

ROBERTSONS SUE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

A lawsuit has been filed by members of the Robertson family to regain control of the Robertson Foundation, established at Princeton University 42 years ago by Charles and Marie Robertson. William Robertson, son of Charles & Marie, is spearheading the cause. The \$500 million dollar foundation was started by the Robertsons for the Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. The lawsuit alleges that Princeton has abused the fund and ignored the school's mission to train students for careers in government service, using the money for other purposes.

Bill Robertson has stated that his goal is to take control of the Robertson Foundation from Princeton and distribute the money to universities that support his parents' government service agenda to train students for careers "defending freedom worldwide". In June, Superior Court Judge Neil Shuster rejected Princeton's motion to dismiss the case. Look for further details in the newspapers. HFF

A&P HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The A&P Historical Society, based at A&P Headquarters in Montvale, NJ, is planning another exhibition at The Paterson Museum in Paterson, NJ. The exhibition will celebrate the 145th Anniversary of A&P which occurs this year.

The exhibit will open on July 1, 2004 and run through September 26th. It will feature photographs, advertising samples and products from A&P's 145 year history. HFF will be loaning items from our archives for this exhibition. HFF

H.F.F. TRUSTEES MET BY MAIL

The Hartford Family Foundation Board of Trustees did not meet in 2003 because of scheduling difficulties. An agenda of issues was sent by mail for trustees to approve or disapprove. Items approved included the elimination of one of the three climate-controlled storage spaces by consolidating items into the other two spaces. This has already been accomplished.

The following Board of Trustees was approved for the year 2004: Jeff Wrightson (President), Mia Switz Halman (Vice President), Grace Wrightson (Secretary), Yolanda Collinson (Treasurer), Lorri Besch Gibson, Bud Lewis, Cynthia McGinnes, Hunter McIntosh and Nuala Pell. HFF

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OLIVIA WRIGHTSON SWITZ 1908-2003

In this, our twenty-first volume of the H.F.F. newsletter, we celebrate the 95 years of our founder, Olivia Wrightson Switz, who passed away on November 28th at her home in Palm Beach, FL. She was the eldest great-grandchild of George Huntington Hartford, founder of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Born in 1908 in East Orange, NJ, Olivia was the daughter of Josephine Clews and William G. Wrightson. She was a long-time resident of Middletown, NJ and New York City, and has resided in Palm Beach for the past thirteen years. She was predeceased by her brother William G. Wrightson, Jr. in 1989, and her sisters Minnie Wrightson Besch and Cynthia Wrightson Twitchell in 1994.

Olivia studied at Miss Clark's School in East Orange, Miss Beard's School in Orange, and graduated from the Dearborn-Morgan School in 1925. She received her Bachelor's Degree at Smith College, graduating in 1930.

In 1930 she auditioned and was accepted by the Newark Art Theatre, the precursor to the PaperMill Playhouse. She performed in two Broadway shows in the early 1930's, *The Best Years* at the Bijou Theatre and *Jamboree* which opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1932. During World War II, Olivia worked as a Red Cross volunteer in Manhattan, answering inquiries from servicemen's families.

A world traveler and philanthropist, Olivia made significant donations in the early 1970's to The Monmouth County Arts Council, The Monmouth Museum, and Children's Psychiatric Center while living in Monmouth County. She held a seat on the Board of Directors of The Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. She was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club in Manhattan and



numerous private clubs in New Jersey and Palm Beach, FL. She was a long-standing contributor to the Princeton Theological Seminary and a scholarship exists in her name to this day. In Florida, she was a strong supporter of The Unity Church of the Palm Beaches and she served on their Board of Trustees for five years. She also supported mental health programs including Bonnie Brae Farms for troubled boys in NJ and educational institutions including Westchester Community College, located in Valhalla, NY on the former estate of her great Uncle & Aunt, John and Pauline Hartford.



In 1983, Olivia founded The Hartford Family Foundation. In her elder years she felt a responsibility to preserve the history of her family's achievements. She was immensely proud of her success in bringing together a family scattered throughout the U.S. for annual reunions celebrating their mutual heritage. We are happy she lived to see H.F.F. acquire the world's largest collection of A&P memorabilia and publish a book on company and family history. Those of us who have known and loved her cannot express how much Olivia has done to establish H.F.F. as a permanent testimony to the Hartford legacy.

Olivia is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Thor Ramsing of Greenwich, CT and Palm Beach; her daughter, Mia Switz Halman of Chapel Hill, NC; her son and daughter-in-law, Sandy and Carol Switz of Jensen Beach, FL; and four grandchildren, Olivia and Will Halman of Chapel Hill, Amelia Switz of Jensen Beach and Ted Switz, who resides in Washington. She has also been an inspiration to numerous nieces, nephews and friends around the country who will miss her sense of humor and generous spirit. HFF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you had a joyous and healthy holiday season. Happy New Year to all!

This message is surely the most difficult in my six terms as President. HFF has suffered a great loss recently with the passing of our founder, Olivia Wrightson Switz. Over 20 years ago she had a vision to bring this great but ever-expanding family back together to share our common heritage. This lady, and she was a lady, was determined to see it through. As a result of her efforts we have had family reunions in New York, Wash. D.C., Virginia, New Jersey and Newport, RI. We have held three museum exhibits and now possess the nation's largest collection of A&P memorabilia. There are many to thank for all of this, but only one founder and visionary.

