

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NOTICE, PLEASE

Should you find accompanying this issue of "The Quarterly", your statement for 1941 dues, payable in January, will you please give it your prompt attention that your remittance may be reported at the annual meeting of the Directors of the Society on January 11th? It will be appreciated.

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Read on another page of this issue, something of the plans being made for your entertainment at the Fourth Biennial National Celebration of the S.S.W.D. to be held in August, 1941, at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

GREATER N.Y.

CHAPTER 8th

DINNER, JAN.

11, 1941.

The Greater New York Chapter will observe the 264th anniversary of the death of the Family Founder with a dinner on Saturday evening, Jan. 11th. These dinners take on the aspect of a "little national celebration" as members of the Westcott Family are always present from Rhode Island to Michigan and this time, perhaps from Indiana and Illinois. It will be held as usual, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, N.W. corner 5th Ave. and 9th St. Reception at 6 P.M. and dinner at 7:15. Dr. Charles C. Tillinghast, a great-grandson of a Westcott, will be the speaker. He is principal of Horace Mann School in New York and professor at Columbia University. Other speakers will be President Dr. Leo E. Westcott of Michigan and Past-President Dr. Allan F. Westcott of Maryland. It is hoped that YOU AND YOUR FAMILY can and will be present. The dinner is \$2.00. It will be appreciated if you will have your reservation and check in the hands of the Secretary, Miss Ruth M. Havey, 25 Fifth Ave., New York City, as early as possible and surely, NOT LATER than Wednesday, Jan. 8th. Come and have an enjoyable evening with your kin.

CHICAGOLAND

CHAPTER

MEETS

"A splendid group of Chicagoland Westcotts met on Friday, Sept. 20th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Randall L. Westcott in Evanston, Ind. We were happy to have our National President, Dr. Leo E. Westcott and Mrs. Westcott with us and also a number of new members. After a short business session, Dr. Westcott showed movies and many beautiful Kodachrome slides that were thoroughly enjoyed, and of course, much time was spent in family discussion. Tasty refreshments brought to an end a delightful evening. The response to the invitations mailed was gratifying and our Chicagoland Chapter, while still small, is enthusiastic and looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting."

-- Mary Ella Stafford, Sec'y.

NORTHERN

N.Y. CHAPTER

REUNION A

FINE SUCCESS

The following report of the reunion of the Northern N.Y. Chapter last August was received too late to present in the September Quarterly: "Upon arrival at Westcott Beach, the cousins were greeted by a committee and were presented with a tag bearing their name and address. These tags were the means of becoming better acquainted. Arthur Westcott and his committee had already arranged the tables in an open square, and fluttering from the trees were several American flags and a banner, reading: "Equality -- Liberty -- Justice -- God Bless America -- We Are Proud to Be Americans!" On the white table cloths were favors of red boats with cargoes of after-dinner mints, while large red letters spelled "Westcott" on each table. By noon, Tillie and George (George Westcott

and wife, owners of the beach) were bending over a crackling fire and the aroma of coffee made everybody hungry. At 1 P.M., the cousins were eating roast fresh ham, creamed potatoes, salad, cake, pies and fruit. The business meeting followed, Mrs. Waugh, president, presiding. Communications were read from National President Dr. Leo E. Westcott, National Secretary Ethel Clarke and National Registrar, Roscoe L. Whitman. The need to sell more Westcott Genealogies was emphasized. We were advised of the acceptance by the National Society of our invitation to meet with us in 1941 and Past-President Dr. Allan F. Westcott talked about some possibilities. Aunt Nora's poem of ten verses, written by Mrs. Studer, was read by Dr. Allan Westcott. John Westcott read the report of the nominating committee, and the same officers were re-elected for another year. (Mrs. Angie Fralick Waugh, president, Fulton; Mrs. Lulu Westcott Burgen, vice-president., Hastings; Mrs. Raymond C. Turner, sec-treas., 250 West 1st St., Oswego, N.Y.; Mrs. Harry Witzel, ass't sec., 244 Mosley Dr., Syracuse, N.Y.) The young people under the guidance of David Crump, enjoyed swimming and other water sports, while the group remaining at the tables enjoyed games under the leadership of Mrs. Turner. Framed pictures of ships were given as prizes. We have sixty-three whose memberships are paid to 1941. Of course, in some cases this includes husband and wife." -- Grace Beardsley Turner (Mrs. Raymond C.) Due to the limited space of the Quarterly, room is available for only two of the ten verses of the poem by Nora Ellena Westcott Studer (Mrs. Charles E. -- G-195):

"The children with us add much to our pleasure;
 May they gather facts they will always treasure,
 And sparks of interest be aroused in them
 Which some day they will value more than a gem--
 Perhaps when the old folks have all departed
 To join ancestors so true and kind-hearted."

