

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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"Know Your Kindred Better"

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YOUR ANCESTORS--(Epoch VII, concluding this sketch of the early family in England)--Edward Westcote, as told in Epoch VI, (Dec., 1943), flourished in 1541-1551. He held land called Axhayne in the parish of Clyst Huiton, Somersetshire, England (A, p.6). On Aug. 22, 1550-1, he was witness to a deed of land formerly held by him, from John Syddenhan of Nettlecomb, Somerset, to Christopher Stucley of Farrington, Somerset, and his wife, Mary Ford, daughter of Edward Ford of Fordhays in parish of Plytree, Somerset. * * Christopher Stucley was son of William and Joan Stowell Stucley of Codleston, Somerset, and grandson of Nicholas and Alice Wodham Stucley of Trent, Somerset. The mother of Nicholas Stucley was his kin, Elizabeth Stucley, who m-Sir John Wodham. Elizabeth Stucley was daughter of Sir Hugh Stucley (of 2-Richard, 1-Richard, 1414). Her father was the grandfather of Sir Lewis Stucley whose wife was Dorothy Hill. The latter had a son, Lewis, Jr., who m-Margaret Arscote, and by some it is said they had a daughter Mary Stucley, who m-Guy Westcott, who would have been a son of Edward and Damaris Stucley Westcote, and that Guy and Mary Stucley Westcott were the parents of the emigrant Stukely Westcott. (See GB, March, 1944). * * Return to Christopher and Mary Ford Stucley: They had issue: John, Andrew, DAMARIS, Mary, Grace, Elizabeth, Ann. While documentary proof has not been found that Damaris (above) was the wife of Edward Westcote, there is reasonable belief that they were married before 1550-1 in which year Edward was witness to the deed of land, as described. (THE READER SHOULD HERE REFER TO THE PAPER, "STUKELY WESTCOTT IN ENGLAND IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES", read at the Westcott family gatherings in New York, Jan. 15, 1944, and Chicago, Jan. 16, which paper is printed in the accompanying Westcott Genealogical Bulletin for March, 1944. WITH THIS CHAPTER AND THE ACCOMPANYING BULLETIN, THIS SERIES OF SKETCHES OF THE WESTCOTT FAMILY IN ENGLAND ENDS.)

S.S.W.D. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED IN NEW YORK--It took more than snow, sleet and ice to keep 57 Westcotts at home on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 15, 1944. This number is equal to the largest attendance at any of the previous nine dinners of the family in New York. It was the 10th birthday of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants and with its N. Y. Chapter, was celebrated in a manner that would have made the Family Founder, Stukely Westcott, proud of his posterity. New faces and familiar faces, including brides and near-brides were present. Mrs. Pauline Westcott Sharpe (Mrs. William C.) presided in an efficient way for the Chapter, rendering an interesting poem which will be published in a future "Quarterly", while F. Howard Westcott, M. D., or rather "Father Doc", as he has become since he took over the presidency of the National Society in 1941, did a like job for the parent organization. They were in fine spirits as their addresses indicated. It was a "duckie" dinner, followed by a huge birthday cake in which the founder of the Society had the pleasure of making the first cut. Addresses were made by Mrs. David A. Westcott of Boston, Prof. Allan F. Westcott of Annapolis and ex-Mayor William M. Beard of Westfield, N. J., were timely and inspiring. A paper, "Stukely Westcott in England in the 16th and 17th Centuries", by Roscoe L. Whitman, compiler of the two Westcott genealogies, was read. (The paper is printed in the accompanying Genealogical Bulletin for March.) Mrs. A. N. Potter, National Secretary, reported 204 members in thirty States and Canada. Regrets were received from Dr. Leo E. Westcott, Dr. Niles Westcott, Dr. Randall L. Westcott, William M. Westcott, Mrs. Mary Louise Westcott Krause and Mrs. Lulu Westcott Burgen. The tables were handsomely decorated with ferns and flowers, and at each plate was a souvenir glass ash-tray with the letter "W" on a shield at the bottom. To the retiring officers of the N. Y. Chapter, Mrs. William C. Sharpe and Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, together with Miss Florence A. Westcott, much credit is due for the arrangements and the success of the evening. At the head-table were Chapter President Mrs. Sharpe and Mr. Sharpe, National President F. Howard Westcott, M.D., and Mrs. Westcott. Past-

