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, 2005 and will receive consideration at the Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2005-2006. 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.

DEATHS

**Allan D.**¹¹ Hartwell (David W.¹⁰, Gifford N.⁹, David A.⁸, David⁷, Nathan⁶, Benjamin⁵, Josiah⁴, Jonathan³, Samuel², William¹) died at Hookset, NH, 10 September 2003, age 58. He was an environmental engineer and program analyst for the U.S. Air Force. Survived by his wife Janice, daughter Kimberly, and son Douglas (reported by Eleanor H. Pinkney).

**Marcia Clafin**⁹ Webber, died at Bedford, MA, 24 March 2004, age 89. Long-time faithful Reunion attendee and staunch Association supporter, Marcia was the widow of Alden W.⁹ Webber and mother of Association Treasurer David H. Webber. Also survived by son, Richard M.¹⁰, Foxborough, MA, six grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

**Marjorie Emma**¹⁰ (Hartwell) Bedell (Floyd S.⁹, Burton E.⁸, Rufus⁷, Jonathan⁶-⁵-⁴, Edward³, John², William¹), widow of Ronald Bedell, died at Northampton, MA, 23 August 2003, age 88. She was survived by three children, (one son having died in 2001), 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren.
dren and a great granddaughter (reported by Caroline Brown).

Wesley Henry10 “Hoot” Hartwell (H. Eugene9, Henry L.8, Rufus7, Jonathan6–5, Edward4, John2, William1), died at Stewartstown, NH, 11 November 2003, age 86. He was a veteran of WWII, a well-known North County auto mechanic, and an expert marksman who nearly always won local turkey shoots. Predeceased by his wife, Beulah (Jackson), he is survived by three sons, four daughters, 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren—about whom your genealogist would be happy to have more information! (reported by Eleanor H. Pinkney).

It is always difficult to list people who have assisted with research over the past year, for fear of omitting someone, but I’d like to extend special thanks to: Ann Hartwell Britton for Internet research; Eleanor (Hartwell) Pinkney for updates to her own family, as well as those of her siblings, aunts, and uncles; James W. Hartwell for updates on his family; Vernon Dwight Hartwell for updates on his family and for miscellaneous information on Hartwells in Iowa; Esther (Hartwell) Gibson for offering to research in Florida; Maryland Morsefield for info on the tangled Canadian Hartwells who moved to Ohio, and apologies to anyone I forgot to mention!

HARTWELLS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Having researched the Civil War casualties of Lancaster, Mass. for its 350th Anniversary Celebration last year, it occurred to me that it might be interesting to research the Hartwells who served in the Civil War. Ann (Hartwell) Britton sent me several compilations of Civil War participants that she found on the Internet, and with that, plus several other resources that I consulted, it would appear that at least 175 Hartwells served the Union cause and approximately 35 Hartwells served the Confederate cause. It is somewhat difficult to determine exact numbers, as some men served in more than one unit, and even in different states, at various times, and are consequently listed more than once in compilations based on regimental and/or state service. An example of this is Alfred Stedman Hartwell, who served originally from Missouri, and later on from Massachusetts, ending his distinguished military career as an officer of a colored regiment.

New England, as might be expected, sent the most men to the front, with Massachusetts heading the list with 34 participants. Many of the Hartwells were seriously wounded and/or taken prisoner during the conflict, and, according to a set of volumes entitled Roll of Honor, at least 18 gave their lives to the cause (I have found 21!). My original intention was to write a short biography of every man who served, including his parentage, his service, and whether or not he had descendants. However, I accumulated so much information on those whom I identified that this Newsletter would be way too long if all were mentioned. Then there is the fact that many—especially those who served the Confederacy—remain unidentified, and may not even be Hartwells (for instance, I found a couple of Hartnets among the supposed Massachusetts Hartwells on Internet lists).

Previous Hartwell genealogies mention many of these men, but completely ignore several others. While the compilers (Lyman Densmore in 1887 and John F. Hartwell in 1956) made an effort to mention Civil War service—often by descendants who no longer bore the Hartwell surname—all the references are undocumented. I remember being surprised several years ago to find that Oliver Cromwell Hartwell, who received a pension, and probably died prematurely due to conditions he suffered during the war, was not mentioned as having served at all.