"It is with sadness and with most sincere regret,
 That valued members passed on since last we met.
 Listening to the many friends of hope and cheer--
 Hope all here today may be with us next year.
 Make your plans for the next year Celebration
 Where kin will meet from all over creation."

IN

MEMORIAM

Susan Ellen Waterman Handy (Mrs. Thomas H.; A-267) died Nov. 1, 1940 at her home, "The Breezes", in Manville, R. I. Her grandmother was Susanah Westcott, who m-William Waterman. She was b-Aug. 23, 1856. A charter member of this Society, she always took a deep interest in its activities and was present at the National Celebrations in 1935 and 1937, and only illness in her family prevented her from being present in 1939. Many of the reunions of the Rhode Island Chapter have been held at "The Breezes", on which occasions she was always a gracious hostess. To her husband and to her children, Miss Susan Westcott Handy and Thomas Henry Handy, Jr., all members of this Society, the deepest sympathy is extended.

HIGHLIGHTS OF

R. I. CHAPTER

FALL MEETING

"The annual Fall meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Niles Westcott in Oaklawn, R. I. -- the old Westcott home-
 stead -- Saturday, Oct. 19. The colonial home made a very appropriate setting for another delightful family reunion. President William Mar Westcott opened the meeting by reading the 121st Psalm, followed by prayer. "God Bless America" was then sung. The President expressed his pleasure that so many Westcott descendants were present on the farm where many of our ancestors have lived. The desirability of having a permanent fund in the Chapter to take care of Westcott graves and cemeteries was discussed. Fhebe Wilbur, one of the charter members of the Chapter, who died recently,

left a sum of money for the upkeep of the Westcott cemetery at Oaklawn. A motion was made and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to investigate a permanent cemetery fund for the Chapter. The committee appointed comprises Ralph Dexter, Norman Westcott and George P. Westcott. The members of the Chapter stood a moment in silence in memory of former member Phebe Wilbur. (Miss Wilbur was also a charter member of the National Society.) At the conclusion of the business meeting, Leslie P. Westcott, chairman of the entertainment committee, took charge. Some very interesting family reminiscences were related by Leslie P. Westcott, Mrs. Henry C. Westcott, Mrs. Frank Westcott and Mrs. George C. Wood. The members enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and tea. They expressed their appreciation of the generous hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Niles Westcott with a rising vote of thanks." -- Leone Cargill, Secretary. * * The following letter is gratefully acknowledged by Ye Scribe and his wife and the honor bestowed is deeply appreciated. "Dear Mr. Whitman: At the annual Fall meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of Stukely Westcott Descendants, held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Niles Westcott, you and Mrs. Whitman were made honorary members of the Chapter in appreciation of your interest and help in the organization and continuance of the second branch of Stukely Westcott Descendants. Sincerely, (signed) William M. Westcott, President; Leone Cargill, Secretary."

ANNUAL

MEETING OF DIRECTORS The annual meeting of the Directors of this Society will be held in New York City at 4 o'clock, Saturday, January 11, 1941. The Board consists of Dr. Leo E. Westcott, Harry J. Westcott, David A. Westcott, William M. Westcott, Miss Rachel C. Wilkins, Miss Ethel Clarke, Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, Roscoe L. Whitman, William C. Driver, Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Leslie P. Westcott, Joseph R. Westcott, Mrs. George W. Trainor, Mrs. Frank E. Waterman and Mrs. Charles W. Weaver. Among the matters to come before the Board are plans for the Fourth Biennial Celebration next August at Alexandria Bay.

CARE OF

GARDENS BY A MEMBER Though your garden is now covered with Winter blankets, the following, which appears in "Reader's Digest" for October, page 96, is of interest because it tells of the activities of one of our members: "Dr. Cynthia Westcott, plant pathologist and former research worker at Cornell University, is giving the gardens of small householders in Glen Ridge, N. J. (her home town), the expert attention usually reserved for large estates. In a station wagon loaded with sprayers, hose, and garden tools, she and her assistant start out at seven-thirty every morning and visit a succession of gardens, spraying for rust or pests, cutting back new growths, burning plants with an infectious disease. For a small monthly fee, she makes a weekly visit of not over an hour, gives expert advice and treatment."

