

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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ALEXANDRIA

BAY CHOSEN FOR THE 1941 CELEBRATION

At a meeting of the Directors of the Society, held January 13th, Alexandria Bay in the Thousand Islands was chosen for the Fourth Biennial Celebration in 1941. The Northern New York Chapter, No. 4, had extended an invitation and it was unanimously accepted by the Directors. The month tentatively selected, was early August, although some favor a date late in June. The exact date will be announced later. The program of two full days will begin with the customary memorial service at one of the local churches. The chairman of the general committee of arrangements is Dr. Allan F. Westcott of 1 Thompson St., Annapolis, Maryland, who spends the Summers at his camp in the Thousand Islands and who is a native of that section. Dr. Westcott writes that "the decision of the Directors to hold the next Biennial Celebration at Alexandria Bay in the midst of the Thousand Islands, will give an opportunity to visit a region rich in historic interest and scenic beauty. Sacket Harbor, naval and military base where some of our ancestors fought in 1812, is only about forty miles distant. The International Bridge, opened by the President two years ago, is five miles above Alexandria Bay and gives easy access to Kingston (Old Fort Frontenac) and all points in Canada. From Alexandria Bay itself one views the busy traffic on the main channel of the St. Lawrence, Boldt Castle and the Pullman Mansion, and may take motor boat tours through the beautiful wooded islands and intricate channels of the Thousand Island group. The village has excellent hotel, tourist home and restaurant accommodations and may be reached by good motor roads about one hundred miles from Utica, Syracuse and Oswego, or through the Adirondacks."

SALE OF THE BOOK OF APPENDICES MIGHT RESULT IN A RECORD!

When and if the remaining unsold copies of the Book of Appendices to the Westcott Genealogy are bought and paid for, the cost of publishing the books will show a deficit of less than fifty dollars. This would be something of a record in the production of family histories and genealogies. The deficit usually runs into the several hundreds of dollars. However, at this writing, forty books remain unsold and this means that the account is short \$400.00. This is not in accordance with the assurances that were given nor as it should be. Scores of descendants bearing the Westcott surname or a name allied by marriage, expressed themselves during the preparation of the book as intending to buy a copy when it was ready for delivery. Although notice has been sent to them, many have not responded. Some have written saying frankly that it was a matter of a lack of finances. Nobody need forego having this family history in their home on this account. They can send One Dollar (\$1.00) to the Secretary or Treasurer and have a book reserved for them and then send \$1.00 each month until the full purchase price, \$10.00, is paid, when the book will be delivered postpaid. This plan necessitates considerable extra bookkeeping, but the Society offers it as an accommodation to those who feel unable to send the full payment with their order. If by chance, you would like to know more about the book -- in other words, if it is actually worth the price -- it is suggested you write to any officer of the Society for the information you want. If you have no children to leave the book to, autograph it and present it to your local library, thus preserving a record that you once lived and was a member of a worthy family.

Keep up with the history of the Westcott family hereafter by reading the last page of each issue of the Quarterly.

DR. WESTCOTT
PINCH-HITS
WITH A POEM

The seventh annual dinner-meeting and fifth held by the Greater N. Y. Chapter, S.S.W.D., on January 13th, was attended by fifty-one of the Westcott clan. Among those present, one came from Nova Scotia, two from Michigan, two from Maryland, two from Pennsylvania, one from Connecticut, four from Rhode Island, three from Massachusetts, one from up-State New York and the others from the Greater N. Y. section. It was one of the most enjoyable dinners yet held by this Chapter. Past-President Allan F. Westcott of Maryland, was in his customary good form, his poem entitled "The Westcott Progeny", proving to be the hit of the evening. Other speakers were Past-President V. Stukely Westcott and Miss Susan

The Westcott Progeny.

A toast I'd drink in good red wine
To our forebears of the Westcott line;
Fathers and mothers of ancient days,
What families you chose to raise!
That Holy Writ thou didst apply --
Go forth, my sons, and multiply.
Till now in Roscoe's book we see
The Stukely-Julia progeny
Spreading beneath the heavens blue
From Pawtucket clean to Kalamazoo.

My six-times grandsire Jeremiah
Gathered nine children round his fire
Two daughters and seven sons to boot
Rambled the woods of Potawamook
(As the Indians called old Warwick town --
Too bad that name wasn't handed down).
His son Josiah had also nine
Scions extending the Westcott line.
E'en then Rhode Island seemed too small;
Our forebears heard the frontiers call;
Gardiner trekked to the North Countree
And bettered the granddad's three times
Eleven children their union blest /three.
Ere Mary and he went to well-earned rest.
Abigail, Caleb, Hannah, Sary,
Palmer, Henry, Daniel, Mary,
Gardiner, Subal, John -- and all
Married with families far from small.

With branches like these the Westcott clan
Spread o'er our broad and fertile land.
And each of us ourselves may see
As little sprigs on the family tree,
Rooted in tough New England soil,
And brought to growth by our fathers'toil
Each kin to each, and proud to trace
Our heritage from an ancient race,
Proud of our links to those days of yore
When men were men -- and women bore.
--Allan F. Westcott.

Westcott Handy, President of Chapter No. 2, both from Rhode Island, National Historian Rachel C. Wilkins of up-State New York, National Registrar Roscoe L. Whitman and Chapter President Harry J. Westcott of New Jersey and Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Past-Chapter President of New York City. The invocation and benediction was offered by National Chaplain Deacon William Mar Westcott of Rhode Island. Just before the fruit-cup was served, a picture of the group was taken which proved to be the best of the many pictures taken in the past. The usual "family resemblance" came in for much comment. Officers elected for 1940 were William C. Driver, President; Edmund Whitman Morris, Historian, and Miss Ruth M. Havey, 25 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, Secretary-Treasurer.

