

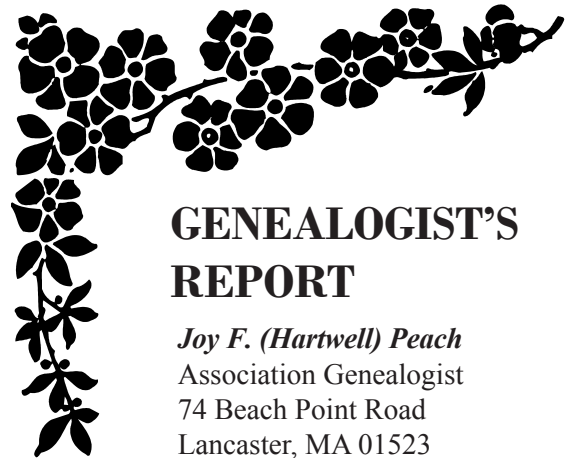
THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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Notice of Seventy-Sixth Reunion & Annual Business Meeting

Date: Saturday, June 29, 2013
Place: Trinitarian Congregational Church
54 Walden Street
Concord, Massachusetts
Time: Greetings & Salutations
Coffee & Pastries 10:00-12:00
Bring Your Own Picnic Luncheon: 12:00-1:00
Business Meeting: 1:00



GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

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Reunion Site



Number Games

Some people have expressed curiosity regarding the number of Hartwells. My 2007 genealogy shows that while William¹ of Concord had only two sons, the number of Hartwells increased so much, that in generation six, there were 371 boys and girls surnamed Hartwell.

The following generations produced these numbers:
Generation 7 - 950 boys and girls named Hartwell born (a huge increase in just one generation).
Generation 8 - 1,460 (another large increase)
Generation 9 - 1,551 (not much, but still an increase)
Generation 10 - 1,320 (a slight decrease)
Generation 11 - 1,231 (another slight decrease)
Generation 12 - 681 (a major decrease)
Generation 13 - 254
Generation 14 - 55 to date

Why have the numbers gone down after generation 9? There are probably a number of reasons. Generations 13 and 14 are probably not yet complete. Also, families are no longer as large as they once were. Where married women once had a baby about every two years during the course of their fertility, families now mostly limit themselves to one or two children. Also, recent marriages and births are not recorded publically, so unless someone

reports these events to the Hartwells of America, they remain unknown to us. The most recent census available to the general public was taken in 1940, and most other on-line records, except for deaths, limit themselves to the years prior to 1900, or even earlier.

I'm sure there are lots more descendants all across the country, whose information I do not have access to, and who are not interested enough in their "roots" to contact me or the Hartwell Association. There are also lots of Hartwells who are not descendants of William¹ of Concord.

Since the 1940 federal census became available online, I have been trying to look up the many Hartwells whose names appear either on the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) or on websites such as www.legacy.com or www.findagrave.com. Any Hartwell born before 1940 that I cannot identify will eventually get searched. However, this process can be frustrating. Sometimes, nothing comes up that seems relevant. Other times, I find the person I'm searching for living with his or her widowed and/or divorced mother. Since the marriage (as well as the separation) probably took place between the ten (or 20 in the case of 1880 to 1900) year gap in census records, there is no way to determine who the father may have been. For every person I can "attach" there are probably three or four that I cannot track back to a known descendant of William of Concord.

While the SSDI does not identify ethnicity, census records do. There are many Hartwells, especially in South Carolina and other southern states, who are identified as "black" and/or "mulatto." One person I was tracking was identified in 1910 as "black" and in 1920 as "white." What to believe? Census records also indicate the birthplace of the head-of-household's father. Surprisingly, some Hartwells claim their fathers were born in such places as Norway, Russia, Japan, or, not quite so surprisingly, England, so they are probably not descended from William (unless they gave the census taker false information).

Following is a list of found Hartwell deaths in 2012, and thus far in 2013. Those in bold are definitely descendants of William¹ of Concord. The rest are unidentified.

We regret the omission of the death of **Albert Thomas⁹ Hartwell** from last year's newsletter list. "Alan," as he was better known, was born 13 Sept. 1936 and died 1 August 2011, age 74y and was a member of the Association for many years.

Deaths in 2012 (found on the SSDI and/or www.legacy.com)

Allen¹¹ Hartwell, b. Costello, PA 12 Aug. 1925; d. California 22 Sept. 2012. Betty J. Hartwell, b. 24

Sept. 1934; d. Illinois 21 July 2012.

Birgit Angelika Hartwell, b. 10 Feb. 1954; d. Vancouver, Canada 11 Feb. 2012 or PA 22 June 2012. Brenda L. Hartwell, b. 2 April 1965; d. Michigan 20 Sept. 2012.

