

THE HARTWELLS OF AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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Eighty-Seventh Anniversary Reunion & Annual Business Meeting

Taking place **in person**

(a Zoom Reunion is being planned for the fall)

Itinerary

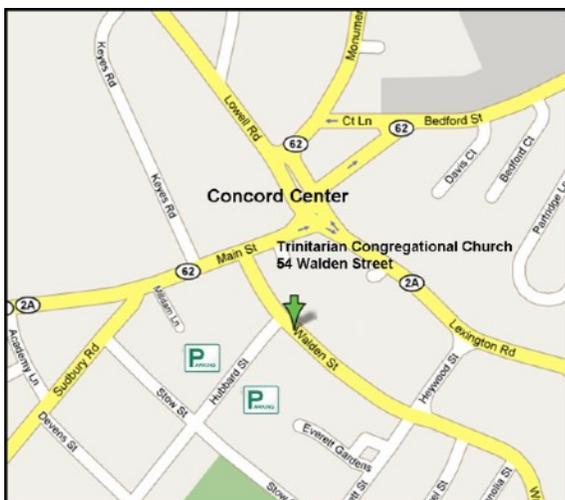
Date: June 29, 2024

Location: Trinitarian Congregational Church,
54 Walden St, Concord, Massachusetts

Schedule:

- 10:00 am to Noon—Coffee, pastries and socializing
- Noon to 1:00 pm—Bring your own lunch
- 1:00 to 1:45 pm—Business meeting
- 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm—Group photo and additional time for socializing

There will be Hartwell genealogy items for sale, material from our archives for viewing, information about our genealogy projects, and, of course, door prizes. We hope you plan to attend—spread the word!



Genealogists' Corner

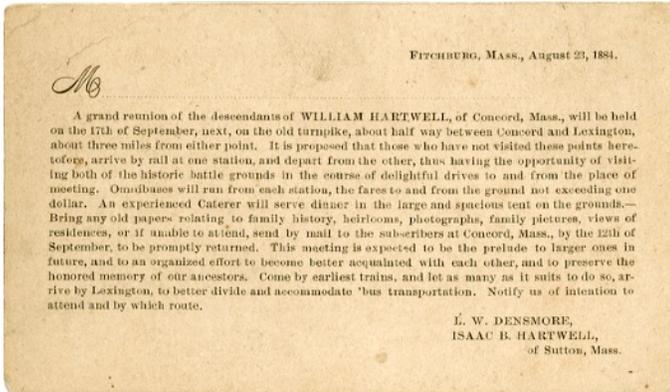
In March, through the efforts of your genealogists Marilyn Booth Manzella and Stephen Hartwell, we produced a new and updated Hartwell genealogy flash drive. It now contains the complete Hartwell genealogy, as we now know it, from Generations 1 to 12. It comes on a standard USB flash drive and contains two files, one with Generations 1 to 5 (the entire contents of our 2007 published book) and one with Generations 6 to 12. The flash drive is available for sale on our website <https://hartwellclan.org> on the Store page.

Since the 20+ archival boxes of former genealogist Joy Peach and Association history have been moved to Stephen's basement, he and Marilyn have spent a couple of sessions together going through them. So far we have been able to cull some redundant genealogical material and pull out a number of genealogy books which were then donated to a local library. There will be more to report here as we continue the project.

We hope you all have had an opportunity to look through our new Hartwell Clan website at <https://hartwellclan.org/>. [Many thanks to Wes Hartwell for hosting our former website for so many years!] We maintain this site for not only news and dues, but also updates on new genealogical finds and special projects of interest to our Association.

Just recently, Stephen was able to add to the 19th century newsletter archive section (under Reunion, Archives). He received an email from Walt Szobak, who explained that his 101-year-old mother had recently passed and she had in her effects a 20-letter

Hartwell correspondence from the late 1800s. Walt did some internet sleuthing, found our website, and contacted him to ask if we wanted to have them. Stephen gratefully accepted and, when the package arrived, his jaw dropped as he came across three postcards from Lyman Densmore to a Hartwell cousin announcing the very first Hartwell Reunion back in 1884! Here is a scan of one of them, and see the others on our website on the [Archives, 19th Century](#) page.



