

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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CHAPTER NEWS - Greater New York Chapter No.3---Lest We Forget--
The date of the next dinner meeting of the Greater New York Chapter of this Society will fall on Saturday evening, October 6th, 1951. It is 332 years since Stukely Westcott of Ilminster, Somersetshire, England, and Julianna Marchante of Yeovil, same shire, were married in the ancient church of St. John the Baptist at Yeovil, on October 5th, 1619. Thus, this dinner might be called a nuptial occasion and one worthy of celebrating. Of course, arrangements for this dinner meeting has not been completed, but as Chapter-President Samuel Dorfler and his good wife, Marion Edith Wescott Dorfler, who is Secretary-Treasurer, excellent arrangements are assured. Mrs. Dorfler can be reached by addressing her at her home, 11 Ogden Road, Babylon, N. Y.

Northern New York Chapter No. 4---From Mrs. Pauline V. Clark came the following item-"We had our annual meeting at Westcott Beach on Saturday, August 26, 1950 with about 30 members present. As usual a very varied and plentiful picnic lunch was enjoyed. A new slate of Officers were elected and installed."

President - Mrs. Anne Price, 421 Manning Blvd., Albany 5, N. Y.

Vice President - Mrs. Pauline Clark, 71 Downer St.,
Baldwinsville, New York.

Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Grace Turner, 250 W. First St.
Oswego, N. Y.

Historian - Mrs. Lulu Fowler, R. D. 1., Hastings, N. Y.

Chaplain - Mrs. Angie Waugh, 13 N. Fifth Street, Fulton, N. Y.

5 NEW MEMBERS--Congratulations from the Society!

- #395-Dr. & Mrs. Roscoe C. Wescott-(D.D.S.), of New Philadelphia, Ohio
- #405-Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Randall Pailthorp, of Takoma Park, Maryland
- #406-Mr. & Mrs. Lowell A. Holtz, of Great Falls, Montana
- A-28-Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, of Spring City, Pennsylvania
- A-29-Judge & Mrs. Harold E. Wescott, of Laconia, New Hampshire

BIRTH--Richard Durang Morris, born April 30, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. James Radcliffe Morris, of Summit, N. J. Mr. Morris was a former Director of the New York Chapter, S. S. W. D. CONGRATULATIONS!!

ROSTER WORLD WAR II--Captain Theron B. Westcott, R.O.T.C. Indiana University, Commissioned 2nd Lt. Infantry Reserve 1934, went on active duty March 1942, promoted Captain March 1943, detached service with Antiaircraft Artillery April 1942 to March 1944. Returned to inactive duty for physical disability September 1944, Captain Westcott resides in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania at this time.

HOME AGAIN ON THE ST. LAWRENCE--Past-President Allan F. Westcott and his wife Elizabeth, have returned to their Summer home on the St. Lawrence (Alexandria Bay). On their way north they were week-end guests, April 6, 7 and 8, of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, Westfield, N. J.

A NAME TO REVERE--It can be agreed that Stukely is both a peculiar and an odd Christian name to give to a child. So it would seem today, yet two centuries ago it was common in New England and particularly in Rhode Island as John, James and Joseph. As is so frequent today the name was given for an ancestor. This time for two female ancestors. The mother and grandmother of Stukely Westcott were Damaris Stucley. Stucley was the name of an old, distinguished family in southwest England and so it was natural that the son and grandson should be given the name Stucley or Stukely as the Westcott emigrant spelled it. The name now is practically extinct.

20 YEARS AGO--Notices were issued twenty years ago calling Westcotts together for a reunion to be held in the old Baptist Church at Milford Center, Otsego County, N. Y. The reunion was held in 1931 with 182 Westcotts in attendance. An association was formed with the late Judge James Westcott Lester of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., as President; and the late Harris Lee Cooke of Cooperstown, N. Y., as Vice-President. The association carried on to 1933 when another reunion was held at which time a committee was appointed to call a meeting in New York City in January, 1934, to organize a National Society. This, in brief, was the initial effort to form the national society of Westcotts.