Carla¹¹ Hartwell, daughter of **Ivan Goodrich¹⁰ & Charlotte (Hurley) Hartwell**, d. VT 29 Dec. 2012.

Charles Osborn¹⁰ Hartwell, b. Amsterdam, MO 12 March 1922; d. Wichita, KS 28 May 2012. Cleo Hartwell, b. 26 Sept. 1923; d. West Virginia 19 Dec. 2012. Cynthia Hartwell, b. 2 Dec. 1926; d. Alabama 30 Jan. 2012.

David D.¹² Hartwell, b. Council Bluffs, IA 31 Aug. 1963; d. there 25 March 2012.

Delbert Peter¹² Hartwell, b. 5 Dec. 1923; d. Washington 4 Jan. 2012.

Dorothy Anne (Curtice), wife of **Hugh Bronsdon⁹ Hartwell**, d. Flint, Michigan, 19 Aug. 2012. Edward R. Hartwell, d. in Houston, TX 13 Sept. 2012. Ella J. Hartwell, b. 4 Nov. 1937; d. West Virginia 7 Sept. 2012. Emma Hartwell, b. 1924; d. Scottsdale, AZ 27 May 2012.

Ernest C.¹⁰ Hartwell, son of **Harry Daniel⁹ & Elizabeth (Bridges) Hartwell** d. Winchester, NH 18 Oct. 2012. Flossie G. Hartwell, b. 28 Jan. 1920; d. West Virginia 3 Jan. 2012.

Gary A.¹¹ Hartwell, b. 27 Aug. 1957; d. Chicopee, MA 6 Oct. 2012. George Whitney Hartwell, d. in Sacramento, CA 7 Sept. 2012. Grace E. Hartwell, b. 19 Oct. 1924; d. Washington, DC, 2 March 2012.

Harry Deane¹¹ Hartwell, b. Springfield, MA 16 Aug. 1922; d. Tumwater, WA 29 Jan. 2012. Hazel L. Hartwell, b. 27 July 1930; d. North Carolina or West Virginia 1 July 2012. Henry F. Hartwell, b. ca. 1923; d. Plymouth, IN 9 Jan. 2012.

Hubert Oliver¹¹ Hartwell, b. Crane, TX 26 March 1929; d. Texas 8 March 2012. Jacquelin Hartwell, b. 28 April 1939; d. New York 13 June 2012. James E. Hartwell, b. 1933; d. Princeton, IN 29 Jan. 2012.

James Munroe¹¹ Hartwell, b. Haverhill, MA 5 Sept. 1925; d. 9 March 2012. Jason M. Hartwell, b. 8 Dec. 1957; d. Mississippi 24 June 2012. Jeanette (White) Hartwell, b. 23 Nov. 1955; d. Piscataway, NJ 13 Jan. 2012. John Hartwell, b. 27 Nov. 1951; d. New York 25 Nov. 2012. Judith A. Hartwell, b. 7 July 1951; d. Massachusetts 28 Oct. 2012.

Kenneth Roger¹⁰ Hartwell, b. Greenfield, MA 23 Dec. 1930; d. 30 April 2012. Lavonda R. Hartwell, b. 26 July 1957; d. Alabama 8 Feb. 2012. Lewis Donald Hartwell, b. 3 Aug. 1925; d. West Virginia 25 Dec. 2012. Lois F. (Allis), wife of Walter Hartwell of

Mount Ayr, IN, d. 27 April 2012. Lorraine J. Hartwell, b. 2 June 1921; d. Illinois 21 May 2012. Louis Hartwell, b. 9 Aug. 1950; d. Mississippi 29 March 2012. Mary R. Hartwell, b. 12 Sept. 1921; d. West Virginia 17 May 2012. Melissa W. Hartwell, b. 2 Sept. 1967; d. North Carolina 19 Dec. 2012. Nancy M. (Sloan) Hartwell, b. 3 May 1943; d. Maryland 26 Feb. 2012.

Rachael G. (Kemp), widow of **Harold E.¹¹ Hartwell, Jr.**, d. Bernardston, MA 18 April 2012 [email from Caroline Brown]

Richard Douglas¹¹ Hartwell, b. Waltham 15 Dec. 1944; d. Charlestown, SC 26 May 2012.

Robert B.¹² Hartwell, b. 17 March 1932; d. Blue Point, Long Island, NY 14 Feb. 2012. Roberta L. Hartwell, b. 8 Nov. 1946; d. West Virginia, 11 May 2012; SSN-WV

Ruth (Simpson), widow of **Sanford Isham¹⁰ Hartwell**, b. Rochester, NY 30 July 1912; d. Sarasota, FL 13 April 2012, 100y!

