

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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CHAPTER NEWS - Northern New York Chapter No. 4---Historian, Mrs. Lulu W. Fowler that their chapter had no reunion in 1951. She hopes there will be more interest in 1952 and says "We all miss the encouragement of our good Kinsman, Roscoe L. Whitman."

Michigan Chapter No. 6---President Mrs. Arleyn A. Bailey writes, "We had a very fine turnout for our Michigan Westcott Reunion last August at Fallsburg Park, three miles north of Lowell, Michigan. We met the 5th of August and someway I believe we have at last established a firm foundation for our organization.

I had sort of dispaired for the last few years and feared that interest was lacking, but we had representation from so many Michigan points and each group seemed most anxious to continue and to become acquainted that I have real hopes at last. We had between 75 and 80 people present and the true spirit of being one family was what counted.

One thing we brought up at our meeting was that whenever sickness or death was brought to the attention of the secretary that a card was mailed to the family from the Michigan Westcotts and in this way we would cement the feeling of belonging to the same family and that we would come to feel that we were just one big family group.

While we had invitations to meet elsewhere, they were all in accord that Fallsburg Park was as near the center of the state as we could get and the park and park-house are all one could ask for, so we will meet again next summer on Sunday, August 6th at Fallsburg Park three miles north of Lowell, Michigan."

Mrs. Arleyn A. Bailey also writes, "I promise next year to do my utmost to stimulate the sale of our Westcott Quarterly and believe I will be able to get some subscriptions."

NEW MEMBERS--Many happy years in our Society!

#410 - Mr. & Mrs. Burt F. Schumacher, Ann Arbor, Michigan

#411 - Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Manuel Greene, Middleton, N. Y.

Reinstated - Mr. & Mrs. James B. McPherson, Rock Island, Illinois

BIRTHS--Congratulations!

Deborah Ann Westcott, born July 3, 1951 daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Theron B. Westcott, (Members).

Susan Mae Devendorf, born July 22, 1951, daughter of Mr. & Mrs.

Robert Devendorf, little Susan being the grandniece of Mrs. Lulu W. Fowler, of Hastings, New York. (Member)

DEATHS--Society Expresses Deepest Sympathy.

Salem, New Jersey, January 25, 1952 Lorenzo D. Keen, 81 years of age, husband of Mrs. Amy Westcott Keen one of our associate members. He had been a Printer with a publishing firm for 67 years. For many years he had taught the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church. Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Morris and Asa and a daughter, Frances.

Cleveland, Ohio--Captain Earl A. Westcott, brother of our National President, Mrs. Nettie Emery passed away suddenly on December 18, 1951. He was a Captain in Motor Transport section of the 33rd Division of War I and was a member of the Disabled Officers of World War I. Surviving are his wife Lynne Browden Westcott whom he married in 1916 and a daughter Mrs. Bessie Wistar of Park Ridge, Illinois also a member of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants.

Adams, Jefferson County, New York--Miss Mabel Westcott passed away in early summer of 1951. She was a cousin of John Fancher Westcott whose widow Louise Morrison Westcott still lives in North Syracuse New York. John was son of Allan back to Zita. Notice sent by Mrs. Lulu W. Fowler, Historian of Northern New York Chapter, also the following notice.

Fulton, New York--Gladys Amanda (Westcott) Peterson, half sister of Mrs. Lulu W. Fowler and wife of John Peterson, passed away June 8, 1951. She was the daughter of John, then Johnson, Oliver back through George of Vermont to first Stukely.

Flint, Michigan--Mrs. Edith Brackney died on September 26, 1951. She lost her life in the Western Michigan tornado. She had always been one of Michigan Chapters' most active members. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Roy McQuarie of Bitley, a son Howard Brackney of Flint, a sister, Mrs. George Baird of New Baltimore, Michigan, a sister Mrs. Edward Wayne of New York City and a brother, William Eamon of Detroit, Michigan.

Dunmore, Pennsylvania--Parents of Charles Jay Westcott (Member S. S. W. D.). Arthur B. Westcott, died May 1, 1950 and Alice Cranston Westcott, his wife died on November 21, 1950.

WREATH--Cousin Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, Rhode Island placed the yearly wreath on the Stukely Westcott Memorial in Warwick, Rhode Island in January. Many thanks to Cousin Leslie, for his thoughtfulness.

MARRIAGES---Susan Morris Ford, charter member #1 of our Family Society and widow of the late Dr. Milton L. Ford, of Oneonta, New York and Pasadena, California was married in the Universalist Church of Pasadena on December 3, 1951 to Robert H. Blackwell. Mrs. Blackwell was foremost in 1933-4 in organizing this society.

Dr. James Beverly McPherson, Jr. was married on September 8, 1951 to Miss Joan Ablitzer of Brooklyn, New York. He is a graduate of Kenyon College, class of 1941 and was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemistry at the University of Illinois in 1949 following his two years' service in the Navy in World War II as Lieutenant Junior Grade. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma X; Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Chi Sigma. His bride is a graduate of Hunter College and obtained her Masters' Degree at Columbia University. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He is associated with the Esso Laboratory of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. He is a recent member of the Stukely Westcott Society through the line of his mother, Clara Westcott McPherson; and a nephew of our National President. Dr. McPherson and his bride after a two weeks trip to Bermuda will reside in West Orange, New Jersey.