For purposes of this newsletter, I decided just to list the men who are known to have died as a result of service in the Civil War. If you know your ancestor served, and you have information, I’d love to hear from you. If you think your ancestor served, and would like to know more about him, please get in touch with me, and I’d be happy to share what I have.

Roll of Honor

1. Adams James8 a/k/a James Adams Hartwell, son of James and Mary Ann M. (Bolton) Hartwell, b. Groton, MA, 17 Jan 1841; d. of disease at Camp Nelson, KY, 29 Jan 1864; m. Groton/Shirley, 20 Aug 1862, Hannah Maria Holden. James was a 20-yr. old resident of Groton when he enlisted 15 April 1861 in Co. B, 6th Mass. Vols. Mustered out 2 Aug 1861, he re-enlisted 7 Aug 1862 as a Corporal in Co. A, 36th Mass. Vols; promoted to Sergeant in April 1863 (MSCW III:713). [Note: HOA says James and Hannah were divorced in 1863. I’m very skeptical about HOA “divorces,” having found two that never happened. My own theory is that since Lyman Densmore was divorced, at a time when that was frowned upon, he tried to prove that he was not the only member of the family to have had that happen. I very much doubt that Adams and Hannah were divorced, as she did not remarry until after his death]. Adams J.’s father received a pension 23 Nov. 1883 due to his son’s service. (Roll of Honor, Vol. 17:152).


3. Charles C. Hartwell, son of William & Hopy (Holt)
4. Charles W.* Hartwell, son of Leander & Persis (Brigham) Hartwell, b. Westminster, MA, 19 Nov 1844; d. of measles and consumption at Fortress Monroe, VA, 10 Feb 1862, age 17y 2m 22d (MA VRs 158:300); 16 years old when he enlisted and was mustered as a Private in Co. F, 25th Regt. Mass. Vols on 25 Sept. 1861 (MSCW III:35). (Roll of Honor, Vol. 5:51) [Note: MSCW gives Charles W.’s age at enlistment as 18; he probably lied about his age to get into the service.]


6. Dwight W.* Hartwell, son of Foster & Augusta (Wheelock) Hartwell, b. VT, 29 Aug 1842; killed at Hatcher’s Run near Petersburg, VA, 27 Oct 1864; enlisted Aug 1862, Co. B or D, 120th NY Vols. (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes.)

7. Edwin* Hartwell, son of Nathan & Rhoda (Sawyer) Hartwell, b. Ashburnham, 30 June 1825; a 36-yr old engineer when he enlisted 9 Sept 1861 and was mustered as a Private in Co. D, 26th Regt. Mass. Vols. 23 Oct 1861; re-enlisted 1 Jan. 1864; discharged for disability 20 Oct 1864 at Fort Schuyler, NY (MSCW III:84); d. Fitchburg, of paralysis, 21 Nov 1864, age 39y 4m 21d (MA VRs 176:236); unmarried. His mother received a pension 7 June 1880 (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes).

8. Francis James* Hartwell, son of Robert H. & Anna (Van Size) Hartwell, b. prob. Genesee County, NY, 30 Sept 1832; d. Perryville, KY, 27 Oct 1862 while serving with Co. H, 21st Michigan Infantry (Gs:Cannonsburg Cemetery); m. Cannon, MI, 6 Aug 1861 (MI VRs), Matilda M. Burgess, who m. (2) Cannon, MI, 16 Oct 1865 (MI VRs), John J. Austin. (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes.)

9. Harlow A/N.* Hartwell, son of Nelson & Electa (Walter) Hartwell, b. East Haven, VT, 27 March 1838; d. of disease 27 December 1861; m. 22 September 1857, Elizabeth McCoy. He was a resident of Brighton, VT when he enlisted 22 April 1861; mustered as a Private in Co. D, 3rd Vermont Infantry on 16 July 1861. (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes.)

10. Haskell F.* Hartwell, son of Amos & Laura (Edson?) Hartwell, born probably Rockingham, VT, say, 1821 (age 29 in 1850); d. of disease contracted while serving in the army, 10 August 1862; buried in National Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Vermont Soldiers in the Civil War); m. 25 June 1848 (HOA), Sarah Ann Ellis. He was “of Rockingham, VT” when he enlisted 1 March 1862 as a private in Company K, 4th Vermont Regiment. He was wounded and taken prisoner 30 June 1862, paroled 25 July 1862, and died 10 August 1862 of disease (Vermont Soldiers). (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes.)


