

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## SUDDEN DEATH OF

V. STUKELY  
WESTCOTT

The host of relatives and friends of second Past-National President V. Stukely Westcott of Pawtucket, R. I., will be shocked to learn of his sudden death on Friday, April 19th. Only on the previous Saturday evening, Mr. Westcott attended the Westcott dinner in Boston and then was apparently in his usual health, jovial and keenly interested in organizing a Chapter of the Society in that city. He contracted a cold with an occasional cough and early in the week suffered severe headache which was caused by an abscess in the ear. Poison from the abscess developed streptococcus condition speedily affecting the spine and causing meningitis. He was rushed to the hospital Friday morning and died within a half hour and before his wife could arrive. The National Society and the Rhode Island Chapter have lost one of their most loyal and active members. He and Mrs. Westcott were present at the meeting when the Society was formed in January, 1934, attended its three Biennial Celebrations, absent from only one of the annual family dinners in New York City, and regular participants at the semi-annual events of the Chapter in Rhode Island, of which he was its first president. He was chairman of the general committee of the Tercentenary Celebration in 1935 and had served on the Board of Directors of the Society continuously from its organization. Valorous Stukely Westcott (A-346) was born in Pawtucket, where he always lived, Dec. 23, 1873. He is survived by his widow and their three sons, Alfred J., Roger S., and David B., also by one granddaughter, Deborah. The deepest sympathy of every member of this Society goes to all the family. The Society has lost a loyal, true friend, and Pawtucket a life-long and outstanding citizen.

"WESTCOTT  
FAMILY  
QUARTERLY"

With this issue of "The Westcott Family Quarterly" it begins its seventh year. It has witnessed the healthy growth of our family society, not only in the number of its members but in its achievements. It has gone every third month to more than two hundred members; also to a list of descendants who subscribe to it, and occasionally, to others whom it hopes to interest in becoming members of the Society. In this busy, bustling as well as turbulent world, some are strongly disposed to forget that they have forebears who made sacrifices far greater than any experienced today, and if from time to time, the "Quarterly" can awaken in them an appreciation of their ancestors, its mission, in part, is fulfilled.

THE FOURTH  
BIENNIAL  
WESTCOTT  
CELEBRATION

While the definite dates of the Fourth National Biennial celebration of the Society can not be announced before the September issue of the "Quarterly", the event will be held probably early in August of next year. Past-President Allan F. Westcott contributes the following interesting facts of Alexandria Bay, where, at his nearby camp, he and his family spend their summers: "Alexandria Bay, which has been selected as the scene of our next Westcott Family Reunion in 1941, has long been recognized as the central summer resort of the famous Thousand Island region. In earlier days it was visited chiefly for the fishing, and among those who came there were President Van Buren, President Grant, and many other noted political leaders. The bass and pickerel fishing in the St. Lawrence river is still good, but not like that of years ago. At Alexandria Bay the well known Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company steamers make daily stops during the summer on their route between Toronto and Montreal, and innumerable motor boats make scenic tours among the 1700 or more wooded islands, many of which have summer homes, while others are as wild as in the days of the French

voyageurs. So if there are spare moments at the time of the reunion, our Westcott brothers, sisters and cousins will find plenty to occupy them." To our western cousins: Motor east to Detroit, thence through Canada to Toronto. Park your car in Toronto and there take the boat to Alexandria Bay.

CHAPTER NO. 8  
TO BE FORMED  
IN BOSTON.

A group of merry Westcotts of Massachusetts gathered for a dinner meeting at the Myles Standish Hotel in Boston on Saturday evening, April 13th. After singing "America", our member Mrs. Eleanor Ann Havey Timpany of Digby, Nova Scotia, who has passed many years as a missionary in India, offered the invocation, and then came a delectable dinner. Member Miss Helen G. Havey of West Roxbury, presided. Miss Havey, together with members David A.

Juliana.

Mrs. David A. Westcott, who so charmingly has taken over the happy task of championing the "in-laws" of the Westcott family, especially the mothers, closed her delightful address at the meeting in Boston with the following poem:

And so to Juliam  
We lift our glasses high;  
When Stukely fought so bravely  
SHE was always standing by.

With faith and hope and courage  
She lived her span of years;  
In days of high adventure  
She had no place for fears.

Let Westcott sons and daughters  
And all who bear the name  
Sing praise to Juliana  
Who well deserves her fame.

