

THE WESTGOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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REPORT OF THE 10TH BIENNIAL GATHERING OF WESTCOTT COUSINS---

Many of our National Society members spent a very pleasant week-end in Rhode Island from Friday evening, August 6th, when they first gathered at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, to Sunday evening, the 8th when cousins gathered on the spacious lawn of our dear Dr. Niles Westcott and wife, Clara at Oaklawn, Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island Chapter worked very hard to give the out-of-state cousins a wonderful time. It was the third visit of our National Society to Rhode Island and with a state so rich in our early history there was never a dull moment. The committee was headed by Miss Susan Westcott Handy, our National Vice-President and General Chairman of 10th Biennial meeting. She was assisted by Mrs. Ansel A. Shippee as Vice-Chairman; Mrs. William H. Baxter in charge of Registration; Mrs. Maude Colwell, Chairman of Hospitality; Mrs. Niles Westcott, Luncheon Chairman; Mr. Ralph Dexter, Transportation Chairman; Miss Dolly Stone, Historical Pilgrimage Chairman and Mr. Thomas H. Handy, Jr., Clambake Chairman.

The National Society wishes to express thanks for the splendid co-operation of the above committee for their excellent work in making the gathering a big success.

On Saturday morning we left the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in a motorcade to Newport Historical Society where we first held our business meeting, lead by our President Dr. George Dana Pickens, and greeted by Mr. Herbert Brigham, the Librarian of the Newport Historical Society. At that time officers of the Society were elected for term of 1954-1955-1956. The officers are as follows:

President--William C. Driver of Larchmont, New York

Vice-President--Miss Susan Westcott Handy of Manville, Rhode Island

Chaplain--Lester Townsend of Oneonta, New York

Correspondence Secretary

and Registrar--Mrs. Eleanor Wescott Trismen of River Edge, N.J.

Recording Secretary--Miss Helen J. Williams of East Orange, N.J.

Treasurer--Mrs. Alice Wescott Marroquin of Hackensack, N.J.

A short memorial service was held for our deceased members led by Mrs. Maude Colwell in the absence of our Honorary National Chaplain, William Marr Westcott.

At noon on Saturday, August 7th, we were guests of the Rhode Island Chapter on the lawn of the Historical Society for luncheon. After the luncheon we were taken on a tour of some of Newports' Historical points of interest, which included the Old Colony House, the Vernon House, Trinity Church, the Old Stone Mill and Arnold's burial lot. Our motorcade then made a tour of the Ocean Drive so famous for its wealthy homes.

Saturday evening, we gathered for the Clambake at Manville, some 40 miles north at "THE BREEZES", home of Miss Susan Westcott Handy and Thomas H. Handy, Junior. Robert V. Simpson and his wife were in charge of the Clambake and we later found out that Mr. Simpson is eligible to belong to our Society through Damaris Westcott Arnold line. Over sixty cousins enjoyed the "Bake", which included clam chowder, clam cakes, clams in butter, vegetables, corn, lobster and watermelon---simply delicious!

On Sunday many cousins gathered for the church service in the old First Baptist Church in Providence (which church our ancestor, Stukely Westcott helped to found with Roger Williams). Before the church service Reverend Henry Schooley, Rhode Island Chapter Chaplain gave a review of the life of our first Stukely. Later in the day the motorcade drove down to Warwick for the placing of a wreath on the marker of Stukely Westcott's lot, which marker was placed there in the early years of our National Society. Some cousins walked over to the burial place of our first Stukely some one hundred yards from the marker in a wooded area.

After the wreath dedication by Reverend Henry Schooley we drove down to Oaklawn, the home of Dr. & Mrs. Niles Westcott where we enjoyed refreshments and a nice visit with cousins and also sang some of our Westcott songs.

The "Good-byes" were hard to say, for everyone had enjoyed such a pleasant time at the 10th Biennial Gathering in Rhode Island.

