



# 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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"Know Your Kindred Better"

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

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OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE---"As your President, I am very happy to greet you through the Quarterly. I wish it were possible for me to meet every cousin in person.

Our Coat of Arms, bears the motto "Renovato Nomine", name renewed. Let's renew interest in the Westcott name and tradition by increasing our membership. I would like to urge every cousin to invite other Westcott cousins to join either local chapters or the National Society. Since our organization began we have lost many of our active members, and if we are to keep an active, interesting organization we must be on the alert to welcome into our organization the many Westcott descendants all over the country. Our very able Registrar knows so well the Westcott Genealogy, she can and is willing to search for family trees for future members if they will send her information necessary for a beginning.

If you live in a community where there is no local chapter, wouldn't you like to start one? If so, contact our Registrar for information.

My very best wishes for a happy, healthy winter.

Cordially,

Cousin Susan Westcott Handy."

CHAPTER NEWS---Rhode Island Chapter No. 2 - The Rhode Island Chapter of Society Stukely Westcott Descendants held its 1956 meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 6th at the home of the National President, Miss Susan Westcott Handy.

The weather was beautiful but crisp and evidences of frost were noticed in the garden. We elected new officers as follows:

- President - Mrs. Alice C. Baxter
- Vice President - Mrs. A. S. Place
- Secretary - Mrs. Olive H. Shippee
- Treasurer - Mrs. Ralph W. Dexter
- Historian - Miss Dolly Stone

We enjoyed hearing about the National Meeting in Poultney, Vermont.

Hope this reaches you in time for the next Quarterly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Olive H. Shippee, Secretary  
251 Pocasset Avenue, Providence, R. I.

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER No. 3 - Even though it rained very hard the evening of November 17th, the time of our meeting, it did not dampen our Westcott Spirit. Everyone of the 30 cousins present had a most pleasant evening both at the Knickerbocker Golf Club, in Tenafly, New Jersey, for supper and later at Dr. F. Howard Westcott's home. We enjoyed games and singing. In the absence of our National President, Miss Handy, Miss Helen Williams, Vice-President took over the Director's meeting. Directors present were Miss Helen Williams, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Mr. Leslie P. Westcott, from Rhode Island, Mr. William C. Driver, Mrs. Alice Marroquin and Mrs. Eleanor W. Trismen.

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NORTHERN NEW YORK CHAPTER No. 4 - I regret very much that it was not possible for me to attend the National meeting in Vermont. I greatly enjoy reading the Quarterly. I wish our Northern New York Chapter might be reactivated but many of our older members have passed on and we seem to have no younger ones to carry on.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Cousin, Angie F. Waugh.

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CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER No. 7 - Miss Mary Ella Stafford, of Chicago says she "contacted Minita Trainor, who was instrumental in starting the Chicagoland Chapter and she is very much in favor of the reorganization of Chicagoland Chapter but we both think it best to wait until after the holidays. So wish Chicagoland luck."

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CLEVELAND CHAPTER No. 9 - Our National President, Miss Handy wrote to our Past President, Mrs. Nettie Emery, of Cleveland about starting a 'Westcott' chapter there, and on the dot the Westcotts of Cleveland decided to elect officers. As of now the officers are:

President - Mrs. Earl A. Westcott, 1874 Oakmount St.,  
South Euclid, Ohio  
Vice-President - Mr. Arthur K. Westcott, 3816 Monticello Blvd.  
Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio  
Secretary - Mrs. George A. Rouse, 3812 Monticello Blvd.,  
Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio  
Treasurer - Mrs. E. A. Plazer, 1520 Sheffield Road,  
South Euclid, Ohio

Sound like good news!

NOTE - Look at bottom of page of your rules and regulations for starting a new chapter in your locality.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER No. 9---(Continued)

CHAPTER CHARTERS - "To further promote the object for which this Society is organized, the forming of local, county, state and sectional chapters is urged. Charter for such Chapters shall be issued upon application of five or more members of this Society, who are also members of the proposed Chapter, such charters shall remain valid so long as five or more memberships are maintained in the National Society."

Kindly send me date of your organization meeting and after following above notice, I will send your new Chapter Charter.

