

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NOTICE, PLEASE.

Some have overlooked sending their dues to the Society for 1941. If it happens YOU are among them, will you please remit immediately to the National Secretary, Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 West 139th St., N. Y. City, so that the financial report to be presented at the biennial business meeting at the Celebration in August can be completed? Thank you!

Plans and arrangements for the Fourth Biennial Westcott Family Celebration are outlined to some extent on another page of this Quarterly".

FINE FOR

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER

The next meeting of Chicagoland Chapter will be held Sunday afternoon, June 15th, and will be in the manner of a picnic. At a recent meeting of its Directors, they apportioned to each member some ten or twelve descendants in Chicago and vicinity for personal contact. They are to report at the June meeting. This seems like a splendid idea for other Chapters to adopt. The Directors also drafted "Articles of Organization" for the Chapter to be presented at the June meeting for action.

AT THE HOME IN

WESTFIELD, N.J.,

As was announced at the dinner of Greater New York Chapter, Jan. 11th last, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman extend a cordial invitation to ALL Westcott descendants, particularly including the children, to assemble at their home, 109 West Dudley Avenue, corner Prospect Street, Westfield, on Saturday, June 7th, for a lawn party beginning at 4 P. M. Good weather and a good attendance is hoped for. Those who come by N. J. Central train, leaving from the foot of Liberty Street, N.Y., at 3 P. M., will be met at the Westfield station and taken to the Whitman home. Those who plan to attend the party will confer a great favor by advising a few days in advance the number of persons who will come with them and also if they will come by train. There will be games and refreshments.

MANY NEW

DESCENDANTS

ARE FOUND

Westcott family genealogical research is being continued as provided for in the "Articles of Organization" of the Society. Each quarter of the year brings numerous additional records. Some family data is extended to such extent that two pages of the "Bulletin" are necessary to properly enter the record. This is the present case. Accordingly, the Quarterly for June is reduced to three pages to provide two pages for the "Bulletin". Interest in the family history was never so great as it is at present. Several of the public libraries and historical associations have highly commended the Society for continuing the research and furnishing them with copies of the "Bulletin".

RHODE ISLAND

TO CARE FOR

ARNOLD GRAVES

Our members are familiar with the attitude taken by the Society relative to the long neglect of the graves of the first Governor of Rhode Island, Benedict Arnold, and his wife, Damaris Westcott, oldest of the children of the emigrant Stukely Westcott. Accordingly, the following article published in the "Providence Journal" of March 21, will be of considerable interest: "The long neglected grave of Benedict Arnold, (first) Colonial Governor of Rhode Island, which is in a private back yard on Pelham Street, Newport, would be at last

cared for under a bill appropriating \$15,000 offered by Representative James J. Horgan of Newport, in the House yesterday. It is understood the money would be used for purchase of the property with a right of way to the street, restoration of the grave-stones and construction of a fence about the lot." This restoration plan is exactly in accord with the suggestion made by the committee of this Society, headed by Miss Susan Westcott Handy last year to the then Governor William H. Vanderbilt, who appointed the committee to investigate and report back this year to the General Assembly. It is earnestly hoped the legislature of Rhode Island will act promptly and favorably in this matter.

THE FOURTH

BIENNIAL While the date for the fourth biennial commemorative celebration of
WESTCOTT descendants of the Westcott family to be held at Alexandria Bay in the
CELEBRATION famous Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence River region in northern
New York on Saturday, August 9th, is still some eleven weeks away, arrangements and plans are now sufficiently complete to warrant the keenest anticipation of another glorious and happy gathering of the kin from many parts of the country. Headquarters will be at the Crossmon House. The following is an outline of the program:

FRIDAY EVENING (AUG. 8th.). Informal dinner at Crossmon House, 7:15 P. M., for members of the clan who arrive by this time. Price, \$1.50.

SATURDAY (AUG. 9th). 10:45 A.M. Commemorative service at the First Dutch Reformed Church of the Thousand Islands. 2:30 P.M. Regular biennial business meeting of the members of the National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, to be followed immediately for about 4 P.M., by a business meeting of the Northern N. Y. Chapter. The remainder of the afternoon to be spent in social gatherings or boat tours of the islands for those who may so desire. 7:15 P.M. Dinner at the Crossmon House. Price, \$1.50. This will be the only actual cost of the Celebration, though a small collection may be taken to cover incidental expenses.

SUNDAY (AUG. 10th). 10 A.M. Boat tour of the islands to include a visit to the Summer cottage of Dr. and Mrs. Allan Westcott at Lee Shore, Tar Island, Canada, for those who remain over on Sunday. This boat trip will not cost more than \$1.00. It will be possible also to plan an automobile trip to historical Sacket Harbor and Westcott Beach on Sunday afternoon or Monday.

