

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

Issued Quarterly--March, June, September, December--noting activities of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants; mailed free to members, to non-members 75¢ yearly. Secretary: Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N. J.

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CHAPTER NEWS-- Northern New York Chapter No. 4--Historian, Mrs. Albert Fowler writes, "I enjoyed the day at Cooperstown but was sorry our Northern Chapter was not better represented in numbers. There seems to be the need of younger ones becoming more interested if all of our chapters are to continue in a flourishing condition. So many of us older ones are getting where we cannot carry on the enthusiasm as we once did.

I have just received a card from Tilly Westcott, widow of George--one time co-owner of Westcott Beach near Sackett Harbor. She is in Florida. Was glad to know she is still living. She and George used to make our chapter so welcome each year on their 'Beach'. In fact that's where our chapter started, was going strong until the war and gas rationing. Since then interest has seemed to lag. We all have missed Roscoe and his enthusiasm. Was glad to note that he and his wife were able to attend the New York meeting.

Our chapter hasn't met now for two years. Hope we can get together again this year as several have asked the question, "When are we going to have another reunion?"

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NEW MEMBERS--Happy Times in our Westcott Society!

#422 - Mrs. Robert Penn Burrows, Cleveland, Ohio

#423 - Mr. & Mrs. E. Lester Townsend, Oneonta, New York

In regard to Society Membership, your Secretary reports that there are 214 active members in the Society as of January 31, 1953.

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| TREASURERS REPORT |                                   | From August, 1952 to January, 1953. |                 |
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| August 12, '52    | Bank Balance                      |                                     | \$ 518.17       |
|                   | Expenses at Cooperstown           |                                     |                 |
|                   | Reunion, Hotel, etc.              | \$ 267.00                           |                 |
| September 11      | Sept. Bulletin & Postage          | 34.25                               |                 |
| October 4         | Fifth Ave. Hotel Dinner           | 161.76                              |                 |
|                   | Vouchers #115/116                 | 38.15                               |                 |
| November 28       | Dec. Bulletin & Printing          | 42.25                               |                 |
|                   | Postage & Stationery              | 30.00                               |                 |
|                   | Total deposits incl. reservations |                                     | 539.75          |
|                   | Bank Balance                      | 484.51                              |                 |
|                   |                                   | <u>1,057.92</u>                     | <u>1,057.92</u> |

NOTE FROM TREASURER--With the fund on hand we will be able to do more in way of family research. Also remember it takes a lot to print a third Westcott Volume and I think we are doing well so keep it up members!  
Signed - Alice W. Marroquin

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BIRTHS--Congratulations to the happy parents!

Michele Marshment, born December 7, 1952 daughter of Douglas H. and Evelyn (Van Buskirk) Marshment of Seattle, Washington, also granddaughter of Mrs. Edith E. Marshment, member from Wisconsin.

Wayne Douglas Gaboury, born July 28, 1948 and Jan Marie Gaboury, born August 9, 1952, children of John Paul and Norma Pearl (Greene) Gaboury of Mount Vernon, New York, also grandchildren of our members Mr. & Mrs. Arthur M. Greene, of Middletown, New York.

Sally Margaret Follett, born February 12, 1952, daughter of Benjamin Branch and Elsie Margaret (Simons) Follett, also granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence D. Simonds, members from Burlington, Vermont.

Judith Ann Petersen, born December 30, 1951 daughter of Seaman Ronald Allen and Shirley Janet (Hazard) Petersen, of North Evans, New York, and also granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hazard, of North Evans, New York and first great-granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leland Arthur Hazard, members also of North Evans, New York.

Elaine Sprague Berggren, born March 25, 1951, daughter of Warren H. and Emily (Place) Berggren, of Providence, Rhode Island and granddaughter of Mrs. Alpheus S. Place, member from Hillsgrove, Rhode Island.

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DEATHS--Heartfelt Sympathy from the Society.

Alabama--Mrs. Ida E. Westcott Craft, of Birmingham, Alabama, our oldest member died December, 1952 in her 96th year and was buried in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Item sent from Duane Wilson, nephew of Mrs. Craft and also a member of our Society.

