

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NOTES OF THE CHAPTERS--Central N.Y. Chapter, No.1, had a fine meeting at Fairy Spring Park on Lake Otsego on Sunday, August 21st. There were 34 cousins present.

Vermont Chapter, No. 5, had their picnic dinner at Lake St. Catherine in Vermont, as planned on August 21, 1949. There were 75 cousins present.

Greater New York Chapter, No. 3 will hold its annual dinner-meeting on Saturday evening, October 8, 1949, 7 P. M. at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. Reservations at \$2.75 per person. Send money order or check to Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, 109 W. Dudley Avenue, Westfield, N. J. not later than September 30. All members are cordially invited.

Abington, Pa., Chapter, No. 8,--"Due to the illness of our President, William N. Wescott of 366 N. Fillmore Avenue, Scranton, Pa., the Abington Chapter has not met in the last 4 or 5 years," according to Miss Mildred Wescott of Uniondale, Pa. She does announce the gathering of the Ivan B. Wescott's from Dalton, Pa., in August, according to a newspaper clipping.

NEW MEMBERS--National Secretary Mrs. Eleanor Trismen announces two new members to whom the Society extends a cordial welcome--

- 380-Mr. Eugene A. Westcott, Jr. of Cleveland, New York.
A 24-Miss Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Illinois.
A 25-Miss Jennie M. Patton of Peoria, Illinois.
A 26-Miss Ida A. Patton of Peoria, Illinois.

BIRTHS--Nancy Lynn Westcott, born September 19, 1948 at Philadelphia, Pa., whose parents are Mr. & Mrs. Theron B. Westcott.

Robert Jerauld Westcott, Jr. born August 13, 1947 and Emily Wise Westcott, born May 10, 1949 who are children of Mr. Robert Jerauld Westcott and Barbara (Engler Wise) Westcott. (B A Page 260).

MARRIAGE--David Woodhull Appel (B.A. Page 261) married at Grinnell, Iowa to Julia Anne, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold F. Stimson of Washington, D. C.

DEATHS--Arthur Lord Westcott (B.A. page 260) died on June 12, 1949 at his home in Columbia, Mo. in his 84th year. For many years before his retirement he had been on the faculty of the University of Missouri. A worthy life indeed.

Roger P. Wescott, infant son of the Honorable Harold P. Wescott (brother of Miss Mildred Wescott of Uniondale, Pa.,) died December 4, 1948. Our deepest sympathy to his parents.

News has just come to the Society of the death of Mrs. Leslie P. Westcott, who died September 5, 1949 after being ill most of the summer. Her husband Leslie P. Westcott has been a past President of the National Society. Sympathy of the Society is extended to all members of the family.

OPERATION--Our Dear Mr. Whitman was operated on Monday, July 25, 1949 at the Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey. Mrs. Lillian E. Westcott, Secretary of the Central New York Chapter wrote the following to Mr. Whitman, "Dear Mr. Whitman; We were very sorry that you could not be with us this year. We send our best wishes and hope that you continue to improve. We sincerely hope that you will be with us next year. "and may your National Secretary add a line to say that she has received a letter from Mr. Whitman and he is greatly improved and convalescing at his home in Westfield, New Jersey. Keep up the good work Dear Cousin!"

RETIREMENT TO RHODE ISLAND--In the Fall of 1946, Mr. Harry J. Westcott retired after 30 years with the Manhattan Rubber Division of Raybestos Manhattan Inc. in Passaic, New Jersey. The following summer he and his wife moved to Chepachet, Rhode Island, in order to be near their son, who settled there after being discharged from the service. Harry J. Westcott is a brother of the late Arthur Lord Westcott of Columbia, Mo.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT--Dr. Allan Westcott who now resides at Tar Island, Alexandria Bay, New York, states that his youngest son, Allan Craven Westcott, and his oldest granddaughter, Laura E. Martin, are both Sophomores at Brown University, both entering as freshmen last year; also states that "Elizabeth (Mrs. Allan Westcott) and I are planning to spend the winter in the south of France, sailing in November and returning in April. We planned it last year, but couldn't do that and Cuba both in one winter."