WHAT IS

YOUR OPINION? Every member of this Society is interested and concerned in genealogical research as it has been by this method they learned who are their ancestors. Here is an interesting problem unsupported by Bible records or official vital statistics. Won't you study it and write your decision to me? On page 82, Vol. II, Westcott Genealogy, can be found a record of Oliver Hazard and his wife, Elizabeth RAYMOND, and her father, JOSHUA Raymond, and her grandfather, also JOSHUA Raymond. The issue of Oliver and Elizabeth (Raymond) Hazard is given as follows: "Elizabeth, Mary, probably Penelope, and others." Information has been received of a JOSHUA Hazard, a RAYMOND Hazard, and a third brother, named either William or Edward Hazard (the name might have included both names). The question is: Are the Christian names of these brothers sufficient evidence, especially as it is known there were "other children", to support the belief that this JOSHUA Hazard derived his name from his maternal grandfather and his maternal great-grandfather, and this RAYMOND Hazard received his Christian name from his mother's family name, RAYMOND? As to William or Edward Hazard, it is enough to know he was a brother of

Joshua and Raymond. The information is further to the effect that they served in the Revolution (they would have been born in the 1740s), and that Capt. Cliver Hazard Perry was of the same general family. Please send your opinion to R.L. Whitman, 109 Dudley Ave., W., Westfield, N. J.

4th BIENNIAL

WESTCOTT

CELEBRATION

NEXT AUGUST

As there is a divergence of opinion as to the day of the week and the date on which the Fourth Biennial Celebration of the Westcott family should be held at Alexandria Bay, N.Y., next August, announcement of the final decision must be postponed until the March issue of the Quarterly. The Northern N.Y. Chapter has always held its annual reunions in August on a Tuesday and because of this, Tuesday was first considered for the National Celebration. However, members of the Society, who have expressed themselves, strongly favor having the "one big day" on a Saturday, contending that those who live at a distance can probably more easily arrange to get away from their work to make the trip on a Friday and return home on Sunday. This plan would take them away from their business only two days (perhaps, one day, as in many instances, there is no work on Saturday), while if a Tuesday should be decided upon it would necessitate their being away three days. It is further contended that on a Saturday there would probably be a much larger attendance of those living within a hundred miles of Alexandria Bay. As matters stand (Nov. 22), it can only be stated that the Celebration will be held on either Saturday, Aug. 2, Tuesday, Aug. 4, or Saturday, Aug. 9. That is, on one of these days, the commemorative and memorial services will be held in the forenoon, the business meeting in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening. Plans will be made for some sort of entertainment, such as a visit to Westcott Beach and historic Sacket's Harbor and a sail on the St. Lawrence River with a stop-over at the Summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Allan Westcott, on the day previous to the "big day" and the day following. If YOU are interested in the selection of days and dates, please communicate immediately with Dr. Allan F. Westcott, 1 Thompson St., Annapolis, Md., who is chairman of the committee, in order that he can report to the Directors of the Society. The other members of the committee are the officers of the Northern N. Y. Chapter.

OUR NEW
MEMBERS

National Secretary Ethel Clarke reports the following new members to whom a cordial welcome to the Society is extended:

264 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Speer Westcott	Adrian, Mich.
265 Rev. Garford Flavel Williams	Nicholson, Pa.
266 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Westcott	Unadilla, N. Y.

NOTES IN
PASSING

The suggestion is made that the current copies of the Genealogical Bulletins, which come with your Quarterly, be folded once and then filed with your Westcott Genealogy. * * For its archives, the Society acknowledges receipt from its member, Mrs. Raymond C. Turner of Oswego, N. Y., "The Journal", publication of the N. Y. State Dental Society of March, 1940, containing a full-page picture and an article on Dr. Amos Westcott, founder of the Dental Society and the Civil War mayor of Syracuse, N. Y. * * Miss Susan Westcott Handy, past-president of R. I. Chapter, was appointed some months ago by Gov. Vanderbilt, to be a member of a R. I. State Commission to investigate the situation relative to the graves in Newport of Gov. Benedict Arnold and his wife, Damaris Westcott, daughter of Stukely, the emigrant. * * There is still hope of Chapters being formed in Boston, Oklahoma City and Los Angeles. * * A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!