Teresa (Judge), widow of **Everett D.¹⁰ Hartwell**, b. Lawrence, MA 7 April 1911; d. Amherst, MA 6 March 2012, 100y!

Sally (Stuit), wife of **Leo E.¹⁰ Hartwell**, d. Wyoming, MI 23 Dec. 2012.

Deaths in 2013

Lucy Wilbur Booth, b. 2 June 1921, d. Framingham, MA 16 Jan. 2013. Lucy was the mother of Marilyn Booth Manzella, a descendant of Ebenezer & Hannah (Bangs) Hartwell, and attended several Hartwell reunions.

Alan Bert¹² Hartwell, b. Attleboro, MA 7 Sept. 1941; d. Shreveport, LA 13 Jan. 2013 Charles Forest Hartwell d. North Vernon, IN 7 Feb. 2013

Elizabeth Ann¹⁰ Hartwell, daughter of **Russell⁹ & Lillian (Shaw) Hartwell**, d. in Acton, MA 6 January 2013, 72y.

Frances A. (Van Prooyen), widow of **George William¹⁰ Hartwell**, b. 7 Oct. 1916; d. Grand Rapids, MI 28 Jan. 2013, 96y. John Lawrence Fletcher Hartwell of Lynchburg, VA d. 2 Feb. 2013

Margueritte (Fryar), widow of **Ray Vinton¹⁰ Hartwell**, b. Rock Run, AL ca. 1921; d. Jacksonville, AL 9 April 2013, age 92y. Robert Lee Hartwell, Jr., b. 4 May 1951; d. Walla Walla, WA 30 Jan. 2013

Viola A. (Lutz), widow of **Ward R.¹⁰ Hartwell**, b. Springvale, PA 29 June 1919; d. Red Lion, PA 15 April 2013, 93y.

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Business Meeting of the Hartwells of America

On Saturday, June 30, 2012, twenty-two Hartwell cousins and friends assembled at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, Concord, MA, for the Hartwells of America Association's Seventy-Fifth Annual Reunion. Not a huge turnout, but on par with recent years. As is generally the case, the weather could not have been better.

President Wayne E. Hartwell (Foxborough, MA) called the business meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

William C. Hartwell (Foxborough, MA) offered an opening prayer, after which a moment of silence was observed in memory of Hartwell cousins deceased since the last Reunion.

First-time Reunion attendees Nancy Hartwell Engel and husband Berny (St. Louis, MO), Karl E. Hartwell (Gorham, ME) and son Michael Karl Hartwell (Leominster, MA), and Donna Keane (Reading, MA) were recognized.

The minutes of the 2011 business meeting, as published in the 2012 Newsletter, were accepted.

David Hartwell Webber (Dunstable, MA) delivered the Treasurer's report. The balance on hand in the Scholarship Fund at the close of the Association's 2012 Fiscal Year totaled a very respectable \$17,293.81, including donations received during the Fiscal Year in the sum of \$90.00. The Operating Fund, which pays for the Reunion, Newsletter, and other Association operating expenses, stood at \$2,286.81. Operating Fund revenue for the year, from bank interest, dues, and the sale of Hartwell literature, totaled \$1,114.00. Expenses for the year for Scholarships (two at \$200), Newsletter, postage, the Reunion, and a \$25 donation to the Friends of Minuteman National Park were \$1,028.18. Net revenue from Genealogy sales was \$645.06.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Marilyn Booth Manzella (Framingham, MA) reported that two grants from the Scholarship Fund had been awarded for the 2012-2013 academic year. Perennial Reunion attendee Tina Seeger (Pepperell, MA), an entering freshman at Williams College, Williamstown, MA, planning on majoring in Liberal Arts, was awarded \$20-0, as was Renee Lynn Cronin (Danville, CA), also an entering freshman, attending Boise State University. Boise City, ID, major as yet undeclared.

Genealogist Joy F. Peach (Lancaster, MA) reported that she did not have much to report as correspondence concerning Hartwell "stuff" during the year had been very light. Joy encouraged everyone to contact her with any pertinent information.

Contributions were voted to Trinitarian for the use of its facilities (\$250), to the Social Law Library for the efforts

of the Library's graphic designer in preparing the Association's Newsletter (\$50),

Regarding the annual awards, the Engels from St. Louis pulled off a near clean sweep. Nancy was the eldest lady in attendance, while Berny was the eldest gentleman. Nancy also picked up the prize for traveling the farthest to attend. The youngest attendee was Tina Seeger (a repeat winner). Hartwell Tavern tote bags were distributed to the winners.

The final vote of the day was to return to Trinitarian for the 2013 Reunion.