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Eleanor W. Trismen  
457 The Fenway  
River Edge, New Jersey

P. S. Go through your back numbers of the Quarterly to find National Society members in your area.

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NEW MEMBERS---"Happy Times in Our Society"

- #466 - Mr. & Mrs. Hanson C. Wescott  
410 W. Forest Street, Upsilanti, Michigan
- #467 - Mr. & Mrs. Jarrold C. W. Patterson  
503 Church Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- #468 - Mr. & Mrs. William West  
1509 Sherbrook Road, Cleveland, Ohio
- #469 - Mrs. Martha J. Lobdell  
Old Easton Road, Pipersville, Pennsylvania
- #470 - Mr. Hugh Cooke MacDougall  
115 East 89th Street, New York 28, New York

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DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

" Palladium Times" of Oswego, New York October 15, 1956 - Our member, Mrs. Lulu W. Fowler, 74, died Saturday, at the home of her brother, Herbert Westcott, of Dexter, New York. Mrs. Fowler, a former school teacher, was a member of Hastings Grange, Hastings Home Bureau, Hastings Presbyterian Church and the Community Club. Surviving, besides her brother, are a step-daughter, Mrs. John Northrup, of Cicero, New York.

DEATHS---(Continued)

Three step-sons, Arthur Kilts of Syracuse, New York, Lee Kilts of Pulaski, New York, and Grandon Kilts of Rochester, New York and a son Ronald Fowler, of Syracuse, New York; three sisters, Mrs. Howard Carpenter of Pulaski, New York, Mrs. Norman Hart and Mrs. John Clark both of Baldwinsville, New York; six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She was buried in Carley's Mill, New York.

Note: I'm sure all of us will miss dear Lulu. She was so kind to send letters to the society Secretary. Her husband died on May 17, 1956 and the notice of his death is in the September Quarterly.

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Frank R. Wescott, of East Poultney, Vermont died August 17, 1956 at his home. He was 74 years old and husband of Ruth (Carlton) Wescott. He was born August 29, 1881 in Johnsbury, New York, the son of Frank and Clarissa (Hall) Wescott.

In addition to his wife he leaves four daughters, Mrs. Ona Reynolds of The Glen, New York, Mrs. Charles Wadsworth of Northville, New York, Mrs. Keith Allen of Cohoes, New York and Mrs. Fred Parker of Poultney, Vermont.

He also leaves seven sons. They are Murvin Wescott of Bolton Landing, New York, Delacy Wescott of California, Hallis Wescott of Ticonderoga, New York, Cassius Wescott of Granville, New York, Frank Wescott of Warrensburg, New York, Wilbur Wescott of Whitehall, New York and Ellis Wescott of East Poultney, Vermont.

He also leaves forty-six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Baker's Mills, New York and services were conducted by the Reverend Joseph Robbins of the East Poultney Baptist Church. He was buried in the Hack Cemetery, in the family plot, Johnsbury, New York.

Notice - Your secretary tried to find data of the above Frank R. Wescott in the Genealogy. Will some cousin from the Vermont area kindly write if he or she knows where this Frank R. Wescott fits into our Wescott tree?

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STATUE OF LIBERTY MUSEUM---Refer to top of page 3, September, 1956 Quarterly.

In regard to our sending \$10.00 to the new museum project as a "builder", your secretary received a very attractive certificate with the inscription of "Stukely Westcott Descendants of America", attractive enough to be framed.

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LETTER FROM MAUDE L. CARNAHAN---Dated September 30, 1956

"Thank you very much indeed for the Westcott Quarterly, it is inspiring and I enjoyed reading it, and also Mrs. Marroquin's part in the printing distribution, it means a very great amount of work well done.

I am enjoying the Coat-of-Arms so much, it is in the center of my living room table and I seldom go in or out of the room without looking at it and the oil paintings of my grandfather and grandmother. They are life size, half length and were painted by an excellent artist and are very much admired by those who see them. I also have a splendid photo of my second grandmother who was good to everyone.

I wish I could have attended the reunion in Vermont but I am hoping to be able to do so in the future."

Very Sincerely, Cousin Maude L. Carnahan,  
Jamestown, New York

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"KNOW YOUR KINDRED BETTER"--- An authentic episode of history sent by our member Clara Westcott McPherson; "Since we are nearing the time to celebrate George Washington's birthday, I thought the following episode might be of interest.

In 1755, Colonel George Washington journeyed to Boston to confer with Governor Shirley, who was then acting Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the colonies.

Stopping over in New York, Washington was entertained at the home of this friend Beverley Robinson. While a guest at Mr. Robinson's, Washington met Mary Philipse, the charming young sister-in-law of his host Beverley Robinson and a member of a very wealthy New York family. Washington fell madly in love with the beautiful heiress and wooed her ardently, but the tender courtship was rudely interrupted by the stern trumpet call of duty.

Governor Shirley appointed Washington to command in Virginia. The young colonel at once set out for home to take charge of the defense of a frontier 300 miles long and the lovely Mary Philipse passed out of his life."

