

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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CHAPTER NEWS---Greater New York Chapter No. 3. Notice - The New York Chapter will hold its annual get together at the Fifth Avenue Hotel (9th Street and Fifth Avenue) on Saturday, October 3rd, 1953 at 5:30 P. M. in the foyer of the Hotel and Dinner at 6:30 P. M. in the Washington Square Room.

Send reservations for the dinner to Chapter President, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, 15 Woodhill Road, Tenafly, New Jersey who wishes a large attendance this year. Won't you try to be present? Bring your friends and relatives.

National Secretaries Notice - Previous to the above Dinner, the National Society Board Meeting of Directors will be held at 3:00 P.M. in the foyer of the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York. All Directors please try to be present. Directors include our founder Roscoe Whitman; all Past Presidents, Past Chaplain, William Marr Westcott; our President, Dr. George Pickens; Vice-President, Miss Susan Handy; Chaplain, Lester Townsend; Secretaries, Miss Helen Williams and Mrs. Ralph Trismen; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Marroquin; also Mr. Charles J. Westcott and Mr. William C. Driver.

Central New York Chapter No. 1 held its annual Westcott gathering on August 2nd at Gilbert Lake State Park with twenty-three attending. Following a covered dish luncheon the business meeting was called to order by President, Walter Westcott. Mr. Morris Townsend made a report concerning the old Westcott Cemetery in Milford Center.

Mr. Joseph Westcott gave a report covering papers received from Roscoe Whitman such as Trust Agreement with the Wilber Bank and receipts for additional funds were in his safe and he would remain custodian of said papers if the members so desired.

Mr. Morris Townsend reported that Mr. Samuel Dorfler had extended greetings from the New York Chapter and an invitation to attend the National Society Meeting next year (1954) in Rhode Island.

Next years meeting of the Central New York Chapter is to be held in Milford Center, time and place announced later.

Lillian Westcott, Secretary.

NEW MEMBER---Happy Times With Us!

#425 - Mrs. Bertha W. Anthony (Charles Whipple), Cranston,
Rhode Island

BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Timothy Douglas Chase, born December 24, 1946,
Peter McDonald Chase, born December 3, 1949 and
Jonathan Charles Chase, born April 3, 1952 are all children
of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Chase of McCleare, Virginia and
grandchildren of our members Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Guy Johnson
of Washington, D. C.

MARRIAGE---Happy Days!

Lawrence Westcott Johnson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Guy
Johnson, married on December 15, 1951 to Isabel Beck,
daughter of Elva (Frazier) and John A. Beck of Karns City,
Pennsylvania. Present address of Lawrence and Isabel is
York, Pennsylvania.

DEATHS---Deepest Sympathy from the Society

George Rockwell Westcott, brother of our member Mrs. Aaron
Guy Johnson, died at Hutsonville, Illinois on June 27th 1952. He
was born on August 18, 1879 at Goodwin, South Dakota.

Dr. Allan Ferguson Westcott, Past President of our Westcott
Society died on May 2, 1953 at Annapolis, Maryland. Many of us
will miss him for his cheery message at our annual New York
Dinners. He never missed a Biennial Meeting of the National
Society.

Dr. Westcott had retired from Annapolis Academy five years
ago after 37 years of teaching English, History and Government
at the Naval Academy.

He was born in Alexandria Bay, New York on November 22, 1882,
the son of Mr. & Mrs. William Henry Westcott. He took a Bachelor
of Philosophy degree from Brown University in 1903, and a Master
of Arts degree in 1904. In 1911 he received a Doctor Philosophy
degree from Columbia University.

Professor Westcott was an instructor in English at Brown
University in 1903-1904 and at Columbia University, 1906-1911.

He was appointed an instructor in English at the Naval
Academy in 1911, became an associate professor in 1918, a pro-
fessor in 1920 and a senior professor in 1942. He served until
1948 when he retired as professor emeritus.

He was author, with Professor W. O. Stevens, of "A History
of Sea Power", published in 1920 and revised in 1937. With Pro-
fessor C. S. Alden, he was author of "The United States Navy", a
history, in 1943. He was editor and co-author of "American Sea
Power, since 1775" published in 1947.

