

"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., 1638, and Warwick, R. I., 1643." His children: Robert, Damaris (Arnold), Amos, Mercy (Stafford), Jeremiah.

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CELEBRATION,
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Time marches on! In four months, three centuries will have passed since Stukely Westcott, our Family Founder, arrived on American shores. His outstanding contribution to American civilization, his heroic deeds in early colonization and his firm, God-given character have made it seem fitting to many of his descendants to perpetuate his memory and to commemorate his coming, by joining in a Celebration in New England, where he lived in this country. The desire to know the kindred better was rekindled in 1931 when 180 descendants gathered on the shores of Lake Otsego, N. Y. Since then other reunions of the family have been held in different sections of New York and Rhode Island. This renewed family interest culminated on January 13th, 1934, in the organization of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America. This Society will sponsor in June, the Celebration which will mark the 300th year of the family.

Mr. V. Stukely Westcott of 22 Cooke Street, Pawtucket, R. I., is the chairman of the Committee of Fifty, and the executive group of this committee, together with numerous sub-committees, have already nearly completed the arrangements. The providing for the comfort and pleasure and the opportunity to visit the points of interest in the homeland of our New England forefathers, is not a small task. Those who have participated in such planning will understand and those who have not had such experience must realize that the committee can promise little until it is known how many will attend and what accommodations (rooms and transportation) they will require. Thus, early registrations are not only obviously needed but are positively necessary if the desired comfort and pleasure is provided. The necessity of immediate reservation of rooms in Providence cannot be too strongly stressed for at the time of the Celebration, hotels and rooming houses will be crowded with people attending the races at the nearby Pawtucket track. In this respect, your attention is especially called to the accompanying blanks, and immediate action is urged. An outline of the program follows:

Monday, June 24, at Salem, Mass.

The Celebration will begin on Monday, June 24 next, at Salem, Mass., where Stukely Westcott and his family first permanently settled. A pageant by the people of Salem in the dress of the year 1635, will open the program at 1 P. M. This will enable many to reach Salem during the forenoon. The pageant will depict the arrival of the Westcott family in 1635 and the welcome extended to them by the settlers. It will be held on the shores of the bay where Salem has created a village of bark

huts in faithful replica of the settlement in 1630. Following this, will come a visit to Westcott's "home lot", also the site of the meeting house where he worshipped and where he became an unyielding disciple of the opinions of Roger Williams, and then to Peabody Museum and to Essex Institute with their wonderful historic collections, the famous House of Seven Gables, Gallows Hill, etc. The program for the day will close in the evening with a family dinner at the Hotel Hawthorne.

Tuesday, June 25, Tour to Rhode Island

After passing Tuesday, June 25, in visiting historic Lexington, Concord, Cambridge, Bunker Hill Monument, Boston, Hingham and Plymouth, time being afforded in each place to visit the points of greatest interest, the descendants and their consorts will have passed from the territory of the old Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth colonies into the old Providence Plantations and Colony of Rhode Island, which Westcott and eleven others helped Roger Williams found in 1638. Here in the busy city of Providence, the visitors will pass their first night of the Celebration in the homeland of the sturdy pioneers of the family.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, June 26, 27, 28

Three active, interesting days--Wednesday, Thursday and Friday--will be passed in Rhode Island. On Wednesday, following a visit to Westcott's "home lot" in Providence, commemorative services will be held in the old First Baptist Church, the society of which Westcott helped organize in 1638, the pastor, Rev. Arthur D. Cleaves, D. D., being the speaker. A tour of Providence will follow, and in the evening the family will gather for dinner at the Narragansett Hotel.

The program on Thursday, will include the first biennial business meeting of the Society, at which time reports of officers will be made and officers elected for 1935-6-7. This meeting will also be held in the old Baptist Church. The afternoon will be utilized in visiting Roger Williams Park, Gaspee Point, Pawtucket, Old Warwick (and Westcott's "home lot" 1643-76), Apponaug, Westcott, Oak Lawn and Cranston, embracing the homeland prior to the Revolution. Homesteads and graves of many of the first five generations will be visited. Evening dinner at the Narragansett Hotel.

The final day, Friday, will have another interesting program, taking the visitors to Wickford, Exeter Hill, Narragansett Pier, the section of "King Philip's War" (1675), Jamestown, Newport (including the 10-mile drive), and returning to Providence via Portsmouth, where Westcott died January 12, 1677. A farewell dinner at the Narragansett Hotel in the evening will bring the Celebration to a close.

Saturday, June 29.

Many will wish to occupy Saturday in resting before returning home, or in visiting places of individual interest, or joining in a tour to Provincetown on Cape Cod and return. Some are planning to leave Providence on Sunday morning, June 30, to attend the third biennial reunion and tercentenary celebration in Milford township, Otsego County, N. Y., which will be held on Tuesday, July 2.

Bronze Tablet to the Memory of Our Family Founder.

At a dinner in New York on January 12th, at which fifty-one were present, a fund was started with which to purchase and erect a bronze tablet to be unveiled in Rhode Island during the Celebration to the memory of our emigrant ancestor. All descendants, regardless of whether they are members of the Society, will wish to and are invited to contribute to this fund so that it may be truly representative