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GENEALOGICAL BULLETINS DISCONTINUED--It has been decided to discontinue the "Stukely Westcott Genealogical Bulletin" for the present, at least. The accompanying number for December, 1945 is the final issue. If data is available in the future, supplementary numbers may be issued and filed, as usual, with the Congressional Library and State and local libraries. "The Westcott Family Quarterly" will be continued, as usual.

YOUR DUES--National Secretary, Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter, reminds "The Quarterly" to call attention that dues for 1946 may be paid during December or before January 12th, on which date a report is made to the Board of Directors. "Do It Now" is a slogan of a well-known business man.

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

327 Miss Sophia Burnham Westcott, Jr., N. Y. City.	Membership Dated
328 Miss Katherine Stull, Muskogee, Okla.	August, 1945
329 Lloyd Ernest Danielson, Fallon, Nevada.	November, 1945
AM19 Mr. & Mrs. Roger C. Whiten, Bridgmen, Mich.	November, 1945
	September, 1945

OUR MEMBER HONOR ROLL

A- 75 Captain Katherine Stull, WAC	This information is the latest made available. The Honor Roll will not be published again, because of the end of the war.
G-167 Lt.-Col. Chester W. Wescott, U. S. Army.	
A-370 Lt.-Col. Carlton J. Cook,* U.S. Army.	
G-291 Captain Edmund S. Morris. U. S. Air Corps.	
B12-41 Captain Byron C. Bussey,* U. S. Army.	
G-296 Lt.-Com. Verner U-Ramsing,* U. S. Naval Reserves.	
B-3-45 Lieut. Richard N. Westcott, U. S. Army.	
A- 72 Lieut. Lloyd Ernest Danielson, U. S. Air Corps.	
G-306 Lieut. Joseph Allen Mabie, U. S. M. M.	
A-177 Sgt. Lincoln Edward Wort, U. S. Army.	
A-147 Stanley M. Westcott, M. A. M2/c, 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. LeVenture, U. S. Coast Guard, honorably discharged.	
* Consort Member. **See B12-45.	

PANCAKE SUPPER--The Chicagoland Chapter had a delightful pancake supper on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the home of Miss Mary Ella Stafford. Despite a very bad, cold, rainy day, those present besides Miss Stafford, were Miss Frances Stafford, Mr. and

Mrs. Art Reitmayer and their little daughter, Arbeth, Mr. and Mrs. Frew, Mrs. Edward Westcott, Miss Clare Westcott, Dr. and Mrs. Randall L. Westcott, Mrs. Minnie Westcott Bennett and Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor. Letters were read from Miss Hazel Wightman of Des Moines, Dr. Leo E. Westcott of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Lull of South Haven and Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield. The annual meeting of the Chapter will probably be held in June at the home of Mrs. Trainor. Mrs. Lull invited the members to hold their annual get-together in August at South Haven. A very pleasant evening was experienced visiting, sitting around the tables, family style, and then seeing some color pictures taken by Dr. Randall Westcott and some by Mrs. Trainor which she took in Sea Island, Ga., and Estes Park, Colo.

THEY, TOO, SERVED THEIR COUNTRY--The Society takes pleasure in welcoming to membership a WAC and a Lieutenant in the Air Corps. Lieut. Lloyd Danielson of Fallon, Nebr. (A-72), flying a C-46 transport plane was in Des Moines and called on our charter member, Miss Hazel G. Wightman, who suggested he call on Miss Katherine Stull, Captain in the WAC, Public Relations, at Fort Des Moines. Captain Stull being also a Westcott, granddaughter of Riley V. Wightman (A-75), Miss Wightman invited them to her home for dinner. These cousins had never met and of course, a real Westcott-Wightman fanning-bee followed the dinner. They became so interested in their lineage as it was pointed out to them by Miss Wightman from her genealogies that they expressed the wish to become members of the Westcott Society. In due time their applications for membership were filed with the Society, and now they are full members rating a place on "Our Member Honor Roll." Captain Stull has recently received orders to report at Washington to assist in writing the history of the WAC.

IN MEMORIUM--Albert Lothridge Westcott of Leonia, N. J., passed away Saturday, August 18th. He was a member of this Society. The sympathy of the Society is extended to his widow, daughter and son and grandchildren.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED--As will be noted by the "Member Honor Roll", George Peck Westcott has received an honorable discharge from the Army. May like mention soon be made of others on the roll.

