

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NINTH BIENNIAL REUNION OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE WESTCOTT SOCIETY

There were over sixty of our cousins who attended the family convention at Cooperstown, New York on August 15 - 16 - 17. Even though it was a splendid week-end the cousins missed Mr. Roscoe Whitman, our founder, his wife and family.

The headquarters for the gathering were at the lovely OT-E-SA-GA Hotel, situated at the southern end of Lake Otsego.

The clan began to gather Friday night and by Saturday the name "Westcott Family Society" was heard through the Hotel halls. The Central New York Chapter and Greater New York Chapter were co-hostesses with Mr. Morris Townsend and Mr. Samuel Dorfler acting as co-chairmen.

The usual memorial and commemorative service was held Saturday morning followed by the business meeting and election of officers for the 1952 - 53 - 54 season. The afternoon was taken up with pilgrimage to the Fenimore House, Farmer's Museum and National Baseball Museum. Mrs. Marion Dorfler conducted the tour with a few words to help explain the various points of historical interest.

The Banquet was planned for a Saturday evening and there were sixty members and guests present in a private dining room of the OT-E-SA-GA Hotel. Enjoyable indeed! Mr. Samuel Dorfler was Toastmaster and the head table was arranged as follows: Dr. F. Howard Westcott, National Past President and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott; Dr. George Dana Pickens, New President and Mrs. George Dana Pickens; Dr. Roy Butterfield, Author and Speaker; Mr. Samuel Dorfler and Mrs. Samuel Dorfler; Lieutenant Colonel Ira J. Emery and his wife Mrs. Ira J. Emery, retiring President and the new Chaplain, Mr. Lester Townsend. The decorations were red roses with partly silvered leaves, since the Society's colors are red and silver as in the Westcott coat-of-arms.

Dr. Roy Butterfield, Author, Lecturer, Educator was the main speaker and gave a sketch of early historical land patents of New York State and Otsego County, mentioning some of the early Westcott settlers as is recorded in Volume I Westcott Genealogy.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, our own inventor of the new use of chlorophyll, gave an illustrated travelogue of his travels in Europe.

Miss Betty Lou Townsend, a Westcott cousin, was soloist. She is studying at Hartwick College and has a lovely voice. Her accompanist was Miss Jean Couse, an Ithaca College Student and very talented also.

Those present at the Banquet, including members from five local chapters, Chicagoland, Northern New York, Central New York, Rhode Island and Greater New York were: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fruh, Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Balckall, Lieutenant Colonel & Mrs. Ira J. Emery, Dr. & Mrs. Niles Westcott, Mrs. Maude Colwell, Miss Marie Bowers, Miss Susan W. Handy, Mr. Thomas H. Handy, Jr., Mr. Leslie P. Westcott, Mr. Joseph R. Westcott, Mrs. Sarah W. Martin, Dr. & Mrs. Allan Westcott, Mr. Charles H. Westcott, Mrs. Edward Marroquin, Miss Alice Joyce Marroquin, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, Miss Melayn Dorfler, Mr. & Mrs. Morris B. Townsend, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Townsend, Dr. & Mrs. George Dana Pickens, Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Sharrett, Miss Helen J. Williams, Dr. & Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, Master Bruce Trismen, Mr. & Mrs. William Driver, Mrs. Donald Neach, Mrs. Beth Carhart, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Westcott, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Townsend, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Westcott, Mrs. Grace D. Roberts, Mrs. Harriet D. Corbett, Mrs. Clifford Morris, Mr. & Mrs. William H. Lunn, Mrs. Marion Black, Mrs. Charlotte Wyckoff, Mr. Luzerne W. Crandall, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Denton, Dr. Roy Butterfield, guest, Miss Betty Lou Townsend, soloist and Miss Jean Couse, accompanist.

Some of the cousins stayed in Cooperstown for a day or two to enjoy the boat trip on Otsega Lake and other points of interest.

The Ninth Biennial Convention came to a close after we had attended church service at a Baptist Church in Milford Center and a pilgrimage to a Milford Cemetery where we found a lot of Westcotts buried. Mr. Morris Townsend conducted the tour. We all felt we had had a very enjoyable week-end.