Charles Jay Westcott, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Westcott of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, (members S. S. W. D.) was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Ferber on August 18, 1951 in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The bride is a graduate of American University, a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She was employed in the Commercial Department of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Washington, D. C. Mr. Westcott is a graduate of University of Scranton and the National Training School of Boy Scouts of America, Mendham, New Jersey. He is employed in the West Branch Council, Boys Scouts of America, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Shirley Louise Potter, granddaughter of Mrs. Helen Westcott Driver (member S. S. W. D.) was married to William Howard Lee on February 10, 1951 in the First Methodist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She is a graduate of the Roger Ludlowe High School and is a Registered Nurse in Bridgeport Hospital. Mr. Lee attended Bridgeport University before his service in the Marines and is now with the Equitable Insurance Company.

Albert Westcott Driver, Jr. grandson of Mrs. Helen Westcott Driver was married to Miss Martha Lou Miller on August 4, 1951. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Edgar Miller of Waco, Texas. Albert received his B. A. degree from Yale University where he was on the Dean's list for three years. He is now a third year law student at the University of Virginia where he is a member of the editorial board of the Virginia Law Review and a member of Phi Delta Phi national honorary legal fraternity. He is a veteran of the U. S. Navy. His bride graduated from Randolph-Macon College where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Phi Beta Kappa and President of the International Relations Club and a feature writer for the students publications. She is now doing graduate work in political science at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

CONGRATULATION !

Our Society is proud of all these fine Cousins!

WAR SERVICE--Charles J. Westcott, Jr., older son of Charles J. Westcott of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, served as a Quartermaster 2/c aboard the U.S. Arkansas during World War II, taking part in the Atomic Bomb Test at Bikini.

Malcolm Robert Westcott after receiving his B.A. degree at Syracuse University and his M. S. degree at Penn State College is at present a Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, serving as Clinical Psychologist attached to Station Hospital, Sheppard A. F. B. Texas. He is the younger son of Charles J. Westcott of Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

Promotion--Vernon Utke-Ramsing, Jr., husband of our member, the former Sylvia Martin of Binghamton, New York was promoted recently to be Commander of the submarine "Chopper". They are stationed for three years at Key West Basin, Florida.

PHILIP WESTCOTE OF RADDON--(Ref. R. Powhele P.50 Vol. II)

Shobrooke Church in England was burned in 1627. This inscription appears on the tombstone of Westcote. "Here lieth the body of Philip Westcote of Raddon, Gentleman who departed this life the 7th of October Anno Domini MDCXLVII aetatis fuae XLI."

"If Fortune's gifts, if stature, strength,
Could to thy life have added length;
Philip! thou hadst not been so soon
Brought here to bed before thy noon,
But casual things away soon fly;
Only thy virtues never die.
Sleep then in peace here 'till thy dust
Hath resurrection with the just.
Sola Virtus Expers Sepulcbris."

"RECOMPENSE"--A book of poems with the elixir of life by Alger Reason Westcott (the boxcar bard). The author a 42 year old veteran of four major railways and having served also in the U. S. Navy; jotted down his thoughts and themes. His address is 502 North Jackson Street, Bay City, Michigan. The price of "Recompense" is \$2.00 a copy.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA--Mrs. William Allport, one of our recent members says her husband, Bill Allport, is in the Electric Razor Sales and Service, at 104 Plaza Theatre Building, Central Avenue and Fifth. She says "Any member who comes to St. Petersburg can easily find him and will be welcome."

COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK 1952 GATHERING

Plans are under way for the Society's Biennial Convention to be held August 15, 16, and 17th. Headquarters will be at the Otesaga Hotel. In the June Quarterly we will have a list of Hotels and Tourists homes in the Cooperstown area.

(Item by Samuel Dorfler, President of New York Chapter)

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

1. Try to be present at Cooperstown in August.
2. More members.
3. Items for Quarterly---your items help make our Quarterly a success.
4. Many members have not paid their 1952 dues, with a real project in mind we need your full support.
5. Data of Westcott War Heros.
6. Mr. Whitman has not been feeling too well lately--so a pretty card might help to make his days brighter. His address:

Mr. Roscoe L. Whitman
109 Dudley Avenue, West
Westfield, New Jersey

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!!

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→ Mrs. & Mrs. Hudson Reed.....

To SOCIETY of STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS, Dr.

Annual Dues, Jan. 1, 1952 to Dec. 31, 1952 - \$1.00

~~Annual Dues in arrears to Dec. 31, 19~~

~~# 2.00~~

The Membership Certificate is your receipt for Dues paid. Please make your check or money-order payable to Alice Marroquin, Treasurer, 47 Davis Ave., Hackensack, N. J., and mail to the Secretary, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N. J.