

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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"Know Your Kindred Better"

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TO ALL MEMBERS--Have you a son or daughter, a grandson or granddaughter, a brother or sister, or do you know of any other person who is a descendant of Stukely Westcott? Do you know that all Westcott descendants over twelve years of age are not only eligible to membership in this Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants but are cordially invited to become members? As a member yourself why not interest others in joining? Write to the National Secretary for application blanks. Fill them in so far as you have the records available, have them signed and with the annual dues of \$1.00, mail to the Secretary, Mrs. A. N. Potter, 25 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N.Y. During the last twelve months more than thirty-five new members have been enrolled. May we all, young and old, know our kindred better and have a better understanding and appreciation of our forefathers.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO--The late Rev. Dewitt Talmage, who had traveled all over the world, once said: "The most beautiful sight I have ever seen was in the Mohawk Valley." In Walter D. Edmonds' book, "Drums Along the Mohawk", the historical scene is set off in a way that is unusually interesting and helpful in understanding the famous section previous to and during the Revolution. If the 7th Biennial Celebration of this Society is held at Johnstown in 1948, and you are present, you will find that Dr. Talmage was not exaggerating and that this book is inspiring. The Directors at their meeting in October, are to decide whether the Celebration will be held in Johnstown, a city of much charm and historical interest.

TIME FOR N. Y. DINNER CHANGED--At the dinner-meeting of the Greater N. Y. Chapter, Jan. 11th, it was decided to hold the annual dinners hereafter in October on the Saturday evening nearest Oct. 5., the date in 1619, Stukely Westcott was married to Julianna Marchante. Thus, the next dinner-meeting of the Chapter will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 4th, 1947. This change in the date for the dinners was deemed advisable because of the unfavorable weather often prevailing in January.

THE 13th ANNUAL DINNER IN NEW YORK--The 13th annual dinner-meeting of the Greater New York Chapter on Jan. 11th, like its predecessors, was decidedly an enjoyable affair. Forty-six were present, among them several Westcott descendants who were attending for the first time. After a chicken dinner, interspersed with family singing of the old, familiar songs, everybody pushed back their chairs to listen to addresses by President Leslie P. Westcott and Past-Presidents Allan F. Westcott and Dr. F. Howard Westcott; also to a statement by National Registrar Roscoe L. Whitman bearing on the future of the Society. Regrets were received from Past-President and Mrs. Leo E. Westcott, who were on vacation in California, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Westcott, Mr. and Vice-President Mrs. Harry L. Waugh and others. National Registrar Whitman mentioned some plans under way for probably holding the 7th Biennial Celebration at Johnstown, N. Y., in the Mohawk Valley in 1948. Chapter President Chester W. Westcott was re-elected and Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen (nee Eleanor Louise Westcott) of 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N. J., was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The new Secretary reports the following as being present: Dr. and Mrs. Allan

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I talked with Eleanor on the phone today.

She was never the Society treasurer! Betty W. Baker

F. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, Mr. Joseph R. Westcott, Mrs. Wells S. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Westcott, Miss Marilyn Westcott, Mrs. Margaret Klein Laity, Mrs. Helen Klein Diebolt, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Pliny K. Westcott, Miss Florence Earll Clarke, Miss Ethel Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Whitman Morris, Mrs. Eva Kline Pomeroy (guest), Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Greene, Mr. Judson L. Bennett, Miss Grace Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller (guests) and Miss Louise Martin. It was decided to hold the next dinner in October instead of next January.

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER "POT LUCK" PARTY--Miss Claire Westcott, Secretary-Treasurer of the Chicagoland Westcotts, sent "The Quarterly" the following account of a Chapter gathering on Jan. 19th: "The Chicagoland Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America had a very successful 'Pot Luck' party on Sunday, Jan. 19th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Randall L. Westcott in Wilmette, Ill. We had a very nice turnout. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Randall L. Westcott, Miss Joy Westcott, Dr. and Mrs. Mason Westcott, Miss Jane Westcott, Mrs. Mary Louise Krause, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Trainor, Mrs. Minnie Westcott Bennett, Mr. North Storms, Mrs. Evelyn Westcott, Mrs. Mary B. Westcott, Miss Claire Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reitmeyer, Arbeth Reitmeyer, Miss Mary Ella Stafford, Miss Frances Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fruh. We had a delicious dinner at five o'clock and everyone enjoyed the food prepared by the members. After dinner we had a short business meeting. Dr. Mason Westcott was elected President and Mrs. Randall L. Westcott, Vice-President for the year 1947. Miss Claire Westcott was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. After the meeting our Nomads--North Storms, Minita Westcott Trainor and Dr. Randall Westcott--entertained us with movies and Kodachrome pictures of trips they had taken since the last meeting. We plan to have a June meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Trainor and all look forward to seeing each other again at that time."