"CIVILIAN" FOR HIM--Lt.-Col. Chester W. Westcott, U. S. A., (G-167), is home on terminal leave and on Jan. 26th, will become a civilian again. The presence at the Westcott dinner on Jan. 12th of the Colonel and Mrs. Westcott is happily anticipated.

DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY TO MEET--The Directors of the National Society will hold their annual meeting at the Fifth Ave. Hotel, Saturday, 4 P. M., January 12, 1946. Large attendance as possible is hoped for as business of importance will be acted upon, including probably the selection of place and dates for a National Westcott Celebration in 1946.

POST-WAR "GET-TOGETHERS" OF WESTCOTTS--It was suggested that the Chapters of the National Society get-together last Fall for a renewal of the family spirit which unavoidably became somewhat dormant through the four years of the war. It seemed advisable to reclaim some of the momentum so enthusiastically attained up to the time war was declared. It is unfortunate that a better report is not possible, but cold weather and loss of old, customary associations were responsible in most instances for postponements. However, the Chicagoland Chapter and the Rhode Island Chapter answered "here" when the roll was called; the Greater New York Chapter had to accept postponement but will have its dinner-meeting on January 12th.

Here are the Chapter reports as gleaned by "The Quarterly"--

Central New York Chapter, No. 1--No report received. However, members Mrs. Grace Davenport Roberts of Cooperstown, and Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield, visited the old cemetery at Milford Center, N. Y., where many Westcott pioneers of that section are buried. The graves were found to be properly cared for, thanks to the \$1,500 endowment fund of the Chapter.

Rhode Island Chapter, No. 2--While no report has been received, the Chapter scheduled a meeting for the Fall season. The report will probably be made in "The Quarterly" for next March.

Greater New York Chapter, No. 3--Announcement of its dinner-meeting to be held in New York on January 12, appears later in this issue.

Northern New York Chapter, No. 4--An executive committee meeting was held Oct. 12th at the home of the Chapter President, Mrs. Lulu Westcott (Burgin) Fowler at Hastings, Oswego County, N. Y. The report states that "while many for one reason or another were unable to attend, we were able to get things back on a family good business basis. Mrs. Ellen Witzel, 244 Mosley Drive, Syracuse, will be the acting secretary-treasurer until the next reunion." It is hoped to hold the reunion at "Westcott Beach" next summer.

Vermont Chapter, No. 5--Due to cold weather in Vermont and illness of some members, it was decided not to attempt to hold a reunion until next year.

Southern Michigan, No. 6--It was decided not to have a reunion until next year.

Chicagoland Chapter, No. 7--See account of its pancake supper on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Abington, Pa., Chapter, No. 8--No report.

RETURNS TO OLD, FAMILIAR SCENES--Through the rolling hills of northern Jersey, crossing the Delaware at Milford, Pa., and thence on through the densely wooded forest to Halsey and Honesdale, Pa., over the mountain to Carbondale (that center of coal-mining), through the fertile farm-lands of the Abingtons in north-eastern Pennsylvania to join the famous Lacawanna Trail at Kingsley and on across the Susquehanna between Halstead and Great Bend, down the Susquehanna to Binghamton, one of the throbbing growing cities of the Empire State, comprised the first day of a motor trip enjoyed in October by Ye Scribe, Mrs. Whitman and her sister, Mrs. Pomeroy (Aunt Eva, as she is generally known.). It was the first real "exercise" the 1936 Buick had had since 1941 when war was declared. The evening in Binghamton was delightfully passed with three of the charter members of the National Society--Mrs. Frederick H. Westcott, her daughter, Mrs. Joseph H. Martin and her son Past-National President, Joseph Rogers Westcott; two granddaughters, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Ramsing being away with their soldier-husbands. * * The second day was up the Chenango for a short way, then over the mountain to Harpursville and the upper Susquehanna valley which stretches all the way to Lake Otsego and Cooperstown; up the winding vale through such pretty little hamlets as Afton, Bainbridge, Sidney, Unadilla and Otego to the bustling town of Oneonta, in which the writer first saw daylight more than three-quarters of a century ago. Our member, Mrs. Minnie Westcott Lunn, at Oneonta, was ill and another member, Reuben H. Westcott was attending a meeting of his Spanish-American war comrades, so the evening was passed quietly in the hotel room. * * The third day was one of interest and enjoyment, stopping first at the cemetery at Milford Center, N. Y., where many of the pioneer Westcotts of that section are buried and their graves cared for for all time by an endowment fund created by the Central N.Y. Chapter; here our member, Mrs. Grace Davenport Roberts of Cooperstown, joined us for an inspection of cemetery which was found to be in good condition; then going on up the Susquehanna Valley past the old Reuben Westcott house erected in 1822, to Milford Village and historical Cooperstown, home of James Fenimore Cooper and the scene of the second National Celebration (1937) of the Westcott Society; through Cooperstown, up the western shore of picturesque Lake Otsego and on following the trail taken by General Clinton and his troops in 1779 from Fort Plain in the Mohawk Valley to join General Sullivan. Old Fort Plain looked just as ancient as ever. Crossing the historical and beautiful Mohawk here to Nelliston and on to old Stone Arabia, the

