

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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TENTH BIENNIAL MEETING---Message from our President: "As your President I feel that it is not only my duty but a privilege and a pleasure to again call your attention to the Tenth Biennial Meeting of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, which will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, a week-end between the 1st and 15th of August, 1954--the exact dates will be announced later.

To those of you who have attended any of these Biennial Meetings it is only necessary to remind you of the time and place, and to those, who have never had the privilege of attending, may I suggest that you start planning right now to be with us in Providence next August to enjoy the warm and friendly spirit which is always present at all these meetings (I might add satisfaction guaranteed or double your money back, but I won't.)"

NATIONAL SOCIETY NOTICE---"At the Directors Meeting of the National Society in New York on October 3rd, 1953, it was brought to the attention of members present that there were quite a number of one time active members of our National Society who had for some reason neglected to pay their annual dues, making them subject to suspension. However, the Directors, not wishing to lose any members, directed me, as your President, to insert a notice in the December Quarterly to all past active members concerning their rejoining again--that a complimentary December issue be sent to those inactive members including a dues slip for them to be in good standing once again. Won't you please join us again?"

Signed, Dr. George Pickens, President.

NEWS OF THE CHAPTERS---Cleveland Gathering of Cousins - Our National Members, Mr. and Mrs. Efflo A. Plazer of 1520 Sheffield Rd., South Euclid, were our host and hostess on Sunday, August 16th, 1953 at a picnic dinner lawn party to members of the Stukely Westcott Society. Guests of honor were Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fruh of Chicago also National Society members. (Item from our past President, Nettie Emery of Cleveland.)

Vermont Chapter No. 5---Our member, Mrs. Rachel Baker sent this item "We held our reunion Sunday, August 23rd at Idlewild Lake at St. Catherine, Vermont. Officers are the following:

CHAPTER NEWS (Continued)

President - Mrs. Edna Jay Lewis, East Poultney,
Vermont
Vice-President - Mrs. Frances Reed, East Poultney,
Vermont
Secretary - Mrs. Pearl Jay Brown, Rochester,
Vermont
Treasurer - Guy Wescott, Springfield, Vermont
Historian & Genealogist - Mrs. Rachel Baker,
Buskirk, New York

Greater New York Chapter No. 3---The New York Chapter held its annual dinner in the Washington Square Room of the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City. There were about thirty cousins present and a pleasant evening was enjoyed with the exception of one thing-- the fact that because of ill health our founder, Roscoe L. Whitman and his wife Susan were absent.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, New York Chapter, President presided. Songs were sung led by Bill Driver, accompanied by Ralph Trismen at the piano and Dr. Howard Westcott on the violin.

A very interesting color travel picture was shown of a Mediterranean Odyssey.

NEW MEMBERS---Greetings from our Society!

- #426 - Mr.* & Mrs. George Hobart Allport, Bethlehem, Pa.
- #427 - Miss Florence E. Parker Critcher, Long Beach, Cal.
- #428 - Miss Melayn Dorfler, West Islip, Long Island, N. Y.
(Our youngest member)
- #429 - Mr. & Mrs.* Raymond Robert Ruppert, Washington, D. C.

BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Coert Wescott Houghton, born September 24, 1948 and Sandra Amelia Houghton, born January 5, 1951, both children of Mr. & Mrs. Wescott Houghton of Fairfield, Connecticut.

Aaron Jeffrey Westcott, born July 2, 1951 and Judy Martha Westcott, born February 10, 1953, both children of our members Mr. & Mrs. Arthur James Westcott of Massena, New York.

David Vincent Reddy, born April 19, 1942 and Mary Frances Reddy, born November 23, 1943 and Beverly Jean Reddy, born May 23, 1948, all children of our members Mr. & Mrs. Vincent F. Reddy of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Robert Howard Minthorn, born August 3, 1949 and David Mark Minthorn, born December 4, 1951, both children of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Harold W. Wescott of Poultney, Vermont.

BIRTHS (Continued)

David Ashley Westcott, born March 13, 1944 and Richard Thomas Westcott, born May 21, 1948 and Gwendolyn Louise Westcott, born September 15, 1953, all children of our members Mr. & Mrs. Ashley Prince Westcott of Roslindale, Massachusetts.