Rhode Island--Mr. Alpheus S. Place, died March 3, 1952, husband of Ethel Westcott Place, members from Hillsgrove, Rhode Island.

Washington--Mr. Winfield Scott, died March 3, 1952, husband of Mrs. Blanche Howard Scott, members from Seattle, Washington.

California--William Wirt Westcott, died December 15, 1952 at Corona del Mar, California, brother of our member Mrs. Rosalie Westcott Carpenter, of Long Beach, California.

Ohio--Mrs. Pearl Wert, died October 26, 1951, member from Columbus, Ohio, sister of Mrs. Edith Rey, and mother of Edward Wert, also members.

DEATHS--Continued.

Illinois--Dr. Harold Hillebrand, recently head of English Department of University of Illinois, died January, 1953. He was a nephew of our member Mr. Harry J. Westcott, of Chepachet, Rhode Island.

Wyoming--Mrs. Adah B. Otey, 82, died November 25, 1951 of Casper, Wyoming, mother of Mrs. Alma H. Wood, of Casper. (Refer to letter in this issue.)

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MARRIAGE--Best Wishes for a long, happy Life.

Philip Irwin Marshment and Belle Gayle Evans, were married on September 20, 1952 in Waukegan, Illinois, grandson of Mrs. Edith Marshment, member.

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CORRECTION--In 1946 Mrs. Alma Wood of Wyoming joined our Society. At that time her maiden name was misspelled in printing as Runk. Kindly note correct spelling is Funk.

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EDITH REY, 73 YEARS YOUNG, WRITES--February 12, 1953 "This letter has been delayed because I did want to write a long letter, since I have not been able to write at all because of arthritis. Have longed to get a few words off to you for a long time.

My lot has been a most busy one, teaching all day (retired June, 1951) and for nearly eighteen years came home to take care of my invalid sister (Mrs. Pear Wert member also) (refer to death notice) and her youngest son, Edward, who is 29 today and a member of our Society.

Edward Wert is at Fort Knox, Kentucky, but will be out of the army on the 16th of April this year. He served thirty four months in World War II and was in Europe about eight months of that time. Then he was out of the service nearly five years when he reenlisted for another term of three years. Now he is very anxious to be at home and can hardly wait for the weeks to pass. He isn't too well, though, has been in the hospital for a month now. He probably will be much better in civilian life, the Doctor thinks so. He is a newspaper man and printer. He has worked in that capacity in the army.

I am greatly thrilled to have the Westcott Family Quarterly to read. It means a lot to me even though I cannot write much or often, I would love to get to the reunions and really get to know my cousins.

Mrs. Lulu B. Fowler (member) is my mother's first cousin. Her father, a Westcott was my grandmother's brother--so, she is my first cousin, once removed.

Must Close for now.

Sincerely, Edith E. H. Rey."

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WESTCOTT BLOOD PLUS--A letter from Mrs. Edith Marshment, of Wisconsin says; "I have done much research on my family for many years, it is quite complete thanks to many printed genealogies. I made a copy for each of my sons, this fall I made another for the grandson who was getting married and in copying I realized that I had three lines back to the original Stukely Westcott; through Eleanor who married William Stone, and Lydia who married the son of William, also back to the first Benedict Arnold who was Governor of Rhode Island and married Damaris Westcott, daughter of the first Stukely in America. I certainly can claim ties to the Westcott's.

We are on the shore of a very beautiful lake and it is beautiful here when there is snow.

This is our leisure time and we are making the most of it. I have been mounting buttons I have received this year, have about two thousand now, sometimes I have wondered just what kind of buttons those pioneers in Rhode Island and Connecticut wore on their dresses-- idle thoughts!

With Best Wishes for your health,  
Sincerely, Edith E. Marshment."

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DEATH OF A PIONEER--sent to Secretary from Mrs. Alma H. Wood; a Society member from Casper, Wyoming.

