

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## THE WESTCOTT BOOK OF

### APPENDICES

### "SOME BOOK!"

"Another fine book," "think it swell," "delighted with it," "a tremendous task and a splendid work," "some book!" "very fine piece of work," "having a lovely time reading it," "it equals if not excels Vol. I" and scores of other expressions of appreciation and satisfaction over Vol. II, or the Book of Appendices to the Westcott Genealogy of 1932, have been registered since the books were delivered. Another descendant exclaims: "What a glorious family history!" The book and the history it contains will be cherished for time immemorial. In the long years to come, it will bring warmth to the heart of those now unborn or too young to understand the rich heritage bequeathed to them by the many generations past. As a family heirloom it will always be highly prized.

Delivery of the books began on October 13th. They contain 460 pages of closely printed records on high-grade, imperishable rag paper, attractively and serviceably bound, gold stamping on the cover, interestingly illustrated and has the family Coat of Arms in colors. The Westcott family is traced back generation by generation, to the coming to America in 1635 of Stukely Westcott and back of him in England to the father and son who for ninety years in the 12th century were Canons of St. Peter's Cathedral in Exeter, Devon, Eng. The book completes a history of the family which has taken ten years to compile. It is by the same author who published the first genealogy in 1932 and is sponsored by this Society.

Only a limited edition was printed, and not many copies are now available. If you have not already done so, YOU are urged to order your copy NOW and save yourself future regret and disappointment. The price is \$10.00, postpaid. Make your check or money-order payable to William C. Driver, Treasurer, and mail to the Secretary of the Society: Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 West 139th Street, New York City.

## WAS EDWARD

### WESTCOTT OUR ANCESTOR?

In an interesting letter to the compiler of Vol. II, Westcott Genealogy, received recently from the first Past National Chaplain of our Society, the Rev. Arnold Harris Hord of Philadelphia, he writes: "In regard to the English ancestry of Stukely Westcott, I think that the data you have found, regarding Edward Westcott and Christopher Stukely, his wife Mary and his daughters Damaris and Mary (W. G., Vol. II, PP. 6,7), is most valuable. I have no doubt in my own mind that this Edward Westcott and Damaris Stukely were ancestors of our Stukely Westcott. Some years ago, I was in the church at Dunster, Somerset, and saw several tombs of the Stukely family. Perhaps this church register might yield results. Also Governor Arnold states (see Vol. I, W.G. p. 10) that some of the members of the party who sailed with him for New England lived "within five miles of Iichester." If there is a very ancient church within this radius of Iichester, it might be worth while to examine the registers. I have an old letter from Mrs. Bullock, wife of the Judge, written many years ago. She states that her husband had had some correspondence with George Stuckley, Baronet, of Affeton, but that Sir George could give him no information about Stukely Westcott, although he had heard of him. It has occurred to me that perhaps the present owner of Affeton might be able to give some information about Christopher Stukely and the marriages of his daughters. I note in your book this Christopher had a connection with Affeton." (NOTE--Judge Bullock speaks in his genealogy (1886) of his correspondence with Sir George Stuckley,

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but does not enlarge upon it. This compiler will communicate with the present owner of Affeton; also with the church at Dunster, but a letter received some years ago, from the Canon of the church at Ilminster indicated little hope to be derived from examining existing church registers in Somerset.--R.L.W.)

SOME NEW  
CHAPTERS  
PLANNED

Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor of Chicago, on Oct. 7th, sponsored a dinner to organize a Chapter of the Westcotts of her city. President Leo E. Westcott writes that out of the group of Westcotts assembled at Jackson, Mich., last August, a Chapter will result. Mrs. Gladys Westcott Vaughan of Oklahoma City, plans a luncheon of Westcotts in her city. Purpose: The location of the most westerly Chapter in her city. Los Angeles, take notice! The Westcott-Abington (Pa.) Society is about due to form a Chapter. And of interest to all Chapters is the announcement that the Society will issue new charters on attractive color-designed certificate paper. These new charters suggest that they be framed and retained by the current officers.

