

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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YOUR FAMILY CELEBRATION IN AUGUST

Plans for the national biennial celebration of the Westcott and allied families, were practically completed at a meeting of the General Committee in New York on January 9th. The recent post-card vote gave a 3-to-1 majority in favor of holding the celebration on August 5, 6, 7 and 8 at Cooperstown. While only a little more than a half of the members voted, eighty-one declared their intention of being present. While the dates suggest a four-day gathering, it will be really a two-day celebration, for the first day, the 5th, will be utilized in reaching Cooperstown for the dinner in the evening and the final day, the 8th, occupied only in a tour of the adjacent country and starting for home. A suggestion of the program follows:

Thursday, Aug. 5th. Assemble at Cooper Inn in Cooperstown, N. Y. Registration and Reception, 5 to 7 P. M. (S.T.) Dinner, 7:15 P.M. The welcome will be extended by the President of Cooperstown; vocal solo by our member, Mrs. Mary Virginia Morris Stanton of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., who will also be present at other sessions, and orchestral music.

Friday, Aug. 6th. Forenoon--Commemorative services in old Christ Church, when the Pastor will deliver the address. Afternoon--Business meeting of the Society. Various points of historic interest to be visited between and after these sessions. Evening--Dinner at Cooper Inn. (The speaker will be announced in the "Quarterly" for June.)

Saturday, Aug. 7th. All-day old-fashioned field day and basket picnic at beautiful and privately-owned Five-Mile Point on Lake Otsego. Lunches will be available for those coming from a distance. The guest speaker will be the Hon. Harry V. Bush, President of the Mohawk Valley Historic Association. Evening--Closing Session and Dinner at Cooper Inn.

Sunday, Aug. 8th. Tour for those wishing it, visiting old Hartwick Seminary, Milford Township (old "Westcott Homeland") and Oneonta (State Normal School and Hartwick College) in the beautiful Susquehanna Valley Oneonta Country Club in the Otego Valley, Mt. Vision, Fly Creek Valley (another old "Westcott Homeland"), Canadarago Lake, Richfield Springs (one-time home of Westcotts), Cherry Valley, then a magnificent panoramic view of the historic Mohawk Valley, Sharon Springs, and arriving at Canajoharie and Palatine Bridge in time to take evening trains East and West.

The commemorative service in historic, old Christ Church on Friday morning, is expected to be one of the most interesting features of the celebration, as was the like service in the old First Baptist Church at Providence two years ago. Perhaps the more enjoyable of the three dinners--Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings--will be that of Friday evening, but the dinner on Thursday evening will be a sort of family reunion and thus will prove especially interesting. The farewell dinner on Saturday evening, is to be made, according to the proposed plans, something of a gala affair. "Fun and frolic in large packages to take home."

A genuine old-fashioned family field-day and picnic, such as our forebears were wont to enjoy more than a century ago, will be the all-day attraction on Saturday and will undoubtedly be attended by many who will be unable to be present at the other events. Most fortunately our chairman of the local committee, Harris Lee Cooke, has been able to obtain the consent of the private owners of beautiful Five-Mile

Point on Lake Otsego for this gathering. It is a delightful place and possesses all the necessary appointments for spreading our luncheons on either the expansive green or having it served on the broad veranda overlooking the lake.

A few advance notes for your personal information may not be amiss. Reservations of rooms need not be made before June 20th, except if you plan to stop at Cooper Inn, reservation should be made early to the Manager, H. J. Merrick, Jr., Cooper Inn, Cooperstown, N. Y. Write him, if you like, for an illustrated folder. Many of the private homes at Cooperstown receive paid guests for \$1.00 per night per person. The three dinners are \$1.50 each. Luncheon on Saturday, if wanted, 50 cents. Fare to Five-Mile Point and return, if wanted, 25 cents. There will be a small fee to help defray the general expenses of the celebration. Our photographer of 1935 will again be with us. This will be a reunion of YOUR FAMILY! Of course, you will be there!

Roscoe L. Whitman, Westfield, N. J., is general chairman, and Harris Lee Cooke, Esq., Cooperstown, N. Y., is local chairman. Committees and further announcements will be made in the June issue of this "Quarterly".

HOW WILL

YOU GO TO

COOPERSTOWN

Yes, Cooperstown is off the railroads, but this is no reason why you will have to walk. Listen! If you make the trip by train, purchase a ticket at your home station to FORT PLAIN, N. Y., on the New York Central railroad. Leave home on one of the trains scheduled below or a train that connects with one of them. A chartered motor-coach or bus will meet you at Fort Plain and take you the twenty-seven miles to Cooperstown. The bus fare will be \$1.00, but to be sure there is room in the bus for you it is necessary that you reserve a ticket soon after June 20th. The following railroad schedule, which as the railroad folders say, is "subject to change", will help you begin your planning. You are further advised to consult your local ticket agent.