Professor Westcott was the editor, in 1910 of "New Poems
by James I of England", the original manuscript of which he

found in the British Museum on Naval Warfare. He also was author of "Mahan on Naval Warfare", published in 1918, and a revised edition published in 1941. He edited school editions, with notes and a glossary, of Danas' "Two Years Before the Mast", and Southey's "Life of Nelson", and in 1925 was author of "Four Centuries of Literature".

He was also a member and Past President of Stukely Westcott Society, Kappa Sigma and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities.

Quoting from a letter from Dr. Allan Westcott's wife sent to Mrs. A. N. Potter and forwarded to the Secretary, "It was not until the June Westcott Quarterly arrived that I realized that you people had not been informed of Allan's death on May 2nd. He had been very well all winter and able to chop wood and play bridge as usual until about the middle of March. After that he had recurring attacks of nausea and loss of appetite between which he seemed as well as ever. The doctors seemed puzzled by them and quite sure he would be well again with vitamins and intravenous feedings to help him along so on April 25 he went to the hospital to get treatment. He failed to respond and died of uremic poisoning. All of his children were with him near the end and he seemed to enjoy having them near.

People have been very good to us and we have had three things happen which make us proud indeed. First, the duplicate bridge club at the Academy got together the week after his death and collected a sum of money to be used for a permanent Trophy for the individual club championship called the Allan Westcott Trophy. Next the members of the English Department and other Professors collected money for a memorial which is to be called either the Professors Memorial Shelf or the Teachers Memorial Shelf to be a collection of especially readable fiction or non-fiction to have a suitable book plate and be used in the Academy Library. Third the Naval Institute at their annual meeting set aside a fund for an Allan Westcott annual prize to be competed for by midshipmen, the subject probably being Naval History.

Best to All of You,
Elizabeth"

Mrs. Allie Westcott Drake (Mrs. Frank E.) passed away on May 10th, 1953 at Northfield, Minnesota. She was a sister of our Past President, Mrs. Nettie Emery of Cleveland, Ohio and was also a member of our Society.

Harry Jerauld Westcott, 74 years old, a descendant in the 8th generation of Stukely Westcott died this summer in Chepachet, Rhode Island, after a long illness. He was a very active member of our Society in its early days. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma (Goodwin) Westcott, a son Robert Jr. of Chepachet and two grandchildren. He was buried in Acotes Hill Cemetery. Born in September 27, 1878, in Perrysburg, Ohio, he was a son of Sardius D. and Harriet (Walling) Westcott. A graduate of Kendallville, Indiana High School and Michigan State University, he was an accountant for Manhattan Rubber Company, Passaic, New Jersey until his retirement in 1943. He bought a farm in Chepachet, six years ago.

DEATHS (Continued)

Dr. Roscoe Clarence Westcott of New Philadelphia, Ohio, passed away May 14th, 1953. He is survived by his wife Myrtle Westcott. She writes, "that he gave the public 50 years practice and worked in his office up to two weeks before his death."

OLDEST MEMBER---Mrs. Florence Warner of Oakland, California who is a sister of our former President, Mrs. Nettie Emery, writes, "I sure would love to be present at some of your get-to-gethers, but living in far off California and being 85 years young and not able to travel. Please send my love and best wishes to all. I am a native of Franklin County, New York and a granddaughter of Ira L. Westcott, Sr."

ROSE DAY---Each year in June, our member, Dr. Cynthia Westcott of Glen Ridge, New Jersey opens her Rose Garden to her friends and those interested in Roses. My husband and I went there this year to observe the beauty of her garden. Dr. Cynthia Westcott is one of our countries foremost Rose Care Specialists and the fruits of her labors can be seen at her place. While there, we studied a pamphlet put out by the American Rose Society, of 1316 Derry Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This pamphlet lists the varieties of roses. On the last page there is a "message to all Flower Gardeners who do not grow Roses." It says, "If you are one of those who do not grow roses because you think it is too much bother to prepare the beds and too much care to look after them, please bear this in mind:---A rose bed may be prepared in as simple or as complicated a way as you wish. If the soil is fertile and productive you don't need to worry about any special preparation. If it is poor, work in organic material such as compost, well rotted manure, peat moss or the like. Be sure to obtain good quality stock and plant them carefully by spreading out the roots and packing the soil firmly around them and watering."

