

PAULINE A. HARTFORD CHAPEL

The Hartford Family Foundation was contacted by the Rev. Bonnie McDougall Olson from New York-Presbyterian Hospital where the Pauline A. Hartford Memorial Chapel is located. John Hartford had the Chapel built in memory of his wife, Polly in 1950. Rev. Olson is a Chaplain at New York-Presbyterian involved in raising funds for renovation of the Chapel.

To aid her fundraising activities, H.F.F. has donated a series of original photos of the Chapel from our archives. The hospital files did not have copies and these photographs originally came to us from Columbia Presbyterian. Rev. Olson was thrilled with the donation and invites all family and friends to visit the Chapel when they are in New York. HFF



H.F.F. '05 TRUSTEE MEETING

The Hartford Family Foundation Board of Trustees meeting was held on Sat, July 10 in Orange, NJ. The Board discussed ways to increase attendance at annual reunions and voted to plan the next event in Naples, FL. Ways were discussed to decrease storage rental space to cut expenses. Avis Anderson was asked to research these possibilities.

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), Bud Lewis, Cynthia McGinnes, Hunter McIntosh, Nuala Pell and Geoff Robertson. HFF

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OLIVIA WRIGHTSON SWITZ MEMORIALIZED

Members and invited guests of The Hartford Family Foundation gathered on Saturday, August 6th to honor their founder and loved one, Olivia Wrightson Switz.

Olivia's ashes were interred in the Hartford Mausoleum in Rosedale Cemetery. She joins her parents and other revered family members, including the great-grandparents she so admired, George Huntington & Josephine Hartford.

Jeff Wrightson, H.F.F. President and Olivia's nephew, opened the service with a prayer. Olivia's daughter, Mia Switz Halman, then gave a moving, beautifully-written eulogy for her mother offering many insights into Olivia's personality and amazing life.



In closing, Avis Anderson read a poem that Olivia had sent to Yolanda Collinson in 1998 describing her belief in reincarnation. Yolanda had found a card with the printed poem just days before the service. An excerpt follows:

*They know me not who think that I am only flesh and blood,
a transient dweller on this fragile spaceship earth, that gave me
human birth. . . . Our paths will cross again, our minds and
hearts will touch, our souls will shout with joy and laughter as
we recall the lives we've lived, the worlds we've seen, the ways
we've trod to find ourselves -- at last -- in God.*

Service attendees then had an opportunity to share their memories of Olivia. Afterward the group moved on to Pal's Cabin, a historic restaurant in West Orange, for lunch and further reminisces. It was a memorable day for a truly memorable lady. HFF



HARTFORD MAUSOLEUM - ROSEDALE CEMETERY

Rosedale Cemetery was founded in 1840 and is located in Montclair, Orange and West Orange, NJ. The Hartford Mausoleum was purchased by George Huntington Hartford around the turn of the century. It is the final resting place for the following family members: George Huntington & Josephine L. Hartford; Joshua & Martha S. Hartford; John H., Lewis R., George D., & Rachel C. Clews; Alan & Josephine McIntosh; William G. & Josephine C. Wrightson; Arthur G. & Marie H. Hoffman; Edward V. Hartford, Louis W. Ludum and Olivia Wrightson Switz.

This beautiful marble and granite structure was built in an idyllic setting, is adorned with Tiffany windows, and worth visiting if you are travelling on the Garden State Parkway. Unfortunately, it has not been well-maintained by the cemetery even though a sizable trust was established for its maintenance. Family members Thor Ramsing and Bill & Lorri Gibson have been pressing the cemetery for information and most recently H.F.F. Trustee, Hunter McIntosh, has taken up the cause. The McIntosh family has retained an attorney to investigate the responsibilities of the trust and the cemetery.

To visit Rosedale Cemetery, call the office at 973-673-0127 and identify yourself as a family member. 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. This has been a year of reorganization for H.F.F. We are happy to announce that our vast collection of memorabilia has been moved to a better-run, newer and immaculate storage facility in Red Bank. The items are now much easier to access and their surroundings much more pleasant. If you are ever in the Red Bank area, either Avis or myself would love to show off our new space.

We are hoping to once again get together in March, but your response to our reunion plans hasn't been all that enthusiastic. The Robertson family has been gracious in their invitation to Naples, but as of yet, we haven't had much of a response.

Our Reunions have always been key in H.F.F.'s goal of keeping the different branches of the family in touch. I would not like to see them end. Perhaps we just need more time to pass in between meetings. Of course, if too much time passes, we run the risk of losing touch all together. Please let us know how you would like H.F.F. to continue planning events in the future.

Cheers!!

