

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS---12TH BIENNIAL MEETING 1958.

1. Cooperstown, New York is the place.
2. August 15, 16, 17th, 1958 are the days for our gathering.
3. Room Accommodations on an enclosed, separate sheet.
4. Make reservations early.

NOTICE TO ALL COUSINS--from our National President,  
Susan W. Handy

"Dear Cousins, When we gather for our National Meeting in beautiful Cooperstown, in August, I hope to see many of you there!

I'm sorry to say that we have lost some of our most active members by death this past year, and we need you to join us there if we are to keep our Society an active, interested group.

Do come and bring another cousin! Cooperstown has many places of interest and our cousins are planning a delightful week-end. Come and get acquainted with your cousins from other states.

Susan W. Handy,  
National President."

P. S. If you wish, bring a friend, if you can't find a cousin.

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CHAPTER NEWS---Vermont Chapter No. 5 - From Lydia Springer, Vice-President, of the Vermont Chapter, "We received our Quarterly and was very pleased to see so much about the people in Vermont.

We are starting to build our own house, so we don't get to visit our relatives like we should.

Our Vermont Chapter will meet at St. Catherine this year, at cousin, Arch Drake's Cottage."

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NEW MEMBERS---Happy Times with our Society!

#481 - Miss Leone P. Cargill  
83 Lorimer Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island

#482 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield  
34 Ardmore Road, Needham Heights, Massachusetts

NEW MEMBERS---(Continued)

#483 - Mrs Donald C. Stuart  
R. F. D. #1 Ravena, New York

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REINSTATEMENT -

#149 - Mrs. Richard Austin  
268 President Avenue, Providence 6, Rhode Island

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BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Peter Scott Bussey, born September 15, 1957, son of Lieutenant Commander & Mrs. John Dale Bussey, and grandson of our members, Major & Mrs. Byron C. Bussey, of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Peter Arnold Follett, born December 27, 1957, to Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin B. Follett, of Burlington, Vermont, and grandson of our member, Mrs. Clarence D. Simonds, of Burlington, Vermont. Mrs. Follett is Mrs. Simond's daughter, Elsie. Peter is the Follett's fourth child.

Jonathan Westcott Krofssik, born April 23, 1958, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Krofssik, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Westcott Driver, of Fairfield, Connecticut. Great-grandson of our late member Mrs. Helen Driver, formerly of Fairfield, Connecticut.

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MARRIAGES---Long and Happy Life!

Mr. Homer D. Roberts and Mary Gaydos were married on April 24, 1954, at the Marble Collegiate Church, in New York City. Mary Gaydos was born at St. Clair, Pennsylvania. Her relatives, Dr. & Mrs. Jack Keen, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, were the attending couple. Homer is a member of our society and his mother, also a long time member, is Mrs. Grace D. Roberts, who is living with her son at Boonton, New Jersey.

Mr. Neil Craig Springer, son of our members Mr. & Mrs. Craig Springer and Mary Ann Fawcette, daughter of Mrs. Lorena Fawcette, of Rutland, Vermont were married on December 14, 1957, at the United Church, in West Rutland, Vermont. Neil is a grandson of our late member, Mrs. Iola Wescott Whitney. At the present time Neil and his bride are living in West Rutland, Vermont.

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ENGAGEMENTS---Congratulations!

Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Westcott, our members, of 63 Browncroft Boulevard, Rochester, New York have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Eleanor Grace Westcott, to Lieutenant Richard Bruce Bailey, son of Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Bailey of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Miss Westcott is a student in the School of Nursing, at the University of Michigan.

Lieutenant Bailey was graduated from the University of Michigan, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. At the present time he is serving in the Armored Divison, of the Army, in Germany.

Peter Straton, grandson of Mrs. Clifford Morris (Volume 1, Page 289) is to be married in August, in Rhodesia, West Africa, where he is a mining engineer.

Addition - Under "Engagement" March 1958 Quarterly.

The Janet Westcott mentioned is a granddaughter of our Past President, Mr. Leslie Peckham Westcott, of Providence, Rhode Island.

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DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Our member, Miss Helen G. Havey, of San Antonio, Texas, died on February 4th, 1955. Need particulars.

Mr. Lester Howard, society member, passed away on March 6th, 1958. Mrs. Howard sent word that "Lester was a wonderful man, loved by all who knew him." Our member, Mrs. E. B. Middleton, of Springfield, Missouri writes, "Lester Howard, a Stukely Westcott Descendant, a brother to Mrs. Fred. Holt, of Springfield, Missouri and a second cousin of mine. Lester died in Mobile, Alabama and was 76 years old.

