

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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DIRECTORS

TO MEET

JAN. 10th.

In accordance with the "Articles of Organization" of the National Society, its Directors will hold their regular annual meeting on January 10, 1942, at 4 P. M. The meeting will be held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, N. Y. City. A number of important matters will come up for consideration, including the place and date to hold the fifth biennial national celebration in 1943. President Westcott hopes for a full attendance of the directors.

CALL TO

DINNER IN

NEW YORK

The eighth annual dinner-meeting of the Greater New York Chapter, S.S.W.D., always held on the Saturday evening nearest January 13th which is the anniversary of the death of the family founder, Stukely Westcott, will take place Saturday evening, January 10th, 1942. The place: Fifth Avenue Hotel, corner Fifth Avenue and West 9th Street. The hours: Assembly and Reception--6 to 7 P.M.; Dinner at 7:15 P.M. in the famous Washington Square Room of the hotel. Dinner, \$2.00. The honor guests will be the Hon. and Mrs. William M. Beard of Westfield, N. J. Mr. Beard will speak on the "American Constitution," a subject of which he is widely known as an authority. It is expected the three Past-Presidents, Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Joseph R. Westcott and Dr. Leo E. Westcott, will be present, and also of course, the present President, Dr. Frank Howard Westcott. These conclaves take on the atmosphere of a "little National celebration" as Westcott descendants from ten or more states usually attend. The President of the Chapter is William C. Driver of New Rochelle. The Secretary is Miss Ruth M. Havey, 25 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City. You will confer a great favor in helping the officers arrange in advance with the hotel management for the number of dinners to be served, by mailing your dinner reservations to the Secretary early as possible AND SURELY NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, JAN. 5th. Dress: Informal.

WESTCOTT

COAT OF ARMS

FOR HANGING

Ye Scribe now has hanging on the wall of his den, a handsome bronze tablet of the Westcott Coat of Arms. It is cast in solid bronze. The raised border, letters and coat of arms have been carefully hand-tooled and finished in bright golden satin and contrasted pleasingly with the matted brown background. It is mounted on a wood base in mahogany finish and has a chain for hanging. These plaques may also be had on a wood base in walnut finish. Size of the Coat of Arms is $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches on an inner-shield $6\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches with wood base $9\frac{1}{4}$ by 11 inches. These plaques cost \$12.00, F.O.B. New York, and may be ordered from the Secretary of the Society.

R.I. CHAPTER

HAS FALL

MEETING

Miss Leone P. Cargill, Secretary of R. I. Chapter, S.S.W.D., sends "The Westcott Quarterly" the following report of the Chapter's fall meeting: "The annual fall meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter was held Saturday afternoon, Oct. 18th, at the home of Edwin T. Westcott, Thornton, R. I. The highlight of the meeting was a very interesting talk by Leslie P. Westcott, who told of his impressions of the trip to the Alexandria Bay celebration. Mrs. David A. Westcott added several amusing incidents as she and Mr. Westcott were also present at the national gathering. A pleasant afternoon was passed looking over old books and curios in Mr. Westcott's home. The members were especially interested in the little water-color portraits of his father and grandparents. The Chapter was

The Chapter was very glad to welcome two new members: Mr.* and Mrs. Byron Chapman Bussey (already National members) and three former members, Mr.* and Mrs. Everett M. Salisbury and daughter, Miss Thelma. Coffee and refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Dolly Stone. Those present were: National Chaplain William Marr Westcott, Edwin T. Westcott, Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Westcott, Mrs. Byron O. Dexter, Mr.* and Mrs. M. Gregory Dexter and Miss Patricia, Mr.* and Mrs. Ralph W. Dexter, George P. Westcott, Mrs. George C. Westcott, Mrs. Clarence L. Adams, Mrs.* Ethel W. H. Cargill, Miss* Leone P. Cargill, Miss Dolly Stone and nephew, Mrs. Sarah Killam, sister-in-law of William Marr Westcott."

OFFICERS OF
NORTHERN N.Y.
CHAPTER

Officers of Northern N. Y. Chapter, No. 4, elected at the Chapter meeting during the National Celebration at Alexandria Bay consist of Mrs. Lulu Westcott Burgen of Hastings, President; Mrs. Grace Beardslee Turner of Oswego, Vice-President, and Arthur H. Westcott of Lyons, Secretary-Treasurer. Five of its members joined the National Society at the Celebration.

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OFFICERS OF
MICH. CHAPTER

The following officers of Southern Michigan Chapter, No. 6, were elected at its meeting last August 24--Martin Westcott of Adrian, President; Homer Rexford of Marion, 1st Vice-President; Randall Westcott of Jerome, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Shirley Post, 1703 James St., Kalamazoo, Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Directors elected comprises Mrs. Arleyn Bailey of Grand Rapids; Past-National President Leo E. Westcott, M. D., of Kalamazoo, and Sheldon Clark of Beulah.

TOTAL
MEMBERSHIPS
BY STATES

The 211 members of the National Society are scattered as follows: Alabama, 1 member; California, 4 members; Colorado, 2; Connecticut, 3; District of Columbia, 2; Illinois, 8; Indiana, 1; Iowa, 6; Louisiana, 1; Maryland, 3; Massachusetts, 13; Michigan, 9; Minnesota, 3; Missouri, 1; New Jersey, 18; New York, 76; New Hampshire, 1; North Carolina, 2; North Dakota, 2; Nova Scotia, 1; Ohio, 8; Oklahoma, 1; Pennsylvania, 13; Rhode Island, 18; South Carolina, 1; Texas, 1; Vermont, 11; Wisconsin, 1. Westcott descendants are known to be living in every State in the Union.

