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# HISTORY and GENEALOGY

OF THE

ANCESTORS AND  
SOME DESCENDANTS OF

## Stukely Westcott

One of the Thirteen Original Proprietors  
of Providence Plantation and the Colony of Rhode Island

WITH ESPECIAL MENTION OF  
THE WESTCOTTS OF CHESHIRE,  
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS,

AND

THE WESTCOTTS OF MILFORD,  
OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

AND SOME OF THE ALLIED FAMILIES

Incorporating, and Extending, the Research of  
the late Hon. J. Russell Bullock of Bristol, R. I.

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## Westcotts in History

It is not the purpose of genealogies to single out individuals for special mention, but it may perhaps be pardonable here to refer to some persons of the Westcott blood who achieved a place in the history of our country.

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Edward Noyes Westcott, author of "David Harum," was a son of Dr. Amos Westcott, a prominent dentist of Syracuse, N. Y., of which city he was mayor during the Rebellion. After equipping himself, Edward became a banker and built up an excellent business. Then a series of adversities wiped out his business and broke his health. Previous to this, he had been captain of a Syracuse militia company, and while staging an exhibition drill at the old Weiting opera house, fell into the orchestra pit, landing on the back of his head, from which injury he never fully recovered. It was while recuperating from the breakdown occasioned by the failure of his business, at a camp in the Adirondacks, that he began to write "David Harum." He practically completed the novel while in Italy in the Winter of 1895-6. It was declined by many leading publishers, but when issued in the Autumn of 1898, following the death of the author, became at once a success, reaching a sale of 40,000 copies in a little more than a year. The human nature of the book is its strong characteristic. It is a faithful portrayal of certain phases of life in central New York in the late 1890s, and its humor is undeniable. (For his ancestry, see Appendix "B," p. 408.)

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John Kimberly Mumford was the grandson of a Baptist minister, whose wife was a daughter of the elder Reuben Westcott of Milford, N. Y. His father was a newspaper man at Syracuse, N. Y., and John K. followed his foot-steps. After some years of journalistic work at Syracuse, he went to New York and became identified with the Hearst newspapers. During the last months of the Spanish-American war, he was chief of the "New York Evening Journal" staff in Cuba. He contributed to magazines, and became an authority on Oriental carpets. He was author of "Oriental Rugs." He died in 1926 at Singapore, Straits settlement, British East India. (For his ancestry, see Pt. III, p. 301.)

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Robert Estling Westcott, founder of the Westcott Express Company, was son of Robert, who dwelled and died at Richfield Springs, Otsego County, N. Y. The father passed away about 1910. Robert E. had a half-sister, Mary Houston Westcott, who married ——— Salley, and a sister Corinne, who became the wife of Charles Conquest. He amassed a large estate, owning extensive land interests thruout central New York. His will mentions "Aunt Hattie"; his wife, Ada L.; his sister, Corinne; his daughter, Thalia Millett, also Ethelbert E., son of his deceased sister-in-law Frances Morrill; Ada C., daughter of Frances; also his cousin Emily DuBois of New York City, another cousin Ada Blanch Belknap of Yonkers, N. Y.; his son-in-law Stephen C. Millett; Mrs. Elizabeth Westcott of Yonkers; half-sister Mary Houston Westcott Solley. He had but the one child: Thalia.