1884 postcard announcing the first HOA Reunion

Readers are encouraged to communicate with Stephen or Marilyn by email or post to Facebook. Provide an answer to a question or pose a query yourself. Suggest an idea for a new project and volunteer your time to help work on it. Contribute new information to our Hartwell genealogy, including additions, corrections or suggestions. Let us know the story of any Hartwell memorabilia in your family. Stay in touch!

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Facebook - Hartwells of America Association page (belongs to us):

<https://facebook.com/HartwellsOfAmerica>

Hartwells of America group (belongs to another Hartwell but we often post there):

<https://facebook.com/groups/36628505395>

Minutes of the 2023 annual meeting

Coming together for our first in-person reunion since the beginning of the Novel Coronavirus pandemic in 2020, we convened at Trinitarian

Congregational Church in Concord Massachusetts. We had ten attendees. Lynn Hartwell traveled all the way from Chicago, Illinois, and was a first-time attendee.

After some time to welcome attendees and catch up, President Wayne Hartwell called the business meeting to order.

We discussed the Association's decision to move from paper to e-mail newsletters. The cost of printing and distributing the paper newsletter had become prohibitive. Please share your newsletter with other family members who may be interested.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given and is displayed elsewhere in this newsletter. Members are now able to pay their dues on the website. We encourage folks to do so. Credit card options are available.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted by the meeting to raise the dues to \$10.00 per year.

The Scholarship Committee awarded three \$500.00 scholarships. The entire report is displayed elsewhere in this newsletter

Genealogy Report

Joy Peach served as the Association Genealogist for 47 years. Joy passed in October, 2022. Her kindness, warm smile and passion for the history of the Hartwell clan are greatly missed.

Joy's family generously donated her archives to the Association. Marilyn Booth Manzella and Stephen Hartwell are working to finalize Joy's work on Generations Ten through Twelve of the Hartwell Genealogy. Given the exorbitant cost of printing, this update will be available in a flash drive format when it is completed.

At the conclusion of the meeting a Flash drive of the Hartwell Genealogy was given to Lynn Hartwell of Chicago, Illinois as the person who traveled the

furthest to attend the reunion.

Judith Bacon Hartwell, Recording Secretary

2023 Treasurer Report

Your treasurer has moved and consolidated accounts, with our funds now being held at Wakefield Cooperative Bank. With an influx of dues payments and genealogy flash drive purchases over the past year, and no more postal mailings to membership, our income/expense position and balance sheet are showing improvement. The 2024 report will be presented at the Reunion on June 29.

Stephen Hartwell, Treasurer

Hartwells of America Association FY 2022-2023 Income/Expense Report		
INCOME		Totals
Dues		\$ 505.00
Genealogy		\$ 484.00
- Book sales	\$ 56.00	
- Flash Drive sales	\$ 420.00	
- Coat of Arms sales	\$ 8.00	
Scholarship donations		\$ 530.00
Other donations		\$ 675.00
Bank interest		\$ 138.17
Total Income		\$ 2,332.17
EXPENSES	Totals	Totals
Operating		\$ 1,746.47
- Newsletter production and postage	\$ 1,090.77	
- Special membership mailing	\$ 528.20	
- Website	\$ 127.50	
Genealogy		\$ 282.40
- Y-DNA kits	\$ 228.95	
- Flash drive mailing postage	\$ 53.45	
Scholarships awarded		\$ 1,500.00
Total Expense		\$ 3,528.87
Surplus/Deficit		\$(1,196.70)
* Income Notes		
* Expense Notes		
- Newsletter: expenses for both 2022 and 2023 issues		
- Special mailing: tribute to Joy Peach and membership solicitation		
- Y-DNA kit for door prize		
Fiscal year ending June 30, 2023		
Prepared June 21, 2023 by Stephen A Hartwell, Treasurer		

