

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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"Keep Our Society Active, find another Cousin,  
Every 'Westcott' Descendant is eligible."

NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS---A letter from Rachel W. Baker, chairman of the 1956 gathering in Vermont, says that Frances Reed, of the Vermont Chapter, told her that the dates of August 10, 11, 12, will be alright for our society meeting.

The three days activities will be announced in the June issue of our Quarterly.

Be sure to plan on meeting Westcott cousins in Vermont on August 10, 11, 12th. A time full of real pleasure! I'm sure all of us are looking forward to some of those famous Vermont suppers. How nice it will be to see the friendly Vermont Cousins, some of us, for the first time. Come one, come all, far and near, to the 1956 Reunion in Vermont!

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## BIRTHS---Congratulations to the Happy Parents!

Kevin Robert Diefendorf, born September 12, 1955, son of Robert and Eleanor (Westcott) Diefendorf. Eleanor is the daughter of Herbert Westcott, brother of our long time member, Mrs. Lulu (Westcott) Fowler of Hastings, New York. Little Kevin is the grand-nephew of Mrs. Fowler.

Sarah Miller Westcott, born December 5, 1955, in New York City, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westcott Driver, Jr. and grand-daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westcott Driver, Sr. of Fairfield, Connecticut and great-grand-daughter of our faithful member, Mrs. Helen W. Driver, also of Fairfield, Connecticut.

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## MARRIAGE---Many Happy Years Together!

Frederick Westcott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Westcott of Rome, New York, married Dona Ann McCartney on Sunday, November 13, 1955 at Farmer City, Illinois. Dona is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McCartney, 822 E. Allen Street, Farmer City, Illinois.

Frederick enlisted in the air force in 1953. The young couple will make their home at Abilene, Texas Air Base in the spring of 1956 where he will be stationed.

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DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Daniel S. Westcott, died June 10, 1955, was seventy-three years old, and lived at the Oswego County Home, in Mexico, New York. He was buried in Ellisburg Cemetery. Daniel was a retired farmer, son of Stephen and Naomi (Ballou) Westcott; of Johnson and Sally(Howland) Westcott, Jr.; of Johnson Westcott, Sr. Daniel was a cousin of our member, Mrs. Lulu W. Fowler.

Spencer T. Wescott, of Englewood, New Jersey, died on January 16, 1956, husband of the late, Grace Wescott. Spencer was father of Edward J., Harold W., George S., Ralph H. and Mrs. Lloyd Garrison. Spencer was a brother of Mrs. Edith Lewis of Palisades Park, New Jersey. He was buried in Brookside Cemetery, Englewood, New Jersey.

Spencer Wescott was a second cousin of our National Treasurer, Alice W. Marroquin.

It was through contact with Spencer Wescott that Eleanor Trismen, National Secretary learned of the National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants.

Myrtle (Wescott) Kimball, daughter of Clark and Mary E. (Thomas) Wescott, of Jamestown, New York, died December 7, 1955 in Medina, New York. She is survived by four sons and a number of grandchildren. Dear Myrtle was the first cousin of our National Secretary, Eleanor Trismen.

A. Lincoln Wescott, an attorney, died January 12, 1956 in his home, at 21 Lake Street, White Plains, New York. His age was seventy-five years.

After receiving a law degree from Boston University, he was a general attorney and manager of the Westchester County Offices of the New York Title Insurance Company. He also had been with the Old Westchester Title and Trust Company.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Grace Winkopp Wescott and a brother, S. Wescott of Edgewater, New Jersey.

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ILLNESS---Our Prayers for Recovery!

Gertrude Westcott, dear cousin and wife of our former President, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, of 19 Woodhill Road, Tenafly, New Jersey, has been very ill, but glad to say, she is home once again.

Item from our member Mrs. Middleton; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Holt of 829 South Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, are recuperating from serious injuries received in a traffic accident which occurred as they were returning from Morrison, Illinois, where they had spent Thanksgiving with their son, Frederick Holt and family. Mr. Holt suffered a broken neck, a fractured shoulder, bruises and cuts and Mrs. Holt suffered cuts, bruises and a cracked shoulder when they were thrown from their car onto the pavement in the vicinity of Jefferson City, Missouri. Mrs. Holt is a Stukely Westcott Descendant.