REUNION--"The Paugh-Westcott Reunion was held Sunday, July 17, 1949, being their 13th annual reunion. It was held at the Forest

Reserve Park, Monticello, Illinois. Fifteen direct descendants of Ayers and Maria Jane (Westcott) Paugh were present, listed as follows: Mrs. Mary Paugh Finch, Oxford, Ohio and son Charles Finch, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Clifford Paugh, Chaffee, Mo. and daughter Mrs. Mabel Nichols of Jacksonville, Illinois and granddaughter Marion Paugh of Oregon. The Misses Jemie and Ida Patton of Peoria, Illinois, Miss Grace Paugh of DeLand, Illinois. Mrs. Alice Paugh Wrench, Monticello, Illinois, daughter Mildred Gronemeier of Bloomington, Illinois, grandchildren--Martha Jean, Jerry Ann, Lyla, Dale and Nancy Jo. of Bloomington.

Others present were Myrtle Finch, wife of Charles; Elizabeth Paugh, wife of Clifford; Franklin Gronemeier, husband of Mildred; John Wrench, husband of Alice; Grace Patton, widow of Joe Patton; Grace Patton's sister, Mrs. Nellie Barker and their 98 year old father.

After the usual bountiful dinner, a business meeting was held by the President, John Wrench. Reports of family affairs were given, letters from absent members were read, no births, no deaths, only one marriage, Clifford Paugh and Elizabeth Mathews of Chaffee, Mo. who were present.

Officers for next year were elected, President Mary Finch, Vice President Charles Finch, and Secretary-Treasurer Grace Paugh. The rest of the afternoon was spent in visiting and discussing Westcott history on which Jennie Patton, Mary Finch, Grace Paugh and Alice Wrench, have been doing research since their past reunion."

Submitted by Alice Wrench,
Reporter for Reunion.

A WORD FROM YOUR SECRETARY--Some of our members have wondered who has taken over the editing of the Quarterly. With the aid of the treasurer, Alice Marroquin, your secretary was able to edit the Quarterly for June and September.

Nevertheless along with our other duties it leaves too much on our hands to continue. Would it be asking too much if one of our interested members would volunteer to take it over?

With the help of chapter notes from the Whitmans and current items from your secretary, it isn't too difficult a job. How about some cousin from the West or the South to keep the Society Spirit Going?

The Quarterly is an essential contact to keep our society alive. Just send word to your Secretary, Eleanor L. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey.

P. S. Every little item or picture is needed for your scrap book and also the Quarterly.

Many thanks,
Eleanor Trismen.

A LETTER--

August 30, 1949

"Some Stukely Westcott Descendants look over the Home of their Ancestors.

For several years we had looked forward to a visit to England and Sweden, the lands of our forefathers on both sides. Leaving battle scarred London, we paid a short visit to Oxford and Stratford-on-Avon on our way to southwest England. At first the country was flat and not too unusual, but after leaving Wells and Bath it became hilly and picturesque. From Minehead to Barnstable, both on the Bristol Channel, no prettier country could be had, with a steep hilly coastline and well kept, fully cultivated farms.

In Barnstaple a friendly clock-maker, Mr. Lock, showed us the town and an original ceiling done in a secret alabaster plaster which dates back over 300 years and is still in perfect condition. He knew of several Westcott families, but said that in order to meet them we would have to return on a Friday. Friday which was market day, brought everyone to Barnstaple, which, by the way of mentioning, was one of the best kept and most up-to-date appearing of any towns its size, we saw. I visited the old church which also dated back to long before the departure of Stukely Westcott and without a doubt the place of worship of many Westcott's and their consorts.

Leaving their pleasant town we traveled south to Sidmouth on the English Channel, then along this lovely coast thru Southampton, Bognor Regis and back to London.

We liked England and its people. We disliked the food and were shocked and disturbed by the apparent acceptance of their state of inadequacy. It seemed to me that the fighting spirit of the people was gone and that they were afraid to step out on their own to regain it. England! "Renovato Nominee".

Howard and Gertrude Westcott.
(Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott)
of Tenafly, N. J.