Lester was the grandson of Dr. Isaac Howard, who was born in Foster, Rhode Island, in 1819. Lester was a graduate of William Jewell College, a Mason and a member of the Baptist Church. For over a half century he worked for the Y. M. C. A. as area supervisor, in the United States and Canada. He is survived by his wife, Anne, a son Edgar, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Mann, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, one other sister Mrs. James Batten, of Fort Scott, Kansas and five grandchildren. Lester was very proud of his ancestors and corresponded with his eastern cousins.

Abby Hope, a 3rd cousin of our member, Mrs. E. B. Middleton, of Springfield, Missouri and a Stukely Westcott Descendant, died early in 1958. She was a faithful member of the W. C. T. U. Born in Providence in 1881. She taught Sunday School for nearly thirty years. In 1930 became Director of the 9th Street Day Nursery. In 1953 she retired and moved to Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. She was loved by all who knew her.

DEATHS---(Continued)

Mrs. Robert Blackall, who was the number #1 member of our Society, died February 23, 1958, in California. (Susan Morris, Vol. I P. 289)

Cousin Sarah Martin, of Binghamton, New York, sent me this sad notice. Mr. Blackall died soon afterwards, but before Easter, of this year. Susan (Morris) Blackall was born in Oneonta, New York, on May 21, 1870. She was a fond second cousin, of our Founder, Roscoe L. Whitman.

Miss Florence Earll Clarke, one of our most active members, died April 2, 1958 in New York City. According to her dear sister, Ethel, "Florence died unexpectedly, but was thankful she did not have to face a long illness." Florence was a favorite cousin of all of us. Her friends were many. She was 76 years of age but seemed much younger. Her interest in young people was boundless. She taught home economics in the New York Public Schools. Upon her retirement she said she was in touch with at least three-quarters of the students she had taught. She helped to found the Grace Schermerhorn Scholarship Fund, to aid High School Students entering Cornell University. Florence was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of course our Westcott Society. Two sisters survive, our member Miss Ethel Clarke and Mrs. Clinton Gilbert, also a niece and member, Miss Gwendolyn Westcott Jones, of New York City.

Addition - Regard to death notice of John Ward Westcott, of Michigan, in the March 1958 Quarterly, I left out the name of his sister, as a survivor, Miss Mary Louise Westcott, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, an active member of our Society and a sister Etta Schumacher, also of Ann Arbor, Michigan and a member of our society.

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ACCIDENT---Involving Our President Susan W. Handy.

Our President, Susan W. Handy was involved in a bad automobile accident on her way home from Yonkers, New York at Easter time. Her brother Tom and a cousin were also occupants of the car, when it left the highway and ran into a ditch. All three were able to crawl out of the wreckage and were cut and bruised, but fortunately no bones were broken. Susan wrote that all are coming along nicely now but it was an ordeal to go through.

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DOROTHY POTTER WRITES---ABOUT OUR FOUNDER, ROSCOE L. WHITMAN.

"A biography and portrait of Roscoe Leighton Whitman, founder of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants in America, will be published in April, in the 1958 edition of the National Encyclopedia of American Biography. Publisher James T. White & Company, 101 Fifth Ave., New York 3, New York. A copy will be in all of the larger national and local libraries."

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NOTICE---About Westcott Genealogies

Many cousins have asked whether there are any more of the Westcott Genealogies left. Sorry to say all of both volumes have been sold. Some of the larger libraries have copies.

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CONGRATULATIONS---Best of Health.

Dr. Irene A. Lobdell, of Pipersville, Pennsylvania writes, "My mother, Mrs. Horace Greeley Lobdell is in wonderful health and in her 87th year." A wonderful record, dear member!

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LETTER FROM FRAN DRIVER---April 21, 1958, Larchmont, New York.

"Dear Eleanor, Received your card and just a note to let you know that we are so glad that it was decided to go to Cooperstown, New York for the 1958 Celebration. Sorry not to have seen Sue when she was here but its impossible to work everything out. Glad your folks came for Easter and that you had a nice visit.

Bill had to usher two services at church that day and then we went up to Bridgeport, Connecticut to have dinner with his sister and family. His sister, Helen, is so lovely and sort of lost since their mother's death and we have tried to visit back and forth as much as possible. I never saw it pour like it did Easter Sunday. We nearly got washed off the road and on the way home, the Parkway was completely flooded in three places so all the traffic was routed onto the Post Road, where is was backed up near Greenwich for about four miles. I'll bet some of those folks didn't get home until morning. Fortunately Bill knew the back roads and after driving all over creation, we finally reached Larchmont in one piece.

Take care of yourselves and give our love to all.

Fran. Driver."

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EARLY WESTCOTT FAMILY HISTORY---(Continued from the March Quarterly, 1958)

Roscoe Whitman wrote as of April 28, 1936;

"Westcott sought the shores of New England to free himself from the political, economic, and religious oppression that was stifling his native England. Leaving neighbors and relatives and the graves of his ancestors, he sailed for America, believing he could there realize and enjoy the liberty he was being denied. He hoped for a social order within which, consistent with the principle of the greatest good for the greatest number, he could give reign to his own initiative, develop his own individuality and live such a life as suited him.