The new National Officers are as follows:-

President - Dr. George Dana Pickens, Arcade, New York
Vice-President - Miss Susan Westcott Handy, "The Breezes",
Manville, Rhode Island
Chaplain - Mr. Lester Townsend, Oneonta, New York
Corresponding
Secretary and Registrar - Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River
Edge, New Jersey
Recording Secretary - Miss Helen J. Williams, 129 N. Arlington
Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey
Treasurer - Mrs. Alice Marroquin, 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack,
New Jersey
Honorary Chaplain - Mr. William Marr Westcott, of Wellfleet,
Mass.
Life Member - Mr. Roscoe L. Whitman, founder of Westcott Society.

FROM MR. WHITMAN--Much as I wished, it was considered inadvisable for me to attend the meeting in Cooperstown owing to distance. I wish to thank those present for the telegraphic greetings and the signatures card; also I am deeply appreciate for making me a life member of the Westcott Society. My wife Susan joins me in sending affectionate good wishes to all descendants of our emigrant ancestor Stukely Westcott.--- Roscoe L. Whitman.

REGRETS--Notes received from members who could not be present at the Cooperstown 9th Biennial Meeting.

1. Mrs. Rachel Wilkins Baker, of Buskirk, New York.
 2. Mr. & Mrs. Ansel Shippee, of Cranston, Rhode Island.
 3. Mrs. Mary Westcott Shire, of Toledo, Ohio.
 4. Mrs. Ida E. Craft, of Birmingham, Alabama.
 5. Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe L. Whitman, of Westfield, New Jersey.
 6. Mr. & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott, of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.
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10TH BIENNIAL MEETING--The Westcott Society has been invited by the Rhode Island Chapter to hold its 1954 gathering in Rhode Island.

CHAPTER NOTES--Central New York Chapter No. 1---Had their reunion on August 3, 1952 at Fairy Springs Park, Cooperstown, New York. New Officers are:-

President - Mr. Walter Westcott, Oneonta, New York.
Vice President - Mr. Harvey Westcott, Unadella, New York.
Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Walter Westcott, Oneonta, New York.

Rhode Island Chapter No. 2--- From Mrs. Olive Shippee in absence of Secretary sends following "We held our annual meeting at the home of Miss Susan Westcott Handy, "The Breezes", Manville, Rhode Island. As always we had a wonderful visit on the lawn and a basket supper, with coffee served by the hostess." New Officers are:-

President - Mrs. Maude Colwell
Vice-President - Mrs. Olive Shippee
Chaplain - Rev. Henry H. Shooley
Secretary - Miss Ethel G. Westcott
Treasurer - Mr. Ralph W. Dexter
Historian - Miss Polly Stone

In a previous note Mrs. Shippee sent the following- "On June 7th The Roger Williams Family Association invited the Westcott Family and all the other Original Rhode Island families to a Family Day at Roger Williams Park. A representative from each family group spoke briefly and several other speakers made the meeting very enjoyable."

Greater New York Chapter No. 3---All Westcotts are hereby summoned to be present at the Annual Dinner of the Greater New York Chapter of Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants on Saturday, Oct. 4, 1952. The directors meeting will be held in the Fifth Avenue Hotel at 2 P. M., reception at 6 P. M. and dinner will be served in the Washington Square Room at 6:45 P. M.

The Committee in charge is working hard to arrange an unusual and interesting program. We hope to have as guest speaker a real Indian from the Shinnecock tribe on Long Island. Arrangements are also underway to have slides shown of the Cleveland and Cooperstown Conventions.

Remember, you do not have to be a member of the Greater New York Chapter to attend this dinner. It is an all-Westcott affair and we'd like to have at least as many there as the sixty who attended the banquet in Cooperstown.

Please mail your reservations before September 27 to Mrs. William Driver, Larchmont Acres, Larchmont, New York. Please send check with your reservations and add one important fact about each person for whom you are making the reservation---such as your occupation, number of children, etc. The price of the dinner is \$3.50 including gratuities.

We hope to have Mr. Roscoe L. Whitman present at the banquet so let's all be there and give him a rousing welcome. Samuel Dorfler.

Vermont Chapter No. 5---Held its annual reunion on Sunday, August 10th at Lake St. Catherine, Vermont. Due to a bad day and conflicting activities, the attendance was smaller than usual.

NEW MEMBERS---Congratulations from the Society!

- #417 - Miss Mary Louise Westcott, of Ann Arbor, Michigan
- #418 - Mrs. Helen Westcott Christian, of Cleveland, Ohio
- #419 - Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Harrison Westcott, of Akron, Ohio

REINSTATED - #338 Mrs. Maude E. Colwell, of Riverside, Rhode Island

DEATHS--Mrs. Margaret S. (Fred) Westcott, beloved mother of Mr. Joseph R. Westcott and Mrs. Joseph S. S. Martin, who resided at Binghamton, New York and was one of our oldest and most enthusiastic members, died in her 93rd year on June 8, 1952.

