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THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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6th Biennial Commemorative Celebration of

The Westcott Family in America

at Providence, Rhode Island,

Friday P. M., Saturday and Sunday,

August 9, 10, and 11, 1946, will be

A GALA EVENT.

Miss Susan Westcott Handy of "The Breezes," Manville, Rhode Island, is the General Chairman of the Committee in charge of the 6th Biennial Commemorative Celebration of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants to be held in Providence and Old Warwick on August 9, 10, and 11. Miss Handy is eminently qualified and an interesting and enjoyable event is assured. Others on the Committee are Leslie P. Westcott, who has attended all the previous five National Celebrations and has been a regular attendant at the Westcott annual dinners in New York; Jacob Wilder, Thomas H. Handy, Jr.; and the Misses Leone P. Cargill and Thelma Mae Salisbury. It will be good to be back again in the "Westcott Homeland" after an absence of eleven years.

If you plan to attend, please do this first -

- 1st - Before July 1st, if you desire a room, mail your Reservation direct to the Hotel you select. This is important.
- 2nd - Before August 1st (so your letter will be in Rhode Island by that date), fill out the accompanying blank for Dinner Reservations and mail it. This also is important.
- 3rd - Immediately on arriving in Providence go to the Hotel Biltmore (near the railroad station), check with the Chairman of the Committee, Thomas H. Handy, Jr. on your Dinner Reservations, making payment for Dinners you have reserved, if this was not attended to when your reservations were made.
- 4th - Be on hand for Dinner at 7 P. M. From there on, "follow the crowd."

Rates for Rooms at the Hotels -

At the Hotel Biltmore: Single Rooms, \$3.85 to \$7.00; average rate, \$4.40
Double Rooms, \$6.60, \$7.70, \$8.80, and \$9.90
At the Hotel Narragansett: Single Rooms with bath, \$3.00; without bath, \$2.50
Double Rooms, \$4.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00

Family Headquarters will be at the Hotel Biltmore.

The Program

The three-day program, as it has been tentatively planned, begins with an informal dinner at 7 o'clock Friday evening. This will be a get-together gathering when the Rhode Islanders will welcome their kin coming from a distance. Miss Handy will extend the welcome and the response will be made by Dr. F. Howard Westcott, President of the National Society. After some announcements of the Program for the following two days, the gathering will turn into a renewal of old acquaintances with cousins and meeting new cousins and friends.

Saturday - one of the two big days - will appropriately begin at 10:30 A.M. with a Memorial Meeting in the rooms of the Rhode Island Historical Society on Power Street. This will be immediately followed by a business meeting when reports of officers of the Society will be received and the election of officers for 1946-47-48 will be made.

At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, members of the Society will be guests of the Rhode Island Chapter at a luncheon. Following this, a visit will be made to several nearby old homesteads of historical interest.

In the evening at 7 o'clock, the banquet will take place. Dress, as is usual at all Westcott gatherings, will be informal, so leave the dinner dresses at home in the moth-balls.

Sunday. Attendance at the services Sunday morning in the historical old First Baptist Church which our distinguished emigrant family founder, Stukely Westcott, helped organize, will begin the day auspiciously. There will be plenty of time to find dinner at one of the city's famous places where good, old Rhode Island cookery is found, before 2:30 P. M., at which hour a start will be made from the Hotel Baltimore for Old Warwick and the site of Westcott's "home-lot" and boulder-tablet marking it. Some provision will be announced for transportation to Old Warwick of descendants who are without automobiles.

Oh, yes; there will be speakers at the various sessions. No one ever attended a Westcott gathering without hearing "a speech or two." It is understood that Mrs. David A. Westcott of Boston, Mrs. Harry L. Waugh of Fulton, N.Y., Dr. Allan F. Westcott of Annapolis, Md., and Dr. Leo E. Westcott of Kalamazoo, Mich., will be invited to speak, and ofcourse, the Editor of the "Quarterly" will have a paper, "We Build Memorials."