These dinners are held in New York City on the Saturday evening each year nearest to January 12th, the anniversary of the death of our Family Founder, Stukely Westcott. They are sometimes referred to as the "little national celebration" as usually several states are represented.

Ye Scribe expects to visit some of his cousins in Michigan, Ohio and Chicago next June. He will be accompanied by his wife and grandson, Edmund Whitman Morris. At that time, the grandson will graduate from Heidelberg College at Tiffin, O. They may journey on westward from Chicago, but this is only tentative.

HONORING
OUR FAMILY
FOUNDER

A wreath of red oak leaves with flowers was placed at the memorial in Old Warwick to the memory of Stukely Westcott on the 263rd anniversary of his death, Jan. 12th, 1940. The program was arranged by V. Stukely Westcott, chairman; William M. Westcott and Miss Susan Westcott Handy. A group of children from Warwick schools sang "Bold Stukely", and also gave excerpts of the Westcott history. Prayer was by National Historian William M. Westcott.

DIRECTORS
ANNUAL
MEETING

The annual meeting of the Directors in New York City, Jan. 13th; twelve members present. President Leo E. Westcott of Mich., presided, with Harry J. Westcott and Roscoe L. Whitman of N.J., David A. Westcott of Mass., V. Stukely Westcott and William M. Westcott of R. I., Miss Ethel Clarke, Miss Rachel C. Wilkins, Mrs. Chester W. DeMond and William C. Driver of N.Y., Mrs. Charles W. Weaver of Pa., and Dr. Allan F. Westcott of Md., present. Miss Handy, President of R. I. Chapter, was present as an ex-officio member. With all bills paid, Treasurer reported \$35.15 on hand Jan. 1st.

OUR NEW
MEMBERS

National Secretary, Ethel Clarke, reports the following new members. The Society extends a hearty welcome to them.

- 254 Mr. & Mrs.* Joseph Devoss Griswold, Ia.
- 255 Miss Mary Ella Stafford Chicago, Ill.
- 256 Mrs. Minnie Westcott-Bennett Chicago, Ill.
- 257 Mrs. Elanor A. Havey Timpany Digby, N. S.
- 258 Miss Helen G. Havey W. Roxbury, Mass.
- 259 Mr.* & Mrs. Hoffman Nickerson Oyster Bay, L. I.
- 260 Mr. & Mrs. Pliny K. Westcott Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 261 Mr. & Mrs.* Justin W. Ford Kankakee, Ill.
- All Mrs. Sara S. Ervin Ware Shoals, S. C.
- Al2 Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Westcott Gary, Ind.

CHARTERS GRANTED
TWO NEW CHAPTERS
Southern Mich., No. 6
Jan. 12, 1940
Chicagoland, No. 7
Feb. 8, 1940
Boston and Oklahoma
City Chapters are
in the making.

NOTES IN
PASSING

In Memoriam! George W. Beirman (A-184) died Dec. 7, 1939. Sympathy is extended to his widow. -- Frederick Knapp Jones (A-253) died Feb. 19, 1940. Sympathy is extended to his daughter, Gwendolyn Westcott Jones. * * Wedding bells! Margaret Olive Westcott (A-147) and Doyle B. Zbernik were married June 7, 1939. -- Ruth Isabelle Westcott (G - 196) and Charles J. Kibler were married Sept. 19, 1939. -- Marion Westcott Johnson (G-307) and Donald William Chase were married Nov. 13, 1939. Best wishes to each couple. * * In recognition of her efforts in helping form Vermont Chapter and also helping to determine some lines from Nicholas Westcott (A-377), Mrs. Maryette Westcott of East Poultney, was made a life member of the Chapter at its reunion last Summer. * * Coming events! Southern Michigan Chapter dinner; Jackson, Mich., June 12; Wm. Westcott picnic, nr. Bangor, Mich., June 13; Chicagoland Chapter dinner, Chicago, June 15; Rhode Island Chapter picnic, June 15; Abington-Westcott Society picnic, Aug. 10, Milford Tp. (N.Y.) Chapter reunion, Oneonta, June 11; Northern N.Y. Chapter reunion, Westcott Beach (nr. Sacket Harbor), Aug. 13; Vermont Chapter reunion, Lake St. Catherine, Aug. 18. * * "Westcotts in Pictures", a brochure of family imagination depicting the "unusual" talents of three of the members, was "unveiled" with much gusto recently. * * Two subscriptions to the Quarterly from non-Westcotts are acknowledged with thanks. May their Westcott interest continue! * * Beginning with this issue and in each issue hereafter, the last page of the Quarterly will be devoted to adding and correcting records to the Westcott history. * * There is talk of the Greater N.Y. Chapter having a picnic about June 1st. If YOU are interested, please notify Chapter Secretary Ruth M. Havey, 25 Fifth Ave., N.Y. City. * * Prompt payment of dues helps keep the work of the Society on its schedule. * * Ten new members, representing Nova Scotia and six states. * * The next Quarterly will be issued late in May. * * The Westcott Coat of Arms is the badge of family honor and deservedly, a treasured possession. * * The husband of a member took his usual New Year's Day plunge in the ocean, the thermometer registering 20 degrees above. B-u-r-r!