New York, Lv.	11 00 AM	St. Louis, Lv.	6 00 PM	Massena	Lv. 7 20 AM
Yonkers	11 27 AM	Chicago	Lv. 8 00 PM	Canton	8 07 AM
Boston	Lv. 8 30 AM	Cleveland	Lv. 5 48 AM	Watertown	9 50 AM
Springfield	11 05 AM	Buffalo	9 29 AM	Pulaski	10 50 AM
Albany	Lv. 2 13 PM	Rochester	10 43 AM	Parish	11 08 AM
Schenectady	2 40 PM	Syracuse	12 10 AM	*Syracuse	Lv 12 10 AM
FORT PLAIN, Ar.	3 35 PM	*Utica, N.Y. Ar.	1 09 PM	*Utica	Ar 1 09 PM
FORT PLAIN, Lv.	3 45 PM				
COOPERSTOWN, Ar.	5 00 PM				
		*Utica	Lv. 1 20 PM	*Change cars	
		FORT PLAIN	Ar. 2 46 PM	Returning, Tour will	
		FORT PLAIN	Lv. 3 45 PM	arrive Palatine Bridge	
Or if you come by		COOPERSTOWN	Ar. 5 00 PM	in time for evening	
automobile --				N. Y. Central Trains.	

Motorists will find by consulting their road-maps, that all highways lead to Cooperstown. Ten miles to the north is the famous route 20, Albany to Chicago, and eighteen miles to the south is route 7, which, at Binghamton, N. Y., connects with the equally famous Lackawanna Trail. To Cooperstown from New York City, via. Catskill village, Schoharie and Sharon, the distance is 192 miles; from Providence, R.I., via. Springfield and Pittsfield, Mass., and Albany, N. Y., 256 miles; from Albany, 73 miles; from Watertown, 123 miles; from Syracuse, 86 miles; from Cleveland, Ohio, via. route 20, 410 miles; from Philadelphia, via. Easton and Scranton, Pa. and Oneonta, N. Y., 244 miles; from Scranton, 127 miles; from Binghamton 85 miles; from Oneonta, 22 miles. Leatherstocking Garage at Cooperstown 50 cents per night, but you will find plenty of free parking -- and nowhere in the wide World are there better highways than in the great Empire State!

EVERYONE

The fourth annual reception and dinner of the Greater New York Chapter, No. 3, of this Society, held in New York on Jan. 9th, was attended by fifty-seven persons. It was a pronounced success. Miss Florence A. Westcott had charge of the arrangements, capably assisted by her sister, Mrs. Pauline W. Sharpe, and the latter's daughter, Miss Priscilla Sharpe. These dinners are held each year on the Saturday evening nearest to January 12th, the anniversary date of the death (1677) of Stukely Westcott, founder of this branch of the Westcott family in America. Accordingly, date of the next of these pleasant dinners will fall one week later, Jan. 15th. Joseph R. Westcott of Binghamton, president of Chapter No. 1, and Harris Lee Cooke, Esq., and wife, of Cooperstown, were present and extended a further invitation to attend the celebration at Cooperstown next August. Mr. Cooke created a place for himself in the hearts of his cousins present as an after-dinner humorist. Other addresses were made by President V. Stukely Westcott of the national Society and Past-President Allan F. Westcott. Officers of Chapter for 1937 were elected as follows: Harry J. Westcott of Passaic, N. J., President, and Miss Florence A. Westcott of New York City, secretary-treasurer. Retiring President Dr. F. Howard Westcott presided. Those present were: Connecticut--Mrs. Samuel Driver, Sr., Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter and James R. Morris, Greenwich. District of Columbia--Mrs. Herbert I. Arnold, Washington. Maryland--Dr. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott, Annapolis. Massachusetts--Mrs. James H. Stansfield, Cambridge. Michigan--B. W. Westcott, Detroit. Pennsylvania--Mrs. H. H. Kynett, Philadelphia. New Jersey--Dr. Myron Nelson Wescott, East Orange; Mrs. Frederick A. Pomeroy, Edmund W. Morris, Elizabeth; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Marroquin, Miss Mildred Rich, Miss Marion Wescott, Samuel Dorfler, Chester W. Wescott, Walter V. Wescott of Hackensack; Mrs. A. C. Norwine, Harry J. Westcott, Passaic; Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Wescott, Patterson; F. I. Wescott, Lyle D. Wescott, River Edge; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Westfield. New York--Joseph R. Westcott, Binghamton; Mrs. W. J. MacInnes, Miss Edith S. Arnold, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Harris L. Cooke, Cooperstown; Mrs. Philip Stanton, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Pauline Westcott Sharpe, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Solley, Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, Miss Florence A. Westcott, Miss Priscilla Sharpe, Miss Ethel G. Clarke, Miss Florence Earll Clarke, Miss Dorothy Westcott, Miss Marion Arnold, Miss Joan Marion, Miss M. Levine, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Waterman, Norwich; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Frost, Yonkers. Rhode Island--William Mar Westcott, Apponaug; Mr. and Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott, Pawtucket.