VT. CHAPTER
HAD A FINE
TIME LAST
AUGUST 24.

With ninety-one members and seventeen guests present, the Vermont Chapter of the Society had one of its most enjoyable reunions last August 24, at Idlewyld Park on beautiful Lake St. Catherine in Vermont. (Owing to the lateness of the date, an account of the reunion could not be published in the September number of "The Quarterly.") Ten National members were present. Among the guests were several persons who believe they descend from Stukely Westcott, and our National historian, Miss Rachel C. Wilkins, is helping them in research. The Chapter elected the following officers: President, Harold W. Westcott of Poultney, Vt.; Vice-President, L. D. Baker of Walloomsac, N.Y.; Secretary, Mrs. Lydia Whitney Springer of Granville, N. Y., and Treasurer, Nathan H. Wilkins of Hossick Falls, N. Y. The Chapter would like to have the National Celebration in 1943 held in Vermont. With its interesting historical and family background and its glorious Green Mountains, Vermont would be ideal for the big Nation-wide Westcott gathering. Between 1768 and 1780, several Westcott families (they usually omitted the middle "t" in spelling their name) came from Scituate twp. in Rhode Island and settled in the picturesque Otter Creek valley on the flats at Claredon and "back on the hill" near what came to be known as Chippenhook. Among these families were Abraham Salisbury and his wife, Zilpha Westcott. At the time of the alarm in 1777, Salisbury hurriedly formed a company of militia in which the various Westcott

adults "signed up", and they marched to the defense of the border.

IN M

MEMORIUM

Clarence Howard Batten, husband of our associate member Gertrude Westcott Batten of Woodbury, N.J., died Sept. 29, 1941. He retired in 1939 after fifty-seven years in the banking business at Philadelphia. The sympathy of the Society is extended to Mrs. Batten and the members of her family.

CHICAGOLAND

CHAPTER GOES
PICTORIAL

Miss Mary Ella Stafford, Secretary of the Chicagoland Chapter, sends "The Quarterly" the following interesting account of the Chapter meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 6th: "The report of Chicagoland's meeting might well start in the same way as the report of the Summer meeting, 'in spite of the cold and rainy weather'. It really did rain, but there were twenty-one Westcotts and friends gathered at the photographic studio of Mary Ella Stafford for a pot luck dinner, and under the spell of so much good food and fellowship, everyone forgot about the disagreeable weather outside. Two new members were added to the Chapter and others expressed interest if their eligibility can be proven. After a short business meeting, during which Mrs. Krause and Mrs. Lull gave reports of the Fourth Biennial Family Celebration at Alexandria Bay, we enjoyed a 'picture show' -- 'Alexandria Bay and the Biennial' by Miss Stafford; 'Some of Our State Parks' by Dr. Randall L. Westcott, the new National First Vice-President and one of the Directors of the Chapter, and 'Mexico' by Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor, our President, who has just returned from a month-vacation in that land of color and charm. The following from Chicago were present: Mrs. Minita Westcott, Trainor, Mrs. Westcott Bennett, Mrs. Louise Krause, Mrs. Myrtle Lull, Mr. and Mrs.* Harry Frch, Mrs. Edward Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pennell Westcott, Miss Mary Ella Stafford; Westcott Trainor and Claire Westcott; from Evanston: Dr.* and Mrs.* Randall L. Westcott (both descendants); from Berwyn: Miss Frances Stafford; prospective members present from Chicago: Mrs. Daisy L. Stafford and Mrs. Leota Isbester Gustavson; guests present from Chicago: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Reitmayer, Will A. Harding and Miss Mabel C. Richardson." (Miss Richardson will be recalled at Alexandria Bay, who, in her rich soprano voice, led the singing at the final dinner.)

OUR NEW

MEMBERS

Since the announcement in the September issue of "The Quarterly" of new members, National Secretary Ethel Clarke reports the following Westcott descendants have joined the Society:

- 281 Mr. & Mrs.* Ralph Levering Beckel, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 282 Mr.* & Mrs. Ray Dayton West, Menominee, Mich.
- 283 Mrs. Ida E. Westcott Craft, Birmingham, Ala.
- 284 Miss Bessie Parker, Wells, Vermont.

BRIEF

MENTION

Ye Scribe has finished work on a history and genealogy of the Kline and Young families of the Mohawk Valley. It will be ready for delivery before the Christmas holidays. These are the ancestral families of Mrs. Whitman. * * At this hour, seven copies of Vol. II, or the Book of Appendices to the Westcott Genealogy of 1932, have been sold during 1941. It will not be long now before it will be impossible to buy this important family history. When that time arrives, there will be many disappointed Westcott descendants. * * Greg. Stukely Westcott, b-July 8, 1941, son of former members Mr. & Mrs. Roger Stukely Westcott, and grandson of the late V. Stukely Westcott and Mrs. Westcott of Rhode Island. * * Westcott sport-blood won boat races at Elizabeth City, N. C., in October, Commodore Mervin Westcott and his son and namesake brought home the victories. * * President Westcott had a group of National officers at his office in New York on the evening of Nov. 17th.