

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## THE 1939

### NATIONAL

### WESTCOTT

### CELEBRATION

At a meeting of the Directors of this Society on April 9th, it was decided to hold the Third Biennial Commemorative Celebration of the Westcott and allied families at Bronxville, N. Y., on Thursday (evening dinner only), Friday and Saturday, June 22, 23 and 24, 1939.

This decision was made upon the recommendation of the committee which President Joseph R. Westcott appointed last January 15th. The dates seemed most fitting to the committee members for two reasons: First, the closing date, June 24th, will mark to the day the 304th anniversary of the arrival of the Family Founder in New England; secondly, it is less warm in New York in June than in July and August and Summer traffic will not have reached the peak proportions which will be especially heavy in 1939 due to the World Fair. Bronxville was decided upon as the place to hold the Celebration also for two reasons: First, it is only fourteen miles from New York City with trains both ways every thirty minutes, making Bronxville desirable headquarters while attending the Fair, and secondly, the Gramatan Inn which is splendidly appointed for the gathering, affords fullest convenience--and the rates are reasonable! Those who motor to Bronxville may do so without encountering any of the heavy traffic of the city.

President Westcott has appointed the following General Committee on program and arrangements: Harry J. Westcott, general chairman; Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Chester A. Westcott, Carleton L. Westcoat, Edmund W. Morris, Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, Mrs. Willard H. Frost, Mrs. John T. Wilde, Miss Florence E. Clarke, Miss Ruth M. Havey and Miss Florence A. Westcott. Chairman Harry J. Westcott has announced the following chairmen of sub-committees, each to appoint their own associate members: Registration and Transportation--Miss Florence A. Westcott; Program and Speakers--Dr. F. Howard Westcott; Church and Commemorative Service--Mrs. Chester W. DeMond; Dinners and Tables--Mrs. Willard H. Frost; Bridge--Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter; Publicity and Printing--Edmund W. Morris.

The immediate vicinity of Bronxville is replete in historical and scenic interest and but a short distance from bathing beaches on the Sound. The Inn carries the atmosphere of "Olde England." Further announcement will be made in the Quar for September.

## WESTCOTT

### BOOK OF

### APPENDICES

While the number of subscriptions to the proposed Book of Appendices to the Westcott Genealogy of 1932 is not large enough to warrant publication, the interest evinced is it seems, to promise publication at a near date. Those who have not but intend doing so, should send their subscriptions immediately to Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 West 139th St., N. Y. City. In appearance the Book will be like the original Genealogy; thus making a companion it will NOT duplicate the records contained in the first genealogy in addition to further information of the ancient family in Rhode Island data of the four first generations in Rhode Island which records not heretofore published. This will afford a full record of those who sent out their posterity to all parts of the world. The record family lineages down to thousands of living descendants. It cannot be too highly regarded, and as a history of this o.

family, including a great many of its lateral ancestral lines, it will prove an heirloom worthy preserving for future generations. The price of the book, \$10.00, will not cover the actual cost of publication. Accordingly, there will be no financial profit for anyone. However, the compiler will feel amply rewarded in being able to preserve for all time, a further record of a family for which he has deep affection. One-half (\$5.00) of each subscription will be payable when the required number of subscriptions has been received, but not before September 1st next. The balance is payable when notice is given that your Book is ready for delivery. Only the number of books subscribed for will be printed. Send your subscription today!

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GREETING TO  
VICE-PRES.

LEO WESTCOTT      A group of the family assembled in New York on Saturday, April 9th, to greet the First Vice-President of the Society, Dr. Leo E. Westcott and Mrs. Westcott who were on from their home in Kalamazoo, Mich. After dinner at the New Orleans Restaurant, the party adjourned to the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott on Central Park, West, where the evening was enjoyably passed. Those present besides Dr. Leo E. and Dr. F. Howard and their wives, were Joseph R. Westcott, President of the Society who came down from Binghamton; Harry J. Westcott, President of Greater N. Y. Chapter; Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Wilde, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Mrs. William R. Morrison, Mrs. William C. Sharpe, Mrs. Eva Kline Pomeroy, the Misses Ruth M. Havey, Cynthia Westcott and Florence A. Westcott, and Edmund Whitman Morris.

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ANOTHER  
PLEASANT  
GATHERING

Fifteen of the Westcott cousins accepted the kind hospitality of Dr. Cynthia Westcott at her home in Glen Ridge, N. J., May 8th, and returned home understanding why flowers in their gardens need "the plant doctor". Dr. Westcott entertained both socially and professionally most happily and and interestingly. After a hearty luncheon served in her garden, Dr. Westcott showed her guests pictures of insect-life so destructive to flowers and shrubs. Her uncle and our brother-member, David A. Westcott of Boston, was present.

