

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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**NOTES OF THE CHAPTERS--** Greater New York - There were 62 cousins present at the 8th of October gathering at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New York City. Just before the main meeting after a delicious dinner, Mr. Edmund Whitman Morris, Chapter President, asked Dr. F. Howard Westcott to say a few words, and then as a surprise to all and especially Mr. Whitman, Dr. Westcott presented on behalf of the Society Members, a Hamilton Watch to Mr. Whitman and fitted traveling cases to the past National Secretaries. A large tiered birthday cake, trimmed with red roses and candles, was placed before Mr. Whitman along with a dozen American Beauty roses. Needless to say, Mr. Whitman was very pleased and it made a very gala evening to give to him a token of our appreciation for his many years spent on our family research. The 1950 Chapter officers were chosen with James R. Morris as President and Miss Ruth Westcott, Dr. F. Howard's daughter, as Secretary-Treasurer.

Southern Michigan Chapter No. 6 - held a picnic lunch at Moore's Park, Lansing with around forty Westcott's present and from their report everyone present had a most enjoyable time getting to know their kindred better. Chapter officers were elected with Mr. William Westcott of Jackson again as President, Mr. Martin Westcott of Adrian as Vice-President, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Westcott, Mrs. E. Kenneth Clark of Jackson as Secretary-Treasurer. It was voted to hold the next meeting again at Moore's Park on the 1st Sunday in August 1950.

Vermont Chapter No. 5 - At the Vermont reunion which was held at Lake St. Catherine on August 21st, a committee was appointed to check into any possible work that might be done in cemeteries where Westcott's are buried. The Committee included Guy Westcott, Springfield, Vt., David Roberts, Hampton, N. Y., A. H. Drake, Granville, N. Y., Craig Springer, North Clarendon, Vermont and Mrs. Wells S. Baker, Buskirk, N. Y. It is expected that some work will be done this fall at Danby Corners, Vermont.

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

381 Mr.\* and Mrs. Amander Shaw, Granville, N. Y.

382 Mr.\* and Mrs. Harold H. Kynett, Wayne, Pa.

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**BORN** - To Capt. and Mrs. Edmund Whitman Morris of Cranford, N. J., (B-11-46), Joan Harvey Morris at Plainfield, N. J., June 15, 1949.

**BORN** - To Mr. and Mrs. James Radcliffe Morris of Roselle, N. J., (B-12-47), Charlotte Berseford Morris, at Plainfield, N. J. Sept. 2, 1949.

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DIED -- Minnie Wescott Lunn of Oneonta, N. Y. (G-296), widow of Joseph Lunn d-Oneonta, September 7, 1949, buried Morris, N. Y. Mrs. Lunn in 1930 made a wish that "the Westcotts might have another reunion such as they had fifty years ago." Her wish resulted in a reunion in 1931 when some 180 gathered at Milford-Center, N. Y. From this reunion resulted the organization of a society of the Westcott kin.

DIED -- Arthur L. Westcott d-at Bainbridge, N. Y., April 16, 1949, buried in the Westcott plot in Glenwood Cemetery, Oneonta, N. Y.

DIED - Mary W. Denton d.- at Bainbridge, N. Y., August 27, 1949, buried Glenwood Cemetery, Oneonta, N. Y.

DIED - Mrs. Harold H. Kynett d.-October 25, 1949 at Philadelphia, Pa.

The sincere sympathy of the Society is extended to the families of our members who have passed away.

