

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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DINNER IN NEW YORK AS USUAL--Chester W. Wescott, President of the Greater New York Chapter, has announced that the 13th annual dinner-meeting of the Chapter will be held at the Fifth Ave. Hotel, New York, Saturday evening, Jan. 11, 1947. It is unnecessary to add that "a good time will be had by all." The dinner arrangements are in charge of a committee comprising Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, Mrs. Chester W. Wescott and Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin. Chapter President Wescott has planned to have some good "talks" by Westcotts and plenty of singing. At the Celebration in Rhode Island last August a number of those present including Westcotts from Rhode Island and northern New York, declared their intention of attending this dinner in New York. From 6 to 7 P.M., a reception will be held and at 7 P.M., dinner will be served in the Washington Square dining room. The price of the dinner is \$3.00 which includes all gratuities. Further particulars may be obtained by writing the officers of the Chapter--President Chester W. Wescott, 42 Hunting Drive, Dumont, N.J. or the Secretary-Treasurer Miss Grace Bennett, 86-67 107th St., Richmond Hill N.Y. In order to help the committee to notify the hotel management early as possible, PLEASE make your dinner reservations not later than Monday, Jan 6th, 1947. By so doing you will confer a great favor.

GOOD NEWS FROM MICHIGAN--Past-National President, Leo E. Westcott, M. D., of Kalamazoo, Mich., sends "The Quarterly" the following account of a Westcott gathering in Michigan and also reported he had obtained six new members for the National Society: "The Southern Michigan Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants met at Johnson Park, Grand Rapids, Sunday, Sept. 8th. In spite of the fact that it rained pitchforks and bullfrogs, thirty-five Westcotts managed to swim through. They had a good visit and after a fine co-operative dinner, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Westcott. The following officers were elected, and it was decided to have a reunion the third Sunday in August, 1947, which all Michigan Westcotts will be requested to attend. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Arleyn A. Bailey, 805 Baldwin St., Grand Rapids; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Fleisher, 3150 W. Leonard Ave., Grand Rapids; Directors, H. W. Fleisher, Mr. Westcott, Dr. Leo E. Westcott; Reunion Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rexford of Cadillac, and Mrs. Edmond Westcott of Newago. Following the meeting, Dr. Westcott was asked to tell about the National Celebration on Rhode Island. "It was a grand Celebration and the Rhode Island Chapter is to be highly congratulated for the fine and interesting time that was enjoyed by every member present. Dr. Westcott then discussed the history of the Westcott family from the year 1164 up to the present time. The future was not especially mentioned, but judging from the past, it would seem that we might have reasonable confidence in the future of the Westcott Society."

ANOTHER POST-WAR REUNION--Central New York Chapter, No. 1 (the original Milford Twp., N.Y., Westcott Association), enjoyed a resumption of family activities on Sept. 8th at the home in Unadilla, N.Y. of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Westcott. Seventeen adults and five children were present, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Quackenbush and Mrs. Martha Westcott of Oneonta; Mr. F. H. Westcott, Mrs. Joseph S. Martin, Joseph R. Westcott and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton J. Cook and son Charles, of Binghamton; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Westcott, James Stukely Westcott, Mrs. Jennie Fairbank, William R. Westcott and Arthur E. Westcott, Jr., of Unadilla. It was decided that dues should

begin again on Jan. 1st. Morris B. Townsend was elected President, Mr. Filer, Vice-President, and Mrs. Carlton J. Cook, 15 Brookfield Rd., Binghamton, Secretary Treasurer. The new President announced that he would personally visit many of the Westcott descendants in the area hoping to awaken sufficient interest in holding a reunion in 1947 in the old Baptist Church at Milford Center which in numbers and interest would rival if not surpass the reunion held there in 1931 when more than 180 were present. Seven of those present are members of the National Society and four more filed their applications for membership.

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ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THANKS--National Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Potter, through "The Quarterly," wishes to thank the members whose checks for 1946 dues were lost in the mail last March, who have since stopped payment on them and remitted again. The original amount lost, as was announced at the Celebration in Rhode Island last August, was \$27.00. This amount has been entirely recovered. The Secretary regrets the trouble thus incurred to the members and appreciates very much their cooperation.

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NATIONAL DIRECTORS TO MEET--The first meeting of the Directors elected for the year 1946-7-8, will be held in New York City on Saturday, Jan. 11th, 1947, 4 P.M. A large attendance is expected.

