

"STUKELY WESTCOTT, 1592-1677, planter and colonizer, one of 13 original proprietors of Providence Plantations in New England and Colony of Rhode Island; of Salem, Mass., 1635, Providence, R. I., and Warwick, R. I., 1643." His children: Robert, Damaris (Arnold), Amos, Mercy (Stafford), Jeremiah.

SOCIETY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS OF AMERICA

OFFICERS:

Allan F. Westcott, President
Coulman C. Westcott, Vice-President
V. Stukely Westcott, Vice-President
Rev. Arnold Harris Hord, Chaplain
Roscoe L. Whitman, Historian
Florence Earll Clarke, Secretary
603 West 139th St., N. Y. City
Mrs. Perry H. Murdick, Recording Secretary
Dr. Niles Westcott, Treasurer



DIRECTORS:

Allan F. Westcott
Coulman C. Westcott
Dr. Niles Westcott
V. Stukely Westcott
Mrs. Merton L. Ford
Miss Florence Earll Clarke
Mrs. Alice Stafford Hersey
Mrs. Perry H. Murdick
Rev. Arnold Harris Hord
Roscoe L. Whitman
Lawrence Lewis Gillespie
M. Gregory Dexter

Bulletins will be issued quarterly - March, June, September and December - containing information of activities of the Society, and sent to all members without charge.

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

September, 1934

"Know Your Kindred Better,"

No. 2

OUR FAMILY TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION NEXT JUNE. Plans for observing on June 24th to 28th next, the 300th anniversary of the founding of our Westcott family in America, are progressing even more encouragingly than had been expected. Arrangements thus far, vouchsafes this tercentenary celebration assuming proportions which will make it stand out as one of the most unique and interesting of old family events. In Salem, Boston and Rhode Island, there is evidence already that public officials will give their fullest cooperation in making the occasion one long to be remembered by every visitor - and it is believed there will be several hundred of them.

The Executive Committee of the Committee of Fifty, under the capable and enthusiastic chairmanship of V. Stukely Westcott, has, through its sub-committees, already completed tentative arrangements for transportation, hotels and dinners. The program is well advanced. Among the more interesting of its features, we are promised by the people of Salem, a pageant in the dress of the period, depicting the arrival of Stukely Westcott and his family June 24, 1635. This will be staged in the "Pioneers' Village," a reproduction of the settlement at Salem in 1630. Another outstanding feature will be an original poem on our family ascendancy by our member, Mrs. Edward R. Cogswell, which either she or Miss Cogswell, will present at one of the dinners. A number of prominent speakers will deliver the addresses, chief among whom will be the Rev. Arthur W. Cleaves, D. D., pastor of the old First Baptist Church of Providence, the society of which our Family Founder helped to organize in 1638.

During the celebration, the motorcade will visit in addition to the places of historical interest in and about Salem and Providence, historic Lexington, Concord, Cambridge, Bunker Hill, Boston, Hingham, Plymouth, Old Warwick, Pawtuxet Falls, Wickford, Coventry, Narragansett Pier, Jamestown and Newport, and also possibly, Provincetown on Cape Cod.

The motto of the Committee is "a maximum amount of enjoyment and comfort at a minimum cost." Early tentative reservations will help the Committee attain this goal. All communications should be mailed to V. Stukely Westcott, Chairman, 22 Cooke Street, Pawtucket, R. I.

MAKE A NOTE OF THIS! There will be a dinner-meeting of the Society held in New York City on Saturday evening, January 12th next. Social hour, beginning at 6 P.M.; dinner at 7 P.M. Unless the reservations exceed seventy plates, this gathering will probably take place at the Hotel Lexington, where the Society was organized last January 12th. Further details will be announced.

December Bulletin. At 3:30 P.M. of that day, there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee of Fifty, to receive reports and take further action in connection with plans for the celebration next year. All are invited to this meeting.

A BRONZE TABLET IN MEMORY OF THE FOUNDER

A manufacturer of bronze tablets in New York, requested "copy" for a suitable inscription to memorialize the memory and the deeds of our Family Founder, on condition that he might submit a sketch and estimate of cost. An attractive design which includes the family coat of arms, has been submitted for a tablet in solid bronze with matted background, hand-tooled raised letters and with oak leaf border; size 18 by 24 inches. The cost is \$79.00. The cost of erecting would bring the total expenditure to about an even \$100. It has been suggested that if arrangements can be made, that a tablet of this character be unveiled during the celebration on the original "house lot" of the Family Founder at Providence. Whether this location would be granted and whether the necessary funds can be raised, are questions involving considerable strategy, but that such a memoir would be fitting for the Society to unveil no one will want to contest.

