

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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CHAPTER NEWS---Rhode Island No. 2 - Tenth Biennial Meeting -

"A Hearty Welcome Awaits You In Your Homeland!"

The Rhode Island Cousins are looking forward to greeting their cousins from far and near at their Tenth Biennial Meeting, August 6TH to 8TH.

The family will gather to register and greet cousins at the Sheraton - Biltmore Hotel, Providence, on Friday evening, August 6TH, from 7 to 10 P. M.

Saturday, August 7TH in Newport

1. Business meeting at Newport Historical Society, in the morning.
2. Guests of the Rhode Island Cousins at luncheon, at the Historical Society.
3. Tour of Newport Historical Buildings in the afternoon.
4. Return to the Providence Plantations for a Rhode Island Clam Bake in the early evening.

Sunday, August 8TH

1. Service at the First Baptist Church in Providence, in the morning.
2. Pilgrimage to the home lot of Stukely Westcott, in the afternoon.
3. Tea at "Westcote" home of Dr. and Mrs. Niles Westcott, of Oak Lawn, Rhode Island.

We cannot expect to show you Newport in one afternoon but we hope we shall 'whet your appetite' so you will return another year for more!"

Signed, Susan Westcott Handy
General Chairman.

Northern New York Chapter No. 4 - "As Historian of the Northern New York Chapter I'm wondering if we have our members paid up in the National Society. I hope to persuade some others to join. Am hoping we may some way get together in re-union again this year.

I was very sorry to learn of Dr. Allan F. Westcott's death. He was our honorary president of Northern New York Chapter.

Our elected president was unable to carry out our reunions, I understand, because of illness of her husband and other relatives. Am hoping she may be able to do so this year. She is Mrs. Samuel Price, 15 Victor Street, Albany 3, New York. Am sorry she has had this ill luck as she was a real "live wire" in our Chapter.

Sincerely, Mrs. Lulu Westcott Fowler,
R. F. D. #1 Hastings, New York

Dated- Jan. 18, 1954.

NEW MEMBERS---Happy Times in our Society!

- #430 - Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Atwood Anderson, Stonington, Conn.
 - #431 - Mrs. Mary E. Kynett Speed, Huntington, Long Island, N.Y.
 - #432 - Mrs. Clarys E. W. Miller, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 - #433 - Mr. & Mrs. William K. France, Oneonta, New York
 - #434 - Mrs. Virginia S. Johnson, Chicago, Illinois
 - #435 - Mrs. Harlow H. Stafford, New Rochelle, New York
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BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Barbara Rachel Bixby, born Sunday, December 27, 1953, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bixby of South Euclid, Ohio.

DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Milvern Oliver Weaver, eldest son of Fred. and Minnie (Westcott) Weaver, also cousin of our member Mrs. Lulu W. Fowler, died November 11, 1953 at his home near Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York, unmarried. His mother Minnie was Mrs. Fowler's Uncle Stephen Wescott's daughter. Stephen was son of Johnson Wescott, Jr., of Johnson Wescott, Sr., of Oliver, back to George of Vermont, in Clarendon.

Mrs. Amy A. Burgoyne, 60, wife of Harry R. Burgoyne and daughter of our member, Mrs. Violet Green of Wildwood, New Jersey, died December 7, 1953 at Spring City, Pennsylvania, buried in Zion Cemetery.

Robert Mark Westcott, younger brother of our member, Mr. Theron B. Westcott, died October 17, 1953.

Bruce Peters Wescott, 79, retired farmer and sportsman, father of Lloyd B. Wescott, farmer, and Glenway Wescott, author, also four daughters. Died November 18, 1953 at Flemington, New Jersey. He and Mrs. Wescott, the former Josephine Gordon, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary June 27, 1953. He was an elder of the Clinton, New Jersey Presbyterian Church.

Earl D. Westcott, 65, an official of Village of Waterville, New York, died October 8, 1953 at his home. Born in Waterville on October 27, 1887, he was the son of Harry C. and Emily Westcott. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Edna G. Kynett, 64, wife of Harold H. Kynett, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advertising agent, both members. She died in Bryn Maur Hospital, on January 27, 1954, after many years of illness.