At one of the Saturday sessions, our former Historian Roscoe L. Whitman will rehearse "Westcotts in the North Country, 1800-1850;" Past-President Dr. Allan Westcott will speak on the "Historic Background of the St. Lawrence Frontier;" President Dr. Leo E. Westcott will deliver the president's address; Mrs. A. F. Waugh, president of the Northern N. Y. Chapter, will extend the welcome of the Chapter; Mrs. David A. Westcott of Boston, and others will also speak. Rooms with meals, including the Westcott dinners, can be had at the Crossmon House as low as \$5.00 a day per person. Rooms are plentiful in tourist homes and camps. Those who go to Alexandria Bay by N. Y. Central railroad trains should plan to arrive at Redwood (seven miles from Alexandria Bay which may be reached by bus or taxi service) at either 6:14 P.M. (S.T.) or 7:11 A.M. (S.T.). Consult N. Y. Central time-tables. If it may be your wish to have a room at a tourist home or at the Crossmon House reserved for you, write Dr. Allan P. Westcott, Alexandria Bay, N. Y., after July 15th. From present indications, this fourth national gathering of the Westcott family will exceed all others in number in attendance. Let East, West and South join our Northern Cousins at Alexandria Bay on Saturday, August 9th, 1941!

COMING

CHAPTER REUNIONS

Chicagoland Chapter will hold its annual meeting and picnic on Sunday, June 15, 2 P.M., in the shelter on the 55th Street Promontory in Jackson Park. Dr. Randall L. Westcott is to be in charge of the program.--Rhode Island Chapter will hold its regular Summer meeting and picnic at the old colonial home of Miss Jennie Westcott on Providence Road, Westcott, Saturday, June 21st, 2:30 P.M.--Abington, Pa., Chapter will hold its fourth annual reunion at

Idlewild Park, near South Gibson, Pa., on Saturday, Aug. 9th.--Central N.Y. Chapter (Old Milford, N.Y., Chapter) will hold its annual meeting and picnic at the Gilbert Lake State Park, nine miles from Oneonta, N.Y., on Sunday, Aug. 17th.--Vermont Chapter will hold its annual meeting and picnic at Lake St. Catherine, Vt., on Sunday, Aug. 17th. Michigan Chapter will hold its annual meeting and picnic at Johnson Park, Grand Rapids, Sunday, Aug. 31st.--The Madison County (N.Y.) Westcott Association will probably have its reunion on the first Sunday in August.

IN
MEMORIAM Mr. Alfred R. Krause, husband of member Mary Louise Westcott, Chicago, died Jan. 1, 1941; member Grace May (Wightman) Widles, Fallon, Nev., died Jan. 16, 1941, and member Frank Lincoln Gatchell, Pawtucket, R.I., died Apr. 26, 1941. The sympathy of the Society is extended to their families.

OUR NEW
MEMBERS National Secretary Ethel Clarke announces the following new members to whom a cordial welcome of the Society is extended:

268 Mr. & *Mrs. Harry Fruh,	Chicago, Ill.
269 Miss Bertha W. Clark,	Brighton, Mass.
270 Miss Luzelle Summers,	Bangor, Mich.
271 Mr. * & Mrs. Byron Chapman Bussey	Pawtucket, R. I.
272 Dr. * & Mrs. * Randall L. Wescott	Evanston, Ill.
(Both Dr. and Mrs. Wescott are descendants)	
273 Mr. and Mrs. * Frederick H. Peck	Oconomowac, Wis.
AM-13 Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Wescott	Chicago, Ill.
(Descends From Daniel Wescott, nephew of Stukely.)	
AM-14 Miss Elizabeth May Wescott	East Orange, N. J.
(Descends from Richard Wescott, nephew of Stukely.)	
AM-15 Mr. & Mrs. Albert L. Wescott	Leonia, N. J.
(Descends from Richard Wescott, nephew of Stukely.)	

LOOKING

FAR AHEAD 1943 -- year of the fifth biennial Westcott family celebration! Despite a somewhat clouded forecast in this troubled World, America and Americans should and can look ahead with confidence and at least, form tentative ideas. Westcotts are Americans all the way through, and with their English background, can face the future in a confident, "all-out" way. Where do Westcotts go for their celebration in 1943? Three suggestions have already been offered. Bennington, Vt., with its historical Revolutionary background. Johnstown, N. Y., famed for its pre-Revolutionary days and the home of Sir William Johnson, and last, majestic Niagara Falls. And 1945, back to Rhode Island, the first Westcott homeland in America, to observe the tenth anniversary of the tercentenary celebration in 1935.

NEPHEWS OF

STUKELY It is now conclusively shown that Richard, Daniel and William West-
WESTCOTT cott, who were in New England by 1636, were sons of Richard and Mary
(Parsons) Westcott who were married in Devonshire, Eng., in 1611, and
Richard, Sr., was a brother of Stukely Westcott, Richard, Jr., settled in Wethersfield, Conn., William in Virginia and Daniel in Maine.

NOTES IN

PASSING This issue of the Quarterly contains three pages, two pages being devoted to the Genealogical Bulletin which requires extra space this month. * * With this number, the Westcott Family Quarterly begins its seventh year. The first number was issued in March, 1934. * * The directors of Chicagoland Chapter set an example worthy of adoption by other Chapters. They apportioned to each member ten or twelve non-affiliated descendants for personal contact with the aim of interesting them in the family history and the Chapter. As it will be noted in the list of "Our New Members", their efforts have already added to the membership roll.