Miss Bernice Whitaker, of Millville, New Jersey, died on June 25, 1952. She helped Mr. Whitman with Richard Westcott data and belonged many years as one of the associated members of our Westcott Society.

The Society extends heartfelt sympathy.

BIRTH--To Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Whitman Morris of Cranford, New Jersey, a girl, Margaret Randolph Morris, born June 6, 1952.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

MARRIAGE--From Mrs. Phillip H. Shire - "Sergeant Phillip Richard Shire, son of Mrs. Phillip H. Shire, Toledo, Ohio, was graduated from Ohio State University last year. After graduation he was married to Miss Peggy Ebeling, Londonville, Ohio. He is a radio man at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, N. C. and is awaiting orders to go to Germany soon.

John Neil Shire, brother of above Sergeant Phillip R. Shire will be a senior at the University of Toledo this year and is a member of the naval Reserve Unit in Toledo."

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FAMILY NEWS--From Albert W. Driver of Fairfield, Connecticut, this item, "My daughter, Donna, in June received her B. S. Degree from New Haven State Teachers College.

Martha, my daughter-in-law received her Master's Degree from the University of Virginia. She is a graduate of Randolph Macon College for Women, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Beta Phi Sorority.

Albert, Jr., my son, received his L. L. B. degree in law, from University of Virginia Law School. He was a member of the Editorial Board of the Virginia Law Review, and on the Deans List of distinguished students, a member of the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and a member of the Order of the Coif, National Honorary Society. He is also a graduate of Yale University. Sincerely, A. W. D."

FLORENCE EARLE CLARKE--Retired in June of this year, a dearly loved Home Economics teacher of P. S. 130 in New York's Lower East Side. Quoting from an article in the New York World-Telegram of June 27, 1952, page 15 "Miss Clarke is something special in the way of teachers." She retired because she reached the retirement age of 70 last March. Miss Clarke is jolly, has soft white hair, pink cheeks, blue eyes and a comfortably upholstered figure. One of her pupils said, "Miss Clarke you don't look a teacher at all. You look like somebody's grandmother!" She does."

Everyone loves her. She taught in other city schools for a total of 45 years and for seven years at Rome and Rye, New York. All her pupils felt the same, that it wouldn't be the same without her. Our Westcotts love her too.

Miss Clarke says she keeps in touch with about three-fourths of all her former pupils and last Christmas sent out more than 500 cards.

Florence Earle Clarke is #16 member of the National Society and her sister Miss Ethel Clarke is #17 member of the National Society. Miss Ethel Clarke was the first secretary of our Westcott Society for an eight year term. Both sisters are very active in the Greater New York Chapter.

OLDEST MEMBER'S LETTER--June 5th, 1952--Dear Cousin, Mrs. Trismen; A beautiful day greets us in Birmingham. It is real summertime and plenty warm. I hope it is nice weather in New Jersey. Reading in the June Quarterly of the Convention to be held at Cooperstown, I often heard my father and auntie Warner, talk about things that happened there. I think one of my uncles (a Westcott) lived there at one time.

War Ace--Major William H. Westcott, 12th American flier became a "Jet Ace". In reading our local paper last night, I saw the name Westcott and am sending you this clipping (clipping says "I think the biggest thing is (in this war) that we are right and they are wrong in the eyes of God." Korean fighter pilot Major William H. Westcott.) He is the same one you mentioned in the June Quarterly. Some of the members may know this hero.

I am sure you will have a wonderful time at the Convention to be held in Cooperstown, would that I might be one of the party. I am really a "shut-in"--Arthritis has prevented my going places any more. I am happy and content, enjoy being with my son and family and my dear grand-children, two little girls, 9 and 6. I must not take more of your time. Very Cordially & Sincerely, Cousin Ida E. Westcott Craft. (95 years old, September 8, 1952.)

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: Send to Secretary

1. Items for Quarterly - Your family items make a successful Quarterly.
2. More Members!!
3. Scrap Book Material!
4. Don't forget the Greater New York Chapter Dinner on October 4, 1952, at Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City at 6:00 P. M.
5. Directors meeting at 2:00 P. M. at Fifth Avenue Hotel, October 4, 1952.

PLEASANT AUTUMN!!