GENEALOGIST'S HEADACHE--A recent Gallup survey shows only 46% of women know the names of their maternal grandmothers and 38% of their paternal grandfathers. This indicates the little interest shown in family histories. Let us as a society learn more of our early people!

Interest

THE NAME OF STUKELY WESTCOTT STILL LIVES--In January 1951 in Springfield, Missouri, the Daughters of Colonists organized a new chapter. "Sixteen Springfield women met at the home of Mrs. Frank B. Young, East George St. Road, on January 26, 1951 to greet Miss Emily Stapleton, of Albany, Missouri. Miss Stapleton is the State Regent of the Missouri Society, of Daughters of American Colonists. The purpose of Miss Stapleton's visit to Springfield was to organize the Stukely Westcott Chapter, so named in order to honor the organizing Regent, Mrs. Clarence Montieth, who is an early Descendant of this early Colonial Patriot."

SMALL WORLD--Arthur Westcott Pailthorp, one of our new members, writes the following: "I have this information from one of my brothers whose home is in Washington, D. C. Some time ago he was in Winatchee, Washington on government business and noticed the name Wescott on a window of a plumbing establishment. He visited with this man and found that the man's father came from New York State and that he and his wife were still living, both of them nearly blind. He invited my brother to visit them which he did and found that he was the youngest brother of my grandfather. He showed my brother a Stereotype of our Grandfather which was a copy of one which we had at home."

GOOD IDEA!!--Theron B. Westcott writes--"One of my hobbies is coin collecting. Some of the other members may have a like interest. A little note in the Quarterly that I would like to exchange or buy U. S. coins might enable us to get together. Something like a "Hobby Corner" might be started."

Theron B. Westcott's address is,
72-9 Drexelbrook Drive,
Drexel, Pennsylvania

Let us hear from many of you concerning your hobbies. A hobby keeps one young. Send your hobby news to your Secretary.

QUERY-(OR QUANDRY)--APRIL 1951--Mrs. Baker sent the following item from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register-- "Wanted--Chain story of Westcott farm house at Pembroke, Mass. with personnel of ownership, tracing from its building to husband and children of MARIA WESTCOTT, circa (about) 1850-1. Accent on house, from start to finish at its final auction and dispersal. Town Clerk of Pembroke and all legend-minded neighbors please note and write. \$1.00 each to those who contribute something true and helpful. To those who trifle for gain, the offer is ZERO--- Paul Hollister, 16 Gramercy Park, New York, N. Y.

TO OUR COUSINS IN THE NEW YORK CHAPTER--It is not too early to begin thinking about our annual dinner on October 6th. At the present time we have only twenty-six paid up memberships in the Chapter. It is only through the paid memberships that we are able to plan a good program at this affair. Will each of you who have not sent in your dues please attend to this matter by sending one dollar per adult member to my wife? Those of you who attended the affair last October will recall that we all had a good time but that the size of the crowd was disappointing. We have hopes of making the dinner this year a bigger and better affair. May we count on each one of you?

Sincerely yours,
Samuel Dorfler, President
11 Ogden Road, Babylon, N. Y.

WHEN MEMBERS MOVE--When members change their mailing address they will favor the Secretary of the Society by furnishing the new address promptly so that the files of the Society may be kept up to date. When The Quarterly is mailed if sent to an "old" address the post-office sends the "new address" and collects two cents, but sometimes the post-office does not have the forwarding address. This explains why The Quarterly sometimes is missed by the members.

REMEMBER TO PLAN TO COME TO THE WESTCOTT FAMILY REUNION IN SUMMER OF
1952

REMINDERS TO MEMBERS: Send to Secretary (Address at top of 1st page of Quarterly)

1. We need Family interest stories for our Quarterly!
2. Scrap Book Material!
3. Members!! Try to attend your local chapter summer gatherings.
4. MORE AND MORE MEMBERS!!
5. Data of WORLD WAR II heroes, relatives of members and non-members!
6. To THOSE WHO ARE LATE - Please send your 1951 dues to the Sec'y.

HOPING YOU HAVE A VERY ENJOYABLE SUMMER!!

SEE YOU IN THE SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY!!