ENGAGEMENT---Happy Days!

Tenafly, New Jersey - The engagement of Miss Marilyn Joyce Westcott to Noel Melville, son of Donald Melville, of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, has been announced by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott of 19 Woodhill Road, Tenafly, New Jersey, on December 20, 1953.

Miss Westcott was graduated from Tenafly High School and Duke University, class of 1953, and is a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She is now teaching grade school in Durham, North Carolina. Her fiance, a graduate of Detroit University, is a senior at Duke University. Upon graduation in June he will be commissioned an ensign in the Navy.

The engagement was made known at a supper party at the Westcott home. A summer wedding is planned. "Bergen Evening Record of December 21, 1953."

OUR SOCIETY EXTENDS THE BEST OF "GET-WELL" WISHES TO THESE MEMBERS

1. Mr. Roscoe L. Whitman, Our Founder, of 109 Dudley Ave., W. Westfield, N. J.
 2. Mr. John T. Graham, at Clarks Nursing Home & Hospital Richfield Springs, New York
 3. Mrs. Mary Louise Krause, at Villa St. Ann Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
 4. Mr. Samuel Price, of 15 Victor Street Albany 3, New York
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COUSIN NETTIE EMORY WRITES---"My sister, Mrs. Harry Fruh, writes from Chicago, 'we are leaving on the 21st of January, 1954 and driving to Lake Worth, Florida for a short visit. We hope to attend the meeting of Stukely Westcott Society in August at which time you'll be seeing us enroute from Cleveland to Providence all together'."

COUSIN EDITH MIDDLETON, of Springfield, Mo., writes,---"I enjoy reading the Quarterly, so very much, and hope I can contribute something to it sometime. Seems there is not enough time to do all the things we like to do.

I was glad to read in the Quarterly about my second cousin, Lester Howard, of Springfield, Alabama, joining the Society. His sister, Mrs. Fred. Holt, lives here in Springfield. They are my

COUSIN EDITH MIDDLETON'S LETTER (Continued)

mother's own cousins. Mrs. Holt and I along with Areta Compton Montieth went into the Daughters of the American Colonists on the Stukely Westcott line, all three of us descendants. Mrs. Montieth is my third cousin. Our D. A. C. Chapter is only three years old, was named "The Stukely Westcott Chapter", of which we are proud."

LETTER FROM COUSIN MARY LOUISE KRAUSE, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin -- "I am sending you my society dues also a post card view of Villa St. Ann. I came here from the hospital in Watertown in November, 1952. It is a Home for old ladies run by the Sisters of the Dominican Order, a very nice place. It is very nicely located between two lakes. A small park overlooks on Lake La Belle and is available to our residents. The sisters do everything for us. All holidays are celebrated and also each birthday as it comes along. We have nice care and especially good meals.

I am a great deal better than I was, my walking is slow with two crutches but I get around. I go out with my daughter when she has the car. Her second daughter, Georgianna was married in April to Kenneth Richard Schultz, who is a commander at the Army Post near Indianapolis. They come to see me quite often. Janet brought me up here from Chicago in 1949 so she could be near enough to do things for me. She and her husband are very good to me and keep all my needs supplied.

Had a nice Christmas here, spent part of the day with Janet and Dick Kurth who live at Elm Grove near Milwaukee. They have two youngsters, Peter who will be four years old in July and Christine a dear baby girl who is one year old. She's a doll! They are my great-grandchildren and we are so happy they are here.

Will not be able to attend the Stukely Westcott Convention as I am not spry enough to get around as I used to. Will have to take it second hand. I shall have my 82nd birthday in April and hope to keep well.

Give my best love to all the cousins. Please publish this in your next issue so folks will know how and where I am.

Always yours truly,

Signed, Mary Louise Krause."

ONE OF A KIND ---

(An item of interest sent by our member Mrs. Etta Schumacher, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.)

The John Ward Westcott Company of First Street, Detroit, Michigan, is listed as "Marine Reporters" but that is an uninteresting description of a fascinating enterprise.

ONE OF A KIND (Continued)

"It all started on a summer day back in 1874 when Captain J. W. Westcott docked the package freighter, the Mineral Rock, at Detroit and went ashore to tend to some banking.

