

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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"Know Your Kindred Better"

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CHAPTER REUNIONS COMING--In the good old Summertime, thoughts of the members of the various Chapters of this Society turn to the popular picnic grounds and then the faithful old hamper empty of the treasures it contained in years past. Soon assembly will be sounded. When the Westcott kin respond to the call and thus show the real family spirit, another chapter is written in the book of love and devotion they bear their ancestors. To know your kindred better is to better understand and appreciate the life you have inherited.

CHAPTER NO. 1--Central New York Chapter. President Townsend announces the members of this Chapter will meet on Saturday, Aug. 23, in the historic old Baptist Church at Milford Center, N. Y. It will be a basket luncheon. Back in 1931, one hundred and eighty Westcotts held a reunion in this old church and it was really the beginning of the organized family activities that have followed. Morris B. Townsend, 405 Chestnut St., Oneonta, N.Y., is President of this Chapter.

CHAPTER NO. 2--Rhode Island Chapter. President Leslie P. Westcott who is President of not only this Chapter but also of the National Society, has the matter of a reunion in hand. The date of the picnic has not been announced, but will probably be held in June on the spacious lawn at "The Breezes", the beautiful home of the Handys at Manville, R. I. Further information may be obtained by writing President Westcott, 307 Wayland Ave., Providence, R.I.

CHAPTER NO. 3--Greater N.Y. Chapter. President Chester W. Wescott has selected Saturday, June 28 for the Chapter Summer reunion, and it will be held in the Picnic Area of Central Park, Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, N.J. It is easy to find. Coming from George Washington Bridge, enter Route 4. The third road on the right off Route 4 is Queen Anne Road and about one hundred and fifty yards on this road will be found the picnic grounds on the left. Good bus facilities may be had from New York City. It is to be basket supper, so fill the basket and come. President Wescott's address is 42 Hunting Drive, Dumont, N.J.

CHAPTER NO. 4--Northern N.Y. Chapter. In the illness of President Mrs. Lulu (Burgon) Fowler of Hastings, Vice-President Mrs. Grace Beardsley Turner of Oswego is in charge. Announcement has been made that the Chapter will have its annual reunion and picnic at Selkirk State Park on Saturday, Aug. 16. It will be in the nature of a planned picnic with certain members taking substantial things. Mrs. Turner's address is 250 West 1st St., Oswego, N. Y., should you wish to write for further information.

CHAPTER NO. 5--Vermont Chapter. President Harold W. Wescott has announced that the Vermont Chapter will have its reunion on Sunday, Aug. 24th, at Idlewild Park on Lake St. Catherine, one of the most beautiful lakes in the historic state. While the basket luncheon is being enjoyed coffee will be served by the Chapter. If further information is desired write the President at Poultney, Vt.

CHAPTER NO. 6--Southern Michigan Chapter. No report received, but it is understood a reunion will be held in August at Grand Rapids, Mich.

CHAPTER NO. 7--Chicagoland Chapter. Tentative plans have been made for a reunion in June (exact date has not been announced) at the home of Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor, 7136 Coles Ave., Chicago. Dr. Mason E. Westcott, 1936 Greenwood Ave., Wilmette, Ill., is President of the Chapter.

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

A DINNER DATE CHANGED--At the last dinner meeting of the Greater New York Chapter it was voted to change the month of the dinner from January to October. As our distinguished emigrant ancestors, Mr. and Mrs. Stukely Westcott, were married on the 5th of October, it was decided to hold the dinner hereafter on the Saturday evening each year nearest Oct. 5th. Accordingly, the next dinner will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 4th next. "The Quarterly" for September will give further particulars.

PLEASE--If you haven't, won't you please send in your dues for this year? National Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Potter hopes to complete the Society records soon and there are dues missing from a few members.

ANOTHER GENEALOGICAL SUPPLEMENT--Accompanying this number of "The Quarterly" will be found "Westcott Genealogical Supplement No. 2." These bulletings are no longer issued regularly, but only as the available records warrant.