THIRD BIENNIAL REUNION OF THE MILFORD WESTCOTTS

The Stukely Westcott Descendants' Association of Milford Township, Otsego County, N. Y., will hold its third biennial reunion probably at Milford Center and nearby Oneonta on Tuesday, July 2nd, 1935, in the week following the celebration in New England. Milford Center was the home community of James, Benjamin, and Reuben Westcott, who settled there when the section was being hewed out of the wilderness (1795). They were sons of Stukely Westcott, a great-great-grandson of the Family Founder. There are more than a thousand living descendants of this branch of the family, many of whom plan to attend the celebration next year in either New England or Milford township or both. This Association now holds Charter No. 1 for a Chapter of our Society. Harris Lee Cooke, esquire, Cooperstown, N. Y., is President of the Association.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER REUNION

With 47 present, the Rhode Island Chapter, No. 2, of our Society held its first annual meeting on June 23rd last, on the farm near Providence, of Dr. Miles Westcott. This old farm has been continuously owned by the ancestors of Dr. Westcott since the year 1700. The weather was "the ideal Westcott-reunion kind." After discussing the affairs of the Chapter, which, reports showed, are in a flourishing condition, a history of the old farm and its owners, was given, and this was followed by an outline of the plans for next year's celebration of the general family. At the conclusion of the program, the kindred went into a huddle with their basket suppers, coffee being served by the gracious hostess. The ancient family burial ground nearby was visited. Great credit is due to Dr. and Mrs. Westcott for the splendid condition in which the grounds are kept. Some of the graves date back to 1749. The day following the reunion - Sunday - forty of those present attended services in the old First Baptist Church at Providence. The pastor, the Rev. Arthur W. Cleaves, D. D., took for his subject: "What Our Ancestors Have a Right to Expect of Us," and during his discourse, referred to Stukely Westcott and his descendants, of whom those present were asked to stand that they might be identified. The church calendar contained this notice: "The Church is honored this morning by the presence of a group of the descendants of Stukely Westcott, who was one of the twelve men with whom Roger Williams shared the site of Providence. He was one of the original members of this church, having been baptised in 1638." V. Stukely Westcott, 22 Cooke Street, Pawtucket, R. I., is President of this Chapter.

UP-NORTH Seventy of the Westcott kindred of northern New York, including
 WESTCOTTS ten members of our national Society, assembled at Westcott Beach,
 ORGANIZE. near Sacket Harbor, N. Y., on August 27th, to "know their kindred
 better." Ideal weather, ideal surroundings and ideal spirit on the
 part of everyone present, made it an occasion long to be remembered. Allan F.
 Westcott, president of our Society, who is spending his summer holidays near
 his native Alexandria Bay, was master of ceremony, and the host and hostess was
 George H. Westcott and wife, owners of the beach. Baskets and hampers revealed
 abundantly ye olden tyme ability of Westcotts to appease their appetites, coffee
 being served from the urns of the gracious hostess. Following luncheon, the
 family gathered, and after listening to an outline of the family history and the
 current organized activities, voted to form an association and apply to the
 national Society for a charter for a Northern New York Chapter. The following
 officers were elected: Frank N. Westcott of Watertown, president; J. F. West-
 cott of Lacqua, vice-president, and Mrs. Hollis Westcott of Chestnut Ridge,
 secretary and treasurer. It was decided to hold reunions every year, the place
 and date in 1935 to be decided by the officers. The Westcotts of northern New
 York descend chiefly from Gardiner and Mary (Knight) Westcott, natives of Rhode
 Island, who after living a short time at Cheshire, Mass., settled at Deerfield
 (now North Utica, N. Y.) about 1793. Ten years later, with the majority of his
 eleven children, Gardiner removed to near Sacket Harbor where he died in 1808.
 He had over seventy grandchildren. When the English attacked Sacket Harbor in
 1813, Caleb Westcott, son of Gardiner, almost singlehanded, held the invaders
 back until the American troops could arrive. A colonel of the troops was John
 Westcott, another son. The Westcotts therefore, are justified in the pride they
 hold in their beautiful and glorious north-country.

NEW A list of the first 110 members of our family Society appeared
 MEMBERS in Bulletin No. 1, issued in May last, also a copy of the by-laws.
 Since then the following additional members have been reported:

Member Number	Names	Address	City
111	Westcott, Mr.* & Mrs. Edmund R.	R. D. No. 2	Newaygo, Michigan
112	Power, Mr.* & Mrs. E. Barnum	1526 Masonic Ave.	San Francisco, Cal.
113	Wood, Mr. & Mrs.* Benjamin		N. Scituate, R.I.
114	Hay, Mr. & Mrs.* William H.	Camp Black	Peekskill, N. Y.
115	Driver, Mr.* & Mrs. William C.	52 Kingsbury Rd.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
116	Westcott, Mr.* & Mrs. Geo. H.	1 Stewart St.	Amsterdam, N. Y.
117	Bennett, Mr.* & Mrs. John H.	12 Depot St.	Cheshire, Mass.

Corrections of names of Members in the May list--

15	Frost, Mr. & Mrs.* Wm. Henry	5 Delevan Terrace	Yonkers, N. Y.
57	Westcott, Miss Jennie M.	337 Providence St.	West Warwick, R. I.

NOTES If you have not already filed your application blank with
 the Secretary, please do so at once, filling out same as completely
 as you have the information available. --- Copies of the "The Ancestors and
 Some Descendants of Stukely Westcott" (1932) are still available; price \$10.00
 postage prepaid. A small down-payment will reserve a copy for you. It is not
 advisable to further delay action. --- The Westcott Coat of Arms in colors,
 35 cents. --- Send orders for either of the above to the Historian or to
 the Secretary.