

"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.

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HOLIDAY

GREETINGS OF YOUR FAMILY

Lest we forget, the first to be recorded in this December issue of the Bulletin, is the hope that the famous natal bird of our New England forefathers was plentiful on your Thanksgiving Day table. May the wishbone break in your favor and may you get your wish to attend the Tercentenary Celebration of Your Family next June. The Christmas holidays are approaching. May Santa Claus be generous to you, and your Christmas be merry and joyous. With the start of the 300th year of Your Family in America, may New Year's Day witness a real "turn of the corner" for you and yours that good cheer, health and prosperity may abide, and be enjoyed by you throughout 1935. So say we all, one to the other!

WESTCOTT

PAGEANTRY IN PIONEERS VILLAGE

Early last September, Puritan-garbed men and women engaged in the everyday occupations of the early 17th century in the Pioneers Village, an illuminating reproduction of the settlement of Salem, Mass., in 1630. Puritan maidens baked Johnny oake over an open fireplace in a bark hut, and logs were "higgered" outside on the village common. There were fifteen groups of "ye olde" activities in all. On the common of this same Pioneers Village next June 24th, first day of the celebration memorializing the 300th year of our family in America, Puritan-garbed men and women of Salem will stage a pageant depicting the arrival in the Bay Colony on June 24, 1635, of Stukely Westcott with his wife and six children. This pageant will vividly portray the appearance of the family, faithful in the dress of the period, and suggest the life they encountered in the home of their adoption. It will surely well repay everyone for a long journey to Salem. Of little less interest to the family kindred, will be the visit following the pageant, to the site of Westcott's "home lot in ye towne" and the site of "ye first meeting house" where he worshipped. Those of the family who believe that to "see America first" is to derive the utmost pleasure, will have no regret that their journey started in historic old Salem.

SPIRIT OF THE 1630s.

The spirit of the 1630s, which devastated England of many thousands of its most sturdy and courageous people, who desired freedom and independence above even home and neighbors, was the spirit of 1775 at Concord, Lexington and Bunker Hill. In following our Family

Founder from Salem to Providence on Tuesday, June 25th, a detour will be made to these towns whose people so gloriously showed the spirit of their ancestors on the approach of the British. The motorcade will then proceed to Cambridge, Boston, Hingham and Plymouth, where, on the shores of Plymouth Bay, Westcott first set foot on American soil. The final stage of the day's journey will be to Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620, and then on to Providence Rhode Island, for the night -- and three glorious days in the Westcott homeland! In Providence and Old Warwick and adjacent places, the first four generations of the family had their homes, cleared the forest, cultivated and harvested their crops, bred their cattle and sheep -- and raised large families! And so, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 26, 27, and 28, pilgrimages will be made to their old farm homesteads and to their graves, also to many homesteads and graves of those allied with them by marriage. Although the Celebration will close with a banquet on Friday evening, following a tour that day to Narraganset Pier, Jamestown, Newport and Portsmouth, where Westcott died at the home of Caleb Arnold, his grandson, there will be many individual sightseeing trips on Saturday, June 29, or a trip to Provincetown on Cape Cod and return.

BUT, THE

NEXT

IS--

The 258th anniversary of the death of our Family Founder will be observed by a dinner-meeting at the Hotel Lexington, New York City, on Saturday evening, January 12th next. Social Assembly, 6 to 7 P.M., dinner at 7. Dress optional. Last January at a similar dinner, when our Society was organized, thirty-seven were present. It now appears probable that twice that number will attend the coming dinner. Further particulars are given on the "Reservation Blank," a copy of which will accompany this Bulletin to those East of Ohio. The Committee is desirous of receiving early reservations, and YOUR cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Our President, Dr. Allan F. Westcott of Maryland, will preside, and groups are expected to be present from Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and up-state New York, as well as many from Greater New York. All Westcott descendants, whether members of the Society or not, are of course, invited. The dinner will be \$2.00; no tips or service charges.

WILL YOU

JOIN OUR

SOCIETY?