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ENCOURAGE  
AND PREPARE  
THE YOUTH

"No society or organization can be in a healthy state, so far as its membership is concerned, unless there be a steady infusion of new and younger blood. It is therefore most desirable our state societies encourage young people to join. Not alone for the benefit of them but for the younger generation as well for if we believe in the tenets of our organization the sooner we inculcate them in the youth of today the better. \* \* Giving the young people a share in the conduct of the Society's activities is a preparation for the time when they will be the officers and assistants, and will feel equal to the responsibilities placed upon them". --The Mayflower Quarterly for April.

Conditions at the National Celebrations of this Society being such that planned encouragement of members of the younger generations is not practical, this desirable function is something for the various Chapters to take into consideration when planning the Summer Reunions. Arrange games for the children, ask their mothers to encourage them to give recitations and songs and show specimens of their handicraft. Arrange a "Youth Period" and later in life many of them will have keen appreciation of their forebears and arrange happy hours for you.

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IN  
MEMORIAM

It is with sorrow that announcement must be made of the passing of three of our members. James Hobart Westcott passed away at his home in White Plains, N. Y., March 3rd, after a short illness. He will be greatly missed at the gatherings of the Society to which he was affectionately attached. The sympathy of the Society is extended to his widow, to his daughter and our member, Mrs. Dorothy Westcott DeMond and his granddaughter Carol DeMond. \* \* Miss Edith Caroline Westcott died March 27th. She was a sister of Harry J. Westcott, President of Greater N. Y. Chapter, and James W. Westcott of Baltimore, and aunt of our members Mrs. Mary K. Westcott Kendall and Mrs. Penelope Westcott Jamison, both of Baltimore, Mrs. Edith M. Fleisher Wilde of Yonkers, Mrs. Gertrude W. Fleisher Wagner of Thornwood and Mrs. Mary A. Westcott Norwine of Passaic. To them, the Society extends sympathy. \* \* Just recently, information has come of the passing on Nov. 24, 1936, of the husband of our member Mrs. Marjorie Westcott Wright of Rochester. Although somewhat late, the sympathy of the Society is extended to Mrs. Wright.

## COMING

WESTCOTT REUNIONS Announcement is made of the following reunions to be held in June and August of this year. All are basket luncheon affairs, so drop around for a good time and be sure to bring all the children. Chapter No. 4 has arranged for a "Youth's Period", a half hour in which the children will render songs and recitations and play games.

Saturday, June 13, 2 P. M. -- Rhode Island Chapter, No. 2, at "The Breezes", Mansville, R. I. Basket lunch at 5 P. M. Games and relaxation for all. Short business meeting with election of officers. Coffee and punch furnished. Bring the whole family.

Saturday, Aug. 7 -- It is hoped that a gathering of Westcott and allied families living in and near Scranton, Pa., will be held.

Sunday, Aug. 8 -- Madison County Westcott Association at Norwich, N. Y.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 11 A. M. -- Northern New York Chapter, No. 4, at "Westcott Beach", on the Henderson road three miles south of Sacket Harbor.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 A. M. -- Milford Tp. Chapter, No. 1, at Coopertown's new Fairy Springs Park. (East side of Lake Otsego). Games and bathing. Basket lunch and election of officers.

Sunday, Aug. 14, 11 A. M. -- Vermont Chapter, No. 5, at Lake St. Catherine, shortly South of Poultney, Vt. Basket luncheon and business meeting.

Sunday, Aug. 14 -- The Westcotts of Michigan at Van Auken Lake, near Bangor, Mich. This is the first notice of this gathering our "Quarterly" has been privileged to make.

The National President and the National Historian are planning to be present at some of these gatherings.

## MEMBER

ROLL BY  
STATES

The following is the number of members of this Society by States (May 20th): Calif., 7; Colo., 2; Conn., 3; Dist. Col., 2; Ga., 1; Ill., 2; Ia., 5; Md., 4; Mass., 14; Mich., 2; Minn., 3; Mo., 1; Nebr., 2; Nev., 1; N. J., 17; N. Car., 1; N. Dak., 2; Ohio, 6; Okla., 1; Penna., 6; Tenn., 1; Wisc., 1; N. Y., 72; R. I., 23; Vt., 10. Total 189 members. Who will help increase the membership to at least 200 before the September "Quarterly" is issued?

