

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

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## TO ALL CHAPTERS!

Where shall we hold our 1958 Biennial Gathering? Send your suggestions to our President, Miss Susan Westcott Handy, "The Breezes", Manville, Rhode Island.

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## BIRTH---Congratulations to the Proud Parents!

Lynne Dunlap Potter, born April 15, 1957. She is the daughter of Jane and William Potter, the grand-daughter of Helen and Ralph Potter and the great-grand-daughter of our charter member, Mrs. Helen Westcott Driver and the late Samuel Driver. Lynne is the fifth great-grandchild.

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## ENGAGEMENT---Congratulations!

Mr. & Mrs. Carmine DeSantis of 15 Mountain View Road, Cresskill, New Jersey, have made known the engagement of their daughter, Antionette, to Edward P. Wescott, of 41 Allen Street, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wescott. Miss DeSantis is a cashier. Her fiance is a landscaper. As of June 26, 1957, no date had been set for the wedding.

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## WESTCOTT FAMILY DATA

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IX - George Rockwell Westcott

X - William Stokely Westcott, born in St. Louis, Missouri, November 3, 1912, manufacturer's representative, resides in 1957 at 1068 Etherton Drive, Webster Groves 19, Missouri. Married August 16, 1941 to Florence Elizabeth (Bunny) Noren, daughter of Ernest Yorgve Noren and Kristina Johnson Noren. Bunny born October 18, 1918, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

WESTCOTT FAMILY DATA---(Continued)

Issue:

XI - Barbara Gail Westcott, born November 15, 1946

XI - Pamela Jean Westcott, born June 19, 1949

XI - Patricia Lee Westcott, born June 19, 1949

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LETTER FROM COUSIN BLANCHE HOWARD SCOTT---Cranston, Rhode Island

"Dear Cousin Eleanor Trismen, My son-in-law, Sprague N. Lynch, born May 1922 in Portland, Oregon, was transferred to Okinawa for three years and left last September. My daughter, Elizabeth, (born March 10, 1923 at Malden, Massachusetts) and her daughter Jacquelyn Lynch, (born June 30, 1954 in Seattle, Washington) left for Okinawa for three years.

I left Seattle in March 1957 and am living with my cousin Bertha Williams Anthony, not only a Stukely Westcott cousin but we are direct descendants of Roger Williams. My mother, Ella Elizabeth Williams was born in 1856, in Providence, Rhode Island and since I am a native of Malden, Massachusetts, I feel right at home in the East.

I received my March Quarterly before I left Seattle. It was nice to meet cousin Rachel Baker last week, at the New Ocean House, Swampcott, Massachusetts, where we were attending the 44th Congress, National Society of New England Women.

Cordially, Blanche H. Scott

P. S. for the records -

My husband, Winfield Scott, was born December 4, 1885 a native of Malden, Massachusetts. He died March 3, 1952 at Seattle, Washington. We were married October 30, 1916 at Malden, Massachusetts.

My daughter, Elizabeth married Sprague Norman Lynch on Thursday, November 10, 1949 at Seattle, Washington."

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DEATH---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Dr. Niles Westcott, 76, of Oaklawn, Rhode Island, assistant superintendent at Butler Hospital for 27 years before his retirement in 1954, died May 31, 1957 at the Whitehall Nursing Home in Warwick, Rhode Island. As many of us knew, he had been in poor health for several years. "At Butler Hospital", Dr. Ruggles said, "Medical care reached an enviably high level, largely through Dr. Westcott's vast knowledge of medical literature, his ability to

*Dr. Niles*

DEATH---(Continued)

apply this knowledge wisely, his faculty of careful observation of the patient and his insistence upon good medical and nursing care and accurate records."

A native Rhode Islander, Dr. Westcott was the son of the late Christopher Niles Westcott and Abby M. (Spencer) Westcott. He was born April 25, 1881 and lived all his life on the family homestead at 680 Oaklawn Avenue, Oaklawn, Rhode Island. He was married in 1912 to Clara W. Harry, his only survivor.

He was a graduate of Brown University 1905 and was elected to Sigma XI, National Scientific Honorary Society. In 1909 he was graduated Cum Laude from Medical School at Yale University.

Dr. Westcott was a member of the Providence Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Society, the American Medical Association and was a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and also the Rhode Island Association of Psychiatry and Neurology.

He was a member of the Rhode Island Yale Alumni Association, the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Westcott National Family Society. He was a member of the Community Baptist Church of Oaklawn and of What Cheer Lodge, F. & A. M.

He was noted in his profession as being one of the first in his country to diagnose agranulocytosis, a blood ailment, and was among the first to make a diagnosis of undulant fever. He also made a diagnosis of Pick's Disease of the brain, rarely made on a living patient.

Dr. Westcott was buried in the family plot on the property at Cranston, Rhode Island.

All of the Westcott Cousins will miss Dr. Niles Westcott. He was an enthusiastic member of our Westcott Society. Many of us met him at our Cooperstown, New York gathering in 1952 and also many of us were entertained on his Oaklawn lawn at the 1935 and 1954 gathering in Rhode Island.

Note: Mrs. Olive Shippee of Providence, Rhode Island sent the above information in a news item. Mrs. Shippee says that Dr. Westcott's wife, Clara, has been ill but is now on the road to good health.

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MEMORIAL DAY---Our Rhode Island Cousins placed the yearly wreath on the monument at Stukely Westcott's lot in Warwick, Rhode Island. Many thanks to our dear Cousins for this service.

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ILLNESS---Our Best of Wishes to the following cousins for their Speedy Recovery!