As he trudged up the hill he looked back to see the Mineral Rock swinging at the dock with the entire crew idle while he attended to shore business.

'There should be some way to handle these shore details without tying up a whole ship,' the Captain muttered to himself, as he turned into the bank. 'I know I'D be willing to pay well for such a service.'

By the time he boarded the Mineral Rock again, Captain Westcott had an idea. On the return trip he left the Mineral Rock, got himself a row boat and was in business.

Captain Westcott's business outgrew his rowboats and his single-handed efforts.

Last year the J. W. Westcott and the J. W. Westcott II, a couple of sturdy and powerful crafts and the only floating Post Offices in the United States, met 20,899 vessels in the Detroit River, an average of 76 a day or one every 19 minutes.

Of course the Captain himself (Mrs. Schumacher's father) was not around to see all that. He died in 1913. His son J. W. Westcott came into the firm in 1902, now a third J. W. Westcott, the Captain's grandson, is in the business and there's a fourth J. W. Westcott, the Captain's six year old great-grandson coming along."

Refer to National Geographic Magazine, Dec. 1950
also

Westcott Quarterly, March 1951, Page 3.

LETTER FROM COUSIN FLORENCE WARNER, of Oakland, California

"Dear Cousin, I certainly enjoy the Quarterly, read them and re-read them - would so love to meet with all of the cousins and know them better.

I lived in Malone, Franklin County, New York until I was 12 years old then my father, Ira L. Wescott, Jr. moved to Minnesota in 1880, town of Rock Creek, Pine County. Father's sister, Marinda Wescott Ricketson had moved there and father and his brother George Wescott, Nettie Westcott Emory's father, came to live in the new land of tall trees and wild land. A small saw mill and store was about all there was to Rock Creek at that time.

When I was 17½ years old, I married James Joseph Warner and we lived in St. Paul, Minnesota where all of my children were born. In March 1906, just before the earthquake, we came to San Francisco, California and in 1911 bought our home at 721 - 45th Street, Oakland, where I am living at the present time. On August 25, I will be 86 years old. All of my family except one son, James Lewis Warner, have passed away.

I hear from Cousin Nettie at Christmas time. These last few years Nettie and her husband met my grandson, Commander J.

LETTER FROM COUSIN FLORENCE WARNER (Continued)

Byron Warner of United States Navy at their home in East Cleveland, Ohio. Commander Warner is now stationed at The Navy Base at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

Well, Dear Cousin, I did not think I would write so much but after I got started I did not seem to come to the right place to close, so will say good-night.

All my love,
Signed, Mrs. Florence Warner."

HALFMOON CHURCH TO BE RAZED---Troy Record, November 28, 1953

"The old wooden First Baptist Church in Halfmoon, New York will be razed by the first of next year. The church is 162 years old. The property on which the church is located has been purchased by the widow of a former Baptist Minister, the Reverend Myron N. Wescott, at one time minister of the church. Mrs. Wescott will live in the parsonage located on the property.

The church was moved to its present location from Newtown in 1834. It has not been in service for the past few years. The building is made of wide boards and hand hewn timber. The loft beams are secured by wooden pegs. The bell that hung in the belfry was manufactured in West Troy, now Watervliet."

(Note - Reverend Myron Wescott was Chaplain in the early years of the Society)

EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY (Continued from December 1953 Quarterly)

"About the middle of the 17th Century we find among the earliest colonists, to the western world, Richard and Stukely Westcote (sometimes spelled Wescote). Stukely with his friend Roger Williams, settled in Rhode Island at Providence 1636. Richard went to Connecticut and was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield in 1639. His residence and town lot of three acres are shown on the map of Wethersfield, and the records attest that he took an active part in public affairs. His son John, with others founded Westchester, New York, and Daniel the direct ancestor of the New Jersey Westcotts represented his constituents in the General Court of Hartford at three different times. All through the "History of Stamford" in Colonial Times, we find the name of Daniel Westcote in the Administration of Public Affairs. A military spirit seems to have been a family inheritance for one hundred years before the Revolution.

