

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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"Know Your Kindred Better"

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FOURTH BIENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE WESTCOTT NATIONAL SOCIETY

Descendants of Stukely Westcott from Boston and Providence to Chicago assembled at Alexandria Bay on the St. Lawrence River on Saturday, August 9th, for the fourth biennial commemorative celebration of the Westcott national society. Ideal weather enabled carrying out the program as it was outlined in "The Quarterly" for June. The President of the village of Alexandria Bay heartily welcomed the visitors as also

did Mrs. Angie Fralick Waugh, President of Northern N. Y. Chapter, Dr. Allan F. Westcott, general chairman of the committee who was at his camp on Tar Island for the Summer, and the Rev. E. L. Swartout, Pastor of Reformed Church where impressive memorial services were held. To these addresses of welcome, President Dr. Leo E. Westcott responded in his usual happy way. The speakers at the banquet were Mrs. David A. Westcott and Dr. Allan F. Westcott and their addresses were greatly enjoyed. An historical paper was read by Past-Historian Roscoe L. Whitman and Nathan H. Wilkins favored with a song. The accompanying poem by Mrs. Lulu Westcott Burgen, was read by Mrs. Waugh. It is published here by request and is greatly appreciated by Ye Scribe. At the business meeting, reports showed the Society has 208 descendant members and is in good financial condition. The following officers and directors were elected to serve until the biennial celebration in 1943: President, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, N. Y. City; 1st Vice Pres., Dr. Randall L. Westcott, Evanston, Ill.; 2nd Vice Pres., William G. Westcott, Scranton, Pa.; Chaplain, William M. Westcott, Apponaug, R. I.; Historian, Miss Rachel C. Wilkins, North Housick, N. Y.; Registrar, Roscoe L. Whitman, Westfield, N.J. Secretary, Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 West 139th St., N.Y. City; Rec.-Soc'y., Mrs. Adelbert N.

To a Friend and Kinsman
By Mrs. Lulu Westcott Burgen.

Down Otsego way
There came one day into the good U.S.A.,
A baby boy
Who in later years his pen did employ
To seek the family trees
Of all us Westcotts who enjoy the lovely breeze
From Ontario waters and others too (far and near),
All to whom he has made clear
Our abundant heritage of ancestors and lore
Proving we have character, initiative, bravery,
and professions galore.

In the struggles and shaping of our country's
destiny
Thanks to his efforts and untiring energy
We have a near-completed history of family kin
Of whom, living members still make quite a din
Through local Chapters and National Society.
We meet as often as we can with propriety,
Each glad--both those who totter and those who
creep
That we have a fine motto to keep
"Know Your Kindred Better",
Our Chapter tries to observe this to the letter.

We have grown quite strong
Though widespread and roads are long,
Yet since August, 1934,
We have gathered more and more
On the George H. Westcott shore.
Our goal is far from won
For we solicit more of the young --
They to carry the message
On down through the years
Pointing the way and how it appears.

That we are a hardy clan and true
Whose ancestors crossed the deep-deep blue
To live in freedom in a foreign land.
For whose descendants--God seems to have planned

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Happier gatherings in later times
From the cold and sunny climes.
May this good work spread and spread
Long years after we here assembled are dead.
To our debtor, good friend and kinsman,
Let's all rise and say, to a man,
"God Bless" and "Long Live", "Roscoe L. Whitman."

Potter, 25 Fifth Ave., N.Y. City; Treasurer, Pliny K. Westcott, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Board of Directors (which includes the elective officers): Past-Presidents Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Annapolis, Md., Joseph R. Westcott, Binghamton, N.Y., and Dr. Leo E. Westcott, Kalamazoo, Mich., and members Mrs.

