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C H R I S T M A S

The holidays being only a few days away, this Society wishes for its members and their families, a jolly Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. May the year 1949 be filled with good health and much inspiration for the future.

NEW MEMBERS-- National Secretary Mrs. Eleanor Trismen, 457 The Fenway, Rivers Edge, N.J., reports the following new members since the last report in The Quarterly for September. A cordial welcome is extended to them by this Society.

375 Mr. and *Mrs. John Thomas Graham, Cooperstown, N. Y.
376 Mr. and *Mrs. Donald F. Neach, Fort Plain, N. Y.
377 Mr. and *Mrs. Roy Lenard Erlenback, Chittenango, N. Y.
A21 Mr. and *Mrs. Walter A. Sawyer, Keene, N. H.
A22 Mr. and *Mrs. Donal Roy Anderson, Bethel, Ohio.

IOWA GROWING--There arrived at the home of our member Margaret Westcott Ebert (Mrs. Wayne Ebert) at Elarion, Iowa, September 21, 1948, Barbara Ann Ebert. Congratulations, Margaret. Mrs. Ebert and her mother, Mrs. George Westcott of Sumner, Iowa, attended the Celebration at Providence, R.I., in 1946.

CHAPTER IN WESTERN NEW YORK? Why not? Wherever you go in Buffalo and miles around all the way to Rochester in the north and Jamestown and Elmira in the south, one or more Westcott families will be found. So, why not get them together and form a Western New York Chapter of the National Society? First Vice-President George Dana Pickens of Arcade, lives right in the midst of this area and can be of help in this effort. At present there are National members living in Rochester, Scio, Bath and elsewhere, descendants of either Arnold Westcott of Berlin, Rensselaer County, N.Y., George Westcott of Clarendon, Rutland County, Vt., Benedict Arnold Robinson of Genesee County, N.Y., Gardiner Westcott of Sackets Harbor, Jefferson County, N.Y. and others.

REUNIONS LAST AUGUST--August seems to be the month of Westcott family reunions. Due to their being held late in the month, mention of them could not be made in The Quarterly for September. Central N. Y. Chapter, No. 1 (old Milford, N.Y., Chapter) had its annual reunion August 29, at Fairy Spring Park on Otsego Lake. Sixty-one were present. Clifford Kinney was elected president, Leo Packer, vice-president, and Mrs. Walter Westcott, secretary-treasurer. The next reunion will be held at the same park Aug. 21st, 1949. District workers were appointed to stir up interest of the absent Westcotts. Greater N.Y. Chapter, No. 3, held its annual dinner meeting October 2nd. (See account elsewhere.) Northern N. Y. Chapter, No. 4, held its annual reunion at Selkirk State Park, Aug. 21st. Thirty-nine were present, including National President Allan F. Westcott and First Vice-President George Dana Pickens. A memorial service was held for Mrs. Minnie Weaver and A. R. Ellis, deceased members of the Chapter. Mrs. Grace Turner, 250 West First St., Oswego, was elected president, Eugene Westcott, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. John Clark, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Harry Witzel, ass't sec.-treas.; Mrs. Mary Mullin, chaplain; and Mrs. Albert Fowler, historian. An interesting report of the National Celebration at Johnstown

in July was made by Mrs. Charles S. Price, Mrs. Harry Waugh and Dr. Allan Westcott. A membership committee was appointed. Vermont Chapter, No. 5, held its usual yearly reunion at Lake St. Catherine, Vt., Aug. 19. Eighty-four Westcotts and three guests were present. This, as usual, was the largest attendance at any of the reunions. The following officers were chosen: Mrs. Frances Westcott Reed of East Poultney, president; Archibald H. Drake of Granville, N.Y., vice-president; Mrs. Lydia Whitney Sptinger, North Clarendon, secretary; Nathan H. Wilkins, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., treasurer. Southern Michigan Chapter, No. 6, booked a reunion for August 19th with Grand Rapids selected tentatively for the place. However, The Quarterly is without further information. No report received from Chicagoland Chapter, No. 7, and Abington, Pa., Chapter No. 8.

DINNER OF THE GREATER NEW YORKERS--Members and friends of the Greater New York Chapter dined, sang and visited at their annual dinner-meeting in New York at the Fifth Avenue Hotel Saturday evening, October 2nd. There were forty-six present, some coming from far away as Salamanca, N. Y., Providence, R. I., and Alexandria Bay, N.Y. Miss Grace E. Bennett of Richmond Hill (Brooklyn), 1948 president of the Chapter, presided in a manner befitting a queen. The committee in charge comprised Miss Bennett, Mrs. Alice Marroquin and Mrs. Eleanor Trismen. Much credit is their due. The singing was led by William C. Driver and Ralph D. Trismen was at the piano. In his address, Allan F. Westcott brought news of a recent reunion of the Northern New York Chapter and Roscoe L. Whitman did likewise of the biennial celebration at Johnstown, N.Y., last July. Dr. F. Howard Westcott called attention to the national church service the following day. The guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. Robert Evans of the Presbyterian Church. He is also heard Sundays over the radio. In his inspiring address, Dr. Evans stressed the examples set by the pioneers in creating the civilization now enjoyed. Among the pioneers he mentioned Stukely Westcott several times and said the Westcott Society was worthy in perpetuating his memory. Officers chosen for 1948-9 were Edmund Whitman Morris for President and Mrs. Dorothy Potter for Secretary-Treasurer. They will serve until the dinner-meeting on Saturday evening, October 8, 1949.