POEM BY MRS. MYRTLE M. WESCOTT---Daily Times, June 13, 1953
New Philadelphia, Ohio -"White House Note. Mrs. M. Wescott of 148 Fair Avenue, N. W., this city, has received a note from the White House thanking her for a poem she sent to President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

'Mrs. Eisenhower asks me to thank you for your recent letter to the President and her, with the enclosed copy of your poem. It means a great deal to both of them to know that you are supporting the President with your confidence and your prayers.' The letter was written by Mary Jane McCaffee, Secretary to Mrs. Eisenhower.

POEM BY MRS. MYRTLE M. WESCOTT (Continued)

Mrs. Wescott's poem, entitled "Great America", is as follows:

Overhead in Great America,
The clouds are floating slowly
Each star is shining through
Shining for American Soldiers,
That are fighting brave for you.
Thousands dying in the battles
Others suffering from their wounds
Millions marching bravely onward
Obeying Uncle Sam.
They want the freedom promised
In the nations they fight to free
Hoping all nations will march for victory.
Those who gave their life in battle
Has won thou Resurrection,
God will give when it is due.
Open your eyes and gaze toward heaven
As the dawn comes through.
Ask thee God to guide all soldiers,
As they march forward on.
Let our flag wave forever,
The red, white and blue
Keep on praying ---- keep on praying
It's the honorable thing to do.

COMMODORE MATHEW CALBRAITH PERRY---Centennial Celebration of the opening of Japan 1853-1953. This year the United States is celebrating this historical event, carried out by Commodore Mathew C. Perry. One hundred years ago Perry landed at Kurihama, the birth of American-Japanese relations.

Commodore Perry was born in South Kingstown, Rhode Island in 1795, ten years after his illustrious brother Oliver Hazard Perry, and so the love of the sea was in his blood, for his father had spent nearly his entire life in sailing vessels.

A special Centennial stamp was issued July 14, 1953, commemorating the Landing of Perry at Kurihama.

Once again our Westcott Society is proud to have relationship with this fine young Commodore Mathew Calbraith Perry, seventh generation from Stukely Westcott.

OUR ETHEL CLARKE---Underwood News - "Vice-President, W. F. Arnold of the Underwood Company bids good-bye to his Secretary, Ethel Clarke, who has retired after 46 years of service. Miss Clarke began as Secretary to the Vice-President, Charles Hand. She was Secretary of the New York Chapter National and Profess-

OUR ETHEL CLARKE (Continued)

ional Women's Club for many years. After lunch with Mr. Arnold at the Vanderbilt and a surprise party at One Park Avenue, Miss Clarke left for her summer home in the Berkshire."

Miss Clarke is active both in New York Chapter and National Society of our Westcott Family Society.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---(Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron G. Johnson,	3408 Rodman Street Washington, D. C.
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Allport,	732 Pinellar Point Drive, South, St. Petersburg, Florida
Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Fisher,	521 Henkel Circle, Winter Park, Florida
Mrs. Lloyd Green,	612 - 6th Street, Zephyrhills, Florida
Lt. Com. & Mrs. Verner Utke-Ramsing, Jr.,	1500 Alberta Street, Key West, Florida
Mr. & Mrs. Frank I. Wescott,	555 - 14th Avenue, South St. Petersburg, Florida
Mr. Russell Beecher Westcott,	5414 Parker Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida
Miss Violet Beatrice Drake,	5549 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fruh,	7246 Oglesby Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. McPherson,	1703 - 24½ Street, Rock Is., Ill.
Miss Ida A. Patton,	524 Nowland Ave., Peoria, Ill.
Miss Jennie E. Patton,	524 Nowland Ave., Peoria, Ill.
Miss Myra G. Paugh,	Deland, Illinois
Miss Mary Ella Stafford,	7432 Ingleside Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Trainor,	2217 Tribune Tower, Chicago 11, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Westcott Trainor,	7136 Coles Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Dr. & Mrs. Randall L. Wescott,	1856 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. David Lyman Westcott,	7334 Lafayette Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. M. Westcott,	Montgomery County, Butler, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. David R. Wister,	2380 Oak Tree Lane, Park Ridge, Ill.

REMINDERS 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!
6. National Society Directors Meeting October 3, at 3:00 PM at Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York.
7. New York Chapter Dinner on October 3, 1953 at 5:30 P.M. at Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York.

Please come one, come all!

PLEASANT AUTUMN AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING SEASON!