Alfred R. Krause, Chicago, Mrs. Harry L. Waugh, Fulton, N. Y., and Miss Susan Westcott Handy, Manville, R. I. Those who registered during the Celebration were Dr.* & Mrs. Leo E. Westcott, Kalamazoo, Mich., Dr.* & Mrs. Allan F. Westcott, Annapolis, Md., Mr. & Mrs.* Chester W. DeMond, White Plains, N. Y., Mr.* & Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Providence, R. I., Mr.* & Mrs. David A. Westcott, Boston, Mass., *Nathan N. Wilkins and Miss *Rachel C. Wilkins, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs.* Harry L. Waugh, Fulton, N. Y., Mrs.* Mary Frolick Mullin, Phoenix, N. Y., Mrs.* Ellen Hoffman Witzel, Syracuse, N. Y., Dr.* & Mrs. G. D. Pickens, Arcade, N. Y., Mr. & Mrs.* A. R. Ellis, Chittenango, N. Y., Mr.* & Mrs. Pliny K. Westcott, Brooklyn, Mrs.* Louise Westcott Krause, Mrs.* Myrtle Westcott Lull and Miss* Mary Ella Stafford, all of Chicago, Mrs. Theron Westcott Knapp, Rochester, N. Y., Mr. & Mrs.* Charles Studer and Mr.* & Mrs. Arthur Westcott, all of Lyons, N. Y., Dr. & Mrs.* Raymond C. Turner, Oswego, N. Y., Mr.* & Mrs. William G. Westcott, Scranton, Pa., Dr.* & Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, N. Y. City, Mr.* & Mrs. Frank H. Westcott, North Adams, Mass., Mr.* & Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Westfield, N. J., Mrs.* Edith H. Rey and nephew *Edward Wert, Columbus, O., Mrs.* Lulu Westcott Burgen, Hastings, N. Y., *James R. Morris, Roselle, N. J., Mrs.* Mabel Westcott Bishop and Mrs.* Rena W. Shippey, both of Utica, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs.* Charles J. K. Kibler, Rochester, N. Y., Mr. & Mrs.* Wade B. Martin, Ramsey, N. J., also the following guests: Mrs. Eva Kline Pomeroy, Elizabeth, N. J., Miss Mabel Richardson, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. C. F. Benjamin, Ocala, Fla., Miss Evelyn Knamff, N. Y. City, Mr. & Mrs. H. Hinok, Bloomfield, N. J., and Lindsey Streeter, Westfield, N. J. On Sunday following the Celebration, thirty-six enjoyed a boat trip thru some of the islands and a real, abundant Westcott luncheon at the camp on Tar Island of Dr. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott. Cameras clicked, everybody set about to know their kindred better and in many respects, the event was the most enjoyable in the history of the Westcott Society. A group of some thirty who arrived Friday, passed a delightful evening on one of the spacious porches of the Hotel Crossmon overlooking the St. Lawrence River. The fading shadows on the water and lights from passing boats added much to a pleasant pre-Celebration evening.

ABINGTON, PA.,

CHAPTER HAS
ITS REUNION

The fourth annual reunion of the Abington, Pa., Chapter, No. 8, was held at Lake Idlewild, the lakeside home in the beautiful hills of north-eastern Pennsylvania of Mr. and Mrs. Girden Westcott, on Saturday, June 16th. Officers were re-elected as follows: President, William Gardner Westcott, V.-Pres., Harold G. Westcott, Secretary, Mrs. William Westcott, Moscow, Pa., Treasurer, William H. Westcott, Historian, Miss Ella M. Billings, Nicholson, Pa. It was voted not to change the name of the Chapter. The following deaths of members were reported: Moses E. Westcott, Scranton; Mrs. Levi Westcott Edwards, Moscow; Ray Jerauld, Dalton. No births were reported. Prizes awarded: Oldest woman present, Mrs. K. B. Westcott; oldest man present, J. H. Hortman; largest family group, Wesley Benjamin family; mother of youngest child, Mrs. William H. Westcott. It was decided to hold the reunion in 1942 at Idlewild Park; date to be decided upon later. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. William G. Westcott and Mrs. K. B. Westcott, Scranton, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Westcott, Susquehanna; Miss Dorothy Reed, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Westcott, Uniondale; Mrs. Minnie Allen, Mildred Westcott and Kenneth Westcott, Harford; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coon, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Harrie Zacharias and daughter Marion, Johnson City, N. Y.; Mrs. Mildred Rillstone, Scranton; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hortman, Hop Bottom; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Westcott and