1. Mrs. Clara W. Westcott, of 680 Oaklawn Ave., Oaklawn, Rhode Island

ILLNESS---(Continued)

2. Dr. Helen M. Wiestling, of 171 Edgewood St., Wheeling, W.Va.
  3. Mrs. Allen P. Wescott, of North Castine, Maine
  4. Mr. Frances W. Reed, of East Poultney, Vermont
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OUR CENTENARIAN---MANY MORE YEARS WITH US!

Mrs. Harlow Hamlin Stafford, of 84 Hillside Avenue, New Rochelle, New York celebrated her 104th birthday on May 31, 1957 at a family dinner party, for some 10 guests at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Edwards, of Wilmot Road.

Birthday cards, telegrams and flowers were among the remembrances Mrs. Stafford received from well wishes from all over the United States.

Mrs. Stafford has the distinction of being the oldest Republican in New Rochelle to have voted in the November election and is the oldest member of the New Rochelle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and heads a five generation family, having five great-great-grandchildren.

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LETTER---from "The Lester Wescott's, of Salamanca, New York  
to Alice Marroquin

"Dear Mrs. Marroquin, Our "Society of Wescott" magazine came this morning. We have had a very busy year. Son Jim left in January for his military service, just after getting a fine position with the New York Telephone Company. He took his basic training at Fort Dix. Soon after he arrived there he contracted measles so was in the hospital for awhile. As a result of losing some time he was kept another month in basic. After that he flew home for ten days and then flew to Texas. First he was at Fort Sam Houston but now he is at Fort Hood in Texas. He is in the Signal Corps and is doing about the same kind of work that he was doing in civilian life. He has just called us and we enjoyed a nice telephone conversation with him. He seems to like the country there and seems to manage to have some good times.

Vacation time is here again and if you are ever near here we would enjoy seeing you.

Remember us to all of the "Cousins".

Sincerely, Irene Wescott."

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LETTER---from Mrs. Frances W. Reed, of East Poultney, Vermont

"Dear Cousin, I am working at Lake St. Catherine this summer for a very pleasant man whose name is Mr. George Sprague. His wife died three years ago and his sister has kept house for him in Florida, but she was unable to come up this year. I am doing my

LETTER---from Mrs. Frances Reed--(Continued)

best to make up for it by coming down each day. My husband is not well enough to work so I have to do all I can. We are alone now, the children are all married.

I must get the dates and names written out to send to the bulletin. We have 27 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson now, expect another grandchild in July and one by marriage in the fall so you see we are quite a family.

I still don't know where our Vermont Chapter will meet this summer as I haven't heard from the committee as yet, but they must be working on it.

It has been very hot and dry here for awhile but here by the lake it is so beautiful and nearly always a breeze.

Haven't heard from Rachel Baker in quite awhile but I know she is very busy.

Hope this finds you in the best of health.

Sincerely, Frances W. Reed."

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POEM---by the late Dr. Allan Westcott of Annapolis, Maryland

"THE WESTCOTT PROGENY"

A toast I'd drink in good red wine  
To our forebears of the Westcott line;  
Fathers and mothers of ancient days,  
What families you chose to raise!  
That Holy Writ thou didst apply -  
Go forth, my sons, and multiply.  
Till now in Roscoe's book we see  
The Stukely - Julia progeny  
Spreading beneath the heavens blue  
From Pawtucket clean to Kalamazoo.

My six-times grandsire Jeremiah  
Gathered nine children round his fire  
Two daughters and seven sons to boot  
Rambled the woods of Potawamook  
(As the Indians called Old Warwick town -  
Too bad that name wasn't handed down.)  
His son Josiah had also nine  
Scions extending the Westcott line.  
E'en then Rhode Island seemed too small,  
Our forebears heard the frontiers call,  
Gardiner trekked to the North Countree  
And bettered his granddads' three times three.  
Eleven children their union blest  
Ere Mary - and he went to well-earned rest.  
Abigail, Calet, Hannah, Sary,  
Palmer, Henry, Daniel, Mary,  
Gardiner, Subal, John --- and all  
Married, with families far from small.

POEM---(Continued)

With branches like these the Westcott clan  
Spread o'er our broad and fertile land.  
And each of us ourselves may see  
As little sprigs on the family tree,  
Rooted in tough New England soil,  
And brought to growth by our fathers' toil,  
Each kin to each, and proud to trace  
Our heritage from an ancient race,  
Proud of our links to those days of yore  
When men were men - and women bore.

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Note: The above poem by Dr. Allan Westcott was sent by Dorothy Potter, daughter of our founder, Roscoe L. Whitman.

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ADDRESS CHANGES---Now living at:

1. - Mr. & Mrs. David R. Wistar  
2422 Berkshire Drive  
Upper St. Clair Township  
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania
  2. - Judge & Mrs. Harold E. Wescott  
402 Main Street  
Laconia, New Hampshire
  3. - Mrs. Winfield Scott  
C/O Mrs. Charles W. Anthony  
23 Oakland Avenue  
Cranston 10, Rhode Island
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REMINDERS TO WESTCOTT COUSINS!

1. The dues notices will be in the March Quarterly of each year. Please send your remittances directly to our Treasurer, Mrs. Alice W. Marroquin, 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey.
  2. Send Westcott items for our Quarterly to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 "The Fenway", River Edge, New Jersey.
  3. Inform Mrs. Trismen of any change of address.
  4. More members needed.
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A VERY PLEASANT AUTUMN SEASON AND A HAPPY THANKSGIVING !