DEATHS---Heartfelt Sympathy from our Society.

Harry Jerauld Westcott (refer to September, 1953 Quarterly)
The exact date of Harry J. Westcott's death was August 10, 1953.

Frank I Wescott of St. Petersburg, Florida died on October 16, 1953 beloved husband of May Bogert, brother of Charles H. Wescott of Hackensack, New Jersey and Uncle of our Treasurer, Alice Marroquin and Marion Dorfler.

Allen Pennell Wescott, from his wife--"Allen died very suddenly almost a year and a half ago. He had been sick for short periods for a number of years and had one serious operation, but at the last he was sick only a few hours. I will never forget the truly wonderful times we had with the Wescott group in Chicago. They were all such nice people and made us, from Maine, feel very much at home. It was a bright spot in our lives when we were with them. If at any time you or others of the "clan" are over here do please make it a point to stop. I can always feed some of the family and would so love to have the chance.

As Always, Mary Ellen Wescott, N. Castine,
Maine."

MARRIAGES---Long Happy Years!

Patricia Ann Dexter, daughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. M. Gregory Dexter, married to Mr. Clifford Alan Clark on July 26, 1952.

Elizabeth Gertrude Morrison, daughter of David and Gertrude Morrison and grand-daughter of our member, Mrs. Violet Westcott Greene, married to Russell James Corsner in the Lutheran Church at Front and Fisher Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Joan Marion Forrest, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Arnold Forrest of Bala Cynwyd and niece of our member Mrs. Violet Westcott Greene, married to Reverend Thomas Ogden, son of Benjamin Thomas Ogden of Wynnewood, in the Bala Cynwyd Methodist Church. Reverend Thomas Ogden is pastor of the Downingtown Church.

MARRIAGES---(Continued)

Ellis R. Westcott, Junior married Elizabeth C. Olney on June 21, 1952 in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Mr. Westcott is the son of our member Mrs. Ellis R. Westcott. He is a graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts, and is now 3/C in the Air Force, stationed at New Haven, Connecticut. His wife, Elizabeth is a graduate of Bridgewater Teacher's College and a teacher in Barrington, Rhode Island.

Cynthia A. Westcott married Melvin J. Milender of Newton, Massachusetts on July 26, 1953 in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Both are graduates of the University of Massachusetts. They are now in Anchorage, Alaska, where he is stationed at Fort Richardson, in the United States Army. She formerly taught in the Providence Schools and is now teaching at the Elmendorf Air Base in Anchorage.

Miss Anna Beth Carhart, daughter of Hervey B. Carhart and sister of our member, Mrs. Donald F. Neach, married to Mr. Lyle K. Preston of Oxford, New York, on Wednesday, July 15, 1953 at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Fort Plain, New York. Mrs. Neach writes, "My sister, Anna Beth, attended with me the Westcott reunion in Cleveland in 1950 and in Cooperstown in 1952. A graduate of Fredonia State Teachers College and Ithaca College, she was employed as an instructor of vocal music at the Oxford Academy and Central New York for fourteen years. Prior to that she had taught at the Otego Central School for five years. Her husband, Mr. Lyle K. Preston is owner of the Preston Hardware Store in Oxford. I think it is interesting that Mr. Preston spent many years of his early boyhood in Milford, New York, which was the home of many of our Westcott ancestors. He has enjoyed reading the History and Genealogy of the Ancestors and Descendants of Stukely Westcott.

I would not close this letter without giving you a great deal of praise for your fine work in issuing the Westcott Family Quarterly. You really deserve more than our thanks for the job you are doing. With all best wishes, I am, Sincerely,

Bernice C. Neach,"
Fort Plain, N. Y.

Secretary Note---In regard to the last paragraph of Bernice Neach's letter may I say, that, by the kindness and thoughtfulness of cousins such as she is, Alice Marroquin and I have courage to carry on. Alice Marroquin also gives many hours of her time to typing, addressing and mailing. She deserves a great deal of credit to its success. We have received many nice notes like the one Bernice Neach sent and, believe me, Dear Cousins, they help tremendously.

With Affection,
Eleanor L. Trismen.

