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# HARTWELLS

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### Notice of Eighty-Third Anniversary Reunion & Annual Business Meeting

#### Covid-19 Notice

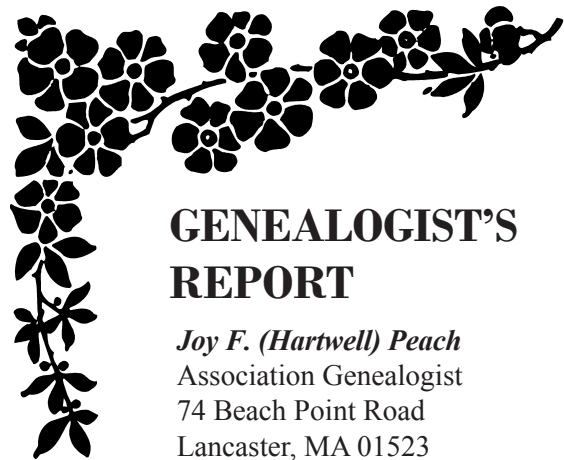
Due to uncertainty during the Covid-19 pandemic, and following cautionary guidance from Massachusetts officials, the officers of the Hartwells of America Association have determined it prudent to cancel our traditional annual gathering of the Hartwell clan in Concord, Massachusetts, scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27.

Sounds drastic, but all is not lost, however. We have put together a virtual Reunion using [Zoom](#), an online meeting application (press control+click to activate link), for an hour plus that day, to enable Hartwells from all over to attend remotely via their computers, tablets or cell phones.

We hope you will plan to attend our virtual Reunion. Please spread the word to other kinfolk who may be interested in attending. For attendees who do not currently subscribe to email delivery of the Newsletter, we will need their contact information: Names, Full Postal Addresses and Email Addresses. These may be emailed to me at [CCHartwell29@gmail.com](mailto:CCHartwell29@gmail.com)

During the latter part of June, we will be sending an HOA Reunion Meeting Registration email to everyone for whom we have an email address. In the meantime, you will want to be sure that the latest version of Zoom (5.0.4 as of this writing) is enabled on your device—see this [link](#) for assistance.

Looking forward, Trinitarian Church is reserved for next year's Reunion.



### GENEALOGIST'S REPORT

*Joy F. (Hartwell) Peach*  
Association Genealogist  
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One of the best sources for tracking more recent Hartwells is the Social Security Deaths index. I have 62 pages of deceased Hartwells who were born from 1869 to 2005. The first Hartwell to get a Social Security card was John Wesley Hartwell of the ninth generation, who was born 4 August 1869 and died in California—June 1965.

While a great many of these Hartwells are identified, there are still many unknowns on the list. I originally listed them by their birth dates, but recently I have been putting them together according to what state they were in when they got their Social Security card, as people who live in the same place are often related. It's fun to see what states have hundreds of Hartwells while other states only have five or six.

I'm trying to identify the unknown Hartwells via census records, but it isn't helping very much. For instance, it was fairly easy to identify Lillian M. (Steck) Hartwell, because the record gave her maiden name. She was born 20 March 1906 and died in Farmersville, OH 15 Feb. 1980. I also discovered that she had married Wm. Hartwell, as Wm & Lillian are on the 1940 Perry, Ohio census with their son, Robert W. Hartwell, age 3, who turns out to be Dr. Robert W. Hartwell, born Dayton, OH 21 Oct. 1936, d. Richmond, KY 15 Feb. 2008. I also found that Lillian's husband was William Wallace Hartwell, b. Branford, Canada 17 July 1908, d. Dayton, OH 20 Dec. 1989. However, I don't know if this

family is related to William<sup>1</sup> of Concord, Mass., because I have yet to find anything about a Hartwell in Branford, Canada.

I still have a lot of this project to do, so I'll let you all know if I find anything important.

#### Death Record

**ROBERTA (HANSEN) HARTWELL**, widow of  
Richard Scott Hartwell, d. 15 March 2019  
[email from daughter Drue Hartwell]

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## Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Hartwells of America

With its customary hospitality, the Trinitarian Congregational Church, Concord, MA welcomed the Association for its 82nd Annual Reunion, held on June 29, 2019.