Hartwells of America Association FY 2022-2023 Balance Sheet Report		
Funds on deposit at Digital Credit Union, with branches in MA and NH		
	May 31, 2022	June 21, 2023
Savings Account #5398212-1 - Primary Savings		\$ 1,902.73
Savings Account #5398212-2 - Operating Fund	\$ 585.69	\$ 409.88
Savings Account #5398212-3 - Genealogy Fund	\$ 5,128.19	\$ 1,633.23
Savings Account #5398212-4 - Scholarship Fund	\$ 416.47	\$ 586.52
Certificate of Deposit - Scholarship Fund	\$ 13,383.90	\$ 13,470.20
Cash on hand	\$ 0.00	\$ 45.00
Total	\$ 19,514.25	\$ 18,047.56
* Notes		
- Will be consolidating accounts for FY2024 for easier bookkeeping		
Prepared June 21, 2023 by Stephen A Hartwell, Treasurer		

2023 Membership Report

Since last June, we have made significant gains in membership. As of this writing, our current paid members number 85. Still, we need to make more progress. If you haven't already, please join today and or renew your membership through June 30, 2025 - see the new [Store](#) page on our website. If you have inquiries about membership in the Hartwells of America, please direct them to me at cchartwell72@gmail.com.

Stephen Hartwell, Membership

Hartwells of America Association Membership Report	
Current members (paid thru 6/30/2023)	34
Names on mailing list	411
Names with email addresses	108
Names with incorrect postal addresses	29
Prepared June 21, 2023 by Stephen A Hartwell, Membership	

2023 Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Committee received three applications and reviewed the applicants' qualifications.

At the 2023 Annual Meeting, the Committee agreed to make three grants, in the amount of \$500 each. The payments were made in the fall, after the students were enrolled and attending their programs as planned.

The first recipient of a 2023 Hartwell Scholarship was Bradley Monschein of Hillsborough, North Carolina who is a full-time freshman at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where he is studying Business and Finance. He challenged himself in high school by taking honors and AP courses and completed his graduation requirements a semester early. Bradley had already completed two college courses and the Intuit Quickbooks Accounting Certification. He played on the baseball and golf teams and volunteered at a food bank.

The second recipient was Charlotte Pedersen of Colbert, Washington, who is attending Brigham Young University as a full-time freshman studying biological sciences and art. In addition to receiving a 4.0 GPA, Charlotte has immersed herself in music, art, dance, and religion. She has challenged herself athletically by running track and was a 2022 Greater Spokane League champion. She looks forward to serving as a missionary in the future.

The third recipient is Charlotte's sister, Sydney Jo Pedersen, from Colbert, Washington, who is attending Brigham Young University as a sophomore. She excelled in high school and then, after one year at the university, she served 18 months as a missionary. Returning to complete her studies, she settled on a major in Applied English Linguistics and minors in Family Life, Teaching English to Students of Other Languages, and French. Sydney appreciates her ancestral roots and hopes to create her own legacy that honors the hard work and sacrifice of her Hartwell forebears.

I appreciate those of you who have contributed generously to the Scholarship Fund. Donations may be made to the Treasurer and are always welcome. Additional information and the scholarship application are available on the <https://hartwellclan.org> website on the Scholarship page. Please help us publicize this opportunity to the Hartwell students you know. Congratulations and best wishes to all three recipients for their continued success.

Marilyn Booth Manzella, Scholarship

2023 Scholarship Recipients Excel in 2024

We heard from our 2023 Scholarship recipients who all pursued their academic goals as planned.

Bradley Monschein wrote to express his gratitude to the Hartwells of America for the grant for his freshman year at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington. He put his grant to good use covering the expenses of his first year, studying Business with a concentration in Finance.

Sisters Charlotte and Sydney Jo Pederson each wrote of their activities. Charlotte Pederson has been studying pre-nursing with the hope of one day becoming a pediatric ER nurse. She is currently in Florida serving an 18-month mission for the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Once her visa arrives, she will finish her assignment at the Zimbabwe Harare mission. She plans to continue her education at BYU in the fall of 2025 and is grateful for the Hartwell Scholarship.