14. James T.* Hartwell, son of Alfred & Mary (Hall) Hartwell, b. prob. Minisink, NY, 7 April 1846; killed at Cedar Creek, 19 Oct. 1864; Private in Co. M, 9th NY Heavy Artillery. (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes.)


16. John D.* Hartwell, son of John Nicholas & Hannah (Dee) Hartwell, b. Crawford Co., IL ca. 1845; d. of measles in a hospital in Franklin, TN, 17 March 1863. He was a farmer, enrolled 14 Aug 1862 at Chili, IL, mustered into service 1 Sept 1862 at Quincy, IL, as private in Co. K, 78th Regt. IL Infantry. (Roll of Honor, Vol. 23:277)

18. **Rollin Eaton** Hartwell, son of James Harvey and Charlotte (Wyman) Hartwell, b. Hubbardston, MA, 24 Nov 1840; d. Chancellorsville, VA, 4 May 1863 (Gs: Forest Hill Cemetery); a 20-year old marble worker residing in Winchendon when he enlisted 12 July 1861 in Co. B, 15th Mass. Vols. He was discharged 24 Oct 1862 to enlist in the Regular Army (MSCW II:144). He re-enlisted, 24 Oct 1862, in Co. I, 1st U.S. Heavy Artillery and was killed at Chancellorsville, VA, 4 May 1863 (MSCW VI:821). “He was in twelve battles. At Ball’s Bluff an exploding shell tore off his shoes. He swam the river to escape. At Antietam a bullet went through his hat. He was a marked man in his regiment for prompt and faithful performance of duty” (HOA); unmarried. His mother received a pension 9 Feb. 1883. (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes.)


20. **Wiley Franklin Hartwell**, son of Lorenzo Dow & Cecily (Hodges) Hartwell, b. TN, ca. 1838; d. Marion, IL, 12 March 1862. Frank taught school prior to enlisting as a sergeant in Company C, 15th Illinois Cavalry regiment, on 10 August 1861. He became ill with measles in March of 1862 and suffered a relapse when he returned to duty too soon. A friend, John Cunningham, of Marion found him unconscious aboard a gunboat. Cunningham brought Frank to Marion where his parents visited him just prior to his death. Frank Hartwell was 5' 11" tall, had auburn hair and a fair complexion. (Not in Roll of Honor Volumes.)

21. **Willis** Hartwell, son of Joseph and Abigail (Gorham) Hartwell, b. Pawling, New York, or New Milford, CT, ca. 1825; d. Martinsburgh, Virginia, 28 October 1864, of fever contracted in the Civil War, when he was a Private in Co. F, 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery; m. (1) Almira Hallock, who d. ca. 1861; m. (2) — June 1863, Julia M. (French) Banker. (Roll of Honor, Vol. 19:17)

In addition to the above, Roll of Honor volumes list the following Hartwells, who are not known to me:

2. Alfred, Co I, 6th Inf., d. 1 July 1864; bur. Vicksburg National Cemetery, MS (Vol. 24:62)
3. George [W.], Co. G, 28th Wisconsin; d. 17 April 1863 (Vol. 8:49)
6. Nathan H, Co. K, 10 Michigan; d. 28 July 1862 near Farmington, MS; bur. Union National Cemetery, Corinth, MS (Vol. 20:30)
7. William H., Co. A, 53rd; d. 28 June 1864 near Kenesaw Mountain, GA.
8. Albert Heartwell, Co. H, 117th NY; d. 27 April 1864 (Vol. 9:120). Same as #1 above?

Additional information on any Civil War Hartwell will be welcomed.

Speaking of information, feel free to send me anything you might find pertaining to Hartwells in your local newspapers or other sources, whether or not it relates to your own family. For example, Eleanor Hartwell Pinkney sent me an obituary from NH that was not relevant to her own family, but was nonetheless a help to me. I have been accessing the Social Security Death Index and plugging in the name of a Hartwell, such as William Hartwell, printing out what comes up, and trying to identify all of the persons. In this case, if I had more obituaries, it might be possible to identify even more of these persons. In a nutshell, any information is better than no information at all.