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LOOKING BACK---Randolph Register, New York, item dated January 10, 1914. "F. D. Butcher, D. S. Crawford and Joseph Westcott. (National Secretary's father) have finished decorating the 100 F. Lodge rooms at East Randolph and they are finer now than before the fire."

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LOOKING FORWARD---When you travel to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, don't forget to stop at the Gift Shop of our members, Norman and Helen Westcott at Wellfleet, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. (Way down on the Cape.) Norman Westcott, is the son of our former Chaplain, Mr. William Marr Westcott.

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COLONIAL DAMES OF MISSOURI---Mrs Areta Compton Montieth, 701 E. Harrison Street, Springfield, Missouri has been elected to the office of State President of the Missouri Society, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. Mrs. Montieth is a Stukely Westcott Descendant and a cousin to Mrs. Fred Holt and Mrs. E. B. Middleton, our members.

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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS---"Springfield, Missouri has a very busy Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, named, "Stukely Westcott." Our member, Mrs. E. B. Middleton is Regent, Mrs. Fred Holt, historian, and Mrs. Areta C. Montieth, librarian, all Westcott cousins. We are very proud to have the National Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists accept our descendants name for our chapter when we organized in 1951." Item from Mrs. E. B. Middleton.

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OUR ROSE DOCTOR---Our cousin, Dr. Cynthia Westcott, 96 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, sent me her usual Christmas letter. It was most interesting and her last paragraph says "On November 19th at our annual meeting, I received the past president's pin of the North Jersey Rose Society with relief but some regret, for it had been fun as well as work. Despite three inches of snow outside, our luncheon tables had wonderful arrangements of garden roses. I even had a few roses from my garden to grace a buffet supper on November 28th, in honor of Professor Van Slogeren, who stopped to visit on his way back to Holland. I hope some one gives you a rose bush, or the promise of one, for Christmas. I can't think of anything that spreads so much pleasure over such a long period.

With very Best Wishes for 1956,  
Cynthia Westcott."

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A WESTCOTT WINNER---In the World Telegram of December 17, 1955, page 34, an item headed: "'F.T. Westcott Wins in Life Master Bridge.' Frank T. Westcott of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, last night, (December 11, 1955) won the Life Master Individual Championship, conducted all weekend at the McAlpin Hotel by the Greater New York Association. His leading score was 599½ points."

"WESTCOTT RESEARCH"---In a letter from Miss O. M. Moger of England, dated December 9, 1955, says, "The difficulty about the search is that the two vital dates of Stukely's baptism and the marriage of his parents are of so early date that very few registers cover them and as Stukely had been at Yeovil for some years before leaving England, he would not have been old enough to leave much record in Devon, if indeed he came from thence. But I feel fairly certain he must be related to Amias Stukely of Meshaw and the only reason we cannot find him is that the records are lost. I expect it will be best for me to keep a look out for Stukely when doing other work and report to you when I find anything."

Sincerely,  
O. M. Moger,  
Eceter, England."

In December 1955, I received a letter from a former Associate Member, Mrs. Houghton. She said some years ago a Lieutenant Colonel Henry Russell Westcott, a Chaplain of Walter Reed Hospital in Washington wrote to her and sent her a chart of our early Westcott line in England. She thinks Officer Henry R. Westcott did the research himself while in England but there is no proof along with the chart. I tried to contact Officer Henry R. Westcott but he has either moved, or passed away, for, my letter returned.

IMMEDIATE ANCESTRY CHART OF STUKELY WESTCOTT ACCORDING TO  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY R. WESTCOTT

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1. GUIDO WESTCOTE  
(Called Guy)
 

--Son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Littleton) Westcote.
--Married Alice Granville, daughter of Sir Richard Granville of Gloucestershire.

(My note: the above Guido Westcote lived in 1400rds and our Society uses his beautiful Coats-of-Arms.)

(My note: missing generation or two in Officer Henry R. Westcott's data)
  2. GUY WESTCOTE

--Married Mary Stukely, the granddaughter of Sir Richard Stukely, who was born 1529.
--had issue, Richard and Stukely.

(My note: I have found record of a Mary Stukely, daughter of Sir Lewis Stukely, born 1529.)

