

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## A Final Message.

After more than fifteen years of service, the last of the Westcott Family Genealogical Bulletins to be compiled by Roscoe L. Whitman, author of the two Westcott genealogies, will accompany this issue of the Westcott Family Quarterly. It is expected that Dr. Allan F. Westcott, President of this Society, will appoint somebody to carry on the work and also appoint an Editor to continue editing the Westcott Family Quarterly. This will be the last Quarterly to be edited by Mr. Whitman.

WESTCOTT MEMORIAL IN CALIFORNIA--The "Phoebe Canfield Memorial Home" in Los Angeles, Calif., was provided for in the will of Charles P. Canfield, wealthy oil magnate, in memory of his wife who before her marriage was Chloe Phoebe Westcott. She was of the IX generation from the emigrant Stukely Westcott and the III generation from Arnold Westcott of Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. Phoebe was shot by her former coachman in 1906. The Home was to be used for the education and care of children under twelve years of age.

PUBLISHED BY REQUEST--"January 22, 1949: Fellow Members of the S. S. W. D.: Have we not been negligent in showing our customary appreciation of the many years of service of a retiring secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Potter? I suggest that our President appoint a committee to select a suitable gift as our acknowledgment of her effort and interest in promoting the life of our Society. I know of no better way of reaching you, than through the next Quarterly and I am asking the Editor to bring this matter before you for your consideration. Sincerely, a S.S.W.D. Member."

GIFT OF THIS SOCIETY TO STUKELY WESTCOTT'S CHURCH--At the 7th Biennial Celebration of this Society at Johnstown last July, Leslie P. Westcott, then President, brought folders from Providence concerning the restoration of the First Baptist Church of Providence, of which Stukely Westcott of the first generation in America, was a founder along with Roger Williams and ten others. The matter was discussed and the Society decided to send \$25.00 toward the restoration. R I West

We are also interested in having a plaque made to be placed in the church with a list of the early founders which would include Westcott's name. The National Secretary, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, sent the donation for \$25.00 along with a letter. The following letter was received from the church in Providence:

"Dear Mrs. Trismen: Today Mr. Tanner received your letter with its gift to the fund for the restoration of the Meeting House. (A name by which the church is now called.) He deeply appreciates the interest and generosity of the descendants of Stukely Westcott and has asked me to express to you as Secretary of the Society his sincere gratitude. He will pass the check to the treasurer at the church and you will receive from the bank in charge of the fund an official receipt; also later (in 1949) a certificate. Mr. Tanner has asked me, too, to say that he will take up the matter of the plaque with the church officials and they will be glad to communicate with you if ever it is decided to install such a plaque in the church. Please express to the members of the Society the gratitude which will be felt by

every member of the committee here in Providence in charge of the fund for the restoration of the Meeting House. Sincerely, (signed) Rose C. Tanner (Mrs. H. B.), Dec. 7, 1948."

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(NOTE)—It is of interest here to mention the names of the founders of the church in addition to Stukely Westcott and Roger Williams: Ezekiel Holliman, William Arnold, William Carpenter, Robert Cole, John Greene, William Harris, Thomas James, Thomas Olney, Richard Waterman and Francis Weston. Of the foregoing founders of the church, Arnold, Carpenter, Greene, Harris, Olney and Waterman were ancestors also of many of the posterity of Stukely Westcott.

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NEW MEMBERS—The following new members since the December issue, has been announced by National Secretary Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen. A hearty welcome to the Society is extended to them;

378 Mr. and \*Mrs. Clarence Durrell Simonds, Burlington, Vt.  
379 Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lafayette Westcott, Salamanca, N. Y.

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OUR NATIONAL SECRETARIES—Considerable time, work and ability are exacted from those who serve the Society as its Secretary. The Society has been extremely fortunate in having secretaries who possessed all these qualifications and willingly devoted their talents to the work. Miss Ethel Grace Clarke served as the first Secretary from the 13th of January, 1934, when the Society was organized, to the close of 1941, a period of eight years, and then in the beginning of 1942, Mrs. Adelbert Niles Potter (Dorothy Potter) was elected to the office. She served to July, 1948, a period of six and one-half years. Both were charter members of the Society and eminently qualified. At the 7th Biennial Celebration in 1948, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen (Eleanor Trismen) was chosen for the office. Mrs. Trismen has carried on since her election in a way eminently in keeping with the high standards set by her predecessors. The Society has also had three Treasurers—Dr. Niles Westcott, Pliny K. Westcott and Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin (Alise Marroquin)—all of whom have served the Society well and faithfully. It is good to have good officers.

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GONE SOUTH—Past-President Dr. Leo E. Westcott and Mrs. Westcott have left Kalamazoo, Mich., to live in San Benito, Texas. Whether this is just for the Winter or permanently, announcement has not been made. Either way, good luck and good health to you both. You deserve it.

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N. Y. CHAPTER SECRETARY ASKS:—The Secretary of the N. Y. Chapter is sorry to report that dues are slow to come in. The dinner in October relies on membership dues to defer incidental expenses and we would like to see the dinner attendance increase each year and have funds enough to give everyone a wonderful time.

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DIED—News has come of the death of Franklin Herbert Westcott, father of our members, Past-Director Dr. F. Howard Westcott and Paul Dana Westcott. Sympathy of the Society is extended to all the members of his family.