Her sister, Sydney Jo Pederson, wrote that she had a wonderful year studying Applied English Linguistics with a minor in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages. She had the opportunity to design a curriculum to teach English to visiting students from South Korea. As a result, she was recruited as a Curriculum Designer and EFL teacher for an English Program she helped establish in Iyarina, Ecuador.



The Pederson sisters: Charlotte (left), Sydney Jo (right) while hiking in the Grand Canyon

As Scholarship Chair, it is rewarding to learn of the success of these students.

Marilyn Booth Manzella, Scholarship

Introduction to Sam Hartwell, our new VP

Hi cousins! Sam Hartwell here (formally Samuel Shattuck Hartwell, the fifth in my line of Hartwells to bear the Shattuck name). I've been asked to introduce myself as your new Vice President.

I'm a retired father of three (all girls) with one grandchild and have spent most of my life living in the leafy Ohio suburbs of Shaker and Cleveland Heights. That said, I've always been conscious of my New England Yankee roots. I took my degrees at Yale and Harvard, and my wife and I recently acquired a second home on Fishers Island, at the eastern end of Long Island Sound.



Sam with his daughters at the gravestone of William Hartwell in Concord, Oct 2023

My keen awareness of my lineage and my interest in genealogy may stem from a trip my family took to Boston in 1968 when I was in second grade. My father had made reservations to treat us to dinner at an old New England tavern "Hartwell Farms" which, the day before our visit, burned to the ground (and the shell of which is preserved as the Samuel

Hartwell house along the Battle Road in Minute Man National Park in Lexington). I vividly remember staring at a smoking ruin, a building that bore my name, that had played a role in the American Revolution (I had visited Williamsburg before then so I knew of that war, and I loved hats – my three-corner hat from that trip sat on my head for months afterwards). That's a sense of history you can touch but can't teach.



Samuel Hartwell House, Battle Road, Concord MA

I'm an amateur historian and, leveraging my father's digitization of a mass of his family's papers, wrote a self-published book profiling many of my ancestors' stories (not just Hartwells). It was more about the people in their places and their times than a genealogy proper, with short blurbs on various Mayflower connections, Revolutionary War veterans, stern New England clergy, and at least a couple of ne'er-do-wells.

I came into possession of two interesting items of Hartwell memorabilia. The first – and most remarkable – is a lease handwritten on vellum for a tavern "The Bell Inn" and other buildings in Aylesbury, Bucks (England) in 1682 and owned by a John Hartwell. I have no idea how I came to have it or even why the American branch of the family does. I suspect it represented part of an estate inherited perhaps by one of my ancestors, a cousin of an English John Hartwell who executed the deed. I had it properly framed and preserved and gave it as a wedding present to my nephew, Benjamin Barry

Hartwell (now of Beacon Hill in Boston). Our website has a photo and transcription on the [English Project](#) page.

The second item is ancestor “Deacon” John Hartwell’s family bible printed in London in 1772. It’s a well-worn volume noted particularly for its frontispiece that carefully recorded the family’s births, deaths, and marriages. John and his family were living at the time at the Hartwell Homestead property in Littleton. The bible too is history you can touch but can’t teach. You can see a photo of this as well in our [2023 newsletter](#) on page 2.

I’m glad to be aboard! Since I unfortunately can’t attend this year’s reunion in Concord, I hope to meet some of you at a “virtual” reunion on Zoom that we are planning for the fall.

