

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY 162

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"KNOW YOUR KINDRED BETTER"

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YOUR ANCESTORS--(Epoch IV)--In closing Epoch III, it was erroneously stated that William deWescote, who flourished at "the Manor of Wescote" (A-2) in 1345-6, had sons Thomas and William. They were his grandsons, sons of Guy (of William). Guy de Wescote flourished at the old Manor and was succeeded there by his son Thomas. The other son William, appears to have settled in Porlock in the adjoining shire of Somerset, where he had son Thomas and granddaughter Mary, of whom more will be learned in the next chapter. Thomas de Wescote (of Guy) was born in 1390 and continued at the old Manor and estate. He is described by Lord Coke as "the king's servant at court, a gentleman of Devonshire, anciently descended." He died in 1454. His wife was Elizabeth de Littleton, sole heiress of the vast Littleton, Quartermine and Frankly estates dating back to before 1160. By 1450, Thomas and Elizabeth had removed from the Manor at Wescote to her estate at Frankly. They had four sons and three daughters (G-6), the first being Thomas, b-1422, and the second being Guido, b-1424. By a pre-nuptial agreement, the first male child of Thomas and Elizabeth was to bear the family name of his mother, and thus Thomas de Wescote, b-1422, became Thomas de Littleton and sole heir to his mother's estate. The next son in line, Guido, succeeded to the Manor of Wescote and his father's estate. More will be learned of this Guido in the next chapter. (THE READER DESIROUS OF KNOWING MORE OF THE FAMILY HISTORY IS ADVISED TO CONSULT THE WESTCOTT GENEALOGIES OF 1932 AND 1939. SUCH CHANGES AS WILL APPEAR ARE RESULTS OF CONTINUED RESEARCH.)

LEST YOU FORGET--If, by chance, you have not sent your dues for 1943 to the Society, the National Secretary is ready to receive your dollar and credit it to you. This is merely a reminder to those few members who have overlooked the matter. If you find a statement accompanying this "Quarterly", you will then know you are among the few. Attend to this now? Thanks!

IN MEMORIAM--Lillian Westcott Frost (Mrs. Willard H.--A-305), charter member of this Society, died Feb. 25, 1943, at her home in Yonkers, N.Y. Mrs. Frost had been a staunch supporter of this Society from its inception and contributed to the family genealogical research. The sympathy of the Society is extended to her husband.

ACCOMPANYING GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN--Ephraim and Rachel Lutz Westcott of the Abingtons in Pennsylvania (A-327), were m-Feb. 25, 1846. Their first child was b-Dec. 11 of the same year. Now, less than a hundred years, their posterity number upward of 264. A complete and accurate genealogical record of them has been compiled by Mrs. Harrie A. Zacharias of Johnson City, N.Y., a descendant, and to record her commendable work in full, four pages of the accompanying Genealogical Bulletin are used. Such evidence of interest in perpetuating for all time, a record of a branch of the Westcott family merits the highest recognition and credit.

CANADIAN WESTCOTTS WITH THE COLORS--Major Gordon B. Cossaboom (A-272) stationed at Liverpool, N.S., Corporal Donald R. Cossaboom (A-272) stationed at Halifax, Captain A. Douglas Cossaboom (A-272) more than two years overseas where he won his last promotion, Lieut. Clinton Bernard Havey (A-271), formerly of the Princess Louise Fusiliers, temporarily at Ottawa, Bombardier Robert Baden Powell (A-271) overseas since Dec., 1940 with 1st Survey regt., now with educational dept., teaching mechanics arts, Ralph Deugal Woodman (A-272) stationed at St. Johns, N.F., rank unknown, and Murry Herbert Woodman (A-272) commissioned in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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WEDDING BELLS--Korleen Ione Westcott, dau. of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jesse Westcott of Massena, N.Y., (A-365), and Berthald Keith McCullough, son of Frank and Mable Baker McCullough, were m-Massena, Oct. 29, 1938. Altho somewhat late, congratulations just the same.

NEW MEMBER--Secretary Dorothy Potter announces as our latest new member --

298 Arthur James Westcott, Massena, N.Y., now Det. Med. Dept., U.S. Army.

NOT MANY LEFT--Four of the Westcott Genealogies have been purchased since the March number of the "QUARTERLY". The supply on hand is growing small. If you have intended to buy the Genealogies for your home or your library, better do it now. Price \$10.00 each, or the two for \$17.50. They comprise over nine hundred pages of your family history.

WITH REGRET--It is true that only a small percentage of the members of the Westcott Society find it possible to attend the biennial celebrations. However, now that the celebration which was to have been held this Summer has been abandoned due to conditions caused by the war, it is noticeable the number who express regret that the continuity of the gatherings had to be abandoned.

SHE IS IN THE WAVES NOW--Mary Elizabeth Kynett, granddaughter of our member, Mrs. H. H. Kynett (A-304) of Philadelphia, has been commissioned in the "Waves."

WESTCOTT, WESCOTT, or WESCOTE--After all, it is not important how the family name is spelled, but it is of interest to know how the pioneers spelled it. Stukely Westcott, the emigrant, signed his name to an early deed in Rhode Island with the middle "t" and this spelling appears in the old parish register at Yeovil, Somerset, England, where his marriage and the birth of his two first children are recorded. However, a century and a half before Stukely Westcott, one Mary Wescott, daughter of Thomas Wescott, married Thomas Westcott. It was this last Thomas who changed the spelling from Wescote to Westcott. Many, since Stukely Westcott, have omitted the middle "t". The original spelling, according to ancient records, was Wescote. This spelling is occasionally used nowadays, also Wastcoat, Wescot, and Wesket.

FOUR-SCORE YEARS AND TEN--Arriving at the Autumn years of a long, happy span of life, Mrs. Ida E. Westcott Foote (wid. of Jay Foote, G-292) of Sherburne, N.Y., on May 12th, observed her 90th birthday. The hearty congratulations of her great circle of relatives and friends are extended to her.

EXPLANATION--When a member is in arrears one year for dues to this Society, he or she automatically becomes unaffiliated and no longer receives "The Westcott Family Quarterly" and the Genealogical Bulletin. Thus, having received both for one year without paying dues, to become re-instated as a member, the applicant is asked to pay the \$1.00 back dues and \$1.00 current dues. This is in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations" adopted by the Society at the time it was formed in 1934. (Dues are payable in advance each January.)