Following the business meeting, Karen H. Samuels (Bethlehem, PA) gave a very interesting talk and slide presentation on the use of DNA analysis in genealogical research (see story below), after which everyone assembled outside for the group photograph by Association Photographer Katy Hartwell (Foxborough, MA).

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Bacon Hartwell
Recording Secretary

Your DNA as a Genealogical Tool

by Karen Hartwell Samuels

At the 2012 Hartwell Reunion, I had the pleasure of presenting my positive experience with researching my Hartwell lineage through my family's DNA test results. My sister, Deborah Hartwell, convinced me that some of you would find the subject interesting. Through Ancestry.com, I submitted three DNA tests of my brother Richard,



Richard Hartwell

my son Teddy and myself. There are several reliable companies out there that do this service. I chose Ancestry.com because they offered a members' discount. In 2009, I asked my brother and son to submit a DNA test because at the time you could learn much more information from male DNA. The test looked at the male

Y-chromosome sample which represents the DNA of the father, paternal grandfather, and so on up the paternal line. Y-chromosome results are generally identical throughout the paternal line. We learned that my brother was in the haplogroup R1b. About 70% of individuals

currently residing in southern England are members of this group. The science has improved so rapidly since 2009 that the test now can tell you much more, whether you are male or female.

Ancestry.com matches your DNA results with other members' tests results. There was a perfect match



Trevor Hartwell

between my brother and a gentleman named Trevor Hartwell. Trevor lived in California and no one in my immediate family knew of him. I contacted Trevor through Ancestry and he graciously agreed to try to solve the mystery. We quickly determined that we were connected through Edward Hartwell

(1716-1799) who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and moved to Alstead, New Hampshire. He married Elizabeth Kneeland (1719-1805) and their younger sons would move from New Hampshire to Maine, New York, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Trevor's ancestors moved further west with each new generation and ours remained in the northeast. Trevor wrote to me,

"It's a fascinating story regarding utilizing science and genealogy to make connections. I don't know if I told you or not but using DNA and connecting with you and your brother helped solve a mystery in my genealogy. In the Hartwells of America genealogy, there's a mystery regarding my 4th great grandfather (John) and whether he was first generation American (from Wales) or John "from NY" who is a descendant of William of Concord. Comparing our DNA has proven that I am indeed related to the William of Concord as your brother and I share the same 46 markers of our Y-DNA which probably wouldn't be the case if I wasn't a descendant of William of Concord."

My sister, brother and I are now facebook friends with our "cousin" Trevor. Advances in science and technology are making our world smaller and smaller. The Hartwell family has been fortunate to have dedicated genealogists like Joy F. Peach, John F. Hartwell, and Lyman W. Densmore who have done the hard work for us. We can use DNA testing to answer stubborn mysteries and fill in the gaps. I mentioned that I took a DNA test as well, at a cost of \$99. The test I took in 2012 looked

at a massive amount of DNA, over 700,000 locations, and compared it to other DNA samples from around the world. DNA autosomal testing technology includes the entire genome—all 23 pairs of chromosomes—as opposed to only looking at the Y-chromosome or Mitochondrial DNA. I had to laugh when the report stated that they were 99% sure that Teddy was my son. I am 100% sure! It also said that my genetic ethnicity revealed that all my ancestors lived hundreds—perhaps even thousands—of years ago in the British Isles. I have been contacted by 36 fourth cousins that were matched through our DNA tests. We determined the mutual ancestor in all these matches. I have researched several 5th cousins or greater matches and sometimes found the mutual ancestor in the United Kingdom. Warning to the wise...amateur genealogy is like a black hole. You can lose countless hours as you are mesmerized by the hunt!

I'll admit I am hooked on these DNA tests. I'll keep submitting my DNA as the tests become more revealing. Although the DNA tests I described only look at lineage, other tests are saving lives and freeing the innocent from prisons. Today you can buy a DNA paternity test over the counter at a CVS Pharmacy. Some may find these types of tests too invasive but there is no question that the more we know about our DNA the better we can prepare to live the healthiest life.

Karen is co-author of the books *Images of America: Lower Saucon Township*, *Images of America: South Bethlehem*, *Bethlehem Postcards*, *100 Years of Caring*, *A History of the Auxiliary of the St. Luke's Hospital Charity Ball* and author of the forthcoming book (September 2013), *Legendary Locals of Bethlehem*. She writes a Bethlehem history column for the Bethlehem Press newspaper. Karen maintains the Web site <http://lehighvalleyhistory.com>.

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 14, 2014 and will receive consideration at the June 28, 2014 Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2014-2015. To obtain eligibility requirements and applications, contact: **Ms. Marilyn Booth Manzella, Hartwells of America Scholarship Committee, 350 Winch St., Framingham, MA 01701-3884, (508) 877-6484 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.

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