

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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MARK THESE

DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1937! Four important dates to jot down on your family calendar! Thursday to go by train, automobile, bus, Old Dobbin or on foot -- any way, just so you arrive in pretty Cooperstown on Lake Otsego, Otsego County in central New York, by the evening time to partake of dinner with your kin. This will mark the opening of the proceedings, according to tentative plans, of the second biennial celebration of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. The next day, Friday, see Cooperstown and its many points of historical interest, attend a commemorative service in one of the churches and transact such business as may be deemed necessary, before attending a second family dinner in the evening. Saturday will probably be "the great, big day" when there will be an old fashioned basket-picnic and field-day at some interesting point on the lake. No, you needn't bring your baskets from California, Oklahoma, Ohio, Rhode Island, or even from Edson Corners, for they make baskets in that niche in the woods and also the best things in the world to eat, all of which are to be had upon application at a nominal cost. At one of these gatherings, we are promised an address by Dr. Alexander C. Flick, Historian of the State of New York. Dr. Flick, it may be said, is familiar with every path and by-path in the Empire State, is fully conversant with its history from the earliest period, approves in a most hearty way of family organizations when they help extend and perpetuate the history of the country, and is a speaker with a message whom the entire Westcott family would greatly enjoy hearing if all could be present. The celebration will close on Sunday when those who wish to see the upper Susquehanna Valley and the country adjacent to it to visit old landmarks of their ancestors and the one-time trade-mart of the locality, now "The Lost Metropolis", may do so. And so, notice is hereby served on YOU, eleven months in advance, of this YOUR family gathering. YOU are WARNED not to arrange or permit other engagements which will prevent your being present. President Westcott has an official word to say in the following. - The Editor.

PRESIDENT

WESTCOTT'S NOTICE

I feel at this time, that our members would like to know about the 1937 Celebration. The kind invitation of Chapter No. 1, to meet in Cooperstown in 1937, was gladly approved by our Directors, and I was to appoint a committee of three to confer with a committee of Chapter No. 1 on a tentative program. The suggestions contained in the reports of these committees were excellent and showed that Cooperstown could entertain us nicely and that there would be many places of historical interest to visit. To carry out the program I have appointed for an Executive Committee, the following: Roscoe L. Whitman, General Chairman, the Presidents of the four Chapters, Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Harris Lee Cooke, Harry J. Westcott, Dr. Fred P. Solley and Norman O. Westcott. This committee will meet at the dinner in New York next January 9th, to adopt a definite program, as well as to announce sub-committees to carry out the various activities. The dates for the Celebration will be Aug. 5th (evening dinner only), 6th and 7th, with the 8th for those who wish to tour the surrounding country. Let us all keep these dates in mind and plan to meet with our kindred at Cooperstown. -- V. Stukely Westcott, President of the Society.

Reunion of Chapter No. 2.

The Rhode Island Chapter had its annual field-day and picnic at Goddard Park in East Greenwich, on Saturday, June 27. Despite unfavorable weather, thirty-eight were present and enjoyed a basket-supper around a fireplace. The business session was presided over by V. Stukely Westcott, the retiring president of the chapter. Upon the suggestion of the chairman it was voted to have two meetings each year instead of one as at present; one in June and another in the Fall -- the June gathering to be the annual meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Milton Gregory Dexter; Vice-President, William Mar Westcott; Historian, Ralph Westcott; Treasurer, George Peck Westcott; Secretary, Norman N. Westcott. Leslie Westcott, the retiring treasurer, is to make a check of those who are in arrears for dues and report to the secretary who will communicate with the members.-- Norman Westcott, Secretary.

 Reunion of Chapter No. 4.

The third annual reunion and picnic of Northern New York Chapter was held at Westcott Beach near Sacket Harbor, N. Y., on Monday, Aug. 10, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Westcott. Despite a heavy thunderstorm in the forenoon, sixty-eight were present. Through the generous hospitality of our host and hostess, their spacious farm home was thrown open for the luncheon. During luncheon, the storm ceased the sun came out brightly, and all adjourned to the beach. The speakers were Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Past-President of the national society and permanent Honorary President of the Chapter, and Roscoe L. Whitman, Historian. The following officers were elected: President, John F. Westcott (re-elected); Vice-President, Mrs. Harry L. Waugh; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lulu W. Burgen (re-elected). The appointment of an historian and the executive committee was left to the President. Seventeen new members were obtained, and the charter roll closed. -- Mrs. Lulu Westcott Burgen, Secretary.