scene of a Revolutionary battle, the Buick rolled into historical Johnstown with its many reminders of the 18th century, including the oldest Court House still standing (1772). (Johnstown, or Ka-lan-e-ka, as it was called by the Indians in 1750, offers much of interest for a National Westcott Celebration some day.) The fourth and fifth day were passed at Amsterdam with its gigantic rug and carpet manufacturing mills, commuting back and forth from Johnstown where there is a particularly good hotel. At Amsterdam, the birthplace of Mrs. Whitman and her sister, many of their cousins and old friends were visited for the first time in four years. (Mrs. Whitman and Ye Scribe were married there in 1894.) After passing the forenoon of the fifth day in Amsterdam, the afternoon found us traveling past the great General Electric Works and the American Locomotive Works at Schenectady, where the beautiful valley of the Mohawk was left to journey on to Albany, the Capitol of the Empire State. The evening in Albany was passed with the widow of the writer's brother, her two daughters and five grandchildren. The next and last day (the sixth) returned us home through Catskill, old Kingston, Newburgh and Tuxedo Park with the realization that a wonderful trip was at an end. While away, the writer visited the graves of two great-great-grandparents, four great-grandparents, one grandfather and two grandmothers, his own parents; while Mrs. Whitman visited the graves of her great-grandparents, two grandparents and her own parents.

STEP-MOTHER OF CHARLIE MCCARTHY--Formerly a Powers model known as Frances Westcott, married Edgar Bergen, the ventriloquist, last June 28, when she gave her name as Frances Westerman. Charlie doesn't say a word.

WESTCOTTS IN NEW YORK WILL DINE AGAIN JAN. 12th--The twelfth annual dinner-meeting of the members and friends of the Greater New York Chapter will be held, as is customary, on the Saturday evening nearest January 12th, the anniversary date of the death of the family emigrant Stukely Westcott. It so happens that January 12th 1946, is the date of the next dinner. After four years of war-time conditions, opportunity to regain some of the momentum and family interest of pre-war years will be afforded at this dinner, which will be held, as in previous years, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, N. W. corner Fifth Ave. and 9th St., New York. The price of the dinner will be \$2.25. Miss Florence Earll Clarke, 603 West 139th St., New York 31, N. Y., is President of the Chapter. James R. Morris is the Secretary-Treasurer. Dinner reservations will be received promptly if addressed to him at 25 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y. Already, word has come that several will attend the dinner for the first time, so may all the "old-timers" be present to greet them. Reception, 6 P. M.; dinner, 7 P. M.

Captain Edmund S. Morris, Jr., is to receive his discharge from the Air Corps early in January. Welcome home, Captain:

WHO'S WHO--Not all Westcotts, Wescotts or Wastcoats in the United States descend from either Stukely Westcott or his three nephews, Richard, William and Daniel Wescott. Some descend from those early pioneer Wescotts of the 17th century in Virginia and North Carolina. Still others are later arrivals in the 18th and 19th century. At the Westcott family dinner in New York Jan. 13th, was a Miss White who reported that her grandmother was Jane Wescott before marriage and that she descended from a soldier of the British army who fought here in the Revolutionary War and liked America and Americans so well that he remained here. Miss White is a teacher in the public schools of New York.

.....and now a merry, merry Christmas to every member of the Westcott Society and may the New 1946 bring good health, fullest measure of happiness and an abundance of prosperity to everybody.