

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

Issued Quarterly--March, June, September and December--noting activities of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, and mailed to members free; to non-members, 25¢ yearly. Secretary: Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 W. 139th St., N.Y.C.

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## SECOND

**BIENNIAL CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!** Fine weather, a good attendance of interested cousins and a busy program were all contributing factors in making the second biennial celebration of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants at Cooperstown on Lake Otsego, N. Y., Aug. 5th to 8th, one of the most enjoyable events yet held by the Westcott family. The program as outlined in the "Quarterly" for June, was carried out in its entirety. Beautiful Cooperstown with its numerous places of historical interest, including old, English-atmosphere Christ Church and the graves of Judge William Cooper and his illustrious son, James Fenimore Cooper, under the century-old elms, proved its interest to the visitors. Picturesque Five-Mile Point on Lake Otsego, privately owned, was ideal for the picnic on Saturday. Circuit pictures of the group were taken at the Cooper graves and at the lake. Dinners at Cooper Inn were enjoyable gatherings. The addresses by Judge Abraham Lincoln Kellogg of Oneonta, Hon. Harry V. Bush, President of the Mohawk Valley Historical Association, Rev. Jackson L. Cole, Rector of Christ Church, and those by our members Dr. Allan F. Westcott and V. Stukely Westcott, past-presidents of the Society, Dr. Leo E. Westcott, Harris Lee Cooke, Milton Gregory Dexter and others, together with the historical papers by Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter and Roscoe L. Whitman, Historian of the Society, added much to the enjoyment of this gathering of the clan. To this enjoyment was further added the delightful soprano solos by our members, Mrs. Mary Virginia Morris Stanton, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marian Allison. The visitors were heartily received and welcomed by Major Theodore J. Lettis of Cooperstown. The sight-seeing tours were well guided by local Boy Scouts James Lettis and Alfred J. Peevers, Jr. At the regular biennial business meeting, the following officers and directors were elected for 1937-8-9:

President, Joseph Rogers Westcott of Binghamton, N. Y.  
Vice-Pres., Dr. Leo E. Westcott of Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Vice-Pres., Milton Gregory Dexter of Belmont, Mass.  
Chaplain, Dr. Myron N. Westcott of Waterford, N. Y. (re-elected)  
Historian, Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield, N. J. (re-elected)  
Secretary, Miss Ethel G. Clarke of New York City (re-elected)  
Rec.-Sec'y, Mrs. Chester W. DeMond of White Plains, N. Y. (re-elected)  
Treasurer, Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, R. I.  
Director, V. Stukely Westcott of Pawtucket, R. I. (Board of  
Director, Dr. Allan F. Westcott of Annapolis, Md. (Directors  
Director, Mrs. Grace D. Roberts of Cooperstown, N. Y. (Also Include  
Director, Miss Susan Westcott Handy of Manville, R. I. (the Officers.

At this meeting, it was voted to defer making changes in the "Articles of Organization" of the Society until the next regular meeting in 1939. In tribute to the memory of eight regular and one associate members who have passed away since the Society was organized in January, 1934, the meeting paused for a moment in silence. Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer showed the Society to be in a good financial condition. The memorial tablet dedicated by the Society in 1935 on the "home lot" in Old Warwick, R. I., of Stukely Westcott, was reported by William Mar Westcott, chairman of the committee, to be in good condition.

Some thirty people remained for the tour on Aug. 8th, during which the Milford Tp. Chapter unveiled a bronze tablet in the old Baptist Church at Milford Center to the memory of the pioneer forebears of its members in that section.

After a splendid luncheon at "The Mayflower" in Oneonta, the tour continued through the Otsego and Fly Creek valleys to Richfield Springs, Cherry Valley and Sharon Springs to Canajoharie in the historic Mohawk Valley. Here they were received by Mayor Bush, who had been their guest speaker on the previous day. There was talk of a place at which to hold the celebration in 1939, New York City (because of the World Fair to be held there in that year), Greenwich, Conn. (because it is adjacent to New York and yet far enough away to escape the crowds at the Fair), and some point in the Mohawk Valley where its countless points of historical interest might be visited, are among the locations mentioned.

