

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the spirit of glad holidays permeate every Westcott home to a complete saturation point.

Roster of members of our Society who have paid 1938 dues, will be published in the Book of Appendices, if and when published.

To become a member of the Westcott Society, apply to the Secretary for application blanks. (See address at top of this page.)

--the next family gathering, the sixth annual dinner in New York Jan. 14th, promises a large number of covers. See notice elsewhere.

--the manuscript of the proposed Book of Appendices contains upward of 10,000 names not recorded in the original Genealogy.

--if by chance, your notice of 1939 dues which accompanies this Quarterly, includes also 1938 dues, it will remind you of an important little matter you have not taken care of this year.

-- the Westcott Coat of Arms indicates a distinguished ancestor in the 15th century. An heraldic interpretation will appear in the Book of Appendices, if and when published.

--are you planning to attend the third biennial Celebration in June?

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MORE

SUBSCRIPTIONS

or \$150.00

NEEDED.

The goal of 100 subscriptions to the proposed Book of Appendices at \$10.00 each or the guarantee of \$1,000 toward its publication, will, it now appears, be reached. Seventy subscriptions, totalling \$700.00, have been received, and to this a member of the Society who is deeply interested in the publication of the Book, has guaranteed \$150.00 in advance against the future sale of 15 of the Books. Only 15 more subscriptions or the advance of \$150.00 by one or more other members, are needed to assure publication. The manuscript will be submitted at the Westcott dinner in New York Jan. 14th, and the final decision as to whether the Appendices can be published or not. If YOU have not subscribed but intend to, do it NOW so the goal may be reached quickly. Reserve your copy by writing Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 West 139th Street, New York City, who is Secretary of the Society. If decision to publish is reached Jan. 14th, notices that the first payment (\$5.00) is due will be mailed immediately and by Feb. 15th, the order can be placed with the printers. Two to three months will be required to print and bind the Book, so the final payment will not be required until around May 1st.

PASSING OF

CHAPLAIN

WESCOTT

In the passing Sept. 24, 1938, of Chaplain Myron Nelson Westcott, this Society loses one of its most earnest and devoted members. Yo Scribe first met Dr. Westcott in 1933 at his home in the Providence section of Scranton, Pa., where he was then pastor of the Baptist Church. When this Society was organized, he became one of its charter members. He was elected its Chaplain for 1935-6-7 and re-elected for 1937-8-9. In July, 1937, he became pastor of the Baptist Church at historic old Half Moon, Saratoga County, N.Y. Although his health began to fail last Spring, he carried on his church work throughout the Summer, even serving communion two weeks before his death. His condition became so grave Thursday, Sept. 22, that it was necessary he go to the Hospital at

Albany, N. Y., where he was attended by Dr. Gorham, chief of staff. He grew rapidly worse Saturday morning and passed away at 1:05 P. M. Dr. Westcott was born in Englewood, N. J., July 28, 1875. On June 6, 1900, he was married to Miss Gertrude Merchant of Cranfield, England. Two children, Frederic M. and Harriet, blessed this union. He is survived by Mrs. Westcott, the two children, two grandchildren, and his brothers Alvin D., Walter V., Frank I., Charles A. and Chester A. Westcott, four nephews and two nieces, nearly all of whom are members of this Society. The deepest sympathy of the Society is extended to Mrs. Westcott and the family.

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We also regretfully announce the death Nov. 4th at his home in Springfield, Erie County, N. Y., of our member, Judge Willis G. Clark. He was born Nov. 10, 1854. His wife died in 1902. He is survived by three sons and four daughters to whom the sympathy of our members is extended.

RHODE ISLAND

GRIST OF

NEWS

A newsy letter Nov. 6th, from Past-President V. Stukely Westcott of Pawtucket, R. I., says "Rhode Island is still trying to get roofs re-shingled, workers are digging tree - stumps out of the sidewalks and the WPA has the shore-line nearly cleaned of debris. Rhode Island Chapter had a very fine meeting last night (Nov. 5th) at the home of Mrs. Lester N. Colevell, Riverside. There were 30 present. It was decided to try to preserve as many of the burial grounds of Westcott's as possible, this being one of the objects of our Society. Our treasury has not been adequate previous to this. The memorial tablet to Stukely Westcott at Warwick was not injured (by the hurricane). It may be of interest to know that our son Alfred (our member) has been transferred from Woonsocket, R. I., to Hagerstown, Md., to take charge of several gas-plants in that vicinity. Roger, our next son (also our member), is to be married Nov. 11th to Miss Ethel Carlson and will reside here in Pawtucket. (As the happy event has now passed, let's all say "heartly congratulations, Ethel and Roger, and a long, happy married life!") David, our youngest (and he also is a member), is in business with a photo-engraving plant in Waltham, Mass. He comes home week-ends; this leaves us quite alone again. The mother of Mrs. Niles Westcott passed away a few weeks ago in her 91st year."

