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NOTICE

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THE THIRD

BIENNIAL

FAMILY

REUNION

The usual pleasant "Westcott weather", the presence of an interested group of members of the Westcott family, enlightening addresses, delightful vocal and instrumental music, three splendid dinners, a commemorative service long to be remembered -- these and numerous other enjoyable features combined in making the Third Biennial Celebration of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, June 22, 23 and 24, 1939, at Bronxville, N. Y., an outstanding family gathering. The program as outlined in "The Quarterly" for June, was carried out in detail. Too much praise cannot be given the addresses of Mayor Frederick L. Devereux of Bronxville, Smith L. Molter, Esq., the Rev. Arthur L. Wheelock, Arthur de Berdt Robins, Mrs. Thomas H. Casey, Mrs. Elizabeth Cushman, all guest speakers, also the soprano solos of Mrs. Lewis E. Davis and Miss June Ardell and the instrumental music by Mrs. Kent Koeller, Mrs. Kenneth Valentine, Mrs. Phillip Dahl and Miss Edna Shoppard. Little Miss Carol Westcott DeMond, daughter of members Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, was particularly captivating in her piano renditions, and member Nathan H. Wilkins "brought down the house", so to speak, by his two comic songs, accompanied at the piano by member Harry J. Westcott. Member Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter again favored as she did at the two previous celebrations, by reading member Mrs. Theodora Bates Cogswell's poem, "Stukely Westcott, the Exile". She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Shoppard.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Cogswell was voted a life membership in the Society in recognition of her contributions of the poem and words to three songs which members delight in singing. The office of Registrar was created and the Board of Directors increased to fifteen members. It was voted to eliminate the initiation fee, annual dues remaining at \$1.00, and reduce the number of national members who may request a charter for a Chapter. (The "Articles of Organization", as amended, accompany this "Quarterly".) Officers and Directors for 1939-40-41 were elected as follows: *Summary*

President, Leo E. Westcott, M.D., of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Vice-President, Harry J. Westcott of Passaic, N. J.; Vice President, David A. Westcott of Boston, Mass.; Chaplain, Deacon William M. Westcott of Apponaug, R. I.; Historian, Miss Rachel C. Wilkins of Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Registrar, Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield, N. J.; Secretary, Miss Ethel Clarke, N. Y. City; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Chester W. DeMond of White Plains, N. Y.; Treasurer, William C. Driver of New Rochelle, N. Y., and the following who with the officers comprise the Board of Directors: Past-Presidents Dr. Allan F. Westcott of Annapolis, Md., V. Stukely Westcott of Pawtucket, R. I., and Joseph R. Westcott of Binghamton, N. Y., and Mrs. George W. Trainor of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Frank *Chapter*

E. Waterman of Norwich, N. Y., and Mrs. Charles W. Weaver of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"Family Night" -- the Saturday dinner -- had its surprises and its pleasures. Past-President Dr. Allan F. Westcott presided and as usual, kept those present always in a state of expectancy. Mrs. David A. Westcott, member, in her delightful address, took the "Westcott in-laws" for her subject, extolling Juliana, wife of Stukely Westcott, and the "Julianas" down through the generations. Miss Rachel C. Wilkins, newly elected Historian of the Society, called attention to the desirability of the Society continuing family records in a "Family Register" and asked the support of all members and all Westcotts in general, by sending to her (5 Rogers Ave., Hoosick Falls, N. Y.) data of births, marriages and deaths. Such records available at some future time; perhaps, a half century hence, will help some possible compiler to further extend the family history. The retiring President, Joseph R. Westcott, and the newly-elected President, Leo E. Westcott, M. D., added much to the evening by their addresses. Just before dinner, a corsage of beautiful orchids from the "Ladies Westcott", was presented to Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, and then near the close of the dinner and the celebration, Past-President V. Stukely Westcott, in an eulogistic address, presented on behalf of the Society, to the retiring Historian, Mr. Whitman, a set of handsomely engrossed resolutions. The resolutions in a black beveled frame 21 by 28 inches, are engrossed in red and gold with a fac-simile of the Coat of Arms in authoritative colors of gold and silver at the top and at the bottom a picture of a sailing vessel, indicating the voyage of Stukely Westcott and family in coming to America, June 24, 1635. The resolutions read as follows:

"Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America. Whereas, Roscoe Leighton Whitman was the Founder of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, and, Whereas, through his untiring efforts in compiling our Family History, as well as editing "The Quarterly", he has endeared himself to the whole membership of the Society. Resolved, that as a token of our esteem and in remembrance of his fine work as Historian and Editor, we offer to him this testimonial that he may always be reminded of our loyalty and our profound admiration. Be it further Resolved, that these sentiments be as a lasting and well deserved tribute with the sincere hope and trust that by the Grace of God he may be granted peace of mind and contentment. So have we recorded our thoughts on the twenty-fourth day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, on the occasion of the Third Biennial Westcott Commemorative Celebration.

