney, died at Sutton Hills Nursing Home, No. Andover [date not given], age 99 (submitted by her daughter, Linda Redfearn).

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 12, 2004 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2004-2005. 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

One of the rewards of any genealogist is hooking people up with their heritage. Some time ago, I received a query from descendants of Elmer Forrest Hartwell, adopted son of Frank Elmer and Ione Mary (Rollins) Hartwell of Leominster, Massachusetts, requesting information on their grandfather's true identity. While the 1956 Hartwell genealogy does not credit Frank E. & Ione with any children, their obituaries make it clear that they had a son, Elmer F., who was a master plumber in Leominster. The family knew that Elmer F. had been born in Lancaster (my home town) ca. 1890, and they believed that his birth mother's surname was Anderson. After trying unsuccessfully to find any child born in Lancaster (or surrounding towns) in 1890 named Anderson, I was looking over data I had accumulated on numerous trips to the Massachusetts Archives at Columbia Point.

Among the dozens and dozens of Hartwell birth, marriage and death records I had acquired by long sessions of cranking through reels of microfilm, was the birth of a Forrest Richard Knapp, born in Lancaster on 4 Feb. 1890 to Hiram and Emma Florence (Hartwell) Knapp. Emma Florence is correctly listed in the 1956 genealogy as the daughter of Thomas Edwin and Maria (Cogswell) Hartwell, but beyond her birth record, there is nothing further about her. She had been orphaned at the age of three, when first her mother, and soon after, her father, had died, and had gone to live with her maternal grandmother in Lancaster. At the age of 17, she married Hiram Richard Knapp of Montreal, Canada, and in due time gave birth to their son, Forrest Richard Knapp. Two years after Forrest's birth, Emma died of consumption at Clinton Hospital. According to street directories, Hiram Knapp soon "removed to Clinton," and a couple of years later, apparently left Clinton for Vermont.

A "light bulb" went on in my brain that maybe here was the missing adoptee we'd been searching for. The birthplace and birthdate were certainly correct; only the surname was wrong. Moreover, little Forrest Knapp was the great-nephew of the man who had adopted the child he subsequently named Elmer Forrest Hartwell, thus retaining part of the baby's original name. Additionally, Frank and Ione were living in Lancaster at the time of Forrest Knapp's birth and Emma's death.

Short of DNA testing, I don't know if there's any way to positively prove the theory that Forrest Richard Knapp and Elmer Forrest Hartwell are the same person, but all the clues seem to point to that conclusion.

Speaking of DNA testing, another interesting

Hartwell connection has been made through correspondence with Marjorie Templeton and Paul Steiner, both of whom claim descent from Miles Joseph/Joseph Miles Hartwell of Worcester, New York. HOA says Miles Joseph first married Cordelia Child, who died, then went to Wisconsin, where he married a second wife, by whom he had more children. Actually Cordelia appears not to have died at all, but to have gone on to marry (or at least live with) two more men, so she and Miles evidently split up and went their separate ways after having at least three and possibly four children together. HOA only gives names for three of the possible children of Joseph Miles and Cordelia, and no names for the children of Joseph by his second wife. We now have much more information on this second family, including names, dates and places of the four children by this marriage. We are still working on what happened to the three or four children by the first marriage, and this is where the DNA testing comes in. The fourth child (Edward/Edmund) may or may not be a Hartwell, although he was almost certainly a child of Cordelia. Various records put his date of birth from 1858, when Joseph Miles was already settled in Wisconsin and having children by his second wife, back to 1854, which is about the time Joseph and Cordelia split up. The 1860 census shows the household of Leonard Withey (whom Cordelia may or may not have married) containing an Edmund Hartwell, age 6, the same age as a son of Leonard Withey's by his first wife. All subsequent records refer to Edmund as Edward/Edmund Withey, but his death record says that his father is unknown, although his mother is given as Cordelia Child. The only way to solve this puzzle would seem to be DNA testing. Does anyone have any experience with this sort of problem??

Contest winner!

New England Historic & Genealogical Society sends a weekly eNewsletter to members who have email. This newsletter tells about upcoming events at NEHGS, new acquisitions, etc. Of particular interest is the listing of new data bases that can be accessed on the internet by subscribers. Back in February they announced a new data base of deaths taken from the *Boston Recorder*. I scanned it for any Hartwell news, and found that Ephraim Hartwell had committed suicide in Portland, Maine prison in 1827. Ephraim (#707 Younger Male Line for the curious) is principally noted as the father of George G. Hartwell, a well known artist in his day. The 1956 genealogy gives no death record for Ephraim so I was happy to have this bit of

information. Curious to learn more, I emailed NEHGS to ask how I might find out more about the circumstances of Ephraim's sad end. I received a nice reply from David Dearborn suggesting that I contact the Maine State Archives in Augusta and/or the microfilms of the "Eastern Argus" newspaper at the Boston Public Library. I have not had the opportunity to follow up on either of these suggestions, but I appreciated the reply. What I didn't realize was that at the time, NEHGS was having a contest. The first ten people to respond to an item in their eNewsletter were to receive a \$10.00 gift certificate and have their names published in the eNewsletter. You guessed it, I was one of the winners!

Minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Concord, MA, was once again the venue as the Hartwells of America Association observed its sixty-fifth Annual Reunion, held on Saturday, June 30, 2002. While attendance was down a tad at thirty-four, the cousinly spirits were not, as folks arrived from Maine to California

What passes as the Association's business meeting was convened by President Wayne E. Hartwell, Foxborough, MA, at 12:45 p.m. An opening prayer was offered by Roger Whicher Hartwell, Quincy, MA, and the group observed a moment of silence to remember departed Hartwell cousins.

Reunion Committee members Jim Allison, Revere, MA, and Marian Wheeler, Concord, MA (*in absentia* in CT, attending cousins' 50th Wedding Anniversary) were commended for their usual good work in seeing to the arrangements and the coffee and doughnuts spread.

First-time attendees were recognized and welcomed: Ellen Harmoning, Andover, MA; Beulah Schrag, Natick, MA; Martha Godfrey Burns, East Fairfield, VT; Betty Spearman, Granakee Hills, CA; Fern Jones, San Fernando, CA; and Carleen Antobelli, Ashburnam, MA.

The minutes of the 2001 Meeting, as published in the Newsletter, were accepted.

Treasurer David Hartwell Webber, Dunstable, MA, reported on the Association's financial health at the end of fiscal year 2002. As of June 30, 2002, the Scholarship Fund stood at \$9,263.60 and the Operating Fund at \$5,094.35. Total funds on hand increased \$97.64 from June 30, 2001. Receipts for the fiscal year from interest, dues, Hartwell literature, and donations to the Scholarship Fund totaled \$1,057.20; expenditures for the 2001 Newsletter and Reunion and Scholarship grant were \$959.56.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Victoria H. C.

Rogers, Otisfield, ME, announced the award of three grants, in the amount of \$200 each, for the 2002-2003 academic year. The recipients were: Robert E. Pinkney, Keene, NH, a freshman planning to pursue a degree in Music Education at Keene State College; Michelle Marie Hartwell, Twin Falls, ID, a junior working towards a degree in Physics and Astronomy at the University of Wyoming; and Gregory R. Quetin, Goleta, CA, a freshman planning to major in Engineering/Physics at the University of Washington. Congratulations to all.

With interest rates at near historic low levels, the Scholarship Fund does not generate revenues that permit the Association to be more generous with its grants. Vickie suggested one way to offset that effect is to bulk up the Fund through donations; to that end, Vickie proposed that an appeal for donations to the Fund be placed on the Association's Web site, an idea that was heartily endorsed.

Genealogist Joy Peach reported on her doings for the year, consisting in the main of ironing out the wrinkles in the new Genealogy and adapting to her new, Association-sponsored computer (proving that timing is everything, within days of receiving the new system, Joy's old one obstinately refused to boot). The Genealogy Committee met regularly throughout the year and a great deal of progress was made.

Taking home the trophies for the day were Robert Hartwell McConnell, Stow, MA, eldest gentleman; Connie Hartwell Cincotti, Otisfield, ME, eldest lady; and Katy Hartwell, Foxborough, MA, youngest in attendance. Which of the two California attendees, Betty Spearman or Fern Jones, walked off with the award for traveling the furthest to attend is not revealed by your Secretary's notes.

The last votes were for donations of \$50 to the Social Law Library for Carole Doody's help with the Newsletter, \$100 to First Parish for the facility for the day, \$50 to the Sexton, and to return to First Parish for the 2003 Reunion.

Judith Bacon Hartwell,
Recording Secretary

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

Checks payable to HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

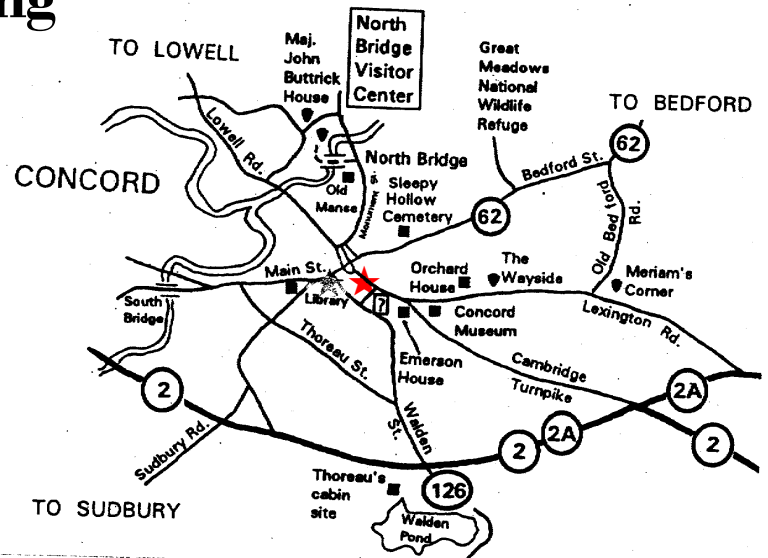
Notice of Annual Meeting

65 th Annual Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2003

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, 2004, 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.