President Wayne E. Hartwell (Foxborough, MA) called the business meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. An opening prayer was offered by Roger Witcher Hartwell (Quincy, MA), following which the assemblage observed a moment of prayer in remembrance of departed Hartwell cousins since the last Reunion.

First-time Reunion attendees were duly acknowledged: Willis Hartwell Hand (Hillsdale, NY) and Richard and Isabel Hand (Sanford, ME), and Robert Hartwell and Pamela Hartwell Imperial, MO).

The minutes of the 2018 business meeting, as published in the 2019 Newsletter, were accepted.

Treasurer David Hartwell Webber (Hollis, NH) delivered his report for the Association's fiscal period beginning June 1, 2018 and ending May 31, 2019. *A mea culpa* here—a certain officer who shall remain nameless neglected to submit expense information in a timely fashion for David to include in his primary Report, which necessitated preparation of an Addendum, both of which were circulated at the meeting. (See reports on page 3.) Rather than engage in the customary narrative exposition of David's reports, they are reproduced below. Suffice it to say, the Association's finances are on a firm footing thanks to David's 49 years (you read that right: *forty-nine* years) of stewardship of the Association's finances.

A Sidebar: when David submitted additions and changes to the mailing list for this year's Newsletter, he included a tally of those dues-paying Association members with the longest streaks of consecutive years of dues paid. Third runner-up is Rebecca Chin (Duxbury, MA), since 1985; Jean-Robert Leguey-Feilleux (St. Louis, MO), since 1979, claims second runner-up position; first runner-ups are the duo of Howard and Barbara Hartwell (Millinocket, ME), since 1968. Unfortunately, the longest streak, that of

Donna G. Campbell (Lamoni, IA), since 1967, ended with her passing in May of last year. David awarded an honorable mention to Josiah L. Mason (Ashland, OH) who, despite "a few missed years," has been a reliable dues-paying member since 1961.

The Hartwell Scholarship Committee met in advance of the 2019 Reunion Business Meeting to consider the applications received from Hartwell descendants. The committee was impressed with the qualifications of the applicants and Scholarship Committee Chairperson Marilyn Booth Manzella (Framingham, MA) announced that four Scholarship Fund Grant applicants had satisfied the criteria for a Scholarship. The Committee chose to make four awards of \$300 each. Three recipients were from California and one from Massachusetts.

**Kyla Bechler** was looking forward to her freshman year at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California, where she was enrolled in the Liberal Studies program, concentrating in moderate to severe Special Education, as well as majoring in Spanish. She reports that she found her first year in college an amazing experience. She engaged in meaningful extracurricular activities while being academically successful.

**Joslyn Shafto** enjoyed her first trimester at Sierra College in Rocklin, California where she managed to earn a 4.0 average while continuing to work at her job. She is enrolled in the nursing program with the aim of becoming a nurse in Labor and Delivery.

First cousins, Kyla and Joslyn, are granddaughters of long-term member, Kathleen Hartwell Layton. They both had older brothers who were also Hartwell Scholarship recipients.

**Siobhán Moher** used her award to purchase the textbooks she needed for her freshman year at the University of California in Santa Cruz. She planned to study psychology and is hopeful that she and her family can attend a Hartwell Reunion before long. Siobhán is the granddaughter of Marcia Rehm Cronin and the cousin of Austin Cronin who is a former recipient of the scholarship.

**David Erikson**, from Reading Massachusetts, attended the 2019 Reunion and received the news of his award in person. David's dream is to become an airline pilot. He was preparing to enter his junior year at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. Enrolled in the Aviation Management program, David already had his private pilot's license and qualified with his flight team for national competition. David is the son of David and Krista Erikson and the third



son in his family to be awarded a Hartwell Scholarship.

The highlight in the news department from Genealogist Joy Peach (Lancaster, MA), was that she, with the editorial assistance of Marilyn Manzella, was near to having generations six through nine of the descendants of William<sup>1</sup> publication ready. A lively discussion ensued as how to release the work, since it weighs in at 1,500+ pages, or nearly three times the volume of the 2007 Genealogy. Among the options the merits of which were debated were a new print volume (or volumes), perhaps distributed on a print-to-order basis, or foregoing print and releasing it only by way of electronic media. It was left to the Genealogy Committee to convene and decide on the best course to follow. (See Release Notice, p.4).