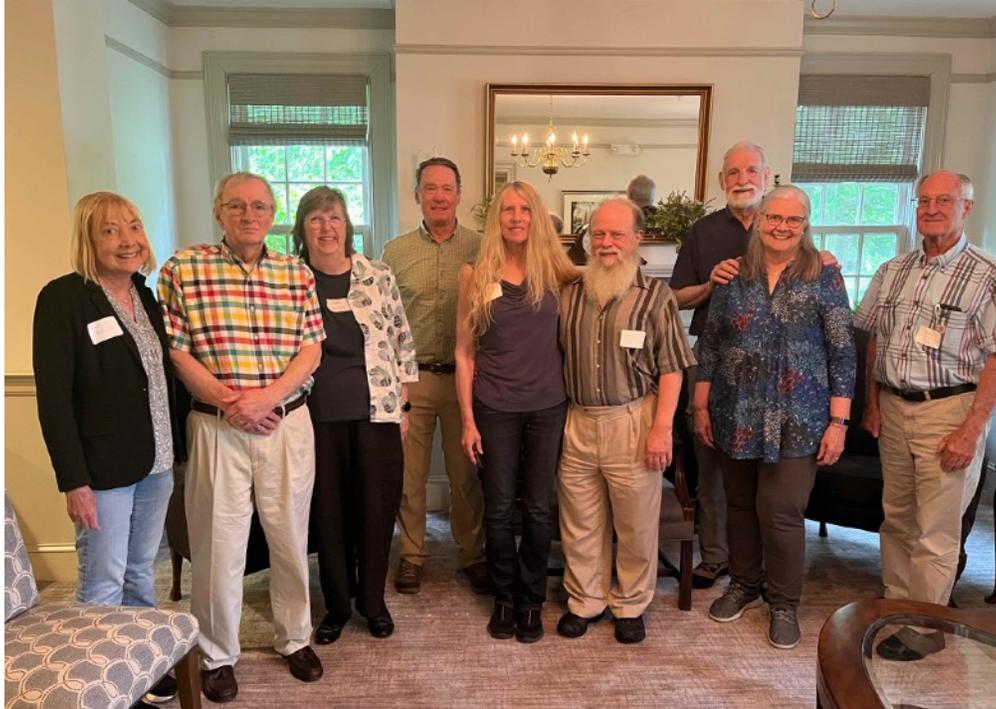
Sam Hartwell, Vice President

Hartwell Y-DNA Project

The Hartwell Y-DNA project was created in 2015 by Stephen Hartwell to explore the origins of the Hartwell surname, to further expand the knowledge of the Y-DNA that all male Hartwells share in common, and to use Y-DNA to help with Hartwell genealogical connections.

As of June 2023, the Hartwell Project had 35 members, which include 22 male Hartwells who have taken tests of Y-37 or greater. We are especially looking for new male Hartwells who know their paternal ancestry to take a Y-DNA test at the highest level possible (Big Y-700). We are also encouraging male Hartwells who have already tested to upgrade to Big Y-700. This will improve the accuracy of our knowledge about the Hartwell line, both in the last few hundred years and back into its ancient origins.

Please see the [Y-DNA Project](#) page on our website for more information, and please contact me at cchartwell72@gmail.com if you have questions.
Stephen Hartwell



2023 Hartwell Reunion attendees (L to R): Lynn Hartwell, Wayne and Judy Bacon Hartwell, Stephen Hartwell, Barbara and Jeff Seeger, Peter and Marilyn Booth Manzella, David Hartwell Webber.
Photo credit: Joy Lydiard Hartwell

The Hartwell “English Project”

One of the big mysteries in the Hartwell genealogy is “who were the parents of William Hartwell, immigrant, of Concord, MA?” We now have an [English Project](#) page on our website, which includes what information we have on the origins of Hartwells in England. It includes Appendix A of Joy Peach’s 2007 genealogy on immigrant William’s possible English origins. There is also a [Beetle Gazette](#) subpage containing scanned publications (more to come) from a 1960s research project underwritten by our Association. These contain dozens of pages of genealogical notes on English Hartwell families.

Please contact me at cchartwell72@gmail.com if you have questions or have material to contribute.
Stephen Hartwell

Hartwell Items for Sale

Order Genealogy items on the [Store](#) page of our website. Note that on this page you can also pay your dues or make a donation to our Association.

The Genealogy

The 596-page hardbound 2007 Genealogy, *The Descendants of William Hartwell, Concord Settler, 1636, Through Five Generations*, by Joy F. Peach. \$56.00 postpaid.

The USB Flash Drive

This is a USB flash drive containing two .pdf files: one with the entire contents of the 2007 Genealogy (see above), and a second comprised of *Generations Six through Twelve*, with Joy’s most recent research and Marilyn Manzella’s careful editorial assistance extending seven more generations. The drive contains a total of 2,700 pages covering twelve generations of Hartwells. 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. \$40.00 postpaid.