From the Casper Tribune Herald - "Mrs. Adah B. Otey, 82, pioneer of Central Wyoming, died early Sunday morning, November 25, 1951 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Wood, 1418 Beech St. So., Casper, Wyoming after a short illness.

Mrs. Otey was born in Denison, Iowa on December 31, 1869 and moved with her parents to Chadron, Nebraska in 1880. She grew to womanhood in the Nebraska town and it was there she met Peter Allen Funk whom she married in 1894. Three children were born, Mrs. A. H. Wood being the only one who survives.

In 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Funk moved by covered wagon to Thermopolis and helped to settle the new town. On August 19, 1903, Mr. Funk died and on December 20, 1904 she married a second time, John A. Thompson, also a pioneer of Wyoming, having arrived in the State in 1883. He resided first in Cheyenne and later at Lander, then Thermopolis where he died October 10, 1929.

She married later a third time to R. Willis Otey, who preceded her in death, February 25, 1945. Following the death of Mr. Otey, Mrs. Otey came to Casper to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Wood.

Mrs. Otey was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Mark's Guild, Past Matron's Club O. E. S. and Fort Casper Chapter, D. A. R., all of Casper. She was a charter member of the R. N. A. of Thermopolis and also an Honorary member of the Wyoming Pioneer Association.

Survived by her daughter, Mrs. Alma Wood, Casper, Wyoming; two sisters Mrs. Elowese Trussler, Chadron, Nebraska and Mrs. Joseph W. Colwell of Los Angeles, California; a niece Mrs. Edward A. Nelson, Casper, Wyoming; four step-children, Mrs. L. A. Hinkley, Billings, Mrs. Arlie Roberts, Greybull, Mrs. Harry Jervis, Los Angeles, and Robert W. Otey of San Francisco, California.

Burial of Mrs. Otey was in Thermopolis."

Mrs. Wood writes, "My mother, Mrs. Otey was a first cousin of Grace Davenport Roberts of Oaksville, New York near Cooperstown, New York. Grace asked me to notify the Society. Mothers' parents were married in Milford Center, New York and came west after their first child, a son, was born.

We hope to be able to attend one of the Westcott Family reunions soon, were sorry we could not go back this past year as it centered in Cooperstown and Milford Center and I would have liked being able to attend with Grace.

My step-father, John A. Thompson's son who raised me was a New Yorker, was born in New York City, so I have many ties in that dear old state.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. A. H. Wood."

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LETTER FROM DR. LEO WESTCOTT--Kalamazoo, Michigan writes, "Dear Cousin; It was nice to receive the Quarterly and I am sorry we were not able to attend the reunion at Cooperstown.

Mrs. Westcott has not been well and now I am having my troubles. The middle of November I had a slight heart attack which did not seem very slight to me. Since then I have been in bed mostly but now am getting around quite a little and walk down the street a little each day. So I guess I'll get straightened out after awhile.

We hope you folks are all well and tell the folks 'hello' when you see them.

Sincerely,  
Leo E. Westcott."

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QUOTATION FROM ODE--sent by our member Leland Arthur Hazard of North Evans, Erie County, New York, cousin of Oliver Hazard Perry on both Hazard and Westcott lines.

From Ode for Perry Centennial, 1813-1913

By Mrs. Alfred G. Hauenstein, Buffalo, New York

Stupendous were His footsteps where He trod  
Along the glinting crests that fateful day;  
And as of old on golden Gallilee  
He stilled the tempest to tranquillity  
So to the conflict gave He swiftest end,  
Once more men looked on brothers, friend on friend.  
Once more the smoke clouds were dissolved in air,  
And War's wide chariots found no highway there.  
With head and heart in reverence deeply strong  
This younger David views his victory,  
Slain lies the giant of a Nation's wrong,  
And wide the trophies of captivity,  
Yet, silent, mindful of God's Providence,  
He claims nor honor, nor pre-eminence;  
Too noble great was he,  
Cast in a mold of primal-majesty,

And simple as that shepherd lad of old  
 Who sought no laurels green, no guerdon gold,-  
 He swiftly on a slip of paper wrote  
 The immortal words, to Harrison, we quote  
 (O Country mine, count these thy deathless dowers)  
 'We have met the enemy, and they are ours'.