## MICHIGAN

WESTCOTT  
SOCIETY

Out in and the vicinity of Bangor, Mich., descendants of William Westcott, native of Clarendon, Vt., who early in the 19th century settled nr. Savannah, N. Y., have been holding annual reunions for some 32 years. The one last year was held Aug. 6th at VanAuken Lake, nr. Bangor, and was attended by 85 people. Dr. Leo E. Westcott, first vice-president of this National Society, and

Mrs. Westcott were absent, it being the pleasure of their "eastern cousins" to have them at the national celebration at Cooperstown on that date. From the minutes of the business meeting, it is learned that Mrs. Clara Westcott Finley, sister of Dr. Westcott, made an historical report of the family and told of the efforts of the National Historian "to get our branch of the Westcotts located among other members of this big family". These officers were elected: Carleton Westcott, president; Mable Boyer, vice-president; Hazel Conklin, secretary-treasurer. \* \* Other than New York, probably no State has so many Westcott descendants living within its borders as does Michigan. It is hoped that Dr. Westcott can form a Chapter in Michigan.

#### OUR NEW MEMBERS

Secretary Ethel Clarke announces the following new members enrolled since the March issue of the "Quarterly". A hearty welcome is extended to them, and may we have the pleasure of greeting them personally at the Celebration next year. (\* Indicates the Descendant.)

221 Dr.* and Mrs. Burt Byron Farnsworth	Springfield, Mass.
222 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Wescott	Sumner, Iowa
223 Miss Margaret Olive Wescott	Sumner, Iowa
224 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wescott	Sumner, Iowa
225 Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Westcott	N. Attleboro, Mass.
226 Mrs.* H. L. Walster	Fargo, N. Dak.
227 Mr. and Mrs.* John A. Ellmauer	Portlandville, N. Y.
228 Dr. Cynthia Westcott	Glenridge, N. J.

#### NOTES IN

##### PASSING

In order that members of this Society may readily find their family record in the proposed Book of Appendices and also to record a roll of members, a "supplementary member index" will be inserted; only members in good standing at the time the book goes to press will be named. \* \* Wedding bells will ring June 25 for Ruth Aimee, dau. of our members Mr. and Mrs.\* Harry L. Waugh of Fulton, N. Y., whom, it is announced, will be married to Charles Alexander McGill of Bath, N. Y., where they will reside. \* \* It is Miss Ruth Mildred Havey, not Harvey, whom Ye Scribe welcomed in March; my error. Sorry. \* \* Correction: Only four members had to be dropped at the end of 1937; not 7. \* \* Miss Harriet Wescott, dau. of Chaplain and Mrs. Myron Nelson Wescott of Half Moon, N. Y., is now hostess on American Airlines, sleeper plane flying between Fort Worth and Memphis; she is flying high with the family pioneering spirit. \* \* Rhode Island Chapter was first to have a 100% paid-up membership in the National Society for 1938, with an honor roll of 22 members! \* \* Our member Haydn B. Westcott of Ridgefield Park, N. J., is ill in the hospital at Oradell, N. J.; the Society wishes for him a speedy recovery. \* \* Both our National President and our National Secretary have been in the care of physicians recently, but are now back attending to family affairs. \* \* It's a fine baby boy reveling in the name of his great-grandfather Christopher Westcott -- Christopher Westcott Norwine, born March 6, 1938, to our members Mr. and Mrs.\* Andrew Courtney Norwine of Passaic, N. J. Congratulations! \* \* A FEW MEMBERS WILL FIND ACCOMPANYING THIS ISSUE, THEIR THIRD NOTICE THAT 1938 DUES OF THE SOCIETY ARE UN-PAID. Please mail your check to the Secretary so that your 1938 Membership Certificate may be issued. \* \* Our member Jarvis B. Sargent, president of Milford Tp. Chapter, has resigned that office, his place being filled by Ray Clarke Rose, who was first vice-president. \* \* Northern N. Y. Chapter held an executive committee meeting on May 15th at the home of its vice-president, Mrs. Waugh in Fulton, N. Y. \* \* With this June issue of the "Family Quarterly", it begins its fifth year. \* \* Thomas Henry Handly, Sr., our member of Mansville, R. I., is reported in a hospital at Boston. \* \* Ye Scribe wishes all the readers of the "Family Quarterly" an enjoyable Summer and a more thorough acquaintance with their kin - get around to the reunions, eat, fun and be merry! \* \* The National Historian addressed the New Jersey Daughters of the War of 1812 on May 19. \* \* "See YOU at Bronxville!"