

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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CHAPTER NEWS---Vermont Chapter No. 5 - The annual Vermont Chapter gathering was scheduled to be held at the mountain camp of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wescott, at Middletown Springs, Vermont, on Sunday, August 21st, 1955. An old time picnic dinner was planned served at 1 o'clock.

NEW MEMBERS---Pleasant Hours with your Cousins!

- #448 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Charles Wescott, Randolph, N. Y.
Box 553
#449 - Miss Olive Wescott, Sumner, Iowa - R. F. D. #2
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BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Wylla Ann Warner, born October 11, 1944, at Oakland, California, and Lynne Anne Warner, born October 28, 1946, at Long Beach, California, both children of our members Commander & Mrs. John Byron Warner, Jr. U. S. N., who, at present time is stationed in Greece.

Judith Ann Peterson, born December 30, 1951 at North Evans, New York, Sandra Mae Peterson, born June 21, 1954 at North Evans, New York and Gary Alan Peterson, born May 27, 1955 at Angola, New York, children of Mr. Ronald Allen and Shirley Janet (Hazard) Peterson and great-grandchildren of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Leland A. Hazard of North Evans, New York.

DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Mrs. Bertha Sanders Harding, dear mother of our member Mrs. Grayce Chenoweth, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, died March 23, 1955. Mrs. Harding was born in Syracuse, New York, daughter of Judge William E. and Harriet Price Sanders. Her husband, Wright C. Harding, died on November 13, 1930. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Perthas C. (Grayce) Chenoweth, one sister, Mrs. Floyd Shortle of Cleveland, New York.

DEATHS---(Continued)

Mrs. Harding was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, active in Woman's Auxillary, Charter member of Goff Plaza Garden Club, also active in Clarksburg Woman's Club and a member of Queen Esther Chapter #11, Order of Eastern Star. She was buried in Elk View Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Tillie Westcott, wife of George Westcott, formerly of Westcott's Beach, Sackets Harbor, New York, died May 5, 1955 at Key West, Florida.

Mrs. Pauline Westcott Sharpe passed away on Friday, August 18, 1955 at the Greenwich Hospital. A faithful member of our Society, she is survived by a daughter, Miss Priscilla M. Sharpe and a sister, Miss Florence A. Westcott both of Koefferam Road, Old Greenwich, Connecticut. Services were held Monday, August 22nd at 1:30 P. M. at the First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

FOUNDER PASSED AWAY---On September 3, 1955, Roscoe L. Whitman, 85, founder of the National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, died at his home 109 W. Dudley Avenue, Westfield, N. J.

Mr. Whitman retired in 1929 from the J. C. Penney Company, a national clothing-store chain. He founded the Stukely Westcott organization in the early 1930s to honor the early settlers of Salem, Massachusetts, who was one of the founders of the Rhode Island Colony.

In June, 1935, the organization held a celebration in Salem, of the tercentennial of Stukely Westcott's arrival there. Its members also made a pilgrimage from Salem to points in Rhode Island associated with the settler's life.

Mr. Whitman also was a co-founder and director of the Old Guard of Westfield, an organization of retired business and professional men. None of the members was under sixty. Miniature golf, quoits and checkers were among their activities. Mr. Whitman was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and was a mason.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Susan Kline Whitman, a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Whitman Potter, two grandsons, James and Edmund Morris and several great-grandchildren.

All the members of the National Society and Chapters were greatly grieved by the irreparable loss of their beloved founder, and extend their deeply felt sympathy to the bereaved family.

LOOKING BACKWARDS---Oswego, New York - From the Palladium Times Files (an item from Mrs. Turner) ten years ago - "Twin sons of Mr. & Mrs. Ross Westcott, Thomas and Francis, age 17, have enlisted in the Marines, a third brother, Ross, Jr., is in the navy."

LOOKING FORWARD---Our member, Commander John B. Warner, Jr. has just left for Greece for duty on the Joint United States Military Advisory Group to Greece. He will be there for two years. This address will reach him:

Commander John B. Warner, Jr.
U. S. Navy Section A. P. O. 206
C/O Postmaster, New York, New York

"FAR VIEW" MOTEL---If you travel Route #17 in New York State remember to look for the "Far View" Motel. Just recently finished by Robert and Grace Wescott, it is situated on a lovely spot just one mile east of East Randolph, Cattaraugus County, New York. Robert is the National Secretary's nephew and East Randolph is also Mrs. Trismen's birthplace.

RESEARCH IN ENGLAND---To further our research in England, in order to attempt to establish parent's names of our first Stukely Westcott in America, it has been considered wise to join the Devon and Cornwall Record Society. That society has considerable records.

ITEM FROM LYNN WESTCOTT---The National Secretary has recently sent a letter to a Wescott, a new comer in the Cleveland, Ohio, district, she also included names of Cleveland area cousins. Possibly a call on Mr. Lee B. Wescott, of 105 Deeridge Drive, in Walton Hills, might interest him in joining our family society.

OLD HOUSES OF THE NORTH COUNTRY---Daily Times, Watertown, New York - May 15, 1955.