—Jeffrey G. Wrightson

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

H.F.F. has been invited by Bill Robertson to hold our March reunion in Naples, Florida. We have not had much response from family and foundation members to our initial mailing. If we push the date back, we begin to compete with Easter vacation travellers for good hotel rates and airfares. We do not want to schedule an entire weekend of activities for ten people. It is not fair to the hosts or to the few dedicated members who attend our reunions.

We need to make plans, so please contact Avis if you are interested in coming to Naples the weekend of March 9, 2006. If you have an opinion on a better time of year, please give us that input also. We look forward to hearing from you. HFF

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. HFF



JOHN A. HARTFORD MEMORIAL PLANNED

After discussions with Dr. Corinne Reider, Executive Director of The John A. Hartford Foundation, and Dr. Joseph Hankin, President of Westchester Community College, Avis Anderson has begun planning a memorial to John A. Hartford. We hope to have it eventually housed in the John A. Hartford House (John's former home) on the campus of Westchester Community College. The College is building a new administrative building which might free up an upstairs room in Hartford Hall.

H.F.F. currently has in its possession John Hartford's original desk, leather sofa and side chairs from his office at A&P Headquarters in the Graybar Building. We are getting cost estimates on refurbishing this furniture to create a testimony to John in his former home. His office will be recreated using the original furniture and a photographic display will be mounted to tell the story of John and the A&P.

We believe that the college building that bears his name should have an informative testimonial which will give students and visitors a picture of the tremendously successful life of John A. Hartford. HFF



HARTFORD FAMILY UPDATE

Finnley William Walter Robertson was born to H.F.F. Trustee, Geoff Robertson and his wife Julie on April 13, 2005. Finn and his parents and older brother, Sammis, reside in Stowe, VT. His paternal grandparents are William and Maud Robertson of Naples, FL and Huntington, NY. Welcome to the family Finnley!**HFF**

Crystal Duell, daughter of Rachel and John Duell of Cutchogue, NY, married Michael Munson on January 15, 2005 in Duxbury, MA. Rachel, a St. Lawrence University graduate, owns C-Duell Arts Gallery and works as an independent art agent in Boston. Michael is a vice president of Wealth Management with Mellon Bank in Boston. The couple, along with Michael's 10-year-old daughter, Emilie, reside in Duxbury. **HFF**



Nuala and Claiborne Pell were blessed with two new great-grandchildren since our last newsletter went to press. 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 little Nuala Anna Irene was born to Christina and Sean Randall of Memphis, TN on June 9, 2005. Little Nuala is pictured with her brothers, Oliver and Bertie. Christie is the daughter of Eugenia Pell of Tucson and the late Bertie Pell. **HFF**

The Linnartz family of New Canaan, CT are shown enjoying a day on their boat in this photo which adorned their 2005 Christmas card. Young Jack and Olivia are seated with their parents, John and Vicki. Vicki is the daughter of Anne & Walter Meier of Spring Island, SC. **HFF**



The 2005 Christmas newsletter from Michael & Winsome McIntosh brings us up to speed with their family activities. Mark and Barbara have moved from Seattle to Wash, D.C. and have taken senior management positions in two environmental non-profits. Hunter remains an important member of the Boat Company

senior management team and H.F.F.'s Board of Trustees. And youngest son, Colin is a graduate student at the Institute of World Politics in Wash. D.C. studying foreign policy and national security. Mark, Michael and Hunter stand behind Barbara, Colin and Winsome in this photo.**HFF**



H.F.F. is moving from its current storage facility to a newer, more secure facility in Red Bank, NJ. The move will give Avis Anderson better access to the archival collection as she assumes the added responsibilities of her new position as Executive Director of the Monmouth Museum. Many of you visited Monmouth Museum when it hosted our popular exhibit, **A&P In American Life**. Avis will continue to supervise H.F.F. activities and maintain the archive.**HFF**

It was a good year for the fourth generation of the Robertson's branch of our family tree. Lily Redding Meier was born to April and Charlie Meier on February 24, 2005. Lily's paternal grandparents are Anne Robertson and Walter Meier of Spring Island, SC. Charlie, April and cute little Lily reside in Mt. Pleasant, SC.**HFF**



Our thanks go to the following family foundations which keep H.F.F. operating: The Banbury Fund, courtesy of Bill Robertson and Anne Robertson Meier; The John A. Hartford Foundation, courtesy of Nuala and Toby Pell; The Wrightson-Ramsing Foundation, courtesy of Thor Ramsing; and The Wrightson-Besch Foundation, courtesy of Lorri Besch Gibson and Jeff Wrightson. 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 2006 are enclosed in this newsletter. 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.