Our cousin goes on to say, "The Beverley Robinson referred to was, during the Revolutionary War period, a Loyalist and a Colonel in the forces of his Majesty, King George IV. He lived at the Manor House, "Beverley" in Garrison, New York. The name "Beverley" came into the family through his mother Catherine, a daughter of Robert Beverley, of Beverley in Yorkshire, England.

In 1776, Benedict Arnold commandeered and occupied the Beverley Manor, using it as American Headquarters. Colonel Robinson was stationed in New York as Chief British Intelligence Officer.

This Beverley Robinson referred to was my husband's fifth great-grandfather, born in the year 1722 and his wife was Susannah, daughter of Frederick Philipse. Susannah's sister was Mary Philipse who was wooed by George Washington.

It is interesting to note that the Beverley Manor of my husband's ancestor became the site of the first West Point."

Sincerely, Cousin Clara Westcott McPherson  
(Mrs. James Beverley McPherson)

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DATA---Letter October 14, 1956 from Mrs. Oril Miller.

"My mother was a daughter of Nelson Westcott, formerly of Toledo, Ohio. My mother was Nora Westcott Sampson Wise and died October 29, 1935 at the age of 66. She had three children: myself, Mrs. Oril Sampson Miller, widow, no children; Mrs. Orson Sampson, farmer south of Mt. Blanchard, 2 children, who are Rodney Sampson and Mrs. Jean Sampson Weeston of Bowling Green, Ohio; Mrs. Clarice Sampson Lee of Findlay, Ohio who has four daughters, Mrs. Anabel Lee Amsler of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Virginia Lee Krouse of Chillicothe, Ohio, Mrs. Joan Lee Orndorff of Dallas, Texas and Mrs. Marian Lee Waite of Akron, Ohio.

My first cousin, Mrs. Phillip Shire of Toledo receives the Quarterly and Cousin Theron Burke Westcott of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is a member of the organization.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Oril Miller of Mt. Blanchard, Ohio

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DATA - Unplaced---The following Westcott had an ancestor who 'came to this country with a party of Roger William's followers who founded Rhode Island.' Alvin S. Westcott and his wife, Allura M. Westcott live in Edgewater, New Jersey. Alvin was born in Gorham, Maine and had brothers, Joseph, Peter and Lincoln. Their father was Orin Westcott, and their grandfather was William Westcott. Caleb Westcott was their Revolutionary ancestor.

Caleb Westcott was a cavalryman during the American Revolution and for some specific service, George Washington gave him his riding whip, which is now in the possession of Alvin's cousin in Belfast, Maine.

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1958 BIENNIAL GATHERING!--- Where shall we hold it?

At our Director's meeting on November 17th, 1956 in Tenafly, New Jersey, we decided, through the Quarterly, to ask anyone of the mid-western Chapters to offer to sponsor our 1958 gathering. Many cousins from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois area are always asking in their letters if we could go their way for a change.

So, here's your chance to speak up!

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS---Kindly inform Secretary of your change of address! The following September Quarterlies came back to me for lack of new address.

Their old addresses are:

1. Mrs. Richard Austin, 3440 Telford Ave., Cincinnati 20, Ohio
  2. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Fruh, 7246 Oglesby Ave., Chicago 49, Illinois
  3. Mr. Edward Wert, 1390 Indianola Ave., Columbus, Ohio
  4. Mr. & Mrs. Clinton A. Springer, 10588 Warwick St., Detroit 23, Michigan
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LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS---

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Miss Helen G. Havey,	306 W. Mistleton St., San Antonio, Texas
Miss Evelyn J. Ellis,	6652 Lawndale Ave., Houston 23, Texas
Mr. & Mrs. Leland F. Ketcham,	R. D. #2, North Bennington, Vermont
Mr. & Mrs. William D. Merriam,	Gallison Road, Montpelier, Vermont
Mr. & Mrs. Hudson Reed,	River St., East Poultney, Vermont
Mrs. Clarence D. Simonds,	203 Maple St., Burlington, Vermont
Mr. & Mrs. Harold W. Wescott,	R. D., Poultney, Vermont
Mr. & Mrs. Guy O. Wescott,	134 Olive St., Springfield, Vermont
Mr. & Mrs. Coulman C. Wescott,	Bomoscen, Vermont
Mrs. Ruth Wescott Smith,	Tunbridge, Vermont
Mr. & Mrs. Paul R. Lewis,	East Poultney, Vermont
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jay,	Royalton, Vermont

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REMINDERS TO MEMBERS!

1. Items for Quarterly.
2. Please inform our Secretary when you have change of address.
3. Try to attend your local chapter gatherings.
4. Please pay dues to Treasurer (unless paid up to date) - we cannot have an interesting, active Society without dues.

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THE OFFICERS SEND A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!  
and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!  
TO ALL COUSINS.