EARLY WESTCOTT FAMILY HISTORY---(Continued)

It was but natural then that upon reaching Salem, Massachusetts, he should become a member of the church of Roger Williams and share in the opinions held by his pastor. However, he was quickly to realize that in escaping the divine bishops of England it was only to fall prey of the "Divine Bretheren" of the young colony. He had cast his lot in the New World; he would not turn back. Every fragment of records of him plainly indicates that he was a God-fearing man, giving credence to the faith that God created all men equal. Like his pastor, in October, 1635, he received the "Great Censure" because of his views and was ordered to remove himself and his family from the jurisdiction of the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. This he did in March, 1638.

(To be continued in the September Quarterly.)

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MEMORIAL DAY---Speaker at Memorial Day Program.

Chester W. Wescott, Colonel in the United States Army Reserve, spoke at the annual Memorial Day Program, at Old Tappan, New Jersey.

Chester Wescott is a former Councilman, of Dumont, New Jersey, and currently resides in Bergenfield, New Jersey. He is presently assigned to the Staff and Command School of the U. S. A. R. Training Center, Paramus, New Jersey.

A former Commander of the George S. Greene Post #761, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Dumont, New Jersey. Wescott spoke on "What Memorial Day Means To You."

Note - Chester is a first cousin, of our National Treasurer, Alice W. Marroquin. All of us are proud of him.

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REMINDERS---Please take note.

1. Please try to make your reservations for Cooperstown Reunion, as early as possible.
2. Remember to pay your 1958 dues.
3. Items for scrapbook and Quarterly. Please send to Cousin, Eleanor L. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey.

HOPING TO SEE YOU AT COOPERSTOWN REUNION!!

HAPPY SUMMER TIME TO ALL!!

ACCOMMODATIONS IN COOPERSTOWN

NOTE: We cannot urge you too emphatically to get your reservations in early because Cooperstown is a popular summer resort town.

HOTEL: THE TREADWAY OTESAGA, Cooperstown, New York

Rates are daily per person American Plan (including three meals.)  
Deduct \$2.00 from listed rates for Modified American Plan (without luncheon)

1. Single room with private bath.  
\$14.00 to \$24.00 per person.
2. Single room with connecting bath.  
\$12.00 to \$21.00 per person.
3. Double bedrooms with bath.  
\$13.00 to \$18.00 per person.
4. Twin bedrooms with private bath.  
\$13.00 to \$21.00 per person.
5. Twin bedrooms with connecting bath.  
\$12.00 to \$16.00 per person.

MOTELS: COOPERSTOWN MOTEL (Just as you come into town. Farthest from the lake.)

1. Double bedrooms \$10.00 per night.
2. Twin bedrooms \$12.00 per night.

Ten Units. - \$2.00 for a cot.

Chestnut Street & Beaver Street, Route #28, Cooperstown,  
3 Blocks from Main Street. N.Y.

MOHICAN MOTEL (Very nice and clean.)

1. Double bedrooms - 2 double bedrooms \$10.00 per night.
2. 4 Family Units - with 2 double beds each - \$14.00 for 4 people. \$12.00 for 2 people.  
\$2.00 for a cot. TV Sets

90 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, N. Y. On Route #28.

(Tourists Homes On Next Page.)

TOURISTS HOMES:

Mrs. Laverne Curtis, 92 Chestnut St., Cooperstown, N.Y.

1. Three Bedrooms with double beds and single bed -  
\$7.00 Each Room.
2. One Twin Bedroom - \$10.00 Each Room.

(This was a very nice, clean and cool home.)  
(Right next to the Mohican Motel.)

Mrs. Charles Smith, 94 Chestnut St., Cooperstown, N.Y.

1. Two Bedrooms with double beds - \$5.00 Each Room.
2. One Twin Bedroom - \$6.00 Each Room.
3. Cots available - \$1.00

(Right next to Curtis home.)

Mrs. Edward Lindsay, 56 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, N.Y.

1. One Room on first floor, with single bed and a double bed, with running water - \$6.00 for 2 people.  
\$7.00 for 3 people.

(Bathroom upstairs.)

2. Two bedrooms upstairs connecting - One Twin Bedroom  
\$5.00 - One Double Bedroom - \$4.00

3. One bedroom with Single Bed and Double Bed.  
\$6.00 for 2 people.  
\$7.00 for 3 people.

(Kitchen privileges available with this room.)

Cots available for \$1.00.

Wilbur, 53 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, N.Y.

1. Three Rooms with double beds - \$4.00 Each Room.
2. One Room with Twin beds - \$5.00 Each Room.

NOTICE: Another notice will follow early in July, with final details of the program for the convention and also the price of the banquet and to whom the reservations should be sent.