Letters and telegrams of regret were received from Miss Jessie Westcott Davenport of Minneapolis, Minn., Dr. and Mrs. Merton L. Ford of Oneonta and Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. Esther G. Arnold of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. George Westcott of Sacket Harbor, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. George Westcott of Sumner, Ia., Dr. and Mrs. Myron N. Westcott of Waterford, N. Y., Mrs. Theodora Bates Cogswell of Newton Highlands, Mass., Miss Ethel G. Clarke of New York City, Miss Florence Whitman of Albany, N. Y., Mrs. Margaret C. Westcott of Binghamton, N. Y., Mrs. Inez S. Stansfield of Cambridge, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Westcott of Passaic, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Haydn B. Westcott of Ridgefield Park, N. J., Mrs. Helen Klein of Pleasantville, N. Y., Mrs. Frederick Lewis Burgen of Hastings, N. Y.

The following were present, the asterisk (\*) affixed to the name indicating the descendant and member of the Society:

CONNECTICUT: -- FAIRFIELD -- Mrs.\* Samuel Driver.  
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: -- WASHINGTON -- Mr. & Mrs.\* Aaron G. Johnson and son Laurence Westcott Johnson.  
 IOWA: -- DES MOINES -- Miss\* Hazel G. Wightman.  
 MARYLAND: -- ANNAPOLIS -- Dr.\* & Mrs. Allan F. Westcott and the Misses Ruth and Ann Westcott and Allan F. Westcott, Jr.  
 MICHIGAN: -- KALAMAZOO -- Dr.\* & Mrs. Leo E. Westcott.  
 MINNESOTA: -- JACKSON -- Mr\* & Mrs. Fred W. Killion and son Lorn Killion.  
 NEW JERSEY: -- BOONTON -- Mr.\* & Mrs. Homer D. Roberts; Miss Audria Potter (guest); ELIZABETH -- \*Edmund Whitman Morris, Mrs. Eva Kline Pomeroy (guest);  
 MONTCLAIR -- Mrs. Pearl Gage (guest); WESTFIELD -- Mr.\* & Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman.  
 NEW YORK: -- BINGHAMTON -- Mr. & Mrs.\* Carlton J. Cook; \*Joseph R. Westcott; COOPERSTOWN -- Mr.\* & Mrs. Harris Lee Cooke; Mrs. John L. Graham, Mrs.\* Grace Davenport Roberts; FULTON -- Mrs.\* William E. Taylor; Mrs.\* Harry L. Waugh; GREENE -- \*William "Lin" Westcott; Mrs. Merton Westcott and daughters, the Misses Alice L., Marjorie E. and Martha L. Westcott; HARPERSVILLE -- Mr. & Mrs. Harold D. Westcott; HOOSICK FALLS -- \*Nathan H. Wilkins and daughter, Miss\* Rachel C. Wilkins; MILFORD -- Mr.\* & Mrs. C. Sextus Morris; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Clark Rose (guests); NEW ROCHELLE -- Mr.\* & Mrs. William C. Driver; NEW YORK CITY -- Miss Priscilla Sharpe; Miss\* Florence A. Westcott; NORTHPORT -- Mr. & Mrs.\* Adelbert Niles Potter; NORTH WICH -- Mrs.\* Flora E. Westcott and daughter, Mrs.\* Pauline Westcott Waterman; ONEONTA -- Mrs. A. Stanley Morris and daughter, Mrs.\* Mary Virginia Morris Stanton; Miss Day (guest); Mr.\* & Mrs. Jarvis B. Sargent; Mr. & Mrs. Lee E. Westcott; Mr. & Mrs. Lucius M. Westcott; Luzerne Westcott Crandall; \*Reuben H. Westcott; SCHUYLER LAKE -- Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Kinney; SYRACUSE -- Mr. & Mrs. Clifford A. Cady; UNADILLA -- Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Westcott; UTICA -- Mrs.\* Mabel Westcott Bishop; Mrs.\* Rena Westcott Shippy; WHITE PLAINS -- Mr. & Mrs.\* Chester W. DeMond; Mr.\* & Mrs. James Hobart Westcott; YONKERS -- Mr. & Mrs.\* Willard H. Frost.  
 RHODE ISLAND: -- APPONAUG -- Mr.\* & Mrs. William Mar Westcott; BRISTOL -- Mrs. Howell L. Williams; MANVILLE -- Mr. & Mrs.\* Thomas Henry Handy and son and daughter, \*Thomas H. Handy, Jr., and Miss\* Susan Westcott Handy; PAWTUCKET -- Mr.\* & Mrs. Frank W. Westcott; Mr.\* & Mrs. V. Stakely Westcott; PROVIDENCE -- Mrs.\* Ethel Westcott Hutchins Cargill and daughter, Miss Leone P. Cargill; Mr.\* & Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott.  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: -- MADISON -- Mrs. Alexander Owens.  
 Thirty-eight voting members were present.

