

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1941

is the date for the Fourth Biennial Celebration of this Society, and Alexandria Bay in the Thousand Islands, northern New York, is the place. This decision was reached by the Directors at their meeting on January 11th. The tentative program calls for the business meeting of the members of the Society in the forenoon, the Commemorative Memorial Services in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening at the Crossman House. Those who arrive on the previous day (Friday afternoon) may assemble at "Westcott Beach", the place of the reunions of the Northern New York Chapter, and then visit Sacket Harbor on the way to Alexandria Bay. Those who remain over for Sunday may have a boat trip on the St. Lawrence River with a stop-over at the Summer cottage of Dr. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott. The Crossman House is a splendid hotel, but there are many homes where accommodations may be had at a nominal cost. Dr. Allan F. Westcott, who is General Chairman of the Celebration, may be communicated with on and after July 1st by addressing him at Alexandria Bay, and in the meantime, at his home, 1 Thompson Street, Annapolis, Md. The members of the committee are the officers of Northern New York Chapter: Mrs. Angie Fralick Waugh, President of the Chapter and Local Chairman, Fulton, N. Y.; Mrs. Frederick L. Burgen, Vice-President, Hastings, N. Y.; Mrs. Raymond C. Turner, Sec.-Treas., 250 First St., Oswego, N. Y., and Mrs. Harry Witzel, 244 Mosley Drive, Syracuse, N. Y. Further information will be given in the June Quarterly.

### PATRIOTIC DINNER OF NEW YORK CHAPTER

Tables beautifully decorated with red, white and blue carnations, red, white and blue candles with ferns, a large American flag covering the wall back of the speakers' table and smaller American and British flags, gave a definite patriotic fervor to the 8th annual dinner of the Greater N. Y. Chapter of the National Society at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, Saturday evening, January 11th. Two dolls in the dress of the 17th century, representative of the Family Founder and his wife, Juliana, and a miniature sailing

vessel, indicative of their mode of travel from England to America, were also a part of the decorations of the head-table. Each guest wore a small flag bow-knot and a red, white and blue carnation. On the wall at the farther end of the room was an enlarged fac-simile of the Westcott Coat of Arms, beautifully executed by Miss Ruth M. Havey, secretary of the Chapter, who, with Dorothy Whitman Morris (Mrs. Adelbert N.), conceived and executed the striking atmosphere of the occasion. Chapter President William C. Driver, presided. At the conclusion of a splendid dinner, Virginia Morris Stanton (Mrs. Phillips) sang in her rich soprano voice, "God Bless America", those present joining in the chorus. Chester W. DeMond was at the piano. Officers of the Chapter were

### STUKELY WESTCOTT

#### Pioneer Looks Into the Future.

Bold Stukely sailed the ocean blue  
To make a home for me and you.  
He landed first at quaint old Hingham  
With Julie dressed in modest gingham.

Quoth Stuke, "This town is much too slow,  
A little farther north let's go."  
So off they went to Salem town  
With Julie in her same old gown.

The children tramped along with vim,  
Except small Jeremiah, him  
A babe in arms they had to tote  
Where'er they went by land or boat.

They finally came to good old Salem.

The settlers all came out to hail 'em.  
 Bold Stukely said, "This burg is fine,  
 I'll settle here and start my line."

Full soon he joined a master mind,  
 A pastor brave and likewise kind.  
 For Roger Williams preached a creed  
 Which very few would even heed.

For when Roger came along  
 He told the church where it was wrong.  
 He said, "Your minds are much too cramped,  
 Your views of life must be revamped."

The brethern frowned a nasty frown  
 And ordered him to leave the town.  
 "Get out!" they said, and "get thee hence,  
 You'd better go to Providence."

So through the wilderness he set out;  
 No car, nor bus along the route,  
 No roads, nor signs, nor friendly fence  
 To point the way to Providence.

Bold Stukely saw his pastor start.  
 He said, "You keep a dauntless heart;  
 Perhaps ere long we'll meet again  
 Because these guys give me a pain."

"To Providence you hike along  
 And I'll stand by you, right or wrong.  
 And if they start to treat me rough,  
 I'll not stay round and take their guff."

"And maybe I'll give them air  
 I f real estate is cheap down there.  
 Or if you find the land is free --  
 Oh, gee! Then that's O.K. with me."