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GENELOGICAL BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT--The Westcott Genealogical Bulletins have not been issued through 1946, but with this issue of the "WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY" will be found a supplement containing some records which were compiled this year. They are chiefly of families of our new members. As usual, this supplement will be filed not only with our members, but with the Congressional Library, state and local libraries and historical associations.

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OUR SOCIETY THIS YEAR -- The year 1946 has been one of the most eventful in the history of our Society. It witnessed not only the resumption of our biennial gatherings but also picnic-meetings of a majority of the Chapters. Not only this, the year has evidently brought about a real revival of interest in the National Society and its aims and purposes. Applications have been either received and filed or are pending of some thirty new members. This is the largest number since 1934, the year the Society was organized.

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COOPERATION ASSURED AT JOHNSTOWN--Under the caption, "Westcott Group May Meet Here for '48 Session," the Johnstown, N. Y., Republican of Sept. 14, 1946, had the following: "The seventh biennial commemorative celebration of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of American may be held in this city, if the necessary arrangements can be made. Information to this effect is contained in a letter received by President John T. Morrison of the Johnstown Historical Society from Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield, N.J., registrar of the society. The sixth gathering was held last month in the rooms of the Rhode Island Historical Society with nearly 100 present. At that time, this city was the unanimous choice for the meeting in 1948. Mr. Whitman, in his letter, said he had visited this city and enjoyed the 'Unique hospitality of the Hotel Johnstown.' The tentative program, he explained, includes an informal meeting and dinner on Friday evening, memorial services and business meeting Saturday morning, visit to places of local historical interest in the afternoon with a banquet in the evening, and on Sunday a pilgrimage to

historical spots in surrounding communities. In his reply Mr. Morrison said he could see no reason why the 1948 meeting of this society could not be held in this city and closed with 'I am sure the Johnstown Historical Society will be pleased to cooperate to the fullest extent possible.'

NEW MEMBERS--Another large groups of new members of the Society is reported by National Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Potter. A cordial welcome is extended to them. (x-Indicates a member re-instated.)

x111 Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Rozell Westcott, Newaygo, Mich.  
 339 Mr. and Mrs. John H. Westcott, Oswego, N.Y.  
 340 Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Westcott, Oswego, N.Y.  
 341 Mr. and Mrs. \*Richard F. Richardson, Johnston, R. I.  
 xx342 Mrs. Martha Westcott, Oneonta, N.Y.  
 xx343 Mr. and Mrs. \*Arthur Quackenbush, Oneonta, N.Y.  
 xx344 Mr. \*and Mrs. Morris B. Townsend, Oneonta, N.Y.  
 xx345 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Westcott, Unadilla, N.Y.  
 346 Miss Myrtle T. Allen, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 347 Mr.\*and Mrs. Howard W. Craft, Milwaukee, Wisc.  
 348 Mr. and Mrs.\*Alexander H. Wood, Casper, Wyo.  
 349 Mr. and Mrs.\*Vincent Francis Reddy, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 350 Mr. and Mrs. \*Lawrence H. Knoblock, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 351 Mr. and Mrs. \*Glenn Chancy Post, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 352 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Westcott, Comstock, Mich.  
 353 Mr.\*and Mrs. I. Duane Wilson, Westchester, Ill.

\* Indicates the descendant. xx-indicates dues paid but formal application not received; to this list must be added Nos. 337 and 338 mentioned in "The Quarterly" for September.

MIRROR DECORATION--Our member, Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor (Mrs. George W.) of Chicago, is an expert on mirror decoration. In an advertisement in the Cleveland newspaper it said. "Miss Minita Westcott, noted author, lecturer and authority on mirror decoration, will discuss (in two lectures at the Highbee store) the effective use of mirrors to dramatize dull wall space, to add sparkling beauty to your home." Mrs. Trainor must have regarded "Miss Westcott" a help in her dramatization.

BORN--To Paul and Edna (Jay) Lewis, b-June 13, 1946, Paul Wayne Lewis.

SOLD OUT--No further copies of Westcott Genealogy, Vol. II, 1939, can be had. The last copy was sold recently to Mrs. Wilson, our new member from Illinois. Vol. I, 1932, is still available at \$10.00. The proceeds from the sale of Vol. I goes to the cemetery endowment fund of the Central New York Chapter.

CORRECTION--Through a typographical error in "The quarterly" for September, the balance in the treasury of the Society was reported to be \$449.04. This is an error. The correct amount was \$100.00 less or \$349.04.

GREETINGS--To all members of this Society and the members of their families, "The Quarterly" extends greetings and wishes them a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.