

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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X	NOTE in this issue of "The Quarterly" announcement of	X
X	the 10th birthday parties of the Greater N.Y. Chapter,	X
X	Jan. 15, 1944, and the Chicagoland Chapter, Jan. 16, 1944.	X
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YOUR ANCESTORS--(Epoch VI)--While Guido and Alice Grenville Wescote passed their entire life on the ancestral estate in the parish of Hartland in Devonshire, England, their son, Thomas, removed from the nearly two-century old family manor house late in the 16th century and settled in the parish of Porlock in the adjacent shire of Somerset. Here lived his second cousin, Mary, daughter of Thomas Wescott. Thomas was the son of William Wescott, a younger brother of Sir Thomas deWescote whose wife was the proud heiress of the Littleton family. William Wescott not being heir to the Wescote manor estate, evidently removed to Porlock early in the 15th century at about the time of the death of his father, Guy. He changed the spelling of the family name to Wescott, as it is spelled today by many of his descendants. Mary Wescott, of Thomas, and Thomas Wescote, of Guido, were married probably late in the 15th century (no record of date has been found), and continued to live in Porlock, Thomas Wescote adopting the spelling of the family name as it was spelled by the family in the parish. Porlock is in southwest Somerset, some thirty miles from the ancient family estate in Devonshire and only a short way from Ilminster where the emigrant Stukely Westcott lived when he was married in 1619. Among the children of Thomas and Mary Wescott were three sons: Philip, Thomas and Stephen. Thomas, the second son, followed the Court in the time of King Henry VIII (1509-1547). His second wife, a sister of his first wife, was Alice Walker, daughter of John and Alice Callacutt Walker. (G-7) He died in 1549 and his wife in 1557. They had two sons, Philip and Edward. Edward flourished in 1541-1551, then being a distinguished barrister of the English crown. From him, the Westcott family in America is believed to descend. In abstracts of "leases" (deed) on file in the London Museum his name is usually spelled Westcote. More of him will be learned in Epoch VII. (THE READER DESIROUS OF KNOWING MORE OF THE FAMILY HISTORY, IS ADVISED TO CONSULT THE WESTCOTT GENEALOGIES OF 1932 and 1939. SUCH CHANGES AS APPEAR IN THESE ACCOUNTS ARE RESULTS OF CONTINUED RESEARCH.)

PLEASE--When YOU learn of the death of Westcott descendants whether they are members of this Society or not, PLEASE mail name and date to the Secretary. Also, when you learn of the birth or marriage of a Westcott descendant, please mail name, date and name of parents, to the Secretary. By so doing, you will help in compiling the history of the family as the information will be recorded in "The Family Register" and the Quarterly Genealogical Bulletins. You will be conferring a great favor.

SHE'S AN ARMY NURSE NOW--Mary J. Ford, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Justin W. Ford (A-263) of Kankakee, Ill., is a 2nd Lieut. in the 17th General Hospital Unit. She arrived safely with the Unit in North Africa.

LORD BISHOP WESTCOTT OF ENGLAND--The late Bishop Brooks Foss Westcott, Lord Bishop of Durham, Durham Castle, Durham, England, had two sons, now living: Brooks Foss Westcott, Jr., Bishop of Calcutta, India, and Rev. Arthur Westcott of Somersetshire, Eng.. The latter has compiled extensive records of the family in England and refers now particularly to George Westcott, b-1650, and another George Westcott, b-1682.

R. I. CHAPTER MEET IN HALL OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY--The annual Fall meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter was held Friday evening, Oct. 29th, at the R. I. Historical Society. President Ralph Westcott Dexter, after welcoming the members, expressed his pleasure upon seeing so many present. Past President and National Chaplain William M. Westcott gave the invocation. The high-light of the evening was an interesting talk by William G. Roelker, Director of the Historical Society, on Rhode Island and the Narragansett Bay. Mrs. Everett M. Salisbury and Leslie P. Westcott were appointed executive committee. The Secretary was instructed to send letters of sympathy to Mrs. Ralph W. Dexter in the loss of her brother, Sergeant Wilber H. Chamberlin, Jr., and to Elmer A. Westcott in the loss of his sister, Miss Elizabeth C. Westcott, who d-Oct. 2, 1943. Mrs. Everett M. Salisbury and Mrs. Ralph W. Dexter were on the committee in charge of refreshments. Miss Thelma Salisbury served and coffee was poured by Mrs. William M. Westcott, assisted by Mrs. Sarah Killam. Best wishes for the success of the 10th Birthday Dinner-Meetings in January and Thanksgiving greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Whitman were extended. The following were present: Miss Susan Westcott Handy, Thomas H. Handy, Sr., Thomas H. Handy, Jr., Ralph W. Dexter, Mrs. Byron O. Dexter, Byron O. Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Westcott, Mrs. Sarah Killam, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Miss Ethel G. Westcott, Mrs. Henry H. Schooley, Mrs. Jacob B. W. Wilder, Jacob B. W. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. E. Royden Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Westcott of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Everett M. Salisbury, Miss Thelma Salisbury, Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews, Mrs. Ethel W. H. Cargill and Miss Leone P. Cargill.--Reported by Miss Cargill, Chapter Secretary.