CHAPTER REUNIONS

Chapter 1, Milford, N. Y. Sixth reunion at Gilbert Lake, Aug. 20. 40 present. Harvey L. Westcott of Unadilla, N. Y., elected President; Morris Townsend, Vice-President; Mrs. Carlton J. Cook, Secretary-Treasurer. Next reunion, Wilber Park, Oneonta, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1940. -- Chapter 2, Rhode Island. Semi-Annual reunion at Newport Historical Society rooms June 10th. 40 present. The Chapter will meet again in October. -- Chapter 3, Greater New York. It will have its usual dinner-meeting in New York on the Saturday evening nearest to Jan. 13th, 1940. -- Chapter 4, Northern New York. Sixth annual reunion at "Westcott Beach". Attendance not announced. Mrs. Angie F. Waugh was elected President; Mrs. Lulu W. Burgen, Vice-President; Mrs. R. C. Turner, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Ella Witzel was made assistant to the sec.-treas. Date of the reunion in 1940 was left open, but will probably be Aug. 13. -- Chapter 5, Vermont. Fourth annual reunion at Lake St. Catherine, Aug. 13th. Again this Chapter carries the banner for attendance; 125 present, of whom 8 were guests. Harold Whitney Westcott of East Poultney, Vt., was elected President; Leon D. Baker, Vice-President; Mrs. H. Phillips Westcott, Secretary;

Nathan H. Wilkins, Treasurer. Date of reunion in 1940 was left open, but will probably be Aug. 18. -- Abington, Pa., Westcotts held their second reunion Aug. 5, at the lake of Gorden Wescott, South Gibson, Pa. 50 present. New officers not reported. -- Madison County, N. Y., Westcott Association held its 28th annual reunion at Hatches Lake near Eaton, N. Y., Aug. 6. Attendance and new officers not reported. -- Michigan Westcotts "reunionized" Aug. 13 at Van Aukon Lake with about 95 present. Another gathering was at Ella Sharpe Park, Jackson, Mich., Aug. 27.

IN
MEMORIUM

It is with deep regret and with sincerest sympathy to the bereaved that the passing of our member, Marion Joslyn Clarke Jones (Mrs. Frederick K.), June 29, 1939, at her home in New York is announced. Mrs. Jones was born Apr. 24, 1872, and July 11, 1899, was married to Frederick Knapp Jones. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Gwendolyn and Marion (Molloy), and four sisters, the Misses Ethel and Florence Clarke, Mrs. Elizabeth Westcott Clarke Sands of Denver, and Mrs. Pauline Ida Clarke Gilbert of Washington. Misses Ethel and Florence Clarke are of New York City.

MRS. COGSWELL
VOTED A LIFE
MEMBERSHIP

In recognition of her beautiful poem, "Westcott, the Exile," and words to three songs, Mrs. Theodora Bates Cogswell was voted a life membership in the S.S.W.D. at its biennial meeting on June 24th. Her acknowledgment to Secretary Clarke follows: "Dear Miss Clarke: What a lovely thing for the Society to do -- to honor me with that gift of a life membership and then to notify me at once by telegraph! I feel so proud and so grateful. I do hope that sometime Fate will let me attend a meeting and express my thanks in person to the whole Society in conclave assembled. Meanwhile, if there is any way in which you can convey my appreciation and gratitude to the rest, please act as spokesman for me. Cordially your Minswoman, Theodora Bates Cogswell." The Westcott Quarterly happily complies with the wishes of Mrs. Cogswell.

NOTES IN
PASSING

Call has been issued for a dinner-meeting of Westcotts living in Chicago to be held in that city on Saturday evening, Oct. 7th. Arrangements are being perfected by our director-member, Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor, 2217 Tribune Tower, Chicago. President Leo E. Westcott expects to be present. * * Rhode Island Chapter, through its President, Miss Susan Westcott Handy, announces its next family dinner party for Oct. 27th next, and its next outing for June 15, 1940. * * The next dinner-meeting of the Greater New York Chapter will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 13, 1940. * * Mrs. Ethel Westcott Cargill has written a song for the R. I. Chapter entitled "From the Shores of Rhode Island". * * The present Governor of Rhode Island being a resident of Newport, his interest is being sought in redeeming the graves in that city of Governor Arnold and his wife, Damaris Westcott, oldest child of our Family Founder. * * The President of the Society requests that "if anyone has a suggestion for the place and month to hold the 4th Biennial Celebration in 1941 to please communicate with the Secretary or with him." * * The Secretary has no new members to announce. However, applications of Edna Almira Whitney Safford (Mrs. Lemuel W.) of Burlington, Vt., and Guy Oliver Wescott of Springfield, Vt., are pending. * * Regretfully, attention of 12 members is called to their unpaid dues for 1939; their notices accompany this "Quarterly". * * Have YOU obtained a new member for the Society? * * Next issue of the "Quarterly" in December.