GOING TO JOHNSTOWN--There are problems to be solved before it can be finally decided to hold the Biennial Celebration of the Society in Johnstown, N.Y., next year. A committee will go to the Mohawk Valley city sometime this Summer to investigate the situation and report to the Directors at their annual meeting Oct. 4th. Then, final announcement can be made in "The Quarterly" for December.

WESTCOTTS IN LONDON--Our new member, Vernon Westcott of Syracuse, N.Y., writes that "while in the army overseas, I counted fifty-eight Westcotts in the London telephone directory. I also talked with a London boy who during the bombing of London, was sent to the country and lived in the home of a Harry Westcott near the town of Barnstable (which is eleven miles from the site of the Old Westcote Manor, now said to be where a modern manor-house has been built.)"

A UNIQUE HOBBY--Our member, Mrs. Edith Marshment, Lake Beulah, Wisconsin, has a hobby quite unique and interesting. Let it be described in her own words: "I have a hobby--a Christmas Village. I have forty buildings over lights. I made all the buildings. They are small; the houses about 3x4x4 inches with windows, doors, and frames, chimneys, porches, etc. The stores and public buildings are proportionately larger. Along with the buildings are the cars, trucks, trees, etc., that go with the Village. Most of my buildings are copies of real ones which take their place as part of the Village--The high school, Independence Building, Library, Paul Revere house, Betsey Ross house, book store, Wayside Inn, the homes that filled in my life, also the Knight ancestral home, the Herlihy, the Bely and the Williams homes in Rhode Island."

ANOTHER OLD WESTCOTT CEMETERY GONE--President Leslie P. Westcott reports that the old family burying ground of Robert Westcott, second son and third child of the emigrant Stukely Westcott, was entirely obliterated by the war department during World War II. The remains of Westcott and 14 of his family were decently removed and re-interred near the memorial gates of the Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery. The old burial ground was near a group of rocks known for years as "Westcott Rocks" adjacent to Allen Harbor (see Catherine, A-58) in the Quidnessett section of North Kingston, R. I. The cemetery dated from 1675-6, at the time Westcott as a young lieutenant in the famous Philip's swamp fight, was killed by the Indians. Those who descend from this branch of the family may visit the Westcott graves in the Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery which is located on the West side of the Boston Post Road about two miles south of East Greenwich, R. I.

OUR NEW MEMBERS--National Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Potter announces the following new members of the National Society have been duly enrolled since the March issue of "The Quarterly": A hearty welcome is extended to them.

- 360 Mr. and *Mrs. Michael Frank Tretola, Gloversville, N. Y.
- 361 Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Westcott, Syracuse, N. Y.
- 362 Mr. and *Mrs. F. A. Kosslow, Richmond, Va.
- 363 Mr. and *Mrs. William J. Lessiter, Bellings, Mich.
- 364 Mrs. Areta Compton Montieth, Springfield, MO.
- 365 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Amos Westcott, East Syracuse, N. Y.
- 366 Mr. and *Mrs. Theodore Prince Keller, Sarasota, Fla.

NO "WESTCOTT KICKERS"--Our member Paul D. Westcott (A-278) of Auburn, N. Y., sends "The Quarterly" a picture of the 21 members of the "1910 Westcott Football Team," called the "semi-pro champions" of Syracuse, N.Y. The members wore natty uniforms with the letter "W" on each arm. However, there was not a player on the team named "Westcott." The names suggest that the team might have originated in Ireland. Perhaps the name "Westcott" was adopted to bring the team good luck.

WESTCOTT FAMILY STATIONERY--From time to time, requests are received for family stationery bearing the Westcott Coat of Arms and with name and address of the member. Such stationery can be furnished by ordering from the Society. Cost --500 note sheets, printed as stated, and with envelopes to match, \$5.50 plus 25 cents for mailing. *Stationery*

NOTES IN PASSING--It is asked that when addressing envelopes to carry "The Quarterly" to members, the postal zone number be used if an when it is known. Members having zone numbers are requested to send them to the National Secretary. * * While Vol. II of Westcott Genealogy has been entirely sold out for several months, Vol. I, published in 1932, is still available. * * When you have family news send it to "The Quarterly."