Thanks to Oddie, we have shared countless laughs and family stories. We owe her a great debt of gratitude. Even after she stopped traveling, Oddie loved to hear we were still getting together to share our common bonds.

Now it is our turn to keep the flame burning. We all have busy lives and it is easy to find reasons not to meet each year. But to do so diminishes the dedicated years Oddie spent building HFF. Please mark your calendars for July 9-11 in Newport and let's get together once again to celebrate our heritage and our future.

—Jeffrey G. Wrightson

H.F.F. PLANS SUMMER REUNION IN NEWPORT, RI

H.F.F. is pleased to announce a return to Newport for the 2004 Annual Reunion. We visited the seaside resort in 2001 at the invitation of HFF Trustee, Nuala Pell, and a fabulous time was had by all. We are planning our weekend to begin on Friday, July 9 and continue through Sunday, July 11. Avis Anderson is working on a suggested hotel/inn list which she would be happy to send you if you call. Make those reservations early because Newport is very popular in the summer. HFF

**N E W P O R T
July 9-11, 2004**

A&P HISTORY BOOK STILL AVAILABLE

Released by Arcadia Publishers in October of 2002, *A&P, The Story of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company* has met with resounding accolades from those who purchased signed copies from H.F.F.

The book, written by H.F.F. Executive Director Avis H. Anderson, has received 5 stars from Amazon.com. Please see the enclosed postcard for ordering information. HFF



A LETTER FROM H.F.F. TRUSTEE, NUALA PELL



As a Hartford Family elder, I am writing to encourage those of you among the younger generations to become involved in preserving your family's history.

We share a unique heritage. When my great-grandfather, George Huntington Hartford, started A&P he had no idea how successful his business would become. He also could not know how large and spread out his extended family

would become. It is important for us to get to know one another and keep in touch.

Through her foresight and generous support, Olivia Switz provided a foundation to structure our activities and collective heritage. We are extremely fortunate to have an organization sponsoring exhibitions, research projects and opportunities to get together to celebrate our family's accomplishments.

In 2001, I hosted the Annual Reunion in Newport, RI. Attendance was excellent and the family and friends who gathered had a wonderful time. In July of 2004 we are once again planning to meet in Newport. Please join us to celebrate our family heritage and provide a continuing network for future generations to enjoy.

—Nuala Pell

HARTFORD FAMILY UPDATE



We have received the sad news that Joy McIntosh passed away on October 26, 2002 at the age of 65. Unfortunately we did not have this information when we published our last newsletter. Joy was survived by her older brother, Michael and her two sons, Thomas Dust and George Buckner. She is pictured here at a

Hartford Family Reunion in 1993. HFF

Our thanks go to the following family foundations which keep H.F.F. operating: The Olivia Foundation, The Banbury Fund, The John A. Hartford Foundation, The McIntosh Foundation, The Wrightson-Ramsing Foundation and The Wrightson-Besch Foundation. We appreciate the help we receive from these foundations and also the support of our many individual members. HFF

John Hartford Linnartz, pictured here with his older sister Olivia.



Jack is the son of Vicki and John Linnartz of New Canaan, CT and the grandson of Anne and Walter Meier of Spring Island, SC. Welcome to the family, Jack! HFF

Juliet Hartford, youngest daughter of Huntington Hartford, has joined a legal battle in New York City to save a building at 2 Columbus Circle. The structure, built by her father in 1964, was designed by Edward Durell Stone as an art gallery. Uninhabited, it is now owned by the City of New York. The lawsuit is attempting to stop the city from selling the building to a museum that wants to strip off its modernist facade. Juliet is a painter and part-time fashion model in Europe and New York. HFF

Tripler Pell, daughter of Christopher & Janet Pell of Newport, RI, married Tawfik Hammoud on September 6, 2003 at the home of her grandparents, Nuala & Claiborne Pell in Newport. Tripler is a graduate of Harvard University and Nuffield College at Oxford. She is currently a third-year medical student at Brown University. Her husband

received his MBA from Harvard and he is an entrepreneur

and founder/director of companies in the U.S. and the United Kingdom. The couple resides in Providence.

Nicholas Zoubek was born on February 11, 2003 to Lindsay (pictured with Cole) and Chris Zoubek. Grandparents, Muffin and Chuck Zoubek and great-grandparents, Martha & Thor Ramsing were thrilled to welcome another generation to the family tree. Cole lives with his parents in Pittsboro, NC. HFF



Winsome & Michael McIntosh and family are pictured here over Thanksgiving in Costa Rica (Left to right; Mark, Barbara, Colin, Winsome, Michael and Hunter). They



were launching the winter cruise schedule of the Boat Company in the tropical waters of Central America. The Costa Rican cruise offerings will be added to their summer Alaskan cruises which provide opportunities to experience temperate and tropical rainforests in pristine conditions. HFF

Rollyn Zoubek, daughter of Muffin and Chuck Zoubek of Greenwich, CT, married Michael Bornhorst in Marblehead, MA on October 11, 2003. The newlyweds also reside in Marblehead. HFF



H.F.F. membership will now be paid on an annual basis. Applications for the year 2004 are enclosed with his newsletter. Please continue to support our programs and activities by paying your annual membership dues.

Thank you all for your continued support! HFF



A&P: The Story of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company By Avis H. Anderson

Images of America series, 2002, Arcadia Press, 128 page paperback. H.F.F. is selling books, signed by the author, as a fund raiser to recoup our publishing costs. \$25

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