When Captain George Westcott paid President Thomas C. Chittenden of the Bank of Watertown \$1,000 for the 190 acres on March 19, 1851 that formed the principal part of the "Lake Shore Farm" in the town of Henderson just over the Hounsfield line, he little suspected that 28 years later two of his sons would lose their lives in one of the most tragic drowning accidents at this end of Lake Ontario.

Shortly after he acquired the 190 acres Captain Westcott built this fine square house with the symmetrical wings and colonial front doorway overlooking the 3,000 feet of bathing beach, one of the finest in the state, and now controlled by the state of New York. The house contains twelve rooms and a beautiful stairway in the broad front hall. This house is now over 100 years old and is shown on the county map of 1855.

Captain Westcott was born in 1813 and when a young man was married to Catharine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell, and to them were born a daughter, Flora A., who died in 1859 age 20; Wellington G., who located in Adams; Edwin D., who went to Winona, Minnesota; Byron M. and Nelson L., who remained home on this farm and lost their lives in their sailboat "West Wind" a mile and a half out from this house about noon September 5, 1879.

 OLD HOUSES OF THE NORTH COUNTRY---(Continued)

About eleven o'clock that morning they set out from Campbell's Point to participate in a regatta and clambake at Henderson Harbor seven and one half miles away. Although carrying two tons of ballast they recklessly allowed seven friends to go along. The wind was blowing a gale. The lake was rough and when a mile and a half out they capsized and sank in eighteen feet of water. Although good swimmers the two Westcott brothers, Allen Ramsey, Drake Lewis, Shuler Howard, Edgar York and Edward Benjamin, weighted by heavy clothing, were drowned.

Morgan Weeks and Charles Washburn clung to the mast and were saved by Captain David Sperry who witnessed the catastrophe from his boat also en route to Henderson Harbor but was unable to get to the scene in time to rescue the seven unfortunate men.

After purchasing the original 190 acres of this farm Captain George Westcott added 41 more acres. He died intestate June 27, 1863 having been injured a few years before from a fall off his barn. His estate went to his widow and four sons, who later quitclaimed their interest to their mother. The next year after the drowning of Byron and Nelson, Mrs. Catharine F. Westcott quitclaimed her interest to their two widows Hattie M. and Sarah E. Westcott, who operated the farm for a number of years.

Hattie M. and Sarah E. Westcott were the former Murphy sisters, daughters of Henry and Laura Fuller Murphy of Dexter. Hattie married Byron M. Westcott in 1869 and their children were Belle M., who married Jesse Ingram and George Henry Westcott. Sarah E. Murphy married Nelson L. Westcott in 1878 and had one son, Frank N. Westcott, now a resident of this city.

George Henry Westcott, Mrs. Ingram and Frank N. Westcott eventually inherited the farm and this house. George Henry Westcott continued to reside on and operate the place until his death at 70, on March 26, 1945 survived by his widow, the former Miss Matilda L. Weeks, to whom he was married September 20, 1904. In his last years he operated his fine beach for bathing purposes.

On May 18, 1946 his widow, Matilda Weeks Westcott, Frank N. Westcott and wife Emma M. Westcott, and Mrs. Ingram joined in selling the house, barns and 170.3 acres of the farm to the state for \$30,000. The state developed it into a state park called the Westcott Beach State Park, which adjoins the equally fine Campbell's Point bathing beach.

Prior to the Bank of Watertown taking over this farm on mortgage it was owned by Solomon Robbins and was known as the Lake Shore Farm.

 LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---(Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mrs. Raymond C. Turner,	250 West 1st St., Oswego, N. Y.
Mr. Nelson H. Wescott,	20 Jay St., Glen Falls, N. Y.

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---(Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Westcott,	178 East 7th St., Oswego, N. Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Howard L. Westcott,	70 West Bridge St., Oswego, N. Y.
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Westcott,	231 W. Walnut St., Oneida, N. Y.
Mrs. J. Hobart Westcott,	24 Soundview Circle, White Plains, N. Y.
Mr. Joseph Rogers Westcott,	26 Front St., Binghamton, N. Y.
Mrs. Pliny K. Westcott,	39 Bay 25th St., Brooklyn 14, N. Y.
Mr. Eugene A. Westcott, Jr.	Cleveland, N. Y.
Mrs. Allen F. Westcott	Box 147, Edgewater, Md. C/O R. E. Gardner
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dana Westcott,	63 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester 9, N. Y.
Mr. Frank Nelson Westcott,	141 North Pleasant St., Watertown, N. Y.
Dr. & Mrs. F. Howard Westcott,	130 East 67th St., New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Olive Westcott,	26 Prospect St., Utica 3, N. Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Reuben H. Westcott,	35 Spruce St., Oneonta, N. Y.
Mrs. Harvey L. Westcott,	Unadilla, N. Y.
Mrs. Ray Harrison Westcott,	201 McLennan Ave., Syracuse 5, N. Y.

REMINDERS TO MEMBERS!

1. URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS FOR QUARTERLY - Send to Mrs. R. D. Trismen,
457 The Fenway
River Edge, N. J.
2. Send dues, if you haven't paid, to the
Treasurer, Mrs. Alice W. Marroquin,
47 Davis Ave.,
Hackensack, N.J.
3. Lets hear of your hobbies. Other cousins will be interested to hear.

HAPPY AUTUMN!!