

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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THE 7TH BIENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION

JULY 19, 20 AND 21, 1948

JOHNSTOWN, N. Y. AND NEARBY MOHAWK VALLEY.

The Johnstown Community Hotel will be Headquarters, with the Kingsbury Hotel at Gloversville (4 miles away) supplementing.

Reservations must be limited to 70 members (first to write, first registered), and may be made beginning January 1st, 1948, by writing to R. L. Whitman, 109 West Dudley Avenue, Westfield, N. J.

An interesting program is being planned which will be announced in some detail in "The Quarterly" for March when arrangements will be more complete.

Plan now to be present Friday Afternoon or Evening to remain until late Sunday Afternoon.

CELEBRATION NOTES--Due to the limited facilities of the Johnstown Hotel, only 60 to 70 members can be served at the banquet Saturday evening. Therefore, registrations for the dinner will be accepted in the order received and when 70 members at the most have registered, no more can be received. While only members can be registered, non-members will be registered on and after July 15th, 1948, provided there are vacancies.

No need for a garage for your car. Cars may safely be parked in rear of the hotel without cost.

Those who plan to make the trip by train will leave it at Fonda and there transportation will be available for the four miles to the door of the Johnstown Hotel. If fast trains are taken from the South and East, transfer in Albany to a local train; if coming from the West or North, transfer in Utica. Consult your local passenger agent.

APPEAL TO YOUTH--Family history may seem sometimes to be an old folk's hobby, and the same may be true of family associations. But the associations, in particular, cannot live and prosper without the infusion of new blood. Must we wait until our young folk become old folk before we link them to our organization and gain their active support? Our Board of Directors hope not, and to further their aim of drawing younger members into the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, a letter has gone out to the presidents of all our eight local chapters. What we should like

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is constructive ideas for an appeal to youth. What we should like still more is that each of our local chapters -- and indeed each of the old faithful who read this notice (this mean you!) -- would make it a personal concern to kindle the interest in one or more of the younger generation and to foster that interest by bringing them into our society. How many can we bring to our next Biennial Celebration in Johnstown and the Mohawk Valley so rich in historic and romantic interest? Former President Allan Westcott (No. 1 Thompson Street, Annapolis, Md.), the chairman of the new "Youth Committee," is asking for replies from chapter presidents, and will welcome from any of us either helpful suggestions or reports of progress.

ABOUT YOUR DUES--Whether dues are paid so they can be reported at the new date in October of the annual meeting of the Directors or as heretofore, on or before December 31st, they are for the calendar year in which they are paid.

FROM THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY--Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter, National Secretary of the Society, presented the following report at the Directors' meeting on Oct. 4th: There were 232 members as of Jan. 11, 1947; eight have since been dropped for non-payment of dues; one has resigned; six have died with two memberships retained by survivors; eleven new members have been enrolled; one member reinstated. We are represented at the present time (Oct. 4) in 31 states, the District of Columbia, Nova Scotia and Japan with a total membership of 231, one member being honorary, ten associate members and 220 active--a decrease of one member since last report. Since the Society was organized in Jan., 1934, a total of 366 memberships have been issued; voided to replace with an associate one; associate memberships issued twenty. Total 385, which total is reduced to 231 because 56 have been lost (since 1934) by death of which 13 memberships have been retained by survivors, reducing the number terminated to 43; lost by resignation or non-payment of dues 111; total 154. Thus, 385 memberships issued; ex-members 154; present membership 231.

NORTHERN N. Y. CHAPTER REPORTS--The Northern N. Y. Chapter, No. 4, Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, met at Selkirk State Park, Aug. 16. About 25 Westcotts and a few visitors enjoyed a picnic-lunch and a visit. President Mrs. Albert Fowler presided in spite of her serious illness during the past year. A very impressive memorial service for the deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Harry L. Waugh in the absence of the Chaplain. The following were elected to office for the coming year: President--Mrs. Raymond C. Turner, 250 West First St., Oswego; Vice-President--Dr. George Dana Pickens; Chaplain--Mrs. Mary Mullin; Sec'y-Treas.--Mrs. Harry E. Witzel, 244 Mosley Drive, Syracuse 6; Ass't Sec'y Treas.--Mrs. John F. Clark. The apology of Chapter No. 4 for the absence of this report in the September issue of The Quarterly.

14th ANNUAL DINNER--Some 45 members and friends of the Greater New York Chapter enjoyed a chicken dinner at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York Saturday evening, Oct. 4th, it being the first dinner since the Chapter changed the date from January to October. President Chester W. Westcott presided. William C. Driver directed the group singing. Miss Florance A. Westcott presided at the piano. National President Leslie P. Westcott and Dr. Allan F. Westcott were the speakers. National Registrar Roscoe L. Whitman in the absence of Past-President Joseph R. Westcott reported on their visit to Johnstown, N. Y., Aug. 22nd when preliminary plans were made for the 7th Biennial Celebration to be held in that city and the adjacent section of the Mohawk Valley July 19, 20 and 21, 1948. Miss Grace E. Bennett was elected President

and Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N. J., re-elected Sec.-Treas. Dues are for calendar years as usual.

NEW MEMBERS--National Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Potter reports the following new members to whom a cordial welcome is extended.

- 367 Russell Beecher Westcott, Box 496, Lyndonville, Vt.
368 Mr.* & Mrs. Leland Franklin Ketchum, RD#2, N. Bennington, Vt.
369 Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hirman Drake, Box 66, Granville, N. Y.
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OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS--The members of the Board of Directors at their annual meeting in October, besides deciding to hold the 7th Biennial Celebration in historic Johnstown and the adjacent Mohawk Valley in July next, President Leslie P. Westcott, who presided, announced the two following committees: General--Joseph R. Westcott and Roscoe L. Whitman, co-chairmen; Mrs. Michael F. Tretola, local chairman; Mrs. Raymond C. Turner and Chester W. Westcott, and Nomination of Officers--Dr. F. Howard Westcott, chairman; Dr. Leo E. Westcott, Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Joseph R. Westcott and Leslie P. Westcott.

ANOTHER GENEALOGICAL BULLETIN--Genealogical Bulletin Supplement, No. 3, (three pages) will accompany this issue of "The Quarterly. It records some important additional records in the history of the Westcott family.

TIME ELAPSED--With this issue of "The Westcott Family Quarterly" is completed 14 years of regular quarterly visits with the members of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. Time has passed rapidly. Many changes have taken place. Many chairs about the family table are vacant. The future of the Society and its paper rests with present and future members to carry on. This suggests the need of new, younger members to join the family circle and become interested in carrying on the aims and purposes of the Society. Will YOU help in obtaining these youthful members?

A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous
New Year 1948 to Each and Every Member of
This Society; and With Your Help May the
Coming Year Be the Banner Year of the Society.