Westcott of Dorchester and Walter J. Billings of Boston, arranged the meeting. Following the dinner, addresses were made by Mrs. David A. Westcott, Mrs. Inez S. Stansfield of Cambridge, Past-National-President V. Stukely Westcott of Rhode Island, and Registrar Roscoe L. Whitman of New Jersey, the latter tracing "Seven Centuries of the Westcott Family." Then at the suggestion of Miss Havey, the group organized into a society which later will apply for a charter for a Chapter of the S.S.W.D. David A. Westcott was elected President; Walter J. Billings, Vice-President; and Miss Havey, secretary-treasurer. Annual dues of 50 cents were voted. The very enjoyable occasion closed with the singing of the family song, "Bold Stukely Westcott", and Mrs. Timpany lead in the benediction. Adjournment was taken to May 4th at the home of Miss Helen G. Havey, 155 Bellevus Street, West Roxbury. Mr. and Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott of Pawtucket, R. I., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter and Miss Ruth M. Havey of New York City, and Mr. and

Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield, N. J. were present. Mrs. Timpany of Nova Scotia, was visiting her relatives in Boston.

The second bulletin of corrections and additions to the two Westcott Genealogies will be found on the fourth page of this issue.

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IN MEMORIAM

Clara Westcott Finley (Mrs. William), sister of Dr. Leo E. Westcott, President of the Society, died March 14.--William Kidder Merriam, husband of member Luly Westcott Merriam and father of member William Dyer Merriam, died March 17.--John Klein, husband of member Helen Hatmaker Klein, died April 26.--The sympathy of the Society is extended to the members of each of the families.

**MANY OLD-  
STOCK FAMILIES  
ARE UNKNOWN**

Families reverting to the pioneer settlers of America deserve to have their history known and preserved, and many hundreds of them have been recorded. A few years ago, perhaps no family going back to the 17th century was less known than that descending from Stukely Westcott. Some people possessed knowledge of their own direct lines but knew little of their kin-folk. The Westcott genealogies of 1932 and 1939 have recorded and preserved a history of the general family which will endure down through time and it is to the great credit of the family that this has been accomplished. Future generations will want to know as we wanted to know, those pioneers of the family who strived so diligently to create in America a civilization unknown in any other country. You and your friends may purchase these genealogies as long as the supply remains unsold, by addressing the National Secretary, Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 West 139th St., N.Y. City.

**REUNIONS  
THIS COMING  
SUMMER**

The good old Summertime, after a long, tough Winter, will be welcomed by Westcotts in divers ways, not the least of which will be their reunions and dinners. The first of the gatherings will be that of Southern Michigan Chapter, No. 6, at Jackson, Wednesday, June 12, followed the next day at McDonald, Mich., with another conclave. Then on the Saturday evening following, June 15, Chicagoland Chapter, No. 7, will assemble in Chicago for a dinner-meeting. Rhode Island Chapter, No. 2, will also meet on June 15, for a picnic and meeting. Then comes the gatherings in August, the first of which will be that of the Madison County (N. Y.) Westcotts on Aug. 4, and then that of the Abington (Pa.) Society, Aug. 10; Milford Twp. (N.Y.) Chapter, No. 1, Aug. 11; Northern N.Y. Chapter, No. 4, Aug. 13, and Vermont Chapter, No. 5, Aug. 18. Ye Scribe, Mrs. Whitman and their grandson, Edmund Whitman Morris, expect to be present at several of these gatherings. Plans for the Fourth Biennial National Celebration at Alexandria Bay in 1941 will be considered at the reunion of the Northern N. Y. Chapter.

**SENDING  
ALONG A  
SUGGESTION**

At the meeting of the Directors last January, a design was submitted for a bronze tablet to be placed on the reverse side of the memorial tablet in Warwick, R. I., to the memory of Juliana Marchante Westcott, wife of Stukely Westcott, and their six children. The design was approved but it was deemed advisable to postpone further action until the finances of the Society would warrant the expenditure. Since then several members have suggested that as the memorial to the Family Founder was made possible in 1935 by popular subscription, this memorial to his family might be provided in the same way. The cost would be about \$75.00. If YOU approve of this suggestion, a post-card to this effect is in order, stating the amount you will contribute, and mailed to the chairman of the committee, Leslie P. Westcott, 315 Olney St., Providence, R. I.

**NOTES IN  
PASSING**

Should YOU find a bill for 1940 dues accompanying this issue of the "Quarterly", it will remind you that this little duty has not been taken care of this year, and won't you please do so promptly? \* \* Member Helen Margaret Morrison graduates from Knox School, Cooperstown, N. Y., and Member Edmund Whitman Morris from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., both in June. \* \* When members change their addresses they will confer a favor by promptly notifying the National Secretary. \* \* The Westcott Coat of Arms is the badge of family honor and as such it deserves a treasured possession. \* \* No new members to announce.