All of us had missed our founder, Roscoe L. Whitman and his wife Susan. We felt he was there with us in spirit and when some of us see him on his 85th Birthday on September 25th we will tell him how much we missed him.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT---"Dear Cousins, May I express my sincere thanks for the honor which you of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants have extended in electing me your President for the coming two years. I will pledge myself to do all I can to further the aims, good will and success of the Westcott clan. I will be deeply appreciative of your support and interest and hope that you will not hesitate to give me your suggestions and constructive criticism. In order for our Society to grow we need new members, so, may we make this one of our special goals during the coming year. Please don't forget to include the young people in this effort for we need them as future leaders. With the fine group of officers and directors to advise me and with all of you cousins to help me, I feel confident that we will move ahead with enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely, William C. Driver."

HONOR BESTOWED---Our new President, William C. Driver tells me he has recently been elected a member of the Color Guard of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York. Congratulations!

REGRETS---Because of the absence in Rhode Island of our National Chaplain, Lester Townsend of Oneonta, our Honorary Chaplain, William Marr Westcott of Wellfleet, Massachusetts was to conduct the Memorial Services in Rhode Island. On August 3rd he sent his regrets because of ill health. All of us were so sorry to hear of his illness and do hope he is on the road to recovery. Reverend Henry Schooley, Chaplain of the Rhode Island Chapter very kindly gave his services both at the church and also at the service at Stukely Westcott's marker in Warwick.

NEWS OF THE CHAPTERS---Rhode Island No. 2 - from the Providence Journal of June 27, 1954. Mrs. Maude Colwell of Riverside was elected President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Descendants of Stukely Westcott at the chapter meeting yesterday (June 26) at the Manville home of Miss Susan W. Handy, National Vice-President. Other officers are:

Vice-President--Mrs. Olive Shippee of Providence, R.I.

Secretary--Mrs. Alice Baxter of Oaklawn, R.I.

Treasurer--Mr. Ralph Dexter of Pawtucket, R.I.

Historian--Miss Dolly Stone of Cranston, R.I.

Chaplain--Reverend Henry Schooley of Providence, R.I.

Our cousin, Mrs. Olive Shippee tells me that there were thirty cousins at Susan's home on June 26th and everyone had a pleasant day.

Greater New York Chapter No. 3 - notice from James R. Morris, President of the Greater New York Chapter, dated August 2, 1954. "Dear Cousin Eleanor, As it is grandfather Whitman's birthday in September, we thought it would be nice to have the Greater New York Chapter have as their annual meeting a picnic out in Westfield, New Jersey. Not only would grandfather Whitman appreciate having as many who will come, be there, but it will give the rest of us a chance to bring the children along.

So, in place of the Greater New York Chapter dinner, usually held in October, the meeting this year will be on Saturday, September 25th from 11:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The members of the Greater New York Chapter, their friends and guests will gather in the Whitman Garden at 109 West Dudley Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey to celebrate the eighty-fifth birthday of Roscoe L. Whitman, founder of our National Society.

It will be a box luncheon. Beverages and cake will be furnished by the hostess Susan Westcott. The Officers of the New York Chapter and "Cousin Roscoe" hope that many of the family and friends will join him in celebrating.

Please let the Secretary, Edmond W. Morris, 212 Columbia Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey know if you are able to come so that we can make appropriate plans.

Sincerely, Jim Morris."

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From George Washington Bridge (About 40 miles) use:

1. Route U.S. 46 to New Jersey Turnpike.
2. New Jersey Turnpike to Interchange 15 (going South).
3. Follow Route U.S. 1 and U.S. 9 to U.S. 22.
4. U.S. 22 to Westfield, New Jersey.

From Lincoln Tunnel (About 35 miles) use:

1. Follow Highway #3 to New Jersey Turnpike.
2. Follow above routes.

NEW MEMBERS---Happy Times with us!

- #437 - Mr. William Howard Boyle, Turners Falls, Mass.
- #438 - Mr. & Mrs. Warren H. Berggren, Hillsgrove, R.I.
- #439 - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar E. Place, Edgewood, R.I.
- #440 - Reverend Harry H. Powell, Pawtucket, R.I.