PICTURES OF  
THE 1937  
CELEBRATION

As the years multiply, pleasant recollections are had of friends and relatives by looking at pictures taken at family gatherings such as the one at Cooperstown. Two splendid circuit group-pictures (size about 6 by 25 inches) were taken on that occasion by Hayes Bigelow of Brattleboro, Vt., whose pictures of the tercentenary celebration in 1935 will be recalled by many. One picture of the group was taken at the grave of the novelist, James Fenimore Cooper, and another of the family assembled on Lake Otsego at Five-Mile Point. These pictures are \$1.50 each, and may be ordered direct from Mr. Bigelow. A smaller picture of the newly-elected officers may be had for 65 cents. In ordering send cash or have pictures sent C. O. D.

OUR NEW  
MEMBERS

Since the Quarterly for June, was issued and before the business meeting of the Society on Aug. 6th, the following new members were announced by Miss Clarke, Secretary --

		Presented by
200 Mr. & Mrs.* William E. Taylor	Fulton, N. Y.	Chapter No. 4.
201 Miss Edith Caroline Westcott	New York City	*Harry J. Westcott.
New members received since Aug. 6th --		
202 Mr. & Mrs. Amos Martin Westcott	Johnsonville, N. Y.	*Rachel C. Wilkins.
203 Mr. & Mrs.* Aaron G. Johnson	Washington, D. C.	Volunteered
204 Mr.* & Mrs. Homer D. Roberts	New York City.	*Mrs. Grace D. Roberts

OTHER  
FAMILY  
EVENTS

The annual regional gatherings of Westcotts have been held during the Summer months at Manville, R. I., West Eaton, N. Y., and Westcott Beach, near Sacket Harbor, N. Y. The reunion of the Milford, N. Y., Chapter was held in conjunction with the Celebration at Cooperstown. This month (September), the Nicholas Westcott Association of Vermont, which has recently erected head-stones at the graves of Nicholas and Phebe Westcott, will meet at St. Catherine Lake. The next dinner of the Greater New York Chapter will take place on Jan. 15th. At West Eaton, Mrs.\* Pauline Westcott Waterman of Norwich, was made President, and Mrs. Leva Brown of Eaton, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. At Sacket Harbor, \*John F. Westcott of Syracuse, was re-elected President, Mrs.\* Harry L. Waugh of Fulton, re-elected Vice-President, Mrs.\* Frederick Lewis Burgen of Hastings, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Newton S. Parsons of Mexico, Historian. The Milford-Westcotts elected \*Jarvis B. Sargent of Oneonta, President, Ray Clark Rose of Milford, Vice-President, and Mrs.\* Grace D. Roberts of Cooperstown, Secretary-Treasurer. In Rhode Island, officers were elected in 1936 for two years. Upward of fifty were in attendance at each of these gatherings. (\*Indicates member of the National Society.)

WORK ON  
THE FAMILY  
HISTORY

The Historian of the Society announced at the Celebration that the general Westcott family genealogical research for a book of appendices to the Genealogy of 1932, would be closed on December 31st next. Several weeks will then be required for assembling and classifying the records compiled since 1932 and putting the manuscript in condition for the printers or filing. To insure publication in book form, \$1,200 at least must be subscribed, each subscription entitling the subscriber to one book. Three subscriptions, totaling \$65.00, were presented at the Celebration. If you are interested in having this book published, write the Historian.