GRANDMA MOSES---From Mrs. Rachel Baker, our past Society Historian comes the following: "Have been very busy since I arrived home from California. Two trips to Northern Vermont to attend New England Women's Meetings with a friend, and have also been taking Grandma Moses here and there and to places where she wants to go this summer. Her painting is completed for the Daughters of American Revolution museum and its a beauty, "The Battle of Bennington." Our Chapter celebrated battle day at the battlefield on the 15th and her agent gave me permission to show it--a thing not done until the paintings are copyrighted. So you can imagine how proud I was to be able to show it."

DR. F. HOWARD WESTCOTT---"Marriage Course at Bergenfield, New Jersey features Dr. Westcott. These sessions held Mondays concern the psychological approach to marriage and the physiological aspects of marriage respectively. The course is of interest to those persons contemplating marriage. They are sponsored by Inter-Boro Ministerial Association and held in the church house of the South Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Westcott is a practicing internist at Cornell Medical Center in New York City. His research was responsible for the invention of the Commercial Chlorophyll Process which is widely used in present day dentifrices and toiletries.

Dr. Westcott is also an ordained elder of the Tenafly Presbyterian Church and teaches tenth grade of the Senior High Department of the Young People of that church. Dr. Westcott will approach all areas of his work from the viewpoint of a Dedicated Christian Layman which qualifies him for leadership in this Christian Y sponsored Marriage Counseling Course."

(Items from Times Review of Bergenfield and Bergen Evening Record.)

EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY---Data sent by Mrs. Nettie Emery which was printed in the D. A. R. Magazine September, 1896. Volume IX No. 3.

"The Westcott Family is spoken of in the History of Devonshire, a work more than four hundred years old, as "an ancient and honorable one as far back as A. D. 1170. There are only two copies of this called "Close" of Westminster Abbey." This copy was shown to Mrs. Catherine Westcott-Komey by Bishop Foss Westcott (Lord Bishop of Durham Cathedral.) Bishop Westcott who has died, was distinguished as the author of thirty books on classical and theological subjects, and had five sons in the ministry (refer to Westcott Society Quarterly of September, 1951.) The records in the "History of Devonshire", show that the name originally was "de Westcote", taken from an estate in Devonshire, England, and this rendering of the name is still preserved by some descendants of the family in this country. "John de Westcote" the first one

EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY--(Continued)

in the History of Devonshire, was a man of literary taste and culture even at that early age, as he wrote a book before printing was invented which was placed in the Archives of Exeter Cathedral. A George Blagden Westcott, killed in a naval engagement off the Coast of Trafalgar, was of the same "de Westcote" family. Lord Littleton, author of "A Treatise of Tenures" which Lord Coke, according to Burke's Peerage, characterized as "The Ornament of the Common Law," and the most perfect and absolute ever written on any human science, was also born a Westcote, but had his name changed to Littleton to inherit his mother's estate and title. Lord Littleton, known as the father of English Jurisprudence, "Coke on Littleton", is an important study for law students." (To be continued in our March Issue in 1954)

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---(Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Ebert,	608 South Main Street, Clarion, Iowa
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Pailthorpe,	1009 Merchant National Bank Building, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Mrs. George W. Westcott,	R. F. D. #1 Sumner, Iowa
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley M. Westcott,	Sumner, Iowa
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Duane Wilson,	732 Fenelon Place, Dubuque, Iowa
Mrs. Allen P. Westcott,	N. Castine, Maine
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond R. Pailthorp,	7109 Holly Avenue, Takoma Park, 12, Maryland
Mrs. Fred B. Westcott,	221 Philosophers Terrace Cheestertown, Md.
Mr. & Mrs. Harry A. Westcott,	122 South Van Buren Street, Rockville, Md.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: Kindly send following to the Secretary

1. Quarterly Items!
2. More Members! (Send to Secretary for Application Blanks.)
3. Scrap Book Items!
4. News of Local Chapters!
5. Dues: (refer below to a few words from our President.)

SOCIETY DUES - "Kindly bear in mind the only revenue our Society has is the money it receives in Annual Dues. Hence, if the Society is to continue, it is imperative that we pay our dues. There is an old saying "that a word to the wise is sufficient," 'nuf said. I am expecting the 1954 dues paid 100%. May we have your full and hearty co-operation? Thank You, Geo. D. Pickens.

EXTENDING THE SEASONS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY
NEW YEAR