

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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6th Biennial
Commemorative Celebration
of the
Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants
will be held
Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
August 9, 10 and 11, 1946
at Providence, Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE, the city on the upper stretches of the Narragansett Bay which holds so many cherished memories of those earliest pioneers, including the Westcott family patriot and founder, Stukely Westcott, is again, after eleven years, to be the host of Westcott descendants. The Rhode Island Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, has graciously repeated the invitation it extended last summer which had to be voided because of the transportation difficulties resulting from post-war conditions.

The Celebration will be held Friday P. M., Saturday and Sunday, August 9, 10 and 11. Only a suggestion of the program can be given at this time, but it is sufficient to say, that with a committee of the Rhode Island Chapter well along in its organization and plans and preparations, visiting Westcotts will experience a very happy welcome. It will no doubt, rival that wonderfully enjoyable tercentenary celebration in 1935. Don't miss it!

The two leading hotels in Providence--the Biltmore and the Narragansett--have announced their room rates. Double rooms at the Biltmore will be \$6.60, \$7.70, \$8.80, and \$9.90; at the Narragansett the rates for double rooms will be \$4.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00. The hotels ask for advance notice for room reservations of about four weeks; or, say, by July 10th. Make your reservations direct to the hotel.

The first day, Friday, is scheduled only for arriving in Providence. It is hoped that some plan can be made for a "get-together dinner" that evening when everybody can exchange greetings and come to know their kindred better. The second day, Saturday, will include a memorial service, business meeting and election of officers in the forenoon, tour of historic Providence in the afternoon and banquet at one of the hotels in the evening. The third day, Sunday, will be ushered in with attendance at the morning services in the historic old First Baptist Church, the society of which Stukely Westcott helped organize in 1638. A visit to the old home-site of Westcott at Warwick which was marked in 1935 by a large bronze tablet, will occupy a part of the afternoon.

The program in more detail, will be announced in "The Quarterly" for June.

WHY CELEBRATION DATES IN AUGUST--Post-card questionnaires were mailed the members of the Society who have attended our National Celebrations in the past, asking their preference of dates for the Celebration next Summer. Replies have been received showing that 15 favor dates in June, 14 in July, 16 for the first of August (Aug. 9, 10 and 11), and 14 for the last of August. Since the questionnaires were mailed, it has been learned that the last week in August must be eliminated because the hotels in Providence at that time will be crowded with racing fans. As the month of August

was the choice of the majority and the largest vote was for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9, 10 and 11, 1946, these dates have been selected for the Celebration.

DIRECTORS' MEETING--The Directors of the Society held their annual meeting on January 12th. An invitation of the Rhode Island Chapter to hold the National Celebration in Providence next Summer was accepted with thanks. It was voted to send \$5.00 to the R. I. Chapter each year hereafter with which to purchase a wreath to be placed at the Westcott Memorial in Warwick on each succeeding January 12th, the anniversary of the death of the Family Founder. The report of Treasurer Pliny K. Westcott showed the finances of the Society to be in good condition. Secretary Dorothy Potter reported that the Society had 215 members and was growing each year. Adjournment was taken for the dinner.

STATEMENTS OF 1946 DUES--Due to unforeseen circumstances, the National Secretary was unable to mail statements last December. This, however, did not prevent about half of our members making their remittances in time to be reported at the meeting of the Directors, Jan. 12th. All statements have now been mailed.

GENEALOGICAL BULLETINS DISTONTINUED--As was stated in "The Quarterly" for December, there will be no further issues of "The Westcott Family Genealogical Bulletin" in the immediate future at least. If data is available, a supplementary bulletin may be issued later in the year.

THEY DINED, SANG, CHATTED AND WERE HAPPY--Fifty eight of the Westcott family were present at the 12th Annual Dinner-Meeting of the Greater New York Chapter, S.S.W.D., at the Fifth Ave. Hotel, New York, Saturday evening, Jan. 12th. It was another of those enjoyable gatherings which have become so well established in the history of the Chapter. Each year as the cousins get to know their kindred better, the family spirit is enhanced many times. Recent members of the Armed Forces were present, also several descendants who attended for the first time. President Florence Earll Clarke presided in her usual gracious way, and Mr. William C. Driver was at his best as the song-leader. Brief remarks were made by Mrs. David A. Westcott, Mrs. Herbert S. Sands, Lieut.-Col. Chester W. Westcott, National President Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Past-National Presidents Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Joseph R. Westcott and Leslie P. Westcott, the latter bringing news of the plans being made by the Rhode Island Chapter to act as host to the National Society when it holds its biennial celebration in Rhode Island next Summer. Regrets were received from Past-President Dr. Leo E. and Mrs. Westcott of Kalamazoo, Mich. At the business meeting, Lieut-Colonel Chester W. Westcott, 42 Hunting Drive, Dumont, N. J., was elected President of the Chapter, and Miss Grace Bennett, 8667 107th St., Richmond Hill, Long Island, N. Y., was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Chapter has plans under consideration for a picnic next Summer.