Those present: Dr. and Mrs. Allan F. Westcott, Alexandria Bay, N.Y., Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, Tenafly, N.J., Joseph Rogers Westcott, Binghamton, N.Y., Judson S. Bennett, Jr. and Mrs. J. Volney Bennett and Miss Grace E. Bennett, Brooklyn, Mrs. Martin Westcott and Warren Westcott, Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. Pliny K. Westcott, Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller, Brooklyn, Lester L. Westcott and Master James R. Westcott, Salamanca, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, Rivers Edge, N.J., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westcott, Patterson, N. J., Miss Helen J. Williams, N. Y. City, the Misses Ethel G. and Florence Earl Clarke, N. Y. City, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, and Miss Melane Dorfler, West Islip, L.I., Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin and the Misses Joyce and Bertha Marroquin, Hackensack, N. J., Allan F. Westcott, Brown University, Providence, R. I., Mrs. Helen Driver, Fairfield, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. William C. Driver and Mrs. Florence Baker, Larchmont, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman and Mrs. Eva K. Pomeroy, Westfield, N. J., Edmund Whitman Morris, Cranford, N. J., and the Rev. Dr. Richard Evans.

WHERE DO WESTCOTTS GO IN 1950?--It's a long, long way to 1950 when the 8th Biennial Westcott Celebration will be held, but it is not too long to begin NOW to sidetrack other engagements so they will not interfere with your attending the Celebration. At the meeting of the Directors last October 2nd several places were mentioned which might be suitable for the Celebration, but no decision was reached. Among the places, were Trenton, N. J., Niagara Falls, including possibly Buffalo, and a repeat visit to Alexandria Bay, N. Y. Trenton would be moving the Celebrations slightly west, which is something some favor. Of course, Niagara Falls would be far-

ther west and more convenient to the scores of Westcott families living in the western counties of N. Y. state, and in Ohio and Michigan; and Chicago is not too far away. Trenton and thirty miles away, finds many historical interests, such as Valley Forge and "the old road" travelled by Washington's soldiers on their way to Delaware River, place where Washington and his men crossed the Delaware, Washington National Park, and Princeton University. Here, the writer might also mention Morristown, N. J. with the Morristown National Historical Park and Historical Museum. Near Morristown is the romantic Sleepy Hollow region with Philipse Castle, which was one of the homes of the demure Colonial lass, Mary Philipse, who, as "Polly", captivated the young engineer, George Washington, though he lost her to a friend who had, perhaps more small talk and society manners. Niagara Falls or Buffalo or both, need no introduction. However, Niagara Falls might provide the "honeymoon trip" postponed years ago. If you have suggestions write them to the National Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Trismen, so she can place them before the Directors at their next meeting in October, 1949.

WILL CARRY ON--During the absence of President Allan Westcott and Mrs. Westcott in Europe, Mr. Whitman will carry on compiling and mailing The Quarterly.

NEPHEW OF STUKELY WESTCOTT--As recorded in Westcott Genealogy, Vol. I, one of the three nephews of Stukely Westcott was William Wescott. Little was learned of his posterity. See Westcott Genealogy, Vol. II, page 400, where it is recorded that a William Westcoat (sic), a seafaring man, died in Westmoreland County, Virginia, in 1683. He is believed to have been the William, one of the three nephews. Recently, National Secretary Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen of Rivers Edge, N. J., reported having contacted a William Westcott, living near her, who states that he descends from the Westcotts of Virginia. More information is expected.

Other than Stukely

IT HAPPENS SOME TIMES--Applications for membership in this Society are received sometimes from persons of the Westcott name whose pioneer ancestry can not be immediately determined. Not all Westcotts descend from Stukely Westcott. He had three nephews--Richard, William and Daniel--who came to America in 1635. Richard and William settled first in Wethersfield, Conn., the latter, it is believed, became a seafaring man living in Virginia where he died. Daniel settled in Maine. The three nephews spelled their name Wescott; without the middle t. In the list of new members in this issue of The Quarterly are two persons who are given Associate Membership for the reason that at present their earliest known ancestor lived in Portland, Maine. Thus, the deduction is made that he descended from Daniel Wescott, the pioneer in Maine, and accordingly, can be accorded only an associate membership. However, further identification may be gleaned from the continued research.

Membership

HIS ANCESTRY, PLEASE--The name of T. C. Wescott appears in a report of the Electric Bond and Share Company as a director and also president of a subsidiary service company, the Ebasco Services Inc. He is not found recorded in the Westcott genealogies.