This is your family gathering, Mr. and Mrs. Westcott Descendant, so won't you be present?

THE HOTELS OF PROVIDENCE * There are two good Hotels in the old town which Stukely Westcott, among others, founded. There is the old Narragansett, mellow with age, remembered as headquarters for the first National Westcott Celebration in 1935. As you stroll through its spacious corridors, marveling at the wonderful paintings hanging on the walls, you sort of expect an ancestor of a century ago to steal up behind you and say, "hallo; you here?" It's a grand old hostelry. Then, up the Avenue just across the plaza from the railroad station, is the much newer and more moderately appointed Hotel Biltmore. It is not as "Ritz-ey" as the name sounds, but it is up-to-date and abounds with everything the visitor to Providence wants for his or her complete comfort and happiness. Select either hotel for your headquarters during the Family Celebration. You will make no mistake. Rates at both hotels are given elsewhere in this number of "The Quarterly."

FUTURE HISTORIANS WILL APPRECIATE - The Tombstone Hounds, who are members of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, make up family picnic, trips, youngsters, and all, and visit old burial grounds around the State, where they make as complete

records as possible of old tombstone inscriptions. They've gathered more than 200,000 and hope eventually to have a complete catalogue which will be of value to future researchers and historians. The Historical Society of the Mohawk Valley, with headquarters in the old stone Court House at Fonda, N.Y., has had groups of its members carrying on like research for a number of years, not only of old tombstones but of old family records such as are found in old family Bibles being preserved in dust in the attics of old farm houses, probate records, wills, deeds, old letters and papers that have become yellow with age.

A WAC OF LONG AGO - Molly Pitcher, who was "commissioned" by General Washington after the Battle of Monmouth, was the original version of the WAC sergeant, or, at least, legend has it that way. Fact or fiction, however, it is true that in 1822 the legislature of Pennsylvania, where she was then living in poverty, voted her a pension of an Army sergeant.

THOSE UNPAID DUES FOR 1946 - Not all members have remembered to send in their 1946 dues to the Society, yet the number of the "forgetfulists" would make a scanty appearance around grandmother's dinner table. If you have not already done so, won't you send your dues now? Thanks. National Secretary Dorothy Potter and National Treasurer Pliny K. Westcott will be making up their financial report in July to present to the members of the National Society in attendance at the Biennial Family Celebration in Providence, R. I., August 9, 10, and 11, and hope for no column headed "in arrears."

R. I. CHAPTER SPRING MEETING - The June meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter, S.S.W.D., will be held at "The Breezes," home of Miss Susan Westcott Handy at Manville, R. I., on Saturday, June 15th, at 2:30 P.M. It will be a basket luncheon. Announcements were sent out by Mrs. Ralph W. Dexter on May 29th.

OUR NEW MEMBER - National Secretary Dorothy Potter announces another new member to whom the Society extends a hearty welcome:

331 Mr. and Mrs.*Crawford Allen Rose, Lake Providence, La.	Membership May 23, 1946
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GREATER N.Y. CHAPTER TO HAVE A PICNIC - Members of the Greater N.Y. Chapter, S.S.W.D., will gather on Saturday, June 22nd, at 2:30 P.M., at the home of National President Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, 15 Woodhill Road, Tenafly, N.J., for a picnic. Bring your friends and bring your luncheon. Coffee will be served. The Committee - Mrs. Gertrude Westcott, Mrs. Mildred Westcott and Mrs. Alice Marroquin.

NORTHERN N.Y. CHAPTER TO RESUME GATHERINGS - A Basket picnic has been planned by the Northern N.Y. Chapter to be held at Selkirk Park, N.Y., on Saturday, August 17th. This will be the Chapter's first reunion since the war. A blanket memorial will be arranged for the deceased members. Some of the members are planning to attend the Celebration at Providence.

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS - If your address as it appears on the envelope carrying "The Quarterly", is not correct or is incomplete, please notify the National Secretary.

This is S.S.W.D. signing off
until the next issue of
"The Quarterly" in September.