President Allan F. Westcott and Mrs. Westcott, National Historian Miss Rachel C. Wilkins and Past-President Joseph R. Westcott. Chapter officers for 1944 elected are: President, Miss Florence Earll Clarke, and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Ethel Clarke, 603 West 139th St., N.Y. City, former National Secretary. Those present: Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin, Mr. and Mrs. Pliny K. Westcott, Dr. and Mrs. Fred P. Solley, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Prof. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Driver, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Beard (guests), Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, Mrs. Baker (guest), Mrs. Samuel Driver, Mrs. Frederick A. Pomeroy (guest), Mrs. J. Hobart Westcott, Mrs. William Robert Morrison, Mrs. Chester W. Westcott, Mrs. Edmund S. Morris, Jr. (husbands of the last two being in the Armed Forces and they were dinner guests of the Society), the Misses Florence Earll Clarke, Ethel Clarke, Rachel C. Wilkins, Ruth M. Havey, Helen J. Williams, Grace Bennett, Marjorie Bennett, Edith S. Arnold, Florence A. Westcott, Priscilla Sharpe, Helen M. Morrison, Kay Brown, and Private Delle Potter of the W. A. C. Corps (guest), Messrs. Charles H. Westcott, Joseph R. Westcott, Judson S. Bennett, Nelson H. Westcott, James R. Morris, Corporals Clifford Mark, U. S. Marines and Charles McCarty, U. S. Signal Corps. The following distant cities were represented: Boston, Providence, Glens Falls, Hoosick Falls, Binghamton and Annapolis. Of the 35 who were present at the organization of the Society on Jan. 13, 1934, the following eleven members were present ten years later at this dinner: Dr. and Mrs. Fred P. Solley, Prof. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Mrs. Samuel Driver, Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, and the Misses Ethel Clarke, Florence Earll Clarke and Edith A. Arnold.

OUR MEMBER HONOR ROLL

A-370 Lt.-Col. Carlton J. Cook. *Base Headquarters, Ord. Sec., Africa.
 A-391 Major Ira J. Emery, *Chief Q-M Branch, Ft. Knox, Ky.
 G-167 Major Chester W. Westcott, U. S. A., England.
 A-391 Capt. Earl A. Westcott, U. S. Army.
 B12-41 Capt. Byron C. Bussey, *U. S. Army.
 G-296 Lieut. Verner U-Ramsing, *U. S. Sub. Drum.
 G-291 Lieut. Edmund S. Morris, Jr., Sig. A. W. Bn., Italy.
 A-345 Private George Peck Westcott, U. S. Army.
 A-345 Private Robert Williams Westcott, in Officer-Training.
 A-365 Private Arthur James Westcott, U. S. Army.
 A-177 Lincoln Edward Wert, Ft. McClellan, Ala.
 ** Dr. William L. LaVenture, U. S. Coast Guard, Alameda, Calif.
 B-3-43 Dr. Perthas C. Chendweth, *F. A. Obsn. Bn., North Africa.
 * Consort Member. ** Maine fam., not recorded.

A SLOGAN TO THINK ABOUT THESE DAYS--Our member Edmund S. Morris, Jr., lieut. in the Signal Corps, writes from Italy as follows: "I look forward to being an active part of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants and the N. Y. Chapter in any way I possibly can when this war is over, and I hope interest will increase with each succeeding year. If 'young blood' is needed, I can be counted on right now. I am one who is looking forward to future reunions with the cousins. The annual and biennial gatherings are always interesting and enjoyable and I recall many, many new friends made through the Society--people we never knew except possibly by name in the genealogy. 'Know your kindred better' is a slogan for every American to think about these days." NOTE--This is a worthy hint for the younger members of each family.