As time went on bold Stuke got bolder.  
 The elders' looks grew cold and colder,  
 Until at last they said "Skidoo!  
 For we have had enough of you."

Then Stukely scoffed and likewise jeered,  
 "Of man or beast I'm not afraid  
 For I shall stand for freedom sweet  
 And Tolerance for all I meet."

With brave and independent manner,  
 He then set off with Juliana.  
 The children faced with fearsome jaunt  
 And nothing could their spirits daunt.

They never met a single soul  
 Until at last they reached their goal.  
 There, Roger welcomed them with joy.  
 "I'sure am glad. Oh, boy! Oh, boy!"

re-elected as follows: President, William C. Driver; Vice-President, Edmund Whitman Morris, and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Ruth M. Havey, 25 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Short addresses were made by National Historian Miss Rachel C. Wilkins, National President Leo E. Westcott, Past-Presidents Dr. Allan F. Westcott and Joseph R. Westcott, Past-Chapter Presidents Dr. F. Howard Westcott and Harry J. Westcott. Pauline Westcott Sharpe (Mrs. William C.) presented in her usual pleasing manner, a poem (herewith given) which she penned for the occasion. The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles C. Tillinghast, principal of Horace Mann School in New York and a great-grandson of Penelope Westcott Avery (Mrs. Elisha; A-312). He extolled hereditary virtue in a pleasing and humorous manner much to the interest and delight of those present. Interspersed with the addresses, "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung and the happy evening ended with singing the family song, "Bold Stukely Westcott", Past-Chapter President Harry J. Westcott at the piano. Those present from a distance were Dr. and Mrs. Leo E. Westcott, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Dr. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott, Annapolis, Md.; Miss Rachel C. Wilkins, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Joseph R. Westcott, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Driver, Fairfield, Conn.; Dr. and Mrs. Niles Westcott and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Providence, R. I., and Mr. and Mrs. David A. Westcott, Boston, Mass.

#### A Long, Praiseworthy Work.

Mrs. Niles Westcott of Providence, is a talented violinist as those who heard her at the Celebration in 1935 can attest. According to the Providence Bulletin of November 25th, 1940, "Mrs. Westcott conducts a chorus of about 35 to 50 singers (at the State Farm and Reform School) at Howard and one of similar size (at the State Hospital for Mental Diseases) at Butler. she devotes Tuesday mornings to the latter institution; Thursday afternoons to rehearsals and Sunday mornings to church services. Sometimes she takes her violin along; sometimes sits at the organ." "It is a service I love," Mrs.

"To have my pal with me again,"  
He said, "I've waited with ten men  
Till you were here to start a church.  
I thought you'd left us in the lurch."

"And now you've come; here's your plantation,  
It reaches over all creation.  
There's twenty thousand acres here,  
And all for you and naught to fear."

Then Stukely said, "I like this fine;  
I'm glad to know that it's all mine.  
I'm glad to live where men are free  
To join a church where men agree.

For I've important work to do.  
First I must see my children through,  
Then forty grandsons and granddaughters  
Must all get decent living quarters.

My progeny will be prolific  
From the Atlantic to Pacific.  
So let us now no longer flit  
But settle down and do our bit.

For all must know that my descendants  
Will fight to win their independence.  
And later generations brave  
The Constitution help to save.

Then hail to my posterity.  
I'll trust in their sincerity.  
May all who come to bear my name  
Never bring to me a blush of shame.

Rich men, poor men, doctors, teachers,  
Artists, lawyers, farmers, preachers,  
Billiant men with high ambition,  
Simple men of low condition.

There'll be two girls who'll make their mark,  
Of course, I mean the sisters Clarke,  
And energetic Miss Ruth Havey  
With lovely hair so red and wavy.

A doctor who will be no coward,  
I think his name will be F. Howard.  
Another too, I see, named Niles  
To join the clan, he'll travel miles.

And Dr. Cynthia you will see  
Who'll always tend the family tree.  
Then Dorothy DeMond so sweet and fair  
Who'll keep the records with great care.

From Binghamton will come a Joseph,  
The very best that any knows of.  
Then there will be professor Allan  
Who'll scorn a pint but love a gallon.