BIRTH---Congratulations!

Betsy Jackson Lee, born Tuesday, March 6, 1954, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Howard Lee of Trumbull, Connecticut. Mrs. Lee is the former Shirley Louise Potter of Fairfield, Connecticut. Baby Betsy is the great-granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Helen W. Driver and the late Samuel Driver of Fairfield, Connecticut.

DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Member Arthur J. Westcott of Massena, New York, died suddenly May 23, 1954. His wife, Edith McGuirm Westcott sent the following item from the Massena Observer. Having spent the winter in Florida, they had returned but two weeks before his death. Mr. Westcott was born September 28, 1877, in Potsdam, the son of Samuel Powell Westcott and Phoebe Field Westcott. Mr. Westcott attended schools in Potsdam, including Potsdam Normal. He was graduated from Albany Business College and then studied telegraphy at Rochester School of Telegraphy. He and Miss Edith McGuirm were married July 15, 1908 and that August they came to Massena and opened a store in Ball Block. He later moved his store to the Newton Block. Mr. Westcott attended Emmanuel Congregational Church and was a member of the Men's Club of that church. He was a charter member of the Massena Country Club and a member of Massena Lodge 1702, B.P.O.E. He was well known throughout the community. Generations of school children bought their books at his store. Surviving are his wife, son Arthur Westcott, a daughter Mrs. Keith (Korleen) McCullough of Massena; two grandchildren, A. Jeffrey and Judy.

DEATHS---(Continued)

Member Mrs. L. Irene (Mathewson) Richardson of 595 Greenville Avenue, Johnston, Rhode Island, died suddenly at her home Friday, July 2, 1954. A Pembroke graduate in class of 1915, she was born in Providence, December 24, 1893, daughter of the late William H. and Nellie (Burchard) Mathewson. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Roger Williams Family Association and the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. Besides her husband, Richard F. Richardson, survivors include a brother, William H. Mathewson of Johnston; a granddaughter, Miss Candace J. Richardson of Barrington and a niece, Miss Elaine Mathewson of Johnston. Burial took place in Pocasset Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island.

MARRIAGES---Happy Years!

Marilyn Joyce Westcott, oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott of Tenafly, New Jersey was wed to Navy Ensign Noel Melville on Saturday, June 12, 1954. They were married in the Tenafly Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Alfred H. Davies officiating. Ensign Melville is the son of Donald Melville of Grosse Point, Michigan and the late Mrs. Melville. Marilyn's sister Ruth Elaine Westcott was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Juliana and Martha Westcott both sisters of the bride, Miss Jean Walker and Mrs. Richard Hopper also of Tenafly. A large reception was held at the brides home. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside at Norfolk, Virginia until September 12th when they will go to Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Melville was graduated from Detroit University and Duke University 1954. Marilyn was also a graduate of Duke University.

Marietta Loos of Glendale, California married to Gordon Harvin Glass in June, 1954. Marietta is the granddaughter of our member Mrs. Etta (Westcott) Loos Schumacher of Ann Arbor, Michigan. A bridal dress fashioned from the Parisian wedding gown of Mrs. Schumacher was worn by Marietta. The couple were married at the Glendale Holy Redeemer Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Westcott Loos of Glendale. Mr. Glass is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray Glass of Pasadena, California and is a student in the University of Southern California's School of Architecture. A reception at the Oakmount Country Club of Glendale followed. The couple will reside in Los Angeles, in an apartment house which he designed.

GENEALOGIST---Our member, Mrs. Ruby Parke Anderson, of North Stonington, Connecticut wishes the cousins to know that she is preparing a book of early local families and wishes data of North Stonington descendants. She is also taking orders for her book.

BELATED "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO CARLETON WASTCOAT---letter dated June 11, 1954. "Dear Mrs. Trismen; Saw by the Westcott Quarterly that you mentioned my name on the "Get Well" page. I am glad to say I am much better and would dearly love to get my teeth into that Clambake dinner but alas! I cannot make it. Had a birthday party of forty neighbors and friends on the lawn. Pretty good for a young sprout of seventy-five years.

