

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NOTES OF THE CHAPTERS--Central N. Y. Chapter, No. 1, "A recommendation was made that members of the National Organization should also belong to the local organization as it is possible to have a strong National Organization and not a good local one.

We are also asking for contributions toward the Milford Center Cemetery fund from anyone feeling so disposed. Contributions can be sent to the National Organization or directly to the Central New York Chapter---Treasurer Mrs. Walter Westcott, Oneonta, N. Y. (Note: The Milford Center Cemetery has many Westcotts buried there.)

The Officers of the Central New York Chapter are the same as last year; Leo Parker, President; Walter Westcott, Vice-President; Mrs. Walter Westcott, Secretary-Treasurer.

Very Truly Yours, Lillian Westcott."

Greater New York Chapter, No. 3--The New York Chapter held its annual dinner-meeting on Saturday evening, October 6, 1951 at 6:30 p. m. in the Washington Square Room of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City.

Miss Frances Russell, head of the Genealogy Room of the New York Public Library, was the principal speaker of the evening. She urged the members to delve further into their family history and the meaning of their coat of arms. Miss Connie Neilsen, music supervisor of the Lindenhurst schools, directed the singing throughout the evening. Cary Robert Hardy, promising boy soprano of Hackensack, New Jersey sang two numbers, "The Green Cathedral" and "The Little Worm". He was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Otis Price, of Teaneck, N. J.

Mrs. Ira Emery, of Cleveland, Ohio, National President, was the guest of honor.

The Officers for the year are the same as last year, Mr. Samuel Dorfler, President, and Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, Secretary-Treasurer, both of 11 Ogden Road, West Islip, Long Island, New York. Mrs. Dorfler wishes to state that she would like to receive dues of members not present at the dinner. It was voted to make it \$2.00 a year for husband and wife and \$1.00 for each single member.

This gathering again demonstrates the kinship and friendliness maintained by the Stukely Westcott Descendants. It was the outstanding event of the New York Chapters activities for the year.

NEW MEMBERS--Congratulations from the Society!

- #407-Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Soren Townsend, of Oneonta, N. Y.
 - #408-Professor and Mrs. Virgil I. Mann, of Chapel Hill, N. C.
 - #409-Miss Violet Beatrice Drake, of Chicago, Illinois
 - #A-30-Mrs. Amy Westcott Keen, of Salem, New Jersey
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MARRIAGES-- MANY HAPPY YEARS!

Miss Carol W. DeMond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. DeMond, of White Plains was married in the evening of August 18, 1951 in the church of the Highlands to Mr. Myron Herbert Downs, of White Plains. The bride was graduated from Emma Willard School and Pine Manor Junior College. She received the bachelor of music degree (in piano) at the University of Michigan. Mr. Downs received the B. S. degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, and is a member of the Phi Epsilon Phi fraternity. He served in the Navy in World War II. The couple will live in New Jersey.

Miss Sophie Westcott, member of Winter Park, Florida, formerly of New York City was married on July 14, 1951 to Mr. Rudolph Fisher. They are residing in Winter Park, Florida.

DEATH--Society extends deepest Sympathy!

Mrs. Albert Miller of Portland, Oregon--from Adele Westcott of Brooklyn, New York came the following note. "My husbands' sister, Mrs. Miller of Portland, Oregon has passed away. She was 82 years old and a member of the Westcott Society. She passed away on October 15, 1951." In the same note Cousin Adele expressed her regret that she could not be with us at the New York Chapter Dinner. Everyone missed her too.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NATIONAL SOCIETY--At the October Directors meeting in New York City it was decided to hold the 1952 National Society Biennial meeting in Cooperstown, New York on August 15, 16 and 17. Be sure to keep those days open for the reunion. Lets have the biggest turn out of cousins next summer. Please put the dates on your 1952 calendar right now!

Also--The directors decided to make our dues \$1.00 per adult starting in January 1952. Any member over 12 years of age is considered an adult. The reason for our change is 1st-because the cost of supplies for the Quarterly and printing will be up in 1952. 2nd- We all decided it a good idea to get more money in our treasury in order to start some really worthwhile project. If we have something to work for more of us will keep interested and take greater pride in our organization. This will be discussed in Cooperstown next summer so come and bring your ideas along.

IRA EMERY--Shortly after the New York Chapter Dinner when the Emerys had arrived back in Cleveland our Presidents' husband, Ira, was rushed to the hospital for an appendectomy. But fortunately all is well for Mrs. Emery writes, "We both enjoyed the New York visit to the fullest extent, glad to get home in time for Ira's medical care, alright now and he resumes office duty on Tuesday, November 13. Sincerely, Cousin Nettie."