OUR MEMBER HONOR ROLL

- 370 Lt.-Col. Carlton J. Cook, *Base Headquarters, Ord. Sec., Africa.
 - 391 Major Ira J. Emery, *Chief Q-M Branch, Ft. Knox, Ky.
 - A-391 Capt. Earl A. Westcott, U. S. Army.
 - B12-41 Capt. Byron C. Bussey, *U. S. Army.
 - G-296 Lieut. Verner U-Ramsing, Jr., *U. S. Drum Fleet, Hawaii base.
 - G-291 Lieut. Edmund S. Morris, Jr., Sig. A. W. Bn., Italy.
 - G-167 Lieut. Chester W. Westcott, Gen. Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
 - A-345 Private Robert William Westcott, in Officer-Training.
 - A-177 Private Lincoln Edward Wert, Ft. McClellan, Ala.
 - ** Dr. William L. LaVenture, U. S. Coast Guard, Alameda, Calif.
 - B3-43 Dr. Perthas C. Chendweth, *F. A. Obsn. Bn., North Africa.
- * Consort Member. ** Maine fam., not rec'd.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR HER MOTHER--"I am buying the Westcott Genealogy for my mother for Christmas," writes a descendant. Several others have also recently purchased the genealogy for a like purpose.

DIRECTORS TO MEET--The regular January meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society will be held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1944, at 4 P. M. Business of importance will be considered.

IN MEMORIAM--Lucius Moody Westcott (G-250) of Oneonta, N.Y., d-Oct. 21, 1943. He was member of Central N.Y. Chapter, of which his son, Harvey Lucius Westcott is President. Sympathy of the Society is extended to his widow and their family. * * * *
 ss Jessie Westcott Davenport (G-260) of Oakville, N.Y., and Minneapolis, Minn., died Nov. 1, 1943. She was charter member of the S.S.W.D. and the Central N.Y. Chapter. She attended the first Celebration of the Society in Rhode Island in 1935, but was ill at the time of the second Celebration at Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1937, an illness from which she never fully recovered. Sympathy of the Society is extended to her sister, Mrs. Grace Davenport Roberts, and their nieces and Miss Davenport's nephew, our member Homer Davenport Roberts. Mrs. Roberts is our member. * * Lester M. Colwell

(A-233) of Riverside, R. I., d-Nov. 11, 1943, was bur. Nov, 14 with military funeral. He served in World War I. Mrs. Colwell is the Westcott descendant and member of R. I. Chapter, S.S.W.D.

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER TO OBSERVE 10TH BIRTHDAY OF THE SOCIETY--The tenth anniversary of the organization of the S.S.W.D. will be celebrated by its Chicagoland Chapter by a dinner-meeting at the Medina Club, 505 N. Michigan Ave. (rooms 809-10), Chicago, on Sunday, Jan. 16th, at 4 P. M. There will be a business meeting, a supper at 6 P. M., and then Kodachrome pictures by Minita Westcott Trainor and North Storms, the two intrepid camera-travel-members of the Chapter. This gathering will also commemorate the 267th year of the death of our emigrant ancestor Stukely Westcott, who died Jan. 12th, 1677. All members of the Chapter as all Westcott descendants, are cordially invited and urged to be present. Suggestion--Notify soon as possible, Miss Claire Westcott, 7334 S. Lafayette Ave., Chicago, Secretary of the Chapter, that YOU and other members of your family and friends will be present.

NEW MEMBERS--National Secretary Dorothy W. Potter reports the following new members received since the September issue of "The Quarterly", to whom this Society extends a hearty welcome:

- 303 Mr. and Mrs.* James G. Pollock, Seattle, Wash.
304 Miss Dora Barnard, Corning, N. Y.

10TH BIRTHDAY DINNER OF NATIONAL SOCIETY AND GREATER N.Y. CHAPTER--Saturday, Jan. 15, 1944, being the tenth birthday of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants and the 267th anniversary of the death of our distinguished emigrant ancestor Stukely Westcott, this important milestone in the history of the Westcott family in America will be observed by a dinner in New York. Come! Bring the family, a friend or friends. There will be short addresses, family chit-chats and some new information of the family in the 16th and 17th centuries. Yes, it will be a real jolly, old-time gathering of the kindred. Don't miss it! The National Society and the Greater New York Chapter will jointly sponsor this dinner-meeting, the Chapter with President Pauline Westcott Sharpe presiding, conducting the first part, followed with anniversary program of the National Society with President F. Howard Westcott, M.D., presiding. The dinner will be held as usual at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, northwest corner of 5th Avenue and West 9th Street. Time--Saturday, January 15th. Reception--6 P. M. Dinner--7 P. M. Because of food rationing, the hotel management must be informed well in advance of the number to be present, so please make your reservations unusually early (in December, if possible), and surely by Tuesday, Jan. 11th. Dinner--\$2.25. Make reservations and remit to the Chapter Secretary, Mrs. Chester W. DeMond (Dorothy Westcott DeMond), 24 Soundview Circle, White Plains, N. Y.

TRIBUTE TO YOUR ANCESTOR--Stukely Westcott, first of your line in America, died Jan. 12, 1677. Next month, Jan. 12th, a wreath will be placed at his memorial on the site of his homestead at Warwick, R. I. The R. I. Chapter of the S.S.W.D., will have charge.

THIS IS ALL for the December number of "The Quarterly", except on behalf of the Society and himself, a merry Christmas to every member and a New Year happier than ever! --Ye Scribe.

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