In 1676 this Daniel Westcote was voted "town lands" by local authorities for services rendered against the common enemy (Presumably the Indians), when he responded to the public call for such services. An enterprising spirit for colonization was abroad

EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY (Continued)

in those days, and as the climate of New England was rigorous in winter, the soil not fertile, it is not surprising that many of the early emigrants, locating first in New England, changed their residence to more southern colonies."

(To be continued in June Quarterly)

CENTENARIAN--- New Rochelle, New York

Mrs. Harlow Hamlin Stafford, of New Rochelle, New York, our newest member, will be 101 years young on May 31, 1954. Of her, our Society President says, upon signing her application for membership, "Could it be possible that our youngest member is our oldest member.?"

Quoting from Standard Star, New Rochelle, New York, paper of June 1, 1953. "Eisenhower, Dewey Felicitate Mrs. Stafford, Centenarian" "President D. Eisenhower and Governor Thomas E. Dewey honored Mrs. Harlow Hamlin Stafford of 84 Hillside Avenue, yesterday with messages of congratulations and best wishes on her 100th birthday.

Mayor Stanley W. Church and Miss Gertrude S. Carraway President General of the National Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, were among the countless other relatives and friends who extended greetings.

Born Mary Ellen Page McLean, daughter of Hector McLean and Mary Bolton Page of New York City, she is a great-great grandmother and a resident of New Rochelle for almost a half century. She has ancestors who fought in the American Revolution and is the widow of a Civil War Veteran, Harlow Hamlin Stafford. She is also the mother of a Spanish-American War Veteran and the grandmother and great grandmother of veterans of the first and second World Wars.

Among her forebears who fought for the English Colonies in the French and Indian Wars was the noted English Scout against the Indians, Captain Benjamin Wright, whose diary is preserved in the museum at Greenfield, Massachusetts. Rebecca Towne Nurse, 'the Salem Witchcraft martyr', another of her colonial ancestors, is one of the memorable characters in Arthur Miller's drama, 'The Crucible'. Mrs. Stafford also has ancestors who were founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the Pioneer Valley of the Connecticut River."

Her granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Stafford (Morey) Kershaw, who, along with her husband, Richard Kershaw are members of our Westcott Society. All of us are very happy to have Mrs. Stafford or "Gram", to all who know her, join our Society. So, Dear Cousins, remember on May 31, 1954, Mrs. Stafford will be 101 years young!

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---(Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Edw. H. Cogswell,	83 Carver Road, Newton Highlands, Mass.
Mr. & Mrs. Milton G. Dexter,	23 Chilton Street, Belmont, Mass.
Miss Nettie C. Drake,	88 Harvard Street, Newtonville, 60, Mass.
Professor Burt B. Farnsworth,	79 Thompson Street, Springfield Mass.
Mr. Ashley P. Westcott,	278 Metropolitan Ave., Roslindale, Mass.
Mrs. David A. Westcott,	24 Algonquin St., Dorchester, Boston, Mass.
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Westcott,	The Bradford Apartments, Wellfleet, Mass.
Mr. & Mrs. E. Royden Westcott,	Route #2, 982 Newman Ave., Seekonk, Mass.
Mrs. Ellis P. Westcott,	Route #2, 982 Newman Ave., Seekonk, Mass.
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel R. Westcott,	P. O. Box 215, Williamstown, Mass.
Mrs. Sara U. Westcott,	145 Green Street, Hopedale, Mass.
Mr. William Marr Westcott,	The Bradford Apartments, Wellfleet, Mass.
Mrs. Noble J. Kiernan,	17 Tedesco Street, Marblehead, Mass.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: Kindly send the following to the Secretary

1. Quarterly Items!
2. More Members! (Send to Secretary for Application Blanks.)
3. Scrap Book Items!
4. News of our Local Chapters!
5. Dues: If you have not already sent your 1954 dues, please use the enclosed envelope. At our Director's Meeting in October it was decided to send dues directly to our Treasurer, Alice Marroquin. Your promptness is appreciated.
6. Be sure to mark on your calendar August 6th through 8th for our Tenth Biennial Gathering in Rhode Island.

HOPING EACH AND EVERY COUSIN WILL ENJOY A VERY HAPPY EASTER

SEASON