

A&P HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The A&P Historical Society, based at A&P Headquarters in Montvale, NJ, continues to meet on a regular basis. They are sponsoring a fundraiser offering commemorative A&P Trucks for sale. H.F.F. has purchased a limited number of the 145th Anniversary A&P Tractor Trailers for our members. If you are interested in buying a truck, call Avis Anderson at 732-222-0330 as soon as possible.

They are also planning to build a replica horse-drawn A&P delivery wagon modeled after the wagon on display in the lobby at A&P Headquarters. This wagon would be used for special events like parades, festivals and store openings in the New York-New Jersey area. HFF

A&P CAN-CAN BOAT



The photo at left was e-mailed to us from Jim Herster. Folklore has it that this model steamboat, constructed of A&P canned goods, was made by William McCorkell (1856-1930's). An elusive gentleman, William lived in Elizabeth, NJ in 1895 and Hoboken in 1923. Jim's research believes the model toured the country as a promotion for A&P around the turn of the century. HFF

H.F.F. TRUSTEES MEETING 7/04

The Hartford Family Foundation Board of Trustees meeting was held on Sat, July 10 in Newport, RI. The Board discussed ways to increase attendance at annual reunions and voted to plan the next event in a southern climate. The Board also approved sponsorship of a reception honoring Olivia Wrightson Switz at a date to be determined by her family.

The following Board of Trustees was elected for the year 2005: Jeff Wrightson (President), Mia Switz Halman (Vice President), Grace Wrightson (Secretary), Yolanda Collinson (Treasurer), Lorri Besch Gibson, Bud Lewis, Cynthia McGinnes, Hunter McIntosh, Nuala Pell and Geoff Robertson.

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H.F.F. ANNUAL REUNION IN NEWPORT

Members of The Hartford Family Foundation returned to Newport, Rhode Island for the 24th Annual Reunion. Held the weekend of July 9-11, 2004, guests were treated to a welcome dinner party at the home of Nuala and Claiborne Pell on Friday evening.

(See happy crowd enjoying the view at right.)

The Annual Meeting of Members was held on Saturday morning at Le Bistro, a lovely wharfside restaurant. After the meeting the Pells invited our party for a buffet lunch at their beach club.

Later that afternoon, Reunioners met at one of Newport's most famous restored mansions, Rosecliff. After a guided tour of the main floor, visitors were free to take a self-guided tour of an exhibit *Newport in the Jazz Age*, presented throughout the second floor. We all enjoyed this exhibit of photographs, costumes and

memorabilia from The Roaring 20's.

The group met up again on Saturday evening for cocktails and dinner on the waterfront porch of The Clarke Cooke House, one of Newport's most popular restaurants and night spots.

The festivities concluded on Sunday morning with a guided tour of Newport's harbor. During the cruise, our informative boat captain gave an interesting narrative of Newport's more exclusive historic homes as seen from



the water.

We would like to once again express our thanks to Nuala and Clairborne Pell for their hospitality. And a special thanks to family members Hugh Bulkley (St. Croix) and Bill Robertson (Florida) who travelled a great distance to be with us. HFF

H.F.F. PARTICIPATES IN PATERSON MUSEUM EXHIBIT

H.F.F. lent items from its collection to The A&P Historical Society for an exhibition at The Paterson Museum in Paterson, NJ. The exhibition celebrated the 145th Anniversary of A&P which occurred in 2004.

The exhibit opened on July 1, 2004 and ran through November 6th. H.F.F. provided photos of Hartford family members, framed tradecards, advertising samples and signs to compliment the large collections of members of The A&P Historical Society.

Avis Anderson and Jeff Wrightson were invited to the opening reception. Christian Haub, Chairman of the Board and C.E.O. of A&P addressed the crowd and Jeff also had an opportunity to thank organizers for including items from our collection. Jeff, Christian Haub and Paterson Museum Director, Jack DeStefano are pictured at right at the Museum.



Museum representatives were delighted at the number of visitors and their enthusiastic response to this celebration of A&P's 145 year history. HFF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again and Happy New Year to all of you. I hope this message finds you and your families in good health. Looking back, 2004 was an eventful year for H.F.F. and a contemplative one.

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Martha Ramsing, my father's sister, and the last Wrightson of that generation. Those of us who were close to the "Wrightson 5" can scarcely believe its true. Our deepest condolences to the Ramsing family. Aunt Martha was an avid supporter of her sister Olivia as she spawned the idea of family reunions and saving the storied history of the Hartfords. We will miss her.

In July, thanks to the gracious invitation of Nuala Pell, we held our H.F.F. reunion once again in Newport, RI. Newport in the summertime seems to be a loved calling for our group as we enjoyed a nice turnout of family and friends. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all. Thanks again to Nuala and Claiborne for their continued hospitality. Representatives from five different branches of the family were on hand to hear about our ongoing progress in preserving the legacy of the Hartford family and of course to catch up with each other.