Steve Hartwell (N. Reading, MA) discussed his Hartwell Y-DNA Project, in which Hartwell males are encouraged to submit Y-DNA samples to Family Tree DNA to understand more about their paternal line (for details, see the Y-DNA Project article, p.4). For this year's Reunion, the Association agreed to sponsor a test kit to be awarded to the oldest willing computer-literate Hartwell male present.

The 2019 winner was Paul S. Hartwell (Stoneham, MA), who received a Y-67 kit and will work with Steve to help interpret his results.

Receiving the commemorative gifts for the day were Pamela Hartwell, the eldest lady in attendance, and Roger Whitcher Hartwell, the eldest gentleman. Traveling the farthest to attend were Robert and Pamela Hartwell. Youngest was Scholarship recipient David Erikson. Copies of the print Genealogy were presented to the lucky attendees.

Contributions were voted to Trinitarian for the use of its facilities (\$200) and attendance of its Sexton (\$50), to the Social Law Library for the efforts of the Library's graphic designer in preparing the Association's Newsletter (\$50), and to the Friends of Minute Man National Park (\$25).

The final vote of the day was to return to Trinitarian for the 2020 Reunion, following which the meeting reconvened in the courtyard for the Group photo.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Bacon Hartwell  
Recording Secretary

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA (An Association) Treasurer's Report June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019			THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA (An Association) Addendum to Treasurer's Report June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019		
Balance on hand and on deposit in the Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU), 378 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro, MA as of June 1, 2018					
Savings Account #5398212-4	Scholarship Fund	401.26	2018 Expense due Wayne Hartwell:		
Savings Account #5398212-3	Genealogy Fund	3,835.84	Newsletter Production	333.16	
Savings Account #5398212-2	Operating Fund	1,354.14	USPS, Stamps	<u>192.50</u>	524.66
Certificate of Deposit	Scholarship Fund	16,509.46			
		22,100.07			
Receipts:			Web Site		
Bank Interest			Domain Name Renewal Registration		31.00
Scholarship Fund	188.80				
Operating Fund	4.67		Reunion		
Dues, Hartwell Literature	604.00		Coffee, Pastries	69.31	
Donations to Scholarship Fund	<u>226.00</u>		Gift Picture Frames	<u>24.00</u>	
	1,022.77			<u>93.31</u>	648.97
Expense:			2018 Expense due David Webber		
Scholarship Award (3)	900.00		Donation to Social Law Library	50.00	
2018 Newsletter Production and Postage	A		Donation to National Park Service	<u>25.00</u>	75.00
2018 Meeting Refreshments, Gifts	A				
2018 Meeting, Church rental, sexton	250.00				
National Park Donation	B				
Social Law Library Donation	<u>B</u>				
	1,150.00				
Genealogy			Operating fund balance		
Sales	515.00			1712.54	
Bank Interest	10.17		Less	648.97	
Postage and Padded Mailing Envelope Expense	( 123.98)		Less	<u>75.00</u>	987.57
	401.19				
Balance on hand and on deposit in the Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU), 378 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro, MA as of May 31, 2019					
Savings Account #5398212-4	Scholarship Fund	27.35			
Savings Account #5398212-3	Genealogy Fund	4,237.03			
Savings Account #5398212-2	Operating Fund	1,712.54			
Certificate of Deposit	Scholarship Fund	<u>16,397.11</u>			
		22,374.03			

Respectfully Submitted  
*David Hartwell Webber*  
David Hartwell Webber  
Treasurer

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## 2007 Genealogy Supplement through Ninth Generation Completed and Available for Purchase

As noted in the Minutes of last year's Reunion, the Genealogy Committee was commissioned to determine the most appropriate manner in which to publish Generations six through nine supplementing Joy's 596-page 2007 Genealogy, *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*.

At a meeting last autumn, the Committee concluded that the most cost-effective means—for both the Association and consumers of the information—was to distribute it via electronic means, namely on USB so-called “thumb” or “flash” drives.

