

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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ARE WE PRONE TO FORGET?--In the book entitled "Peace Unto You" by Charles Franklin Parker, under sub-title "Antiquity", the following is found: "In the minds of many moderns is a scorn for the past and antiquity. Such persons fail to recognize that progress is emergent and that each succeeding age makes a contribution to the future. Our modern era is largely the product of the accumulated and tested knowledge of ages gone before. Without living lives dedicated to the past we can still be mindful of the good of olden times and pause to remember that life from Alpha to Omega is development and continuous. This sense of continuity brings balance and perspective to life, without which, much may seem chaotic and full of disillusionment."

1945 DUES--Not a single member was lost in 1944 because of non-payment of dues to the Society. It was a splendid record and denotes the unswerving interest in the activities of the Society and pride in the family history. At this writing (Aug. 10), the number of members who are in arrears for 1945 dues can be counted on one's fingers and not even thumbs will be needed in the next few weeks it is hoped, to do the counting. If YOU are in arrears, who not remit to the National Secretary, Mrs. A. N. Potter, 25 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y. now?

GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN--It has been decided to discontinue the "Westcott Genealogical Bulletin" after the December 1945 issue. It has been issued quarterly since March, 1940. Through the six years it has been compiled, the succeeding numbers have been filed with the Congressional Library, a dozen or more State libraries and many local libraries and historical associations. The bulletins together with the two Westcott genealogies will prove invaluable in future years to those in search of family records.

BORN--To Lt. and Mrs. Verner Utke-Ramsing, Jr., members of the S.S.W.D., a son, Eric, at Binghamton, N. Y., June 6, 1945. Congratulations from all along the way. The young man is blessed besides his parents by a grandmother, great-grandmother, an aunt and uncle and a great-uncle, all members of the S.S.W.D.

CHAPTER REUNIONS THIS FALL--With the cessation of hostilities in Europe came a small relaxation in the rationing of gasoline, but the eight extra gallons allowed per month is enough to enable members of the various Chapters to get out to their favorite park or picnic ground for the first reunion that has been possible in four years. The last of September or the first of October are glorious periods for reunions in the great outdoors. How about it, Chapters Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 8? Chapters 2, 3 and 7 have the advantage of public transportation.

IN MEMORIAM--Died suddenly in Philadelphia Feb. 27, 1945, charter member, Frank L. Hadley of that city. With Mrs. Hadley, he attended the organization meeting of this Society in New York in 1934. The sympathy of the Society is extended to his son, Raymond F. Hadley, also a charter member, and to their families. * * Killed in Germany about Feb. 23, 1945, Charles Livingston Wescott (A-75), only son of Dr. Randall L. and Rosemary (Wightman) Wescott of Evanston, Ill., members S.S.W.D. Both are descendants of Stukely Westcott. The sympathy of the Society is extended to the parents and his sister, Joy Wescott.

A MOST COMMENDABLE STEP--This legislature of New Jersey passed and Governor Edge signed a bill providing for compulsory teaching of two years of American History in the secondary schools of the State, the program to be prepared and supervised by proper educational authorities. This fine news will be welcomed by all true Americans, and it is hoped the example of New Jersey will be welcomed in many States.

WESTCOTTS ATTEND ANNIVERSARY SERVICES IN AN OLD COLONIAL CHURCH--A group of Westcott descendants, members of Rhode Island Chapter, S.S.W.D., attended an anniversary service in the old First Baptist Church, Providence, May 27, 1945. The group consisted of William M. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Everett M. Salisbury, Miss Thelma Salisbury, Ralph Westcott Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Westcott, Miss Dolly Stone, Mrs. B. D. Wallace, Mrs. Sarah Killam, Mrs. Ethel W. H. Cargill and Miss Leone P. Cargill. The church bulletin contained the following: "This anniversary day is enhanced by the presence of a delegation of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. As one of the founders of the church with Roger Williams and as one of the pioneers of civil and religious liberty, the name of Stukely Westcott is notable on the pages of American colonial history."

OUR MEMBER HONOR ROLL

A-370 Lt.-Col. Carlton J. Cook, *U.S. Army.
 G-167 Major Chester W. Westcott, U.S. Army.
 B12-41 Capt. Byron C. Bussey, *U.S. Army.
 G-296 Lieut. Verner U-Ramsing, *U.S. Navy.
 G-291 Lieut. Edmund S. Morris, Jr., Sig. A. W.
 B3-45 Lieut. Richard N. Westcott, U.S. Army.
 G-306 Lieut. Joseph Allen Mabie, U.S.M.M.
 A-177 Sgt. Lincoln Edward Wert, U. S. Army.
 A-147 Stanley M. Westcott, M.A. M 2/o, U.S. Navy.
 A-339 Cpl. Westcott Trainor, M.C., U.S. Army.
 A-365 Cpl. Arthur James Westcott, U.S. Army.
 A-345 Pt. George Peck Westcott, Honorably Discharged from U.S. Army.
 A-345 Pt. Robert Williams Westcott, U.S. Army.
 A-384 Pt. Paul Lewis, U. S. Army.
 B3-43 Dr. Perthas C. Chendweth, *F.A. Obsn. Bn.
 B9-44 Seaman Harry V. Asher, *U.S. Army.
 ** Dr. William L. LaVenture, U.S. Coast Guard
 * Consort Member. ** See "Westcotts of Maine" B-3-45.

