

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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"A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT"---It is with pleasure I call your attention to the next Bi-Annual meeting of The Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, which is to be held in Providence, Rhode Island some time during the summer of 1954, the exact dates to be announced later. I am sure all who attended our last meeting there, in 1946, will recall the delightful time we enjoyed so much.

Providence has many interesting as well as historical places which should be of interest to each of us. There will be tours of inspection conducted by persons competent and willing to point out and explain the things and places you are most interested in. Rhode Island should be of utmost interest to each of us as it was not only the home of our dearly beloved and respected ancestor, Stukely Westcott, but it is his final resting place which you will have the privilege of visiting.

This meeting will have as its host the Rhode Island Chapter. This fact alone assures a most enjoyable time for we all know our Cousins from down East are Past Masters when it comes to entertaining. Miss Susan Westcott Handy our Vice-President has promised to take charge of the many and varied details so important in a meeting of this kind and you may rest assured she will leave no stones unturned to make this an occasion long to be remembered. May I suggest that it is neither too early nor too late to begin making preparations to attend this meeting, you will be glad you did.

Oh yes, there is another matter of utmost importance not only to you but to the society, have you paid your dues? This is a must if our society is to continue and continue it MUST, right?

By the way how about sending in a few news items to the Quarterly? Tell us about yourself and family we are interested, if you will do this we will feel better acquainted when we meet in Providence, remember our Motto "KNOW YOUR KINDRED BETTER".

With best wishes to all and looking forward to our next biennial meeting.

I am sincerely,
Your Cousin,
George D. Pickens

NEW MEMBERS---Happy Days in our Society!

#424 - Mr. & Mrs. David Lyman Westcott, Chicago, Illinois

BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Elizabeth Louise Westcott, born February 19, 1945, Edward Wilmoth Westcott, born June 4, 1947, both children of our member Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilmoth Westcott, Jr. of Edgewood, Rhode Island.

Bruce Whiting Downs, born September 24, 1952, son of Carol Westcott DeMond and Myron Herbert Downs of Orange, New Jersey and grandson of our members Mr. & Mrs. Chester W. DeMond of White Plains, New York.

Dwight Wesley Sharp, born March 6, 1949, Eileen Marie Sharp, born November 15, 1951 both children of Mr. & Mrs. (Charlotte E. Hammond) Reginald W. Sharp of Stratham, New Hampshire.

Ellen Frances Semple, born November 15, 1950, Deborah Anne Semple, born April 18, 1953, both children of Mr. & Mrs. (Frances P. Forbes) Richard W. Semple.

(Birth Date sent by our member Miss Nettie C. Drake)

David Charles Platt, born November 8, 1952, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Elmore Platt of Putnam, Connecticut, and grandson of our member Mrs. Lois C. Weld. (Weld by her second marriage.)

DEATHS---With Heartfelt Sympathy!

Chester A. Wescott, member, died April 20, 1953 in Paterson, New Jersey. The deceased was brother of Charles H. and Frank I. Wescott, both members, also was uncle of our members Mrs. Marion Dorfler and Mrs. Alice Marroquin.

Mrs. Minnie Westcott Bennett --- Letter from Mrs. George W. Trainer, Chicago, Illinois writes, Obituary - Mrs. Minnie Pearl Haynes Westcott Bennett died on November 22, 1952, at her home 6604 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, after a long illness.

Mrs. Bennett was born April 14, 1866 in Oxford, Chenango County, New York. She was graduated from the Oxford Academy, one of the oldest educational institutions in the country, which was founded in 1794. Mrs. Minnie Bennett graduated in 1886. Her parents were Edwin Mead Haynes and Rhoba Ursula Keech. After graduation from Oxford Academy, Mrs. Bennett taught school in McDonough, Coventryville and Greene, New York.

She was married on October 16, 1889 to Melvin DeVer Westcott, the only son of Reverend Samuel Nelson Westcott and Sophia Darling Westcott. There were four children born to Mrs. Bennett, Harold Haynes, Mae Minita, Melvin DeVer and Myona Beryl. Harold Haynes and Myone Beryl died in infancy. Melvin DeVer died in 1946. After the death of her husband in 1900, Mrs. Westcott started out to make a living for her children, having worked with her husband in his photographic gallery in Cortland and in Binghamton, New York. Their firm was called the Westcott Photo Paper Company. Mrs. Westcott went into business in New York with Anthony & Scoville Company to manufacture photographic paper. Anthony & Scoville moved to Binghamton, and on the site of the Westcott Photo Paper Company, the AGFA Ansco Plant was erected.

After about two years with Anthony & Scoville, Mrs. Westcott became associated with the Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of Binghamton, where she became a very successful writer of insurance.

After six years there, during which time she became Vice President of the Company, she moved to Chicago and was married to Mr. Clayton E. Bennett. On December 9, 1911, she was under contract with the New York Life Insurance Company as a pioneer woman insurance writer. Mrs. Bennett put more than six million dollars on the books in the first twenty years. She stayed with the New York Life Insurance Company until she retired at the age of eighty years.