ACCIDENT--The Frank I. Wescotts of St. Petersburg, Florida were in a bad auto accident on November 2, 1951. Mrs. Frank Wescott was not hurt but Mr. Frank Wescott was in the hospital for a time. He is now home and any member wishing to send a card send it to 555-14th Avenue, S., St. Peterburg, Florida.

OUR OLDEST MEMBER-- Some months ago after editing the news that Mr. Nathan Wilkins of Hoosick Falls was the oldest member of the National Society, then later that Mrs. Joseph R. Westcott of Binghamton was the oldest member, the following letter, I believe, proves without a doubt that Mrs. Ida E. Craft of Birmingham, Alabama is the oldest member. Letter dated October 3rd--"Dear Mrs. Trismen, I have been reading the September Quarterly received recently and wishing it were possible for me to attend the Annual Dinner commemorating our ancestor, Stukely Westcotts' anniversary on October 6, 1951. Also note that Joe Westcott's mother, Mrs. Joseph R. Westcott, 92 years old, thought to be the oldest member at the present time. Wishing her many happy returns--I am sending you my age. I was 94 the 8th of September unless another has joined the clan since this date. I think I am the oldest member at the present time. How fast the years slip by. Cordially Yours, Ida E. Westcott Craft."

WESTCOTT POWER!--Mrs. Rachel W. Baker of Buskirk, New York sent in the following item printed in the Rural New Yorker on October 6, 1951. "The Country Family". "When William Westcott of Madison County, New York died last month at the age of 87, he left surviving nine children who have forty-one children, who in turn already have had sixty-three children, a grand total of one hundred and thirteen descendants." (Wanted-the name of the town where this William Westcott lived.)

REPORT TO THE FAMILY--"Gertrude and I were sorry to miss the annual October dinner but we were far away in Switzerland. Our primary purpose was pleasure but our excuse for going was my privilege of addressing the International Congress of Allergy and the Trieste Medical Society on Chlorophyl and its new place in Medicine.

Our visit to Rome was very enlightening. In Italy all the life seems to be centered about the churches. A feeling of cold aloofness and cemetery chillness fills the churches which in turn are cold, musty and filled with curious sightseers-not worshipers. Old Rome is filled with interesting ruins, catacombs and much poverty. Florence, Venice and Trieste were interesting and deserve more time than allowed. The Italian people were happy, friendly and attractive.

Switzerland was warm, cheerful and orderly to the Nth degree. It is keyed to the tourist trade which is its largest single source of revenue. The transportation, hotels, food and shops were wonder-

ful and the scenery was as good as anything this country has to offer but no better. In Geneva we saw the great esplanade that commemorates the founders of the Reformation.

Paris was our last stop and is all you would expect it to be. The hotels were crowded, and the streets were like Broadway on Saturday night. The people were quite different from their Swiss neighbors and were out for every dollar available. The most interesting sight to us was the great Eiffel Tower which dominates the city from the Seine to Mont-Martre. Paris night life was gay and centered around the freely flowing champagne and a few pretty American show girls.

We enjoyed Europe but like most Yankees were also happy to return to our great land of the Free and the Hope of the World.

Gertrude and Howard"

(Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott)

MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP--"Dear Cousins: Since assuming the duties as your President, it has been my pleasure to visit the Greater New York Chapter No. 3 at its annual Dinner Meeting.

To be privileged and accorded a welcome that can only come from a source such as a family union, and be accorded the hospitality that is second to none, you appreciate the position that our members fill.

Judging from the number of incoming new members I realize that great interest in our Organization has been demonstrated by courage and hopefulness. It is my earnest hope, therefore, that all who can will attend the Family Reunion in 1952 to inspire new and added enthusiasm. These visits prove our appreciation of our cherished heritage.

Let's all adhere to the ancestral lessons of Americanism; be guided "by a Government of the people, by the people, and for the people"; participate in maintaining "a Government of the principles of eternal justice and the unchanging law of God," indicative of faithful devotion.

Sincerely, Nettie Westcott Emery
President"

REMINDERS TO MEMBERS

1. Items for the Quarterly! - the Society depends on you,
send items to National Secretary.
 2. More Members!
 3. 1952 Biennial Meeting in Cooperstown, New York
Date - August 15, 16 and 17. Plan to come!!
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!