THE DIRECTORS

TO MEET

JAN. 13th

President Leo E. Westcott of Michigan, has called a meeting of the Directors of the Society to be held in the Jade Room of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, at 4 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 13th. The call was issued early in order that everyone might make arrangements so that other plans would not prevent their being present. Among the matters to be considered will be the selection of a place and date for holding the fourth biennial Celebration in 1941. It is understood that at the reunion of Northern New York Chapter last August, it was voted to invite the National Society to hold its Celebration at Alexandria Bay, N. Y. Past-President Allan F. Westcott, it will be recalled, suggested this Thousand-Island resort for the next meeting. Several other matters will be acted upon.

A FAMILY

DINNER IN

RHODE ISLAND

Twenty-nine members of the Rhode Island Chapter met at the Hearthstone House, Seekonk, Mass., for a family dinner party, Friday, Oct. 27. Seated at the head-table were the Chapter President, Miss Handy; the National Chaplain, William M. Westcott; Speaker, Mrs. George Downing; Past Chapter President Milton Gregory Dexter and Mrs. Dexter; Secretary pro tem Miss Leone Cargill; Chapter Treasurer George Westcott and Historian Ralph Dexter and Mrs. Dexter. Tables were attractively decorated with yellow and orange chrysanthemums. Hand-blocked place-cards, made by Miss Cargill, added festive touch to the occasion. After a delicious dinner, the members held a short business meeting, presided over by the Chapter President. National Chaplain Westcott opened the meeting with prayer and also brought a very vivid glimpse of the National Celebration at Bronxville. This account was supplemented by Past National Treasurer Leslie P. Westcott. Greetings were read from the National President, National Registrar and absent members. The Society particularly regretted the absence of the Chapter Founder, V. Stukely Westcott and Mrs. Westcott, this being their first absence since the Chapter was formed. Welcome was extended to Past Chapter President Milton Gregory Dexter who had not been able to be with the family at the past two meetings. The speaker of the meeting, Mrs. Downing of Providence, was known to many of the members as the author of the very beautiful book, "Early Homes of Rhode Island", recently published. Mrs. Downing -- an attractive personality -- made the old homes and buildings live again as she took the group through the development of architecture from the earliest period to the middle of the nineteenth century. Illustrated with slides, the talk was enjoyed by the members. Once again another happy evening of the Rhode Island cousins was brought to a close, and the members departed feeling they were truly knowing their kindred better and better and were very happy in the experience. The Chapter is to have its Spring picnic on Saturday, June 15th. -- Reported by Miss Handy.

PRESIDENT'S  
COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENTS

National President Leo E. Westcott has appointed V. Stukely Westcott, chairman; Dr. Niles Westcott and Miss Susan Westcott Handy a committee to place a wreath at the Memorial in Old Warwick to the Family Founder on the anniversary of his death, Jan. 12, 1940; also Leslie P. Westcott, Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter and Mrs. Charles W. Weaver a committee to investigate the cost and study an appropriate inscription for a tablet to the memory of the wife of Stukely Westcott and their children, to be placed on the reverse side of the Memorial in Old Warwick and to report at the Directors' meeting on Jan. 13.

IN  
MEMORIAM

Regretfully, announcement is made of the passing of a charter member, Jarvis B. Sargent, b-Dec. 3, 1881, d-Sept. 29, 1939 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Florence M. Sargent Sprague, in Bloomfield, N. Y. The sympathy of the Society is extended to his widow, Alice Daniels Sargent, and his daughters, Mrs. Sprague, and Mrs. Gladys Glenn Sargent Ellmauer (the latter a member see Appendices, p. 367, and first Genealogy 263.) Mr. Sargent was obliged to resign the presidency of Chapter No. 1 in 1938 owing to ill health.

NEW YORK

DINNER

JAN. 13.

Another -- the 7th annual -- of those jolly-good dinner-meetings of the Greater New York Chapter will be held at the Fifth Ave. Hotel, Fifth Ave. at 9th St., New York City, Saturday evening, Jan. 13th, 1940. Reception at 6; dinner at 7. Dinner will be served in the handsome Washington Square Room, Chapter President Harry J. Westcott, presiding. An interesting program is being arranged. Dinner reservations should be mailed by Tuesday, Jan. 9th, to the Chapter Secretary, Miss Florence A. Westcott, 159 West. 12th St., New York City. Dinner is \$2.00.