We ring in the New Year with high hopes that all of our initiatives will be successful. Cheers!!

—Jeffrey G. Wrightson

H.F.F. PLANS WINTER REUNION IN NAPLES, FL

H.F.F. has been invited by Bill Robertson to hold the next reunion in Naples, Florida. We have decided to try a different part of the country and a different time of year to see if we can attract new participants. As soon as a weekend is chosen we will send out postcards, so you can make airline reservations well in advance. Let's try for a big turn-out at our 25th Hartford Family Reunion. HFF

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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. Autographed copies are still available from H.F.F. for \$25 including postage.



NEW H.F.F. TRUSTEE, GEOFFREY ROBERTSON

Geoff Robertson was elected to H.F.F.'s Board of Trustees at the July meeting in Newport. Geoff is the son of Bill and Maud Robertson of Naples, Florida and Huntington, Long Island.



brokerage company called Boundless Travel LLC. He also attended the Kent School.

He and his wife, Julie, have a three-year-old son named

A graduate of the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science in Small Business, Geoff runs a family real estate company specializing in waterfront vacation properties in Hawaii. He previously worked as the southeast ad sales manager for Blue Water Sailing Magazine. During his senior year at UVM he started an adventure travel

Sammi and are expecting a second child in April. They are currently residing in Vermont while their new home is built in Middletown, RI.

We look forward to Geoff's greater involvement in H.F.F. and we hope he will encourage other members of his generation to participate in our activities. HFF

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HARTFORD FAMILY UPDATE



We are deeply saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Martha Wrightson Ramsing on July 28, 2004. Martha and husband, Thor, resided in Greenwich, CT, Palm Beach, FL and Edgartown, MA. She was 83 years old. A

graduate of Vassar College, Martha served on the boards of the Junior League of Greenwich, the League of Women Voters, the Family Center, Greenwich Academy and Green Fingers Garden Club. A founding supporter of H.F.F., Martha was the last sibling in the generation of Wrightsons that made H.F.F. what it is today. An avid reader and history buff, Martha could always be counted on to remember a key year or important name. Martha is survived by her husband of 61 years, Thor and four daughters: Martha Zoubek of Greenwich, CT; Cynthia McGinnes of Chestertown, MD; Beth Palmgren of Free Union, VA; and Karen Bixler of Kennett Square, PA. She is also survived by 3 grandchildren and a great-grandson along with numerous nieces and nephews. **HFF**

We have met a younger generation of the Pell family. Pictured are Christie (Pell) and Sean Randall with their two sons. Bertie Randall is 14 months and his older brother, Oliver Randall is 3. Christie is the daughter of Eugenia Pell of



Tucson and the late Bertie Pell and the granddaughter of Nuala & Claiborne. The Randalls reside in Memphis, TN.

Rollyn Zoubek Bornhorst, daughter of Muffin & Chuck Zoubek of Greenwich, CT is a singer-songwriter on tour with a female trio called **Maev**. Their latest album, entitled *The Simple and the Wonderful* has been picked up by Walmart. You can check out **Maev** at their website Maevemusic.com. **HFF**

H.F.F. sends greetings to our family members across the Atlantic. Charles O'Donnell, son of Columbus O'Donnell and nephew of Nuala Pell, and his wife Lucy reside in England. The O'Donnells have three children: Columbus (6 years old); Angelica (4 years old); and Archie, who is 2 years old. We welcome them as members of H.F.F. **HFF**

Juliet Hartford sends regards from Paradise Island where she has moved with her father, Huntington Hartford. Huntington has chosen Paradise Island, which he once owned, as his final resting place, although the 93 year old Hunt isn't planning on moving on too soon. If you would like to read a recap of Huntington's fascinating life, see *Hostage to Fortune* by Suzanna Andrews in the December 2004 **Vanity Fair**. **HFF**



Tripler Pell and husband, Tawfik Hammoud became the proud parents of Elias Hartford Hammoud on December 7, 2004. Tripler is the daughter of Christopher & Janet Pell of Newport, RI, and the granddaughter of Nuala & Claiborne Pell. **HFF**

The Linnartz family of New Canaan, CT sent this lovely photo which adorned their 2004 Christmas card. Young Jack and Olivia are seated on and with their parents, John and Vicki. Vicki is the daughter of Anne and Walter Meier of Spring Island, SC. **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**

H.F.F. membership is now paid on an annual basis. Applications for the year 2005 were sent out in December. Please continue to support our programs and activities by paying your annual membership dues.

Thank you all for your continued support! **HFF**

Please keep H.F.F. informed of your address changes and additions to The Hartford Family Tree.