

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NO GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN--No Genealogical Bulletin will accompany this issue of "The Quarterly." A bulletin may be expected with "The Quarterly" for December.

DIRECTORS--The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held October 4th, 4 P. M., at the time of the Westcott dinner-meeting. A report of the committee on the 7th Biennial Celebration planned to be held in Johnstown, N. Y., in July, 1948 will be acted upon.

WANTED--If you have a copy of Westcott Genealogy, Vol. II, you do not want and would like to sell, please communicate with the National Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Potter, 25 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y. Please state what condition the book is in and the price you want. Several members are anxious to obtain these books.

REMEMBER? The annual dinner of the Greater N. Y. Chapter hereafter will be held in October instead of in January. The next dinner will be on Saturday evening, October 4th. See notice later.

YOUR ANNUAL DUES--Those who have not sent in their dues for 1947 are asked to do so NOW so that the Secretary and Treasurer can make complete reports to the Directors when they meet on October 4th.

REUNIONIZING IN OLD RHODE ISLAND--Olive Westcott Shippee (Mrs. Ansel A. Shippee) send The Quarterly the following account of a gathering of the family clan: "The summer meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants was held on June 21st on the grounds of Harmony Lodge (Masonic), Edgewood, R. I. William Marr Westcott was host. About 33 Westcotts were present. After the meeting there was a basket supper with coffee served by the host. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Webb Westcott Wilder, President; Mrs. Maude N. Colwell, Vice-President; Mrs. Ansel A. Shippee, Secretary; George P. Westcott, Treasurer, and Ralph Westcott Dexter, Historian."

WESTCOTT REUNIONS IN MICHIGAN--The Southern Michigan Chapter held its annual reunion at Johnson Park, Grand Rapids, August 17th. Following a cooperative dinner at 1:30, a business meeting was held after which Mrs. Arleyn A. Bailey of Grand Rapids, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the early history of the Stukely Westcott family and traced the genealogy down to her own people in Grand Rapids. One family drove about 200 miles and another about 175 miles to be

present. Officers elected were Mrs. Arleyn A. Bailey of Grand Rapids, President; Mrs. Clark Dean of Muskegon, Vice-President; Mrs. H. W. Fleisher of Grand Rapids, Secretary, and for Directors: Daniel Westcott, Kalamazoo; Sheldon Clark, Beulah; Mrs. Elmo Murphy, Muskegon; O. F. Bunday, Hillsdale, and William E. Westcott, Bangor. * * * The Descendants of William Westcott, Jr., held their reunion on August 10th at VanAuken Lake, near Bangor, Mich. They had a fine dinner and then a good old-fashioned visit, recalling some of the good old pioneer days. Aunt Sarah Summers and Aunt Becca Fausnaugh were present, both being in their middle 80s and as spry as some of the children. William E. Westcott was elected President and Hazel Conklin, Secretary. This was the 41st consecutive year a reunion has been held, and prior to this a Christmas party had been held each year for about 15 years.

WESTCOTTS MEET IN OLD MILFORD, N.Y.--The annual reunion and meeting of the members of Central N. Y. Chapter, held August 23rd, in the old Baptist Church at Milford Center, N. Y., was a reminder of the first gathering there in 1931 when first steps were taken to organize the present Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. At that time, Gen. James Westcott Lester of Saratoga Springs was made President, and Harry Lee Cooke of Cooperstown, Vice-President. They passed away some years ago. Thirty-five adults and four children were present this year from Binghamton, Cooperstown, Oneonta, Schuyler Lake, Greene, Utica and Westfield, N. J. After a basket luncheon, "official" family affairs were discussed and Morris B. Townsend of Oneonta was re-elected President, Clifford Kinney of Schuyler Lake, Vice-President, and Jeanette Westcott Cook (Mrs. Carlton J.) of Binghamton, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. It was decided to hold the reunion in 1948 in a park on Otsego Lake, near Cooperstown, and May Westcott Graham (Mrs. John T.) of Cooperstown, was made chairman of arrangements.