Westcott is quoted as saying:  
"I can't argue about its great  
value as a therapeutic measure.  
All I know is that I get a great  
satisfaction out of seeing my chorus  
people sing, and they sing very  
well." Mrs. Westcott has carried  
on this work for 40 years. A pic-  
ture of her leading her chorus ac-  
companied the article. Dr. Westcott  
is assistant superintendent of Butler  
Hospital. They are charter members  
of this Society and also the R. I.  
Chapter.

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#### Seven Years Old.

With this issue, the Westcott Fam-  
ily Quarterly completes its seventh  
year in noting the activities of  
this Society and its members. If  
it has given you ten minutes of  
interesting reading every third  
month, then it has accomplished at  
least one of its purposes. Perhaps  
it has helped to inculcate a  
greater respect and appreciation of  
Westcott family traditions and life.  
We hope so.

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Gertrude Voronica Wilde arrived  
November 30, 1940, to make her  
home with her parents, our members,  
John and Edith Wilde (A-261).  
Congratulations.

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#### Do It Now!

Each month the remaining unsold  
copies of the Westcott Genealogies  
become smaller in number. If you  
plan to own one take a tip ---  
**BUY IT NOW!**

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#### A Patriotic Family Duty.

On the reverse side of your Member-  
ship Certificate you will find  
under the caption Object of the  
Society, the following: "To sup-  
port the defense of the country our  
forefathers helped create and the  
conservation of the Constitution of  
the United States and the Liberty  
of the American people." It seems  
fitting and highly desirable at this

Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Solley,  
Cousins both so sweet and jolly.  
And then there'll be good Leo, too  
Who'll come from distant Kalamazoo.

There'll also be a Harry J.,  
Who'll do his duty, come what may.  
A handsome Driver, William C.,  
Who'll ornament the family tree.

But best of all of whom I'm proud,  
Come sing his praises long and loud.  
My faithful Roscoe, spirit rare,  
He'll spread my story everywhere.

He'll trace my line with endless toil  
Since first I left my native soil.  
By word of mouth, by book, by letter,  
He'll make all know their kindred better.

A toast to you, all my descendants,  
To wives and sons and your dependents  
I see the future far ahead,  
I see great trouble and bloodshed.

I see a world of strife and grief  
With many millions on relief.  
I see my land torn through with anguish  
While countless Europeans languish.

I hear the threats of German hosts,  
I shudder at their dreadful boasts.  
But time will bring deliverance near,  
I fear not for my country dear.

My progeny will ever fight  
For Liberty and for the right.  
And all the men of Westcott kin  
O'er tyranny will always win."

--By Mrs. William C. Sharpe.

time for us to give aid to this  
deserving end, and as one step in  
this direction, that every member  
of our Society should write to the  
"National Committee to Uphold Con-  
stitutional Government, 205 East  
42nd St., New York City," for its  
literature setting forth its work.  
WILL YOU WRITE TODAY?

Our member, Mrs. James H. Stansfield,  
we are happy to report, is home  
again from a hospital in Washington  
where she was treated for a broken  
ankle.

#### OUR NEW MEMBER

National Secretary, Ethel Clarke,  
reports one new member, to whom  
this Society extends a cordial  
welcome --

267 Mr. & Mrs. Truman E. Righter,  
McDonald, Mich.

Recording dear ones who have passed  
on, gives living descendants a true  
place in life.

A memorial wreath was placed at the  
Westcott tablet in Warwick, R.I.,  
Jan. 12th, anniversary of the death  
of the Family Founder.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

"Has it ever been thought that it would be nice to go back to Rhode  
Island for another Celebration? As we now know our family history and  
each other so much better, we would have a very enjoyable time." So writes a member.  
Ye Scribe heartily subscribes to the thought but with the further thought that Rhode  
Island be selected for the Celebration in 1945. Ten years will then have elapsed  
since we celebrated there the 300th anniversary of the family in America and so we  
could have a double celebration -- the 310th anniversary of the coming of our Family  
Founder and the 10th anniversary of our recognition of that historical event. With  
this long-distance thinking we might consider a place to hold the Celebration in 1943,  
and here it occurs we might go to Niagara Falls as a more convenient place for our  
western cousins to join us. If this famous handiwork of Nature does not work out  
satisfactorily, then thought might revert to the Mohawk Valley which is replete with  
history of the Revolutionary period and which attracted many of our ancestors from  
New England. BUT, in the meantime, let's all be present at the Celebration at Alex-  
andria Bay on Saturday, August 9th next!