"BUFFALO

BILL"

WESTCOTT

"Buffalo Bill" Westcott at his home in Minneapolis, is just plain F. L. Westcott. He and his wife were married Oct. 14, 1880, and have been show folks for many years. The Omaha, Nebr., "World-Herald" says Mr. Westcott drove mules on the old Oregon trail and crossed the Missouri when there were no buildings in Omaha. He cherishes a fiddle from a hollowed Nebraska cornstalk with a hand-made bridge and a kitchen funnel out of which "pours music as sweet as cider". Mrs. Westcott was born near Tecumseh, Nebr., in 1862.

PLANNING

THE 1939

CELEBRATION

Members of the general committee of arrangements for the third biennial Westcott Commemorative Celebration June 22, 23 and 24, 1939 at Bronxville, N. Y., gathered November 5th at the home of Miss Ruth M. Havey, 25 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and organized for the job ahead. Harry J Westcott of Passaic, N. J., chairman of the committee, presided. Those present were: Mrs. John T. Wildes, Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter, the Misses Florence Earll Clarke, Ruth M. Havey and Florence A. Westcott, Dr. F. Howard Westcott. Other members who were absent, are Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, Mrs. Willard H. Frost and Messrs. Chester A. Westcott and Carleton J. Westcoat. National President Joseph R. Westcott of Binghamton, who happened to be in New York, was also present, as was Ye Scribe of The Family Quarterly, and his wife. Program, room accommodations and entertainment were discussed for two hours and the duties of the several sub-committees outlined. Of these sub-committees Dr. F. Howard Westcott is chairman of the committee on speakers;

Mrs. John T. Wildes of vocal and instrumental music; Miss Florence A. Westcott of registration and room accommodations; Miss Ruth M. Havey of publicity and printing; Mrs. Chester W. DeMond of church and commemorative services, and Mrs. Willard H. Frost of tables and decorations. Chairmen will appoint others to their respective committees. The general committee will meet again January 14th.

The Celebration will begin Thursday evening, June 22, with a dinner at the Gramatan Inn, which hotel will be Westcott headquarters throughout the event. Previous to this dinner, there will be a social period and time for each visitor to register and get settled. Thus, this will enable those who plan to spend the week in New York to attend the World Fair the first four days of the week and arrive in Bronxville between 4 and 5 P. M. on the fourth day, Thursday. Friday morning -- Commemorative Services; afternoon--entertainment; evening--dinner. Saturday morning --third biennial business meeting and election of officers; afternoon--possibly a visit to nearby Rye Beach on the Sound; evening--dinner and installation of new officers. The price of each of three dinners, all of which will be at Gramatan Inn, will be \$1.75. This includes all gratuities. Visitors, of course, may attend all or any part of the three-day program, but the committee requests dinner reservations in advance and that each visitor register first upon arrival. To help facilitate planning for the enjoyment of all during the Celebration, a blank will accompany the March issue of The Family Quarterly and those intending to be present will be requested to fill it out and mail. While the Celebration is sponsored by the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, all Westcott descendants, whether members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to join in this memorializing of their emigrant family-founder-- and each member should consider himself or herself a committee to extend this invitation!

DINNER

JAN. 14TH
IN N. Y.

The sixth annual dinner of the Greater N. Y. Chapter of the Westcott Society will be held as usual in January on the Saturday evening nearest to Jan. 12th, the anniversary of the death of the Family Founder. Accordingly, the date is Jan. 14th. The place: Fifth Avenue Hotel, corner Fifth Avenue and 9th Street. The time: Social period: 6 to 7 P. M.; dinner, 7:15 P. M. Price of dinner: \$2.00 (which covers gratuities). Please make early reservations to Miss Florence A. Westcott, 159 West 12th Street. Many familiar faces will be present and also several who will join the circle for the first time. Regardless of whether you are a member of the Society or not, if YOU are a Westcott descendant, YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