UP IN THE MAPLE SUGAR COUNTRY OF VERMONT--Sixty were present at the annual reunion and meeting of the Vermont Chapter held August 24th. The attendance was smaller than usual on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Maryette Westcott of Paultney, so that none of her large family could be present. At the business meeting, Guy O. Westcott of Springfield, Vt., was elected President; Mrs. Frances Reed of East Paultney, Vice-President; Mrs. Lydia Springer of North Clarendon, Vt., Secretary, and Nathan H. Wilkins of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Treasurer.

DIED--David Aldrich Westcott (A-266) died June 26, 1947 at his home in Dorchester (Boston). Mr. Westcott was a staunch member of the S.S.W.D. He attended a number of the family National Celebrations, the Greater N. Y. Chapter dinners in N. Y. City and meetings of the Rhode Island Chapter. He is survived by his widow and one grandson. The sympathy of the members of this Society is extended to them.

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DIED--Elizabeth Westcott Sands (G-193) passed away July 19, 1947 at her home in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Sands was a charter member of this Society. She was present in 1946 at the Westcott dinner in N. Y. City. Her husband was the late Herbert Steeds Sands who d-1944. She is survived by three sisters, the Misses Ethel G. and Florence Earll Clarke of New York and Mrs. Clinton W. Gilbert of Washington, D.C., and three nieces, Gwendolyn Westcott Jones of New York, Mrs. Robert Molloy and Miss Phyllis Gilbert. The sympathy of the members of the Society is extended to the family.

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DIED--Mrs. Mary Ette Phillips Wescott (A-384) of East Poultney, Vt., died August 25th at the Cambridge, Vt., Hospital. She had a long illness. Her husband, the late Rollin Nicholas Wescott, died in 1928. She became a member of S.S.W.D. more than ten years ago and was deeply interested in its activities; in fact, in the history of the Westcott family. She was also an active member of the Vermont Chapter. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Frank Jay, Mrs. Hudson Reed, and Mrs. Elmer Carr, two sons, Phillips Henry Wescott and Harold Whitney Wescott, all members of this Society, and 27 grandchildren. The sympathy of the Society is extended to the family and her kin who esteemed her..

WELL-WORTH READING--Before you go to Johnstown, N. Y. and the Mohawk Valley next July to attend the 7th Biennial Celebration of the Westcott Society, get a copy of the National Geographic Magazine for July, 1947 and read the stirring description of the historic section before and during the Revolution. "At Johnstown stands Johnson Hall, the blockhouse-defended baronial mansion of Sir William Johnson, pre-Revolutionary Superintendent of Indian Affairs in most of British North America. The remarkable Irishman is buried in St. John's churchyard in this city he founded and named. Around him stories and legends cluster, though 'Sir Bill' has been dead these 173 years." There are many more like paragraphs in the Magazine; also 24 illustrations and map and 19 natural color photographs. It is all well-worth reading and seeing.

NO NEW MEMBERS TO ANNOUNCE--For the first time since "The Quarterly" was started in March, 1934, there are no new members to announce in this issue. However, there is information to the effect that at least eight applications for membership are being prepared.

NORTHERN NEW YORK CHAPTER--This Chapter scheduled an annual reunion and picnic for August 16th. It had not been reported to "The Quarterly" up to September 2nd.

DINNER OF THE GREATER N. Y. CHAPTER--The 14th annual dinner-meeting of the Greater New York Chapter will be held as heretofore at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The date is Saturday evening, October 4th, the time decided upon at the dinner last January. It will be a chicken dinner. The price will be \$3.00 which includes all gratuities. Informal reception in the Washington Square banquet hall at 7 P. M. Reservations accompanied by check, should be in the hands of the treasurer, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N. J., by September 30th. The President of the Chapter is Chester W. Wescott, 42 Hunting Drive, Dumont, N. J.