daughters Janice and Barbara Jean, South Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Benjamin and daughters Marion, Henrietta and Rachel and son Edward, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wescott, Mrs. Hattie Wescott, Mr. and Mrs. William Wescott and sons Ronald and Wayne, all of Moscow, Miss Mabel Wescott, Mrs. Hattie Wescott and Mrs. Harry Wescott, Peckville, and Mrs. Enslin, Carbondale. President and Mrs. William G. Westcott attended the Celebration of the National Westcott Society at Alexandria Bay, N. Y., on August 9th.

RHODE ISLAND

CHAPTER GOES COLONIAL The old 18th century home of our member Miss Jennie Westcott, on Toll Gate Road in the little hamlet which since 1830, has been known as "Westcott", Rhode Island, was the scene of the Spring reunion of R. I. Chapter, No. 3, on Saturday, June 21. Forty-two were present: President and Mrs. William R. Westcott, Vice-President Edwin T. Westcott and Miss Dolly Stevens, Secretary Leona Cargill and mother, Mrs. Ethel Westcott Cargill, Treasurer George P. and Mrs. Westcott, Past-President Susan Westcott Handy, Mr. and Mrs. Norman M. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Westcott, Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Byron O. Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Dexter, Miss Jennie Westcott; Elmer Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westcott, Dr. and Mrs. Niles Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, Mrs. Samuel Driver, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Driver, Mrs. Bertha Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Potter, Shirley Potter and Billy Potter, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Westcott, Thomas Handy, Sr. and Thomas Handy, Jr.

CHAPTER NO. 1

HAS ITS 9TH GATHERING The original Chapter of the Westcott Society gathered for the ninth time on August 17th -- the Central N. Y. Chapter, assembling at Gilbert Lake State Park near Oneonta, N. Y. After luncheon, Harvey L. Westcott was re-elected President, Morris B. Townsend, V-Pres., and Mrs. Ernest Filer, Brisben, N. Y., Secretary-Treasurer. It was decided to meet next year at the same park; date to be a Sunday early in August. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Morris, Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Townsend and daughter Betty Lou, Oneonta; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Westcott, Oneonta, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Westcott, Unadilla; Mrs. Frederick H. Westcott, Mrs. Joseph Sweet Martin, Miss Sylvia Mary Martin and Joseph R. Westcott, all of Binghamton; Mr. and Mrs. William S. Finigan, Oneonta; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Filer and daughter Makine, Brisben, Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Brandt, Franklin; Miss Eva Westcott, Oneonta; Mrs. Duane Wilson and son Bill, Savanna, Ill.; Miss Ida Brightman, Greene; Mrs. Ray C. Rose and Mrs. H. C. Miner, Milford; Miss Dorothy E. Roberts, Utica; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Westfield, N. J., and Mrs. Eva Kline Pomeroy, Elizabeth, N. J.