THE JOY OF
FINDING NEW
KINFOLK

"For years I communed with myself and said, 'Isn't it too bad! The name of Westcott will die when you do!' What childish innocence! Four years ago I learned that there are over 3,000 Westcott descendants in the United States, and some four or five hundred who bear the name of Westcott. I had to adjust my mind and get it ready to receive such an amazing fact. I laughed at myself -- a good thing to do once in awhile -- and thought, feeling very insignificant -- 'You're just a drop in the bucket. You're just an atom -- an atom --' and out of the dim past something seemed to leap at me about atoms and how loyally they stay on their jobs. Where would ANYTHING be if they didn't work in unison? And then I began to see where I fitted into the picture. I was a tiny bit of a big whole -- only one of thousands who make up the great Westcott family. I began to feel important again in a different way. It's a fine thing to 'know your kindred', but it's a wonderful thing to know your ancestors. It's splendid to honor them and be proud of them, but we want them to look down upon us and say, 'We too, are proud of you!' So far, we have laid a foundation. Let us build a structure that will commemorate the name of Westcott for ever. The way to do this is to emulate the modest atom, and all stick together. Come to the dinner a little early on Jan. 14th and have a chat with your kin". - Contributed by Miss Florence A. Westcott.

Our newest member (No. 234) is Miss Ella Mercy Billings of Nicholson, Penna., to whom the Society extends a very cordial welcome.

MEETING OF

NORTHERN N. Y.
CHAPTER

An executive meeting of the Northern New York Chapter was held Nov. 13th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Turner in Oswego, N. Y. Those present besides Dr. and Mrs. Turner were: Mrs. Lulu W. Burgen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Westcott, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Westcott. It was decided that the Chapter subscribe for the proposed Book of Appendices and to propose at the next Chapter reunion, to purchase a copy of the original Westcott Genealogy. A gift was made to Mrs. Burgen, who has been the loyal Secretary of the Chapter since it was formed. The Chapter has 16 National members; this year 16 new members have been added to the Chapter. This Chapter is always wide-awake and going.

RHODE ISLAND

CHAPTER
REUNION

"The Rhode Island Chapter held its Fall meeting Saturday evening, Nov. 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester N. Colwell, 49 Lakeside St., Riverside. 28 were present. Miss Handy, President presided. George Westcott, Chapter treasurer, reported \$45.39 on hand. Plans for the preservation of Westcott graves were discussed and William M. Westcott was made chairman of a committee to study conditions in various cemeteries and report at the next meeting. Ralph Dexter, Chapter Historian, asked cooperation of the members in obtaining Westcott history. Greetings were given by Past-National President V. Stukely Westcott and National Treasurer Leslie P. Westcott. The President brought greetings from Vice-President William Driver and National Vice-President M. Gregory Dexter and Mrs. Dexter who regretted their inability to be present. Much enthusiasm was manifested for the Celebration at Bronxville, N. Y., next June, and the R. I. Chapter expects to be there in goodly numbers. After the business meeting, Mrs. Ralph Dexter, pianist, and Norman Westcott and Lester Colwell, song leaders, led the members in an hour of songs. The members, still rather tense as a result of the hurricane and tidal wave, relaxed and enjoyed a jolly family hour, feeling they were knowing their kindred better and better, and that they were happy in so doing. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ethel W. H. Cargill and Miss Ethel Westcott." --Reported by Miss Susan Westcott Handly.

Negotiations are on to form Chapters in Chicago and Los Angeles * * Further additions and corrections to the proposed Book of Appendices CANNOT be made after December 31, 1938 next!!! * * Past-President Allan F. Westcott will address the S. A. R. at Westfield, N. J., Jan. 13th. * * Ye Scribe thanks all who have helped during the past year with their contributions. * * LATER. -- Just as 'copy' for this Quarterly was being closed, another guarantee of an advance of \$50.00 to assure publication of the Appendices, was received. The total is now \$925.00. It is hoped the remainder of the necessary \$1,000, or \$75.00, will be pledged by Jan. 14th, the date of the dinner in New York. * * President Westcott has called a meeting of the Directors for Jan. 14th, 5 P. M., at the Fifth Ave. Hotel, New York. * * The general committee of 1939 Celebration in June, of which Harry J. Westcott of Passaic, N. J., is chairman, will meet again on Jan. 14th, 4 P. M., at the Fifth Ave. Hotel, New York. Chairmen of sub-committees will report then. * * Only members and subscribers receive the Quarterly regularly. * *

* * FINAL WORD. -- Mss. for Appendices closes Dec. 31st next!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!