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FROM DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA - Your Secretary received a very pleasant letter from our cousin Mrs. (J. S.) Eleanor Timpany who is 78 years young. I will quote in part: "In 1940, I had the privilege of being in New York and attending the reception and Westcott memorial Dinner and came to know Mr. and Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Potter and her husband fairly well. Mr. Whitman also came to Boston where he visited us in Helen's home (her niece) and at a dinner meeting in the city. I hoped to attend one of the biennel celebrations later, but because of war conditions it became impossible -- so I comforted myself by using a little of that cost of travel instead for the purchase of the two volumes of Stukely Westcott (rather Westcott family) history. These have given me much pleasure and also have been enjoyed by other Canadian Westcott's concerned. --- I have very happy memories of meeting so many of the Westcott's cousins and of their cordial welcome to me at the N. Y. Chapter Dinner in 1940. I have just enjoyed again looking over the fine photos taken in the dining room, and recalling the addresses that were both instructive and entertaining, regarding early history of our pioneers in America. "---- With cordial regards from one of the Westcott cousins, s/Eleanor H. Timpany."

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NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY - Junior Organization? At our Society Board Meeting in October it was decided to find out from our members whether we should start a Junior Organization which would include all descendants up to 15 years of age, The Junior group would perpetuate our Society. Don't you think it a good idea? (Editor's Note: YES! But let us have cousin Eleanor hear from us about this group.

Your Generous Contributions - The National Officers wish to thank all of the members who so generously contributed toward the gifts for Mr. Whitman our founder, and, Miss Ethel Clarke and Mrs. Dorothy Potter, both Society Secretaries. Since there was a considerable sum collected, your secretary called a meeting of some of the local Westcott cousins to decide the type of gift appropriate for each one. It was decided to purchase a watch for Mr. Whitman and small fitted Pullman cases for both former Secretaries. We were able to buy a beautiful gold, 21 jewel Hamilton pocket watch for our dear Mr. Whitman which was inscribed to commemorate his 80th. birthday.

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ON TO CLEVELAND IN 1950 - Due to the efforts of our cousin, Mrs. Ira

J. Emery of Cleveland it looks as if Cleveland will be our meeting place for our Biennial Meeting in the summer of 1950. Mrs. Emery has written to your secretary that she will take the "helm" in making arrangements for our gathering. Let us all look forward to meeting some of our cousins from the West at that time. Details later.

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A "THANK YOU" FROM MR. WHITMAN - Please, may I express in this issue of "The Westcott Family Quarterly" my heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation for the wonderful honor paid me by the members of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants at the family dinner in New York on October 8th last. The presentation by Dr. F. Howard Westcott on behalf of the members, of the beautiful gold Hamilton watch was a complete surprise to me. I shall always cherish the gift as a memento of the many close friends and kin I have in the Society. The inscription on the back of the watch reads: "To Roscoe L. Whitman, Founder of the Society of the Stukely Westcott Society, Sept. 25, 1949." The date is that of my 80th birthday, a date I will never forget. The watch, the birthday cake, the flowers were all glorious reminders to me of the many happy years I had in watching the wonderful growth of the Society from its inception Jan. 13, 1934. But the growth was not of my making alone; rather it was due to the interest and loyal support of my kin throughout the United States. Thanks, and again thanks.

Roscoe L. Whitman.

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AND FROM MRS. POTTER - "Dear Eleanor, What happy surprises came with the dinner last Saturday and how well the wonderful testimonials to Father and the two former secretaries synchronized with the spirit of the evening. My pullman bag is beautiful but I hardly deserve it, what with all the pleasure I derived from being National Secretary for the period during which I was in office. However, I shall enjoy using the case to the extreme and thru you I should like to thank the Society for such beautiful thoughtfulness." s/ Dorothy Potter

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SPLENDID CHRISTMAS GIFT - Give a Westcott Genealogy, Vol. I, to some cousin whom you would like to interest in the history of the family. It will be appreciated and so will you for making the gift for many years to come. Order from the National Secretary. Price \$7.50, postpaid.

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HIS NEW JOB - With this issue of the Westcott Quarterly, our member, Edmund Whitman Morris of Cranford, N. J., volunteers to edit the paper until the end of 1950. It is hoped he will be given material help in the work by members contributing items of family interest. This is the 16th. year of The Quarterly which has never missed an issue.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

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