 Reunion of Chapter No. 1

A special basket picnic of Milford Township (N. Y.) Chapter was held at Gilbert Lake State Park on Saturday, Aug. 15, with an attendance of twenty-six. It being a special meeting, no final action could be taken, but recommendations were made to the third biennial meeting to be held next year, that certain changes be made in the by-laws, including the holding of annual meetings instead of meetings every second year, and President Joseph R. Westcott appointed a committee to make and suggest the revision. A committee to confer and work with a committee of the national society in planning the national celebration to be held at Cooperstown next year, was appointed by President Westcott as follows: Harris L. Cooke, chairman; Mrs. Grace D. Roberts and Miss Jessie Westcott Davenport, all of Cooperstown; Reuben H. Westcott of Oneonta, and Joseph R. Westcott of Binghamton. Everyone had a bully good time in "family threshing". The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Haydn B. Westcott of Ridgefield Park, N. J., and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Matthew Westcott of Hamden, N. Y., Mrs. Pauline W. Waterman and sister, Mrs. Leah W. Pidgeon of Norwich, N. Y., Mrs. Frederick Avery Pomeroy of Elizabeth, N. J., and Historian and Mrs. Whitman of Westfield, N. J. The next regular biennial meeting of the Chapter will be held next year in conjunction with the celebration of the national society. -- Reuben H. Westcott, Secretary.

Madison County (N.Y.) Association.

The twenty-fifth annual reunion and picnic of the association of Westcotts of Madison County, N. Y., was held on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Westcott near West Eaton on Sunday, June 28, with upward of forty in attendance. The first of these family gatherings in Madison County was held in 1872 when 250 of the descendants of Oliver Westcott were present. This association is not affiliated with the national society, but it is hoped that a chapter may be formed by its members at an early date. Past-President Allan F. Westcott and Historian Roscoe L. Whitman, both of the national society, were the speakers. Other guests present were Mrs. Allan F. Westcott, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Lulu W. Burgen, Mrs. Laura M. Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Westcott and Edmund Whitman Morris. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Norman O. Westcott of Greene, N. Y., President, a member of the national society, and Mrs. Leva Westcott Brown of Eaton, N. Y., Secretary-Treasurer. It was voted to hold the reunion in 1937 on the last Sunday in June.--The Editor.

OUR PRESIDENT
AND HIS MRS.
IN PAGEANT.

In Episode I of the pageant on June 4th in Providence, celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Rhode Island, Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott, wife of our President, portrayed "Mrs. Stukely Westcott" of 1635, and again in Episode IV. In the latter episode, President Westcott portrayed "Stukely Westcott" of 1638. Of the upward of one hundred persons in the pageant, he alone was identified on the printed program as "a direct descendant" of the person portrayed. The pageant was in nine episodes--Banishment, 1635; the Wilderness; "What Cheer!" (the Indians' salutation to Roger Williams, 1636); the First Baptist Church, 1638; Revolution, 1776; Victory, 1781; Acceptance by R. I. of the U. S. Constitution, 1790; Civil War, 1861-5; Spanish-American War, 1898; World War, 1917, and Freedom. The pageant was a fine success.--The Editor.

OUR NEW
MEMBERS

Our Secretary, Miss Ethel Clarke, just home fresh from her Summer vacation, announces the following new members, enrolled since the last Quarterly was issued:

		<u>Presented By</u>
179 Mr.* & Mrs. Louis Stafford White	Ypsilanti, Mich.	Volunteered
180 Mr. & Mrs. Norman O. Westcott	Greene, N. Y.	Mrs. Pauline Waterman
181 Mrs. Flora E. Westcott (wid. Jas.H.)	Norwich, N.Y.	Mrs. Pauline Waterman
182 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Westcott	Massena, N. Y.	Volunteered
183 Robert William Westcott	Pawtucket, R. I.	Volunteered
184 Miss Sunie Dixon Rhodes	Louisville, Ga.	Volunteered
185 Miss Rachel C. Wilkins	Hoosic Falls, N.Y.	Roscoe L. Whitman

PASSING
MENTION

It is with regret that announcement is made of the passing on Aug. 2nd of our member, Edgar Myron Westcott of Clearfield, Pa. * * Our member, 103, and Chaplain, Dr. Myron N. Westcott, after a long pastorate at Scranton, Pa., has removed to East Orange, N. J. * * Harriet B. Ford (non-member), dau. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ford of Kankakee, Ill., was m-Dec. 31, 1935, to Dr. Marvin L. McClain of Scottsburg, Ind. * * Our member, 39, Mrs. Herbert S. Sands, of Denver, recently visited her sisters in New York, Mrs. F. K. Jones and the Misses Clarke, all members. * * The 1935 celebration deficit is now down to \$20.50; can this be eliminated during the remainder of the year? Any sum mailed to the Secretary will be welcome. * * 435-page Westcott history and genealogy, 1932, \$10.00, and Westcott Coat of Arms in colors, 35 cents. Order from the Secretary. * * Next family event --Dinner in New York, Jan. 9, 1937.