IMMEDIATE ANCESTRY CHART OF STUKELY WESTCOTT---(Continued)

3. Richard Wescott
- Born in 1588, of Devonshire, England
  - Married in 1611 Mary Parsons, daughter of Hugh Parsons.
  - Had Richard, Jr., born in 1612, died 1649.

(my note: The Parson's family was in New England in 1600rds.

4. Richard Wescott, Jr. --Born in 1612, was in Salem in 1631, Newton, Massachusetts and Wethersfield and Fairfield, Connecticut

3. Stukely Westcott  
(Richard, Sr.'s Brother)

--Son of Guy and Mary (Stukely) Westcote.  
--Brother of Richard, Sr.  
--Came to Salem, Massachusetts with his brother Richard, Sr. in 1631. Stukely went to Providence, Rhode Island and Richard, Sr. went to Newtown, Massachusetts. This Stukely was a descendant of Guy Westcote and Mary Stukely."

Note: WANTED: Address of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Russell Westcott, one time Chaplain of Walter Reed Hospital. Please inform Secretary of his address, if known.

So! Maybe Guy and Mary (Stukely) Westcote are the parents of STUKELY WESTCOTT?

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LET'S PRACTICE OUR SOCIETY SONG FOR 1956 REUNION

"Bold Stukely Westcott"  
by our late Honorary Member  
Theodora Bates Cogswell  
(To the tune "Auld Lang Syne")

"Should true blood-kinship be forgot  
And never brought to min',  
With ancient ties allowed to rot  
Heedless of auld lang syne?"

SOCIETY SONG --- (Continued)

Chorus: For bygone days, dear Westcott clan,  
For our forefathers bold,  
We'll link our hands in kindness  
With loyal, lasting hold.

Bold Stukely braved strange hill and fen,  
And dared the Indian horde,  
Defied the Massachusetts men  
For the Glory of the Lord.

Repeat the Chorus

He challenged claimants from the West,  
Dispersed those from the East,  
And tackled with unfailing zest  
Peril from man and beast.

Repeat the Chorus

So let us all who spring from him  
Take our model true  
That ancestor of old who found  
Nothing to hard to do.

Repeat the Chorus

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LULU FOWLER'S LETTER OF JANUARY 10, 1956---"The older relatives are passing away. I do wish the younger ones could be more interested but the world is moving so fast, there are so many other interests: they do not realize that sometimes they may wish they knew more of their ancestry. I was over three years getting mine and wrote many, many letters. I owe much to our good friend, Roscoe who passed away in September. The Society has lost a good tireless worker for the cause."

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DELINQUENT MEMBERS---We have lost so many active members because of failure to pay their dues. Mrs. Marroquin, her daughter Joyce and I spent a couple of afternoons writing names and addresses of delinquent members of past years. Our National President's wife, Frances Driver, wrote word that she had written to all of these former active members, to try to stir their interest again.

Dear member! Remember every membership counts! Put the Stukely Westcott Society as No. 1 on your list of obligations. Sad to say, twenty members were dropped in our January 1956 report because of failure to pay the 1955 dues. That can't keep up if our Society expects to live.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS---(Continued)

Many members are very prompt with their dues. Our Society Officers hope all of the members will try to be prompt.

Let us not disappoint our Founder Roscoe L. Whitman.  
 Our Society can not cease, we must be active!  
 We need every Cousin we can find. Please help!

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LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest H. Goodell,	69 North Cedar St., Oberlin, Ohio
Rev. Harry S. Mabie,	65 North Pleasant St., Oberlin, Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Martin,	1276 Melbourne Rd., E. Cleveland 12 Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. Efflo A. Plazer,	1520 Sheffield Rd., South Euclid, Ohio
Mrs. Edith E. Higny Rey,	2794 Indianola Ave., Columbus 1, Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. George A. Rouse,	3812 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights, 21, Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip H. Shire,	4927 Maomi Drive, Toledo, 13, Ohio
Mr. Edward Wert,	2794 Indianola Ave., Columbus, 1, Ohio

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REMINDERS TO MEMBERS!

1. Inform Secretary of change of address.
2. Items for Quarterly.
3. Scrap book pictures and items from newspapers.
4. Lets all try to get a new member.
5. Don't forget to pay your dues, if you haven't already done it.
6. Don't forget the Vermont Reunion on August 10, 11 and 12th.

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!