PASSING OF

AN ASSOCIATE
MEMBER

The passing of our Associate Member, Elisha Stephen Arnold, at his home in Plattsburg, N. Y., June 25th last, is most regretfully announced. Had he lived to last Oct. 16th, he would have been ninety-three years of age. Mr. Arnold and one of his daughters, Edith S. Arnold, became Associate Members of this Society when it was organized, and have always taken a keen interest in it. He, in 1935, published "The Arnold Memorial", a history of the family of William Arnold, who came from England on the same vessel with Stukely Westcott in 1635. They were neighbors in Somersetshire. The writer, also a descendant of William Arnold, has an autographed copy of Mr. Arnold's "Memorial", which is highly prized. Truly, as was said in the newspaper notice of his passing, "a beautiful life ends not in death."

The Westcott Coat of Arms, which heretofore, has been sold to anyone ordering it, will hereafter be presented to each new member and not sold outside of the membership. This procedure is deemed advisable in order that it may be possessed only by those entitled to it.

Why not help make the membership roll 100% by sending in your 1937 dues, if you have not already done so?

OUR NEW
MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to sit in the "official" family circle is extended to the following new members of the Society, whom our Secretary, Ethel G. Clarke, announces have been received since the December number of the "Westcott Quarterly" was issued--

190 Mr. and Mrs.* Andrew C. Norwine, Passaic, N. J.
 191 Mrs.* Lois Stone Caswell Platt, Norwalk, Conn.
 192 Mr.* and Mrs. Chester A. Westcott, Paterson, N. J.
 193 Mrs.* Frank J. Carpenter Long Beach, Cal.
 194 Mr. and Mrs.* Phillips Stanton, Oneonta, N. Y.

Presented By
 Harry J. Westcott
 Roscoe L. Whitman
 Chester W. Westcott
 Roscoe L. Whitman
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A WORTHY
WESTCOTT
GIFT

Members of the Society can help in placing the history of the Westcott and allied families on record by urging their local libraries to purchase a copy of the Westcott Genealogy (1932) and place it in their genealogical departments. A number of members have already purchased the book, autographed and presented it to their libraries. Thus, these books become an enduring memorial to the donors. If and when the Book of Appendices to the Genealogy is published, it will contain the record of hundreds of the branching families, but only back to a forebear of record in the original or present book. Accordingly, those of record in the Appendices will require both books in order to trace their ancestry back to Stukely Westcott, the emigrant founder of the family. The Genealogy should be in every Westcott home. It is printed on superior imperishable rag paper, serviceably bound, and thus is not to be compared with genealogies published chiefly from the standpoint of cheapness. It is a credit to any private or public library. The price is \$10.00, delivered postpaid, or you may have a copy reserved for you by making a deposit of \$2.50. Send your order to either the Historian or the Secretary of the Society. Further information of the ancient family in England and the early family in New England has been gleaned since 1932, and to this has been added hundreds of family lineages which do not appear in the original book. Another book of 435 pages is possible. The matter of publishing the Appendices will be discussed at the Celebration in August.

NOTES IN
PASSING

If, by chance, you have not remitted your 1937 dues, won't you please do so NOW? * * With this number, the "Westcott Family Quarterly" completes its third year. * * The following are recent members of the D.A.R. from service of Stukely Westcott, 1726-1802, Warwick, Coventry, R. I., and Cheshire, Mass.: Mrs. Harold Belf, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter, Greenwich, Conn. and Mrs. Charles S. Swanson, Council Bluffs, Ia. * * It was not "Major" John Westcott who m-Sarah Rice, as stated in the December number of the "Quarterly", but Ensign John Westcott. Major John m-Sarah Collins, as stated in the W. G. * * Our Northern New York Chapter No. 4 reports: Member Tracy W. Skinner was married to Miss Mildred Fuller of Central Square, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1936, and members Floyd Leland Coon and wife welcomed the arrival of Richard Floyd Coon, Feb. 11, 1937, and member Mrs. Newton S. Parsons of Mexico, N. Y., Historian of the Chapter, is continually finding more descendants to add to the family circle, and President John Fancher Westcott and his wife, have been confined at home much of the Winter by illness, and finally, Ye Editor finds pleasure in stating that in member Mrs. Frederick Lewis Burgen, this Chapter has a Secretary who is most efficient. * * William Westcott who was in New England about the time of Stukely, Richard and Daniel Westcott and claimed by some to have been a brother of Richard, is said to have settled in Virginia, married and to have had a posterity. However, no substantiating record has been found, although there were Westcotts in the South in early times who cannot be identified. * * Only members of this Society may buy the family Coat of Arms in the future. * * And now, Cousins, "Father and Mother Westcott await you in beautiful Cooperstown.