If you are a Westcott descendant, regardless of your family surname, you are eligible to membership in this Society and a cordial invitation is extended to you to become a member. You may not know your ancestral lineage back to Our Family Founder, but you should know the worthy heritage which is yours, and by joining the Society you will be given help in learning who your forebears were. Write to our Secretary, Miss Florence Earll Clarke, 603 West 139th Street, New York City, for an application blank. Fill it out as fully as you have the information available, and then return it to the Secretary, together with your check for initiation fee and dues (\$2.00), payable to Dr. Niles Westcott, Treasurer. Upon approval of your application, a certificate of membership will be issued to you. Applications received during December will be credited to our tercentenary year, 1935, provided you do not state you wish your membership to start with the beginning of the Society, 1934. You are of course, planning to attend the Celebration next June and will then be desirous of being a member of the Society in order that you will be recorded in the historical archives of the Congressional Library at Washington, in numerous State and local libraries and State historical associations. By becoming a member, you will be kept informed of the arrangements for the Tercentenary Celebration next June, and will also be given every possible assistance

in completing your own plans while you are in New England. You will want to know about transportation from Boston to Salem and from Salem to Providence, about sight-seeing tours in Salem and in and about Providence, rates at hotels and rooming houses, and of course, the program! Committees will aid you in every way possible. V. Stukely Westcott, 22 Cooke St., Pawtucket, R. I., is the general chairman.

IN

MEMORIAM

The sad news has been received of the passing of two of our members -- Edward Everett Westcott and Caroline Abigail Westcott Woodburn. Mr. Westcott was born in Milford township, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1860 (Westcott Genea., p. 267), died at St. Paul, Nebr., June 10, 1934. His death came suddenly while eating dinner. He attended the second biennial reunion of the Westcotts of Milford in 1933, and was planning to attend the Celebration in New England next June. Caroline A. W. Woodburn, wife of Cortlandt C. Woodburn, was born in Rutland, Vt., Jan. 8, 1876 (Westcott Genea., p. 291), died at Elmhurst, L. I., Aug. 22, 1934. She attended the first reunion of the Westcotts of Milford in 1931, and was present at the dinner on Jan. 13, 1934, when our Society was formed. Soon following, she was stricken with an illness from which she never recovered. President Allan Westcott has extended the sympathy of the Society to the members of both families.

OUR NEW
MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended by the Society to the following new members, of record up to Nov. 20 -- (*Descendant)

- 118 Mr. & *Mrs. Frank L. Vaughan, 1222 Kansas Ave., Woodward, Okla.
- 119 Miss Mary Westcott, 1006 Monmouth St., Durham, N. C.
- 120 *Judge & Mrs. Joseph A. Guthrie, 841 Westover Rd., Kansas City, Mo.
- 121 Theron Burke Westcott, 411 Cumberland Place, Toledo, O.
- 122 Mr. & *Mrs. T. Dell Kelley, 416 Summit St., Iowa City, Ia.

NOTES IN

Chairman V. Stukely Westcott has called a meeting of the Executive Committee on Celebration for 3 P. M., Jan. 12, 1935, at the Hotel Lexington, New York City. Plans will be discussed and action taken for the Celebration. All members of the Society will be welcome at this meeting. * * Detailed plans of the Celebration will be given in the March number of the Bulletin. However, you know the dates. Why not start your planning NOW? * * If you know of a Westcott descendant whose address is not on the mailing list of the Society, will you please send it to the Secretary? * * Application blanks have been sent to many descendants, AT THEIR OWN REQUEST, who have not returned them to the Secretary. Please do so NOW. Kindly fill out the blank as far as you have the information available. * * A few of the charter members have failed to return their application blanks. To help complete the records of the Society before the close of the year, PLEASE do so now. * * Third Biennial Westcott Reunion and Tercentenary Celebration at Milford Township, N. Y., will be held Tuesday July 2, 1935. * * Second reunion of the Westcotts of northern New York will be held following the celebration in New England. * * Westcott Genealogy (1932), 435 pages, Coat of Arms in colors, illustrated, \$10.00, post-paid. Westcott Coat of Arms for framing, 35 cents. Order from the Secretary of the Society. * * Please do not write for copies of Bulletins Nos. 1 and 2. The supply has been exhausted. * * Many already have pleasant recollections of their efforts to "know their kindred better" -- how about YOU?