

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## Westcotts, in Reunion at Cleveland, Ohio

Not since the celebration in 1935, marking the 300 anniversary of the coming to America from England in 1635 of Stukely Westcott and family, has the Westcott family had a more enjoyable celebration and reunion than the one at Cleveland, Ohio last July. The weather thruout the three days was ideal and the program as scheduled in the Quarterly last June was carried out in detail. Fullest credit is due Mrs. Nettie Westcott Emery of East Cleveland, and her assistants, for the wonderful completeness of the arrangements to the smallest details.

Some fifty Westcott descendants, including several descending from Richard Westcott, nephew of Stukely Westcott, who came to America the same year as did his uncle, were in attendance. It was voted to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Society that the 9th biennial celebration in 1952 be held in Trenton, N. J. and nearby Washington Crossing of the Delaware in 1776.

The Memorial and Commemorative service Saturday morning opened the program for the day. It included, as prelude, a piano rendition, "Going Home", by Mrs. Winifred Rader, and a soprano solo, "Green Pastures", by Mrs. Marian Sole, accompanied by Mrs. Rader. They were admirably rendered.

Mrs. Emery, local chairman, extended greetings and welcome to Cleveland. "Ye bearers of Freedom's torch! Voices proclaiming liberty and opportunity to all. I salute you. It has been well said 'We want a National Society founded on quality and service.' Deprive us of our ideals and we are degraded; preserve them and we move onward and upward; so let us move onward and upward, preserving the ideals entrusted to our care, and the country of our heritage, with feet well established in the past, with hands devoted to the problems of the present, with hearts set toward the realization of America's dream, and with renewed allegiance to God." President Allan F. Westcott presided.

A business meeting was held in the afternoon. There was discussion to some length of ways and means to interest young people in the history of the family and its activities. Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor of Chicago, and James Radcliffe Morris of Roselle, N. J., were appointed a committee to promote the idea. Mrs. Emery was elected President for 1950-1-2, and Mrs. Trainor was elected Vice-President. Roscoe L. Whitman was made Registrar, William M. Westcott, Chaplain, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen re-elected Secretary and Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin was re-elected Treasurer.

The banquet Saturday evening was the high-light of the gathering. Following the banquet, Mrs. Doris Eppinger sang "Who Knows?", "Songs My Mother Taught Me" and "Carmena", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Rader. Later in the evening, Mrs. Mollie Endress rendered three harp solos, "Sarabande", "Theme and Variations", and "Whirlwind". Addresses were made by the retiring President, Allan F. Westcott, and Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor in the absence of Mrs. Randall L. Westcott, delivered a paper prepared by Mrs. Westcott describing her journey thru France and England. The evening closed with the singing of the family song, "Bold Stukely Westcott". A picture of the dinner group may be had by sending \$1.50 to Marvin D. Temple, 1607 Schaaf Road, Cleveland 9, Ohio.

The group attended services Sunday morning at the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church. "Successful Living" was the subject of the minister the Rev. Oscar Thomas Olson, D.D., L.L.D. He mentioned the presence of the Westcott Family group at the services. Sunday afternoon Westcotts visited the beautiful rooms of the Western Reserve Historical Society where the director, Russell H. Anderson, with picture slides, described early land-marks of the Western Reserve....Thus, the 8th biennial gathering came to a close. It was really glorious.

#### NOTES OF THE CELEBRATION

Eleanor Westcott Trismen (Mrs. Ralph D.), the genial Secretary of the Society was busy as a bee conversing with members present.

Ira J. Emery, husband of the local chairman, was most active in registering everybody for the banquet.

Wade Park Manor, in which various sessions were held, is the hotel where all present would enjoy visiting again.

Descendants were present all the way from New York to California.

#### Those Present:

Mrs. Donald F. Neach and Mrs. Beth Carhart of Fort Plain, N.Y., Mrs. Mary D. Finch of Oxford, O., Miss Marian Finch of Euclid, O., Miss Myrtle I. Allen of Los Angeles, Cal., Capt. & Mrs. Earl A. Westcott of Lyndhurst, O., Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fruh, Mrs. Minnie Westcott Bennett and Mrs. Minita Westcott Trainor of Chicago, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen and Bruce Trismen of River Edge, N.J., Mr. & Mrs. George D. Pitkins of Arcade, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Arthur K. Westcott of Cleveland Heights, O., Mr. & Mrs. Raymond O. Bixby of Mansfield, O., Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman and James Radcliffe Morris of Westfield, N.J., Dr. & Mrs. Allan F. Westcott of Alexandria Bay, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Plazer, William A. E. Plazer and Jeffrey A. Plazer of South Euclid, O., Mrs. John Wrench of Monticello, Ill., Miss Myrtle Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. William Paugh, Miss Lela Paugh of Cleveland, O., Dr. Leo E. Westcott of Kalamazoo, Mich., Lt.-Col. & Mrs. Ira J. Emery of East Cleveland, O., Mrs. Jane Merriam Goodell of Oberlin, O., Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Westcott of Warrensville Heights, O., Jennie M. Patteon and Ida A. Patteon of Peoria, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. Howard Whipple Green of Cleveland Heights, O.,

The following guests were present: Mrs. Eva Kline Pomeroy of Westfield, N. J., Doris Eppinger of Cleveland, O., Mrs. Winifred Rader of Lakewood, O., Mr. & Mrs. C. Endress, Miss Mollie Endress of Mayfield Village, O., and Mr. & Mrs. C. Domino of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

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NOTES OF THE CHAPTERS--The members of Central N. Y. Chapter, No. 1, held their annual reunion on August 20th at Gilbert Lake State Park, near Oneonta, N. Y. Mrs. Walter Westcott, 131 East Street, Oneonta, is secretary-treasurer of this old chapter.