At the same time, the Committee decided to include not only the Supplement with Joy's latest research covering four additional generations of Hartwells in 1,503 pages, but the 2007 Genealogy, in its entirety, as well. There are thus two files: the Genealogy and the Supplement.

The drive sells for \$35 postpaid and is now available in the Bookshop at the HOA website at <http://hartwell.org/>. 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. Worth noting is that the Genealogy and Supplement occupy barely 14 percent of the drive's capacity, leaving a humongous amount of space for users to consolidate their research in one place (safely backed up, of course).

The Association owes Joy a great debt of thanks and appreciation for her continuing dedication to advancing the Association's purposes to “preserve records, memorials, histories and genealogies.” We would also be remiss in not acknowledging Marilyn Manzella's four years of editorial assistance to Joy in readying the later generations for publication—Thanks, Marilyn, for your perseverance and attention to detail.



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## The Hartwell Y-DNA Project

As we all know, William<sup>1</sup> Hartwell, the English immigrant ancestor of thousands of Hartwells in America, settled in Concord, Massachusetts, in the year 1636. But while many of us bear the surname Hartwell, some cannot yet definitively trace their ancestry back to William using traditional genealogical methods. Y-DNA testing has provided a way for us to help us find out how we are related to one another, and maybe to William<sup>1</sup>.

The Hartwell Family Y-DNA project was launched by Stephen Hartwell, Project Administrator, in 2016 with this goal in mind. All men with the Hartwell surname are invited to participate, and all women with Hartwell ancestry are encouraged to prod their Hartwell men to participate. The test kit is available from FamilyTreeDNA.com, works for males only, and is not the same as an Ancestry DNA or 23 & Me autosomal test. The results have already been useful to Steve, who has already found a Hartwell cousin using a Y-DNA match in the FTDNA database.

Let's combine forces to find out more about our Hartwell ancestors. The more Hartwells that take the test and upload their results and family trees, the more we will collectively know about our ancestry.

For full details and to sign up, go to [hartwell.org/hartwell-dna-project](http://hartwell.org/hartwell-dna-project).

### *Hartwells of America Scholarship*

The Hartwells of America Association annually awards a scholarship or scholarships to students pursuing post-secondary educational programs.

Applications may be submitted through June 12, 2021 and will receive consideration at the June 26, 2021 Reunion for the scholarship grants to be awarded for the academic year 2021-2022. To obtain eligibility requirements and applications, contact: **Marilyn Booth Manzella, Hartwells of America Scholarship Committee, 350 Winch St., Framingham, MA 01701-3884, (508) 877-6484, [mbmanzella@rcn.com](mailto:mbmanzella@rcn.com), 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.

When paying your annual dues, please consider also making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund.



# 2019 Reunion



1. David Webber; 2. Steven Hartwell; 3. David Erickson; 4. Karl Hartwell; 5. Michael Hartwell; 6. Robert Hartwell; 7. Peter Manzella; 8. Willis Hand; 9. Krista Erickson; 10. Wayne Hartwell; 11. Jocelin Hartwell; 12. Paul Ellis-Graham; 13. Marilyn Manzella; 14. Richard Hand; 15. Isabel Hand; 16. Roger Hartwell; 17. Paul Hartwell; 18. Judith Hartwell; 19. Pamela Hartwell; 20. Joy Peach. Not shown—Katy Hartwell

## 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  
*Add \$2.00 for shipping and handling to your order.*

Please send orders to: David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer  
Hartwells of America, 19 Terrell Ln, Hollis, NH 30349-8509

Make checks payable to HARTWELLS OF AMERICA

## Annual Dues Payable Now

Annual Dues for the Hartwells of America, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$5.00, are enclosed for the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues should be mailed only to:  
David Hartwell Webber, Treasurer  
Hartwells of America  
19 Terrell Ln  
Hollis, NH 03049-8509

*It would be greatly appreciated  
if you could enclose a  
self-addressed, stamped return  
envelope with your dues.*

83<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
**Hartwells of America**  
Reunion & Business Meeting

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Hartwells of America  
385 S. Main St.  
Attleboro, MA 02703-6409



Hartwell Tavern, Lincoln, Massachusetts (print courtesy Minute Man National Historical Park)

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