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Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

Saturday, June 28, 2003 was the date and the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Concord, MA, was the venue for the sixty-sixth Annual Reunion of the Hartwells of America Association. Forty-one Hartwell cousins and friends—and a surprise quest—were in attendance throughout the day, with the early-comers feasting on Jim Allison’s coffee and doughnut spread, renewing acquaintances, and catching up on Hartwell rumors and facts.

The business meeting convened shortly after 1:00, with Roger Whichter Hartwell, Quincy, MA, offering an opening prayer. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of departed Hartwell cousins and friends.

The Minutes of the 2002 Meeting, as published in the Spring, 2003 Newsletter, were accepted.

Treasurer David Hartwell Webber, Dunstable, MA, reported on the financial condition of the Association as of the end of fiscal year 2002. The Scholarship Fund stood at $9,048.73 and the Operating Fund at $3,803.28 as of June 28, 2003. Fiscal year receipts from interest, dues, Hartwell literature, and Scholarship Fund donations totaled $1,025.13; annual expenditures for the 2002 Newsletter and Reunion expenses and Scholarship grants totaled $2,511.07. Total funds on hand decreased $1,485.94 from year-end 2002.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Victoria H. C. Rogers, Otisfield, ME, announced that four grants, in the amount of $200 each, were awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year. Receiving grants were: Sarah E. Davison, N. Grafton, MA, attending Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY; Luke Hartwell, Bingham, ME, sophomore at Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH; Jason Hartwell, also of Bingham, ME, and also a sophomore at Colby-Sawyer College; and William C. Hartwell, Foxborough, MA, entering his freshman year at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.

The meeting voted special thanks to Richard Hartwell Negus, Dunwoody, GA, whose very generous donation to the Scholarship Fund greatly helped to make all these awards possible. Vickie reminded that the Fund is always open for such donations, in any amounts, which are very much appreciated. (If you would like to help, please send donations to the Treasurer).

Genealogist Joy Hartwell Peach described a batch of photographs that a women from Minnesota had found at a flea market and sent to her; they were of a Hartwell family from Worcester County, MA and southern NH and had been sent to a family member who had moved to MN. Joy was able to identify many of them and had prepared biographies. The report on the progress of the new Genealogy was all positive, as the text for the first five generations to be published is nearly final.

Designated hostess Marian Wheeler, Concord, MA, read an article by D. Michael Ryan, chronicling the scourge during the 1730s and 1740s of “that terrible disease vulgarly called the throat-distemper” (probably diphtheria) which was highly contagious, usually attacked those under ten, and took thousands of Massachusetts children during its run. Eighteen century life was often hard and demanding and deaths at an early age were neither unusual nor unexpected. The focus of the article was the five children of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Heywood) Hartwell, Ephraim, Samuel, John, Elizabeth, and Isaac, nearly one to almost seven years old, all of whom—within a devastating three-week period in October, 1740—succumbed to the disease. Ephraim—who worked as a cordwainer (shoemaker) and farmer, while also operating a cider mill—and Elizabeth went on to have a second family of eight more children (recycling the names of the deceased, as was the custom then), and, as we know, Ephraim started the Hartwell Tavern in 1756. Then Marian sprung her surprise: joining the meeting was the article’s author, Historian for the Concord Minute Men and an 18th Century history interpreter with the National Park Service, in period costume and in character—a friend of Ephraim’s and Elizabeth’s (in his spare time, Mr. Ryan is an Associate Dean of Students at Boston College).

The ensuing question and answer session was both educational and entertaining. (Following the meeting, Mr. Ryan accompanied Marian in guiding folks through the Hill Cemetery, where some sixteen Hartwells are interred).

Gifts acknowledging the eldest gentleman present were awarded to Robert Hartwell McConnell, Stow, MA, eldest lady, Connie Hartwell Cincotti, Otisfield, ME, youngest attendee, Jordan T. Peters (9), Portland, ME, and traveling furthest to attend, Charles A. Hartwell, Phoenix, AZ.

Lastly the Association voted contributions to the Social Law Library to recognize Carole Doody’s development of the Newsletter and to First Parish for the use of the premises for the day.

Judith Bacon Hartwell, Recording Secretary
Notice of Annual Meeting
66th Annual Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 26, 2004

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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