Southern Michigan Chapter--held their annual picnic on Sunday, August 6th at Moore's Park, Lansing. After enjoying a cooperation dinner, the President, William O. Westcott, of Jackson and Dr. Leo E. Westcott of Kalamazoo reviewed some of the early Westcott history. During the business meeting, the group decided to place a copy of Volume 1 of the Westcott geneology in the State Library. The officers for the following year were elected: President - Mrs. Arlyn Bailey, of Grand Rapids; Vice-President - Mrs. Harold Sinke of Moline; Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. E. Kenneth Clark of Jackson. The 1951 meeting will be held the first Sunday in August at Halsburg Park, east of Grand Rapids.

(NOTE: All chapter Secretaries kindly send reunion reports to National Secretary and list new officers.)

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NEW MEMBERS--National Secretary Mrs. Eleanor Trismen, announces with pleasure the following new members and extends a cordial welcome.

- #388 - Mr. & Mrs.\* Elza Bryan Middleton, Springfield, Missouri
- #389 - Mr.\* & Mrs. Hubert Harrison Westcott, East Cleveland, Ohio
- #390 - Mr. & Mrs.\* Raymond Bixby, Mansfield, Ohio
- #391 - Mr.\* & Mrs. Arthur Keeler Westcott, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
- #392 - Mr. & Mrs.\* Richard B. Kershaw, New Rochelle, N. Y.
- #393 - Mrs. Ray Harrison Westcott, Syracuse, N. Y.
- #394 - Mr.\* & Mrs. Leland Arthur Hazard, North Evans, N. Y.

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BIRTHS- John Westcott Trainor, born May 19, 1950, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Westcott Trainor of Chicago, Illinois.

Bruce Graham Bailey, born September 13, 1949, the son of D. Graham and Frances (Augustine) Bailey and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. John Y. Graham of Cooperstown, New York.

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WESTCOTT HISTORY DATA--Our new member, Mrs. Ray H. Westcott of Syracuse, New York, has one daughter, Allice Frances, who married Robert Palmer on May 25, 1940. They have two children, Alison Jean

Palmer and Anne Westcott Palmer. Robert Palmer is assistant professor of music at Cornell University and one of the country's leading young composers.

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GRATITUDE--The Society expresses many thanks to its outgoing officers, Dr. Allan F. Westcott of Alexandria Bay and Dr. George D. Pickens of Arcade, New York. They served well and are to be commended.

The Society expresses many thanks to the Hon. Howard W. Green and his wife who represented Cleveland at the banquet.

The Society also wishes to thank Mrs. Emery for her splendid talent selected for the banquet.

The Society thanks Col. Ira J. Emery for his duty as Convention Registrar.

The Society also wishes to express its gratitude to our new president, Mrs. Ira J. Emery for her generosity in paying for banquet flowers, tip service and tax for the banquet.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT -

To All My Best Friends and Superfine Cousins:

Subsequent to the Memorial and Commemorative Service of the National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants Reunion held in Cleveland, Ohio, I was elected President of the Stukely Westcott Society for the ensuing year 1950-1952 period, and I thank you for your confidence in me.

Although I was unable to attend the Seventh Biennial Celebration at Johnstown, N. Y., I was placed in line by being elected Vice-President. I ask myself: "Will I be able to render the services the members expect?" You will be the judge. At any rate, I approach my duties with a great deal of humility, and I ask the assistance of every member to help me carry out the job successfully; to indulge a desire for continued growth of our National organization, and to pray as one never prayed before for religious, social and commercial prosperity to end wars.

For the benefit of the younger generations, I might suggest that my interest in the Society started about 1935 since which year I have assisted many prospective members in the nature of tracing ancestral blood-relationships-Coat-of-Arms motto: "By hope is Labor Lightened". Being in good position to review Historical records, I shall gladly contribute my time in this capacity upon request. I also call to mind the exceedingly pleasant occasion of the Westcott Tercentenary Celebration when demand was made for "Old Bible formerly owned by Stukely Westcott" handed down to Miss Lucetta A. Stone through the succeeding generations, and presented by her to the Roger Williams

Park in Providence, November 1, 1912, Record # 1234. The Curator of the Library at that time had removed to Cleveland. Search was made for the Bible. I located the said Curator, associated with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, refreshed his memory, and I believe the Bible materialized at Rhode Island Historical Society Library, in time for the June gathering.

I hold a regularly approved membership in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Western Reserve Chapter, by virtue of descent from my maternal ancestor, Oliver Earle, National No. 243611 dated April 23, 1928. I also am a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists, Charter Oak Chapter, National No. 6343 dated October 19, 1943.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Nettie Westcott Emery,  
National President

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ANNUAL NEW YORK DINNER--President James R. Morris of the Greater New York Chapter, cordially invites all Westcott cousins and their guests to attend the annual dinner which will be held at The Fifth Avenue Hotel, 8th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Saturday evening, October 7, 1950. Dinner will be served at 7:00 P. M., preceded by a reception in the lounge at six o'clock. Dinner will be \$3.00 per person, and please send your reservations to the chapter Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Ruth Westcott, 15 Wood Hill Road, Tenafly, New Jersey. We look forward to seeing all of the Westcott cousins in October.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS--The annual meeting of the Board of Director of the Stukely Westcott Society, will meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel New York City, on Saturday afternoon, at 4:00 P. M. on October 7, 1950. Will the directors please take note and be present at the meeting, because there are several important things to be discussed.

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AND REMEMBER!--Each member please find another cousin to join our National Society.