Sincerely yours, C.L.Wastcoat, Ridgewood, N.J."

MANY MORE HAPPY YEARS!---Our founder and life member, Roscoe L. Whitman and Mrs. Whitman of 109 West Dudley Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, observed their 60th Anniversary of their wedding on Sunday, July 18, 1954 at a family party. They were married on July 18, 1894. Roscoe retired in 1929 as advertising director of J.C.Penny Company. They have lived in Westfield for thirty-four years, both are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Whitman is also a founder of the Westfield Chapter of the Old Guard, and a former president of Westfields Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. They have a daughter, Mrs. Adelbert Potter who lives with them, two grandsons and six great grandchildren. Also present at the celebration were Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Charles K. Pomeroy of Westfield and Mrs. Walter C. Morison of Summit.

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY PROGRAM---In a June 5th letter sent to the Whitman's, Mrs. Allan F. Westcott says, "I am sending you the program for the dress parade when the "Westcott" Prize was awarded for the first time and hope you will send it to Eleanor for the scrap book." Program #37 award--The Professor Allan F. Westcott Prize, consisting of \$250.00 in bonds, is presented to the midshipman of the graduating class who has submitted as a term paper the best essay dealing with Naval History. Recipient: Midshipman - Dallas Pickard, Junior, 1st Class.

Note - To new Society members: Dr. Allan F. Westcott had served as a History Teacher for 37 years at Annapolis and was Professor Emeritus, having retired about six years ago. He passed away in May of 1953, after a long illness.

ISN'T THIS THE IRONICAL TRUTH?---On Page 382 of "David Harem" by Edward Noyes Westcott, I found this "Many of the disappointments of life, if not the greater part, come, because events are unpunctual. They have a way of arriving sometimes too early, or worse, too late."

"All the New Jersey Westcotts are descendants of the first colonist, "Daniel of Stamford, Connecticut" and John Westcott in the early part of the Revolutionary War removed his family from Philadelphia to the old home in Bridgton, New Jersey, and joined Sealey's brigade of West Jersey Artillery, rising to the rank of Captain. He was commissioned by General Washington, crossed the Delaware in the same boat with him (family tradition). Descendants of this line of the Westcott family have among heirlooms, a seal and seal ring bearing the shield and crest of the family, Miss Sara Lipscomb, Regent of Columbia Chapter of D. A. R. would have this seal. Also Judge Westcott or Judge D. Westcott has this seal and coat of arms. Note: the foregoing Generalogy is copied from American Monthly Magazine for September 1896 published by the National Society of the D. A. R. Volume IX, No. 3. This issue is preserved in the files of the D. A. R., Continental Hall, Washington, D. C. The Coat of Arms bears this motto: "Spe Labor Levis", meaning, "By Hope is Labor Lightened."

(To be continued in the December Quarterly)

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---(Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Judge & Mrs. Joseph A. Guthrie,	6010 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, Mo.
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Middleton,	Box 252, Springfield, Mo.
Judge & Mrs. Harold E. Wescott,	614 Main Street, Laconia, N.H.
Miss Grace E. Bennett,	93 Maney Avenue, Ashville, N.C.
Professor & Mrs. Virgil I. Mann,	18 Lanack Road, Chapel Hill, N.C.
Miss Mary Wescott,	903 - 6th Street, Durham, N.C.
Mr. & Mrs. William K. Hoyt,	c/o Salem Journal & Sentinal, Winston-Salem, N.C.

REMINDERS TO MEMBERS! KINDLY SEND THE FOLLOWING TO THE SECRETARY

1. Chapter News of Gatherings.
2. Scrap book material.
3. Items for Quarterly.
4. Send word to Edmund W. Morris, 212 Columbia Avenue, Cranford, N.J. if you can be present at the Greater New York Chapter Picnic at Cousin Roscoe's on September 25th.
5. National Society Director's Meeting at 11:30 A.M. on September 25th, at Whitman's home in Westfield, New Jersey.
6. More Members.

HAPPY FALL SEASON TO ALL