*see also Stukely*

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS--Your Secretary has corresponded with a Mr. Samuel W. Comstock of Devon, Connecticut. He is an elderly man and through the years has compiled quite some data on Richard Westcott, first generation in America. I asked him if there is any proof that Richard and William were nephews or brothers of our first Stukely. Because Richard was some twenty years younger than Stukely, he believes him to be a nephew but has no definite proof. Mr. Comstock also says the first William settled on Cape Cod and the first Daniel in America was the son of William; whose descendants are scattered throughout Maine, and New Hampshire and possibly some are in the south.

Some time ago I received the following data from one of our Associate Members, Allen P. Wescott of North Castine, Maine. In regard to the Wescott Place at North Castine now owned by Allen P. Wescott. "This place was settled in spring of 1761 by William Wescott, Jr. (born in 1734) of York, Maine. He was a mariner and son of a William Wescott. William Wescott, Jr. was married in 1756 to Elizabeth Perkins (born 1737). They had 12 children. The oldest was John Wescott who was lost at sea in 1781. Another son was David Wescott (born 1775) who was a soldier in War of 1812 and died at Plattsburg, New York in 1814.

The youngest son of William Wescott, Jr. was Captain Joseph Wescott, Sr. (born 1779, died 1830). He built the house now occupied by Allen P. Wescott. This house was started about 1800 but not finished until about 1815. There are cellars of four earlier houses on the Wescott place. Both Joseph Wescott, Sr. and Joseph Wescott, Jr. were ship masters. Among the ships commanded by the latter were the St. Leon and the Antioch. He was part owner of the St. Leon, William Witherle, Hez Williams and others.

Joseph Wescott, Jr. (known locally as "Captain Joe") was born in 1802 on this place, but in a house on the old road. He died in 1885. His wife was Sarah Dyer, daughter of Captain Elisha Dyer and granddaughter of Captain John Perkins (born 1745 at York). Joseph Wescott, Jr. built, in 1830, the house which was long occupied by his daughters Martha Wescott and Frances Dyer, and owned, until recently, by his grandson, the late William P. Dyer.

Captain George Wescott (born 1830, died 1903), grandfather of Allen P. Wescott, was the fourth generation Wescott on this place. He too, was a ship master. He was son of Captain Joseph, grandson of first Joseph, and great-grandson of the William Wescott, Sr., who came here from York. Present occupant of the house built by Joseph Wescott, Sr. is Allen P. Wescott (born 1897). He being the sixth generation Wescott on the Wescott place.

The third Wescott house in North Castine, still standing, is that recently sold by Fred Meurling. It was long occupied by Henry, Frank, Adele and Eliza Wescott (children of the William Wescott born in 1804, died 1866), but passed out of the family following the death of Harry Wescott. It is not known definitely when this house was built, but probably about 1820. At any rate it is older than the house built by Captain Joe, but not as old as the one built by Captain Joe's father."

This article makes one want to start for Maine to see Allen P. Wescott's place. He enclosed a postal of his house and it is a large white typical New England style, it looks very roomy and home like.

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COAT OF ARMS--Every little while a member writes to your Secretary where he or she can get an enlargement of the Westcott Coat of Arms. I wish to say that I have made a number of them and will be glad to paint one by sending me your order, the address at top of first sheet.

I received my Degree in Fine Arts at Columbia and did Textile Designing professionally in New York City for eight years, so my making a copy of our beautiful Coat-of-Arms is a real pleasure. My charge is \$10.00 (unframed) plus postage.

Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Trismen.

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

1. Items for Quarterly! Many thanks for your letters, and always remember the success of the Quarterly depends on your interesting letters and clippings.
2. Need for more members!
3. Scrap Book Material!
4. News of the Chapters! How about the President of each Chapter starting a "Round Robin" letter to members of his own chapter and finally sending it to Secretary for news.
5. Please send 1953 dues! --if you have not already done so.

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SOCIETY WISHES YOU A VERY PLEASANT EASTER SEASON.