She was buried in Oakwood's Cemetery, Chicago.

Mrs. Bennett is survived by her daughter, Minita Westcott Trainor; her son-in-law, George W. Trainor; one grandson, Westcott Trainor, and two great grandchildren, Julie Ellen and John Westcott Trainor.

LETTER FROM GRACE BENNETT---April 13, 1953 writes, Dear Eleanor:

I have intended writing to you for so long but just don't seem to get to it. Last week the Westcott Quarterly reached me. I always read it with much interest.

After my father's death last year, I was undecided just what I should do. Our home was much too large for me alone, so I decided to sell it and my brother planned to make a home for me in part of his house. Before I could get moved, I was taken ill and spent most of the summer in the hospital. In the meantime, my sister, Ruth, moved to Pennsylvania and my brother was offered a job with IBM in Endicott. My sister Marjorie, was anxious for me to come here to Asheville to be with her and I decided that might be the best place for me. I am working in the Welfare Department here and am able to be of some help to her. She has about 150 clients and finds it keeps her very busy to take care of their needs. She teaches them braille, crafts, etc. and through the county and state provided for their material needs. She has some great experiences and I enjoy helping her. I like the climate and the people here and think I will soon get used to it. Of course, the new friends one makes never seem to take the place of the old ones, and I will want to get back now and then to see them all.

I want to continue my membership in the Westcott Society. I wonder if there are any members living in this section of the country. If so, I would like to contact them.

I hope this finds you and your family well. Bruce must be a big boy by now.

Please note my new address. I wouldn't want to miss your Quarterly.

Best Wishes to you.

Sincerely,
Grace Bennett.

UNPLACED WESTCOTTS---Can any of our members place the two following Westcotts whose news items appeared recently in the papers.

1. Milton, Conn.---Rollin C. Wescott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wescott, is among the boys scheduled to leave Tuesday, from Torrington, Connecticut to enter the armed services of the U. S. Rollin has been active in 4H work here during the past several years and was one of the local 4H Willing Workers Dairy Club members who earned a trip to the National Safety Convention held in

Chicago this past summer by his outstanding work on the Farm Safety program.

2. Malden, Mass.--Mrs. Bessie H. Westcott, 83, widow of Charles H. Westcott, submaster of Malden High School for 45 years, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Plummer, 26 Glen Street.

She was a trustee of the First Baptist Church, a member of the board of managers of the Malden Home for the Aged, a member of the Old and New Club, the Ladies Aid of Malden Hospital, a past president of the Baptist Social Union, former teacher of the First Church's Theomatheia class, and a member of the Girl Scout Council.

Besides her daughter, she leaves a son, Dane C. Westcott of Cleveland, Ohio, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the First Baptist Church.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---For some time many of us have thought it would be nice to publish the list of our active members and associate members. So keep an eye out for a cousin living near you and try to make it a point to get better acquainted.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. Isaac L. Howard,	Spring Hill, Alabama
Miss Myrtle Irene Allen;	2130 Vineyard Ave., Los Angeles, 16, Cal.
Mrs. Robert H. Blackall,	410 S. Hill Ave., Pasadena, California
Mrs. F. J. Carpenter,	310 W. Broadway, Apt. 601, Long Beach 2, Cal.
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd E. Danielson,	6654 Jamieson Ave., Reseda, California
Mr. & Mrs. Robert N. Griswold,	630 Oxford St., North Sacramento, Cal.
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur S. Kyne,	5709 Troost Avenue, N. Hollywood, Cal.
Mrs. James J. Warner,	721 - 45th St., Oakland 9, California
Com. & Mrs. John B. Warner, Jr.	315 Park View Terr., Oakland 10, Cal.
Mr. Carlisle F. Westcott,	4923 West 31st Ave., Denver 12, Colorado
Mr. & Mrs. Albert W. Driver,	17 Meadowbrook Road, Fairfield, Conn.
Mrs. Samuel Driver,	78 Edge Hill Road, Fairfield, Conn.
Mrs. Pauline Sharpe,	331 Keoffernarn Rd., Old Greenwich; Conn.
Miss Florence A. Westcott,	331 Keoffernarn Rd., Old Greenwich, Conn.
Mr. & Mrs. Harrison R. Westcott,	55 Marvel Road, New Haven, Conn.
Mr. & Mrs. Fred S. Weld,	P. O. Box 595, Plainfield, Conn.
Mr. & Mrs. Westcott Houghton,	Burr Street, Fairfield, Conn.
Dr. & Mrs. Beverly McPherson,	149 Fieldpoint Road, Greenwich, Conn.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: Kindly send the following to the Secretary.

1. Quarterly Items Needed!
2. Each member try to get at least one new member!
3. Items for Scrap Book!
4. News of your local Chapter!
5. Kindly send dues if you have not already done so!

SOCIETY EXTENDS HAPPY SUMMER VACATION TO ALL.