MERELY A

SUGGESTION  
TO CHAPTERS

There being no formal or written application for membership in Chapters, a basis of organization seems desirable. Some Chapters base their membership upon attendance at reunions. In other words, a Westcott descendant who attended a reunion in 1938 and paid the annual dues, was regarded as a member of the Chapter for that year. Those of such members who failed to be present at the reunion in 1939 and did not forward dues, were sent a notice by the Secretary. If at the reunion in 1940, such members again fail to attend and have not sent their dues, their names are taken from the roster of the Chapter. It is suggested that nominal dues are desirable for all Chapters. (Not all attending the reunions however, need to be Chapter members.) Such definite membership forms a nucleus of organization and affords a basis upon which to build. "That which costs nothing, is unappreciated," perhaps applies here. Only heads of families or adults might become members. It also seems desirable to issue a membership card each year to all sustaining members. The card indicates appreciated membership and the payment of dues.

THE NEW  
MEMBERS

National Secretary Ethel Clarke has announced the following new members whose applications have been searched and approved. A cordial welcome is extended to them by the Society.

246 Mrs.* Lemuel W. Safford	Burlington, Vt.
247 Mr. and Mrs. Guy O. Westcott	Springfield, Vt.
248 Mr. and Mrs. William O. Westcott	Jackson, Mich.
249 Mrs.* Leander K. Carr	Newport, R. I.
250 Mr. and Mrs.* Harold C. Young	North Adams, Mich.
251 Mr. and Mrs. Forest Westcott	Addison, Mich.

\* Indicated the  
Descendant.

THE NEW  
MEMBERS - Continued.

252 Mr. and Mrs. Randall Westcott	Jerome, Mich.
253 Mr. and Mrs.* Elmer Carr	Ellenville, N. Y.

Will every  
Member get  
a Member  
to help  
extend the  
family circle?

The following applications are pending:

Mrs. M. H. Westcott Bennett	Chicago, Ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edward Westcott	Gary, Ind.
Mrs. Myrtle Westcott Lull	Chicago, Ill.

MISTAKES

WILL OCCUR

The following errors appear in the Book of Appendices which are deeply regretted:

- Page 19 Pictures of Thomas Westcott and Niles Westcott homes are transposed by mistake of the printers.
- Page 98 V--Henry Bliss. Instead of "his sister Elizabeth (Dennison) Champlin", read Elizabeth Bliss Clarke.
- Page 100 X --Edith Carman m-Maj.-Gen. William Henry Hay who retired in 1923, not in the 1880s.
- Page 240 VI --Gideon Harris m-Elizabeth Hees, dau. Johannes Hees, not Hess.

COMING

FAMILY

ACTIVITIES

Greater N. Y. Chapter, No. 3, dinner-meeting, N. Y. City, Jan. 13.  
-- R. I. Chapter, No. 2, reunion, prob. Manville, R. I., June 15. --  
Milford Township Chapter, No. 1, reunion Oneonta, N. Y., Sunday, Aug.

- 11. -- Northern N. Y. Chapter, No. 4, reunion Westcott Beach (nr. Sackett Harbor), N. Y., Tuesday, August 13. -- Vermont Chapter, No. 5, reunion Lake St. Catherine, Sunday, August 13. \*\*\* Also Abington, Pa., Society reunion Idlewild Lake, Saturday, August 10. -- Reunions of other groups not announced.

NOTES

IN

PASSING

Miss Wilkins, our new Historian, is finding that not all Westcotts were born, married and died before the Book of Appendices was published. If you have additional records, please send them to her.

- \* \* Our member, Robert Nicholas Reed of East Poultney, Vt., was married September 4, 1939 to Miss E. Monroe of Poultney, Vt. Hearty congratulations from all the Society.
- \* \* In an effort to minimize in so far as possible the work of the National Secretary Ethel Clarke, your notice of 1940 dues, which accompanies this issue of the Quarterly, appears on a printed form. YOU can further help to minimize the work of the Secretary by promptly remitting your dues. \* \* It is regretfully reported that Louise May Reed, daughter of members Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Reed of East Poultney, Vt., died September 13. She was b-Mar. 12, 1924. \* \* Future issues of the Quarterly will designate records in the 1932 Genealogy with the letter "G" prefixed to the page number and "A" prefixed to the page number for records in the Appendices--this to economize the use of space.
- \* \* Member Nina Westcott Kynett had a thrilling experience returning home from England in September. \* \* A merry, joyous Christmas and a Happy, prosperous New Year to every member.