NEW MEMBER--National Secretary Dorothy Potter reports the following new members, to whom the Society extends a hearty welcome:

305 Mr. and Mrs.* Winfield Scott, Los Angeles, Cal.

Membership Dated
Nov. 24, 1943

IN MEMORIUM--Mary Houston Westcott Solley (A-305), wife of Dr. Frederic F. Solley, passed away at her home in New York City, Jan. 25, 1944. She was charter member of the Society, having been present at the organization meeting in 1934. With her husband, she attended all but two of the dinner-meetings of the Greater N. Y. Chapter, of which she also was a charter member. Dr. Solley and his wife attended the birthday dinner of the Society on Jan. 15, ten days before her death. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Frederic Westcott Solley and Robert Folger Solley, one daughter, Margaret Solley Durant, and four grandchildren, Frederic Bates Solley, David Bennett Solley, John Cameron Durant and Robert Westcott Durant. The sympathy of the Society is extended to Dr. Solley and his family. * * The death of Adele Smith Westcoat (A-186), wife of our member Carleton Leonard Westcoat, May 12, 1942, is announced. Although late, the sympathy of the Society is extended to Mr. Westcoat and his daughter Barbara and son Carleton.

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL MEETING--Directors of the S.S.W.D. held their annual meeting in New York, Jan. 15, 1944. Present: Dr. F. Howard Westcott, President; Pliny K. Westcott, Prof. Allan F. Westcott, Joseph R. Westcott, Roscoe L. Whitman, Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter and Miss Rachel C. Wilkins. Report of Secretary showed 204 members in thirty States and Canada; five died in 1943 of whom three consorts retained membership, five resigned, five dropped from the rolls and eight new members were received. Net loss, four members. An invitation to hold a biennial celebration in Chicago was received from the Chicagoland Chapter and was accepted pending future conditions. Consideration was given to a possible gathering in Rhode Island in 1945. Ten years will then have elapsed since the tercentary held there in 1935. The idea was referred to the Rhode Island Chapter.

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER CELEBRATES--Chicagoland Chapter, No. 7, celebrated the 10th birthday of the National Society, Sunday, Jan. 16, at the Medinah Club, Chicago. Eighteen members and friends were present. Dr. Randall L. Wescott, President of the Chapter and First Vice-President of the National Society, presided. Letters of regret were received from National members who could not attend, including Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Beulah, Wisc., and Dr. Leo E. Westcott of Kalamazoo, Mich. President Westcott reported three Chapter members now in the service: Lt. Mary J. Ford, A.N.C. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin W. Ford, Corp. Wescote Trainor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Trainor, and Pvt. Charles Wescott, son of Dr. and Mrs. Randall L. Wescott. After business was taken care of, plans were made for another meeting on June 18, 1944, at the Medinah Club. A delicious turkey dinner was served at 6 P. M., after which those present were highly entertained. Minita Westcott Trainor (Mrs. George W.) showed Kodachrome pictures of Chicago in Wintertime, her brother's wedding, her son Wescote Trainor in uniform, and scenes around Gloucester and Plymouth Rock, Mass., and Warm Springs, Va. Another traveller, North Storms, showed colored movies of Colorado. The meeting was a grand success and Chicagoland Chapter hopes to have even a better attendance at the meeting in June. Those present: Mr. and Mrs.* George W. Trainor, Mr. and Mrs. Justin W. Ford, Mr. and Mrs.* Arthur Reitmeyer, Mrs.* Minne H. Bennett, Mrs. Evelyn Westcott, Mrs.* Alfred R. Krause, Mrs.* Gertrude Westcott Fruh, Mrs. Mary B. Westcott, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Janet Vayo Pelck, Miss Mary Ella Stafford, Miss Frances Stafford, Miss Claire Westcott, Dr. Randall L. Wescott and North Storms (guest).--Miss Claire Westcott, Secretary. (Those with an asterisk * are members of the National Society.)

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