OUR MEMBER IN TOKYO--'Way off in Japan, helping to compile the closing chapters of the history of the WAC of which she was a member throughout War II, Captain Katherine Stull, our member from Muskogee, Oklahoma, adds another country to our membership roll of states. In the closing days of the war, Capt. Stull was stationed at Fort DesMoines, then transferred to General Headquarters at Washington and finally, to Tokyo.

WILL GO TO JOHNSTOWN--Our members, Joseph R. Westcott of Binghamton, N.Y., and Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield, N.J., agreed at the meeting of the Directors in January, to go to Johnstown, N.Y., next Summer and if possible, make preliminary plans for holding there in July, 1948, the 7th Biennial Celebration of this Society. They will report at the next meeting of the Directors in October.

DIRECTORS' MEETING--At the meeting of the Directors Jan. 11th, the following were present: President Leslie P. Westcott, Vice-President Chester W. Westcott, Registrar Roscoe L. Whitman, Historian Mrs. Wells S. Baker, Treasurer Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin, Secretary Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, and Past-Presidents Dr. Allan F. Westcott and Joseph R. Westcott. The minutes of the Biennial meeting last August were read and approved. The Secretary reported 232 members in 32 states, District of Columbia and Nova Scotia. Dr. Allan F. Westcott, chairman of committee for "Promotion and Perpetuation of the Society", had no report. The subject was discussed and it

was agreed that his committee should include all Chapter Presidents and a letter be written to each explaining the aims of the committee, also through "The Quarterly", all members with children or eligible young relatives be asked to have them join the Society. The possibility of holding the 1948 Celebration in Johnstown was discussed.

LEAVE IT TO THE WOMEN--The late Mrs. Sextus Morris of Milford, N.Y., was chairman of the refreshment committee for the Westcott reunion held in the old Baptist Church at Milford Center, N.Y., in 1931. The Ladies Aid Society of the church was to furnish the dinner at \$1.00 per plate, and Mrs. Morris had guaranteed sixty would be present. Three days before the date of the reunion, only some fifty reservations had been received and Mrs. Morris was worried. However, on the morning of the reunion, Mrs. Morris' worry quickly subsided to be succeeded by a still greater worry. Instead of the guaranteed sixty, the members of the Aid Society found that they must serve dinners that noon to more than 180 people who were present. Mrs. Morris continued to worry while the women of the church raided every kitchen in the town and provided a full, well-rounded dinner for everybody. Enough money was realized to paint the church and then all worries were over.

NEW MEMBERS--National Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Potter announces the following new members enrolled in the Society since last reported in "The Quarterly" for last December. A hearty welcome is extended to them.

- 354 Guilford Dudley, Topeka, Kan.
- 355 Mrs. Arleyn Alexander Bailey, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 356 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irving Westcott, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- 357 Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Rexford, Cadillac, Mich.
- 358 Miss Grace E. Bennett, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
- 359 Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Westcott, Hasbrook Heights, N. J.

WEDDINGS--James Radcliffe Morris of Roselle, N. J., and Miss Dorothy Durang of Summit, N. J., were m-Dec. 7, 1946. She was b-Philadelphia, Pa., July 12, 1912, dau. Francis Ferdinand and Charlotte Beresford McLaughlin Durang. Hearty best wishes to them.

Westcott Trainor of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Joan Patricia Blosser of Chicago, were m-Dec. 28, 1946. She was b-Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 17, 1925, dau. Joseph David (b-Topeka, Kan., July 29, 1893) and Ellen Loretta Ellis (b-Chicago, June 1892) Blosser of Chicago. Best of good wishes to them.

IN MEMORIAM--The death of Eda Almira Whitney Safford at her home in Burlington, Vt., Dec. 17, 1946, takes from the Society a member who co-operated extensively in compiling the history of the Westcott family. The Society extends sympathy to her son, Whitney Daniel Safford, his wife and two children.

Dr. Perth C. Chendwith died at his home in Clarksburg, W. Va., Nov. 25, 1946, from effects of disease contracted in W.W.II. The sympathy of the Society is extended to his widow, our member, Grayce Alta Harding Chendwith.

Major-Gen. William Henry Hay, for forty-one years an officer in the regular Army and husband of our member Edith Carman Hay, d-Dec. 17, 1946, in New York City. He is survived by his widow, three sons, thirteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, to whom the sympathy of this Society is extended.

NOTES--With this issue, "The Westcott Family Quarterly" begins its 14th year.
 **Cleveland, Los Angeles and Wayne Co., N.Y., should have Chapters of this Society.
 **Suggestion: Read the back of your membership certificate.