WESTCOTTS  
OF CENTRAL  
NEW YORK.

From the paper read at the Celebration by our Historian:

"First of the Westcotts to migrate to Central New York was perhaps, Sarah Westcott, who with her husband, Joshua Eaton, settled near what is now Eaton, Madison County, 1784. In the same year, Benedict Arnold Hatfield, desc. of Damaris Westcott Arnold, settled in Ontario County. Gardiner Westcott, father of Sarah Westcott Eaton, settled in Deerfield, Oneida County, 1793. Freelove Westcott and her husband, William Stafford, in Waterville, Oneida County, 1793. James and Benjamin Westcott, brothers, in Milford, Otsego County, 1795. Stephen Westcott in South Butler, Wayne County, 1796. Daniel Westcott at Fly Creek, Otsego County, 1799. Another Stephen Westcott in Galway, Fulton County, by 1800. Oliver Westcott in West Eaton, Madison County, 1800. Amos Westcott in Norwich, Chenango County by 1800. Dorcas Westcott Edwards in Norwich, Chenango County, 1800. Joseph Westcott in Peru, Clinton County, 1800. Samuel Westcott in Oxford, Chenango County, 1802. Christopher Westcott in Richfield, Otsego County, 1804. Ezekiel Westcott in Richfield, Otsego County, 1804. Charles Westcott in Brookfield, Madison County, 1804. Preserved Westcott in West Eaton, Madison County, 1805. George Westcott in Morrisville, Madison County, by 1812. Gorton Westcott in Newport, Herkimer County, by 1812. Reuben Westcott in Milford, Otsego County, 1815. Eldredge Westcott in St. Lawrence County, 1817. Dorcas Westcott and her husband, Walter Fitch, in Milford, Otsego County, 1819. Susan Westcott and her husband, William Waterman, in Newport, Herkimer County, 1820. Albert Westcott in Milford, Otsego County, 1820. Ezekiel, John Henry and William Westcott, brothers, in Savannah and South Butler, Wayne County, 1825. Pomeroy Porter Westcott in Port Byron, Cayuga County, 1825. Stukely Westcott in Canton, St. Lawrence County, 1830. David Westcott in Clayton, St. Lawrence County, 1830. Nicholas Westcott in Schenectady County, 1830. Another pioneer was Johnson Westcott in Burrville, Oswego County, 1847."

"However, several years before these early incursions took place, or in or before the Summer of 1778, Esther Randall and her husband, Benjamin Stark Wightman, came from Colchester, Conn., and settled at German Flats, then the location of Forts Herkimer and Dayton and now the immediate section about Herkimer, Herkimer County. Esther Randall was a granddaughter of Katherine Westcott, who was a granddaughter of Robert Westcott, killed in the "King Philip" war. Robert was the son of the emigrant Stukely Westcott."

(Of these 33 pioneer Westcott families in Central and Northern New York, there is record of 261 children and by 1840, upwards of 1,500 grandchildren. Of these grandchildren, there are grandchildren and great and great-great-grandchildren living today. -- RLW.)

NOTES IN  
PASSING

It is with deep regret that announcement must be made of the passing at Milford, Mass., on April 5th last, of our member, Wilmarth A. Westcott. \* \* The residence of member Willis G. Clark was erroneously given in the "Quarterly" for June, as Springfield, N. Y., instead of Springville, Erie County, N. Y. \* \* Our members Mr. and Mrs. James Hobart Westcott and Mr. and Mrs. \* Chester W. DeMond, who for the last year have been in Missouri, will return on October 1st to their homes in White Plains, N. Y. Welcome home, cousins! \* \* THERE IS THE LITTLE MATTER OF 1937 DUES WHICH TEN OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE NOT ATTENDED TO. The Secretary would be pleased to hear from them. \* \* The Society by vote at the Celebration, presented the Mohawk Valley Historic Association with a copy of the Westcott genealogy of 1932. The book is now in the archives of that association. \* \* A program of the Celebration is available to members by sending a 3-cent stamp to the Historian to cover postage. \* \* As one member expressed it, there is but one regret to these Celebrations -- they must come to an end and newly-found cousins must separate. \* \* And so, adieu till December.