PLEASE NOTE--If you have corrections or additions for the Honor Roll, please notify the Secretary of the Society so that the list may be corrected in the next issue of "The Quarterly".

DOWN EAST WAY--Westcotts were pioneers down east in the 17th century, and they are still leaders in the 20th century. The members of the Rhode Island Chapter, No. 2, S.S.W.D., do not fail to get together twice a year to compare notes and plan for another year. It is the only one of the eight Chapters holding these semi-annual meetings. The last meeting was held on the afternoon of July 14th at "Harmony Lodge" the Masonic Temple at Edgewood, Rhode Island. The host was National Chaplain William M. Westcott. After the business meeting, the group visited the Masonic Temple where Mrs. Ralph W. Dexter favored with selections on the pipe-organ which were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Then, while watching the Edgewood Yacht Club boat races from the spacious grounds of the Temple, the group enjoyed a basket supper. The business meeting was called for 3 P. M. and it proceeded in the customary efficient Westcott manner. The much-traveled member, Leslie P. Westcott, was elected President for the ensuing year, Miss Leone P. Cargill, the ever-efficient Secretary for a number of terms, was elected Vice-President, George P. Westcott as Treasurer, and Ralph Westcott Dexter as Historian were returned to office and Miss Thelma M. Salisbury was elected Secretary. A fine staff of officers for a going Chapter. The incoming

President appointed Thomas H. Handy, Jr., and Webb Westcott Wilder to serve on the committee for the fall meeting. Voluntary contributions were made to the fast-growing flower fund. There were thirty persons present, including children aged from four weeks to six years, future officers, perhaps, of the Chapter and the National Society. The Secretary sends to "The Quarterly" the following list of those present: Jacob B. W. Wilder, Webb Westcott Wilder, Thomas H. Handy, Sr., Miss Susan Westcott Handy, Thomas H. Handy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott and daughter, Mrs. Ansel A. Shippee, also granddaughter Carolyn (aged 16 months); Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Westcott and daughter, Elizabeth (aged 2 years, 4 months) and son, Edward Wilmarth (aged 4 weeks); Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Westcott Dexter and daughter, Caroline (aged 6 years); Miss Dolly Stone and sister, Mrs. Taylor; Mrs. Lester M. Colwell, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Byron O. Dexter, Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott, Mrs. Sarah Killam, Mrs. Ethel W. H. Cargill, Miss Leone P. Cargill, Elmer Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Westcott, William M. Westcott and son, Norman M. Westcott of Waterbury, Conn. The members were very happy to welcome Thomas H. Handy, Sr., who had recently recovered from illness. (NOTE -- "The Quarterly" regretfully announces that in the issue for December, 1944, it inadvertently omitted the names of Mr. and Mrs. E. Royden Westcott and William M. Westcott from those present at the fall meeting at the John Brown House.

OUR NEW MEMBERS--National Secretary Dorothy Potter announces the following new members to whom a hearty welcome is extended: Membership Dated:

324 Mr.* & Mrs. Theodore W. Vayo, Chicago, Ill.	May, 1945
325 Mr. Charles H. Westcott, Providence, R. I.	May, 1945
326 Westcott Trainor, Chicago, Ill.	July, 1945
AM18 Mrs. Frank K. Young, Chicago, Ill.	Aug., 1945

WHO NOT? In Boston, Cleveland and Los Angeles reside many descendants of our patriot and founder, Stukely Westcott. They should know their kindred better by getting together occasionally. As only five members of the National Society are required for a Chapter, it is hoped steps will soon be taken to form a Chapter in each of the three cities.

AS USUAL--In each January since 1933, the Greater New York Chapter has commemorated the death of their emigrant ancestor Stukely Westcott which occurred on January 12, 1677. This coming year on Saturday evening, January 12, 1946, the members will have their usual dinner-meeting. We will learn more about the program in "The Quarterly" for December. Miss Florence Earll Clarke, 603 West 139th St., N.Y. City, is President of the Chapter, and the Secretary-Treasurer is James Radcliffe Morris, 12 Garden Drive, Roselle, N. J.

NOTE--The song to the tune of "Tenting Tonight", enjoyed at the last two Westcott family dinners in New York, was written for the N. Y. State Officer's Club by Mrs. F. W. Merriam, 1943, and introduced to the Society by National Historian, Rachel Baker.

Oliver Hazard Perry, 1785-1819 (G-133), the hero of the battle of Lake Erie, desc. in the VIII generation from Gov. Benedict and Damaris (Westcott) Arnold of R. I.