Among those present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. David A. Westcott of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, Dr. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott of Annapolis, Mrs. Herbert S. Sands of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Joseph S. Martin and Mr. Joseph R. Westcott of Binghamton, Mrs. Wells S. Baker (Rachel Wilkins to those present) of Buskirk, N. Y., and Miss Virginia Westcott of New London, Conn. From New York City and the metropolitan district were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Westcott, Mrs. Martin Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Pliny K. Westcott, Miss Ethel G. Clarke, Miss Florence Earll Clarke, Miss Laura Martin, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Chester W. Westcott, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. S. T. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Mearl L. Green, Mr. Judson S. Bennett, Miss Grace Bennett, Miss Ruth Peterson, Mrs. Samuel Driver, Mr. and Mrs.

William C. Driver, Mr. Albert Driver, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Sharpe, Miss Priscilla Sharpe, Miss Florence Westcott, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Mr. Warren W. Westcott, and Mr. James Radcliffe Morris. Guests present: Mrs. Bertha C. Baker, Mrs. William H. Jewell, Miss Joyce Jewell, Mrs. Eva K. Pomeroy, Mrs. Edward Connelly, Mrs. Edna White, A. N. Potter, Jr.

OF YESTERYEARS--From Peter Folger descends four members and three former members of this Society. His daughter, Abiah, was the mother of Benjamin Franklin. Phoebe Folger (1794-1869) in the fifth generation from Peter Folger, was the wife of Ezbon Westcott. They had ten children, among them Ezbon, Jr., Robert, Alexander and Benjamin. These sons, under Robert's leadership, about 1848, formed the Westcott Express Company. This company, for many years, did a thriving business, the writer recalling the railroad express cars on which the name of the company was lettered. Some members will remember also, the Folger Express Company.

U. S. MAPS VERIFY WESTCOTT MAPS--The Maps of the Geological Survey of Rhode Island by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, show the location of numerous lands which were originally owned by Stukely Westcott. These lands have been recently identified on the maps by Charles N. Perry of Greene, R. I., who gave the maps to our member Leslie P. Westcott of Providence. The maps verify the correctness of the maps obtained in the Westcott Genealogy, Vol. I, page 22, and Vol. II, page 16.

RHODE ISLAND OF YESTERYEARS--In 1762 the Rhode Island Assembly refused to allow a theatrical performance to take place in Providence.

Main Street, Providence, on the east side of the Providence River, was originally an Indian path. Stukely Westcott built his home on this path in 1638 after a hectic three years at Salem, Mass. His six-acre lot extended back(east) from the path along approximately what is now the south side of Waterman Street. His home was where now stands the Academy of Design.

Old Hazard Knowles of Point Judith, who, during his last illness, when he heard his family planning to send for a doctor, sat straight up in bed crying, "Don't you send for no doctor! I've decided to die a natural death."

When you are in Providence, eat the native Jonny-cake, oysters, clams, crabs, and eels. They are Rhode Island delicacies. And while there, try your skill pronouncing the tongue-twisting Indian names that identify some of the localities; for examples, try "Quonochontaug", or "Mooshausiok" (Indian for Providence), "Nanhiggansiok" (for Narragansett).

In University Hall, one of the prides of Providence, are many portraits of famous Americans. This Hall was a barracks during the Revolutionary War.

Of course, any visit to Providence is incomplete unless a visit is made to the historic old First Baptist Church. Remember, Stukely Westcott was one of the founders of this church.

CHAPTER REUNIONS NEXT SUMMER?--In the good, old summer-time is when Westcotts pack their luncheon kits and gather at some shaded nook for another family get-together. Now that gasoline can be had in quantity at the favorite old pumps, the reunions can be and will, it is hoped be resumed. One way, and a good way, to know your kindred better, is to get together and not only exchange greetings, but also

exchange cookery from the family kitchen. Some of the Chapters were able to carry on as usual during the late war. Now let ALL the Chapters arrange for a reunion this coming Summer and renew the family activities which had to be so unhappily abandoned in 1942 to 1945. It is hoped that in "The Quarterly" for next June, announcement can be made of 1946 reunions by all Chapters.

OUR NEW MEMBER--National Secretary, Dorothy Potter announces the following new member:

330 Mrs. Frederick Blanchard Westcott, Chestertown, Md.

Febr., 1946

BORN--To Captain and Mrs. Edmund Whitman Morris at Tiffin, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1946, Susan Childs Morris.

ADOPTED--By Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Carlton J. Cook, Oct. 19, 1945, Charles Joseph Cook, b-Houston, Texas, May 29, 1944.

DIED--Hon. Frank H. Parcells, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb., 1946.

GRACIOUSLY REPEATED ITS INVITATION--The Winter meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter was held January 4th last at Mrs. Frank Schellinger's in Edgewood, R. I. There was a dinner and entertainment and a full evening of real Westcott enjoyment. The Chapter renewed its invitation to the National Society to hold its 6th Biennial Celebration in Providence next Summer and its President, Leslie P. Westcott, was asked to so report to the National Directors at their meeting on the following January 12th.

A PERFECT RECORD--Beginning with the first number of "The Quarterly" in March, 1934, every succeeding issue has announced one or more new members of the National Society. May this record never be broken!

This is S.S.W.D.
Signing Off
Until the Next
Issue of "The
Quarterly" In
June.