CHICAGOLAND

CHAPTER NO. 7, MEET, JUNE 15 Chicagoland Westcotts enjoyed a picnic-dinner in Jackson Park, June 15, with some 26 present. By-laws patterned after those of the National Society were adopted and the following officers were re-elected: President, Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor; V.-Pres., Mrs. Louise Westcott Krause; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mary Ella Stafford, 8123 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago; Directors; Mrs. Myrtle Lull, Miss Hazel Wightman, Frank Westcott and Dr. Randall L. Westcott. Three new members were added, bringing the total membership to thirty-two. Those present: Dr. and Mrs. Leo E. Westcott, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Dr. and Mrs. Randall L. Wescott and daughter Joy and son Charles, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor and son Westcott, Mrs. Myrtle Westcott Lull, Mrs. Mary Louise Westcott Krause and Miss Mary Ella Stafford, all of Chicago; Franses Stafford, Berwyn; Mr. and Mrs. Justin W. Ford, Kankakee; Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Whitman, Zion; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fruh, Chicago; Mrs. Janet Pelok and daughters Georgeanne and Lois Jane of Oconomowoc, Wis.; Mrs. Marianne C. Westcott (Mrs. E. S.) and Mrs. Westcott Bennett, all of Chicago. Guests present: Mrs. Mable Koch and sons Francis and Donald, and North Storms, all of Chicago.

IN

MEMORIAM

Joseph W. DeVoss, husband of our member Edith Collins DeVoss of Griswold, Ia., died May 9, 1941; our member James Walling Westcott of Baltimore, Md., died July 3, 1941, and Sarah Elizabeth Hutchins, mother of our member Ethel W. H. Cargill of Providence, R. I., died July 24, 1941. Sympathy of the Society is extended to the surviving families.

OUR NEW

MEMBERS

National Secretary, Ethel Clarke announces the following new members received since the June issue of "The Quarterly";

274 Miss Elsie Jane Weaver, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	The
275 Dr. and Mrs. George Dana Pickens, Arcade, N. Y.	asterisk
276 Mr. and Mrs.* Alfred Richard Ellis, Chittenango, N. Y.	(star *)
277 Mr. and Mrs.* Dennis James Mullin, Phoenix, N. Y.	indicates
278 Mr. and Mrs.* Harry E. Witzel, Syracuse, N. Y.	the
279 Mr.* and Mrs. Theron Westcott Knapp, Rochester, N. Y.	descendant.
280 Rev. and Mrs.* Harry Saxton Mabie, Bay Village, Ohio	

VERMONT AND

MICHIGAN

CHAPTERS MEET The 1941 reunions of the Vermont and Michigan Chapters were held Sunday, Aug. 24th. Over 100 were present at each of them. Owing to lateness of date and lack of space, these reunions will be reported in "The Quarterly" for December.

ENJOYABLE

LAWN PARTY

LAST JUNE

Forty-four Westcotts gathered on the lawn of the home of Ye Scribe and Mrs. Whitman in Westfield, N. J., June 7th, and had a gala time. The afternoon was passed in playing games and the customary family fanning bees. The event was especially brightened by the presence of a number of children whom it is hoped, will be future members of this Society. Refreshments were served, the pieces de-resistance being toothsome cookies made by Miss Florence Earll Clarke from her mother's recipe and also delectable fudge. "A good time was had by all."

NOTES IN

PASSING

Wedding bells rung at Westville, N. Y., July 22, 1941, for our member, Reuben H. Westcott of Oneonta, N. Y., who m(2)-Minnie Estella Michaels. Hearty congratulations. * * The S.S.W.D. unveiled official markers of the S. A. R., Aug. 16, 1941, at Cheshire, Mass., at the Revolutionary graves of Sergeant Stukely Westcott (G-235) and his son, Stephen (G-236). * * As usual, the annual dinner-meeting of the Greater N. Y. Chapter will be held on the Saturday evening in January nearest to Jan. 12th, anniversary of the death of our emigrant ancestor. This fixes the date on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1942. * * Our member Lulu Westcott Burgen of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., was elected President of Northern N. Y. Chapter, Aug. 9th. Further particulars in "The Quarterly" for December. * * Both 1932 and 1939 Westcott Genealogies are still available, but the supply is limited, so you better hurry with your order. * * Don't forget to send new records of your family to the Historian. * * Ye Scribe was recently made President of his S. A. R. Chapter. * * Members, send in your family news for "The Quarterly."