

# 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---Marion Wescott Dorfler, our new President, writes: "Dear Cousins: It was gratifying to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new ones at Cooperstown, for our Twelfth Biennial Reunion. There were 63 present with 57 attending the Banquet. This is a fine showing but if we are to follow our Society motto 'Know Your Kindred Better', we must get out and meet one another. The local chapters can do much to keep up the interest until our next National Meeting in 1960 when we will be guests of the Rhode Island Chapter. Just as the National and State governments work together, so must our local and national groups supplement one another. Every member of our National Society receives the Quarterly which does a splendid job of keeping one up-to-date on family news. Be sure to get yours and do not forget to notify the secretary for any change of address.

I feel very strongly that we must do much to encourage our young people to join the Society. By entrusting many of the responsibilities to their care we will find that the organization will take on new life and enthusiasm. I know that everyone will agree that the music furnished by Billy Westcott and Betty Lou Townsend at the Banquet and Velma and Franklin Reed at the Memorial Service made our meeting more enjoyable. The name tags, hand-made by Alice Joyce Thronson were a fine mark of identification. The young folks have many talents, let's put them to work!

I can still taste the delicious Rhode Island Lobsters served at Susan Handy's home when we visited there in 1954. Let's make it necessary for that chapter to put on the biggest Clam-Bake ever, in 1960!

Sincerely yours,  
Marion Wescott Dorfler."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT---"Dear Cousins: Cousins who were present at our 1958 gathering in Cooperstown evidently had a very good time. I know my family did. I was sorry that many could not attend because of illness. The Dorflers with the aid of the Central New York Chapter worked hard to make it a real success. The activities were very well planned and well attended. The picnic at 'Three-Mile Point' on Otsego Lake was a busy 'chat' time for all. Brothers, Jay and George Westcott brought their father, Sanford, from Ypsilanti, Michigan.

SECRETARY'S REPORT---(Continued)

He was the surprise of the day, for he is 99 years of age and hopes to reach 100 years on October 7th, of this year. It is suggested that it may be a nice gesture to send individual birthday cards from all the "Westcott Cousins" to celebrate this birthday. His address is: Sanford Westcott, 1515 Congress Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

With 57 cousins at the Banquet, everyone had a jolly time. Our cousin, Mrs. Lena Munson, Of Canandaigua, New York was the oldest member to attend our Banquet. She is 87 years of age. Dr. Herbert E. Pickett, Director of Hyde Bay Camp for Boys, Cooperstown, was the speaker. His enjoyable address was, 'Local History and Those Who Made It.'

Sixty-Three cousins and a few guests signed our Westcott Register.

At the business meeting, through the generosity of Linda Pickens, wife of the late Dr. George D. Pickens (our former President from Arcade, New York), we will be able to have the die made for the Westcott Plaques, which we wish to have available for tombstones of our members. *Progeny*

As of January 31, 1958, we had a total of 215 paid memberships. Many new cousins have planned to become members and I have sent out applications to them.

Through the generosity of the Rhode Island Chapter we will meet at Rhode Island in the summer of 1960. Please keep this in mind and if you have never had a New England Clam Bake, it will be your opportunity to enjoy one in Susan and Tom Handy's lovely yard which they call "The Breezes".

Many thanks to all the cousins who helped with the gathering at Cooperstown! It was enjoyable for all.

Best Wishes to All,  
Cousin Eleanor."

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NEW OFFICERS--- Term 1958 - 1959 - 1960 Success in Your New Job!

President-- Mrs. Marion Wescott Dorfler  
213 Plymouth Court  
Brightwaters, New York

Vice-President--Mrs. Dorothy Westcott Plazer  
1520 Sheffield Road  
South Euclid 21, Ohio

Recording Secretary--Mrs. Mary Alice Westcott Norwine  
30 Glenwood Drive  
Short Hills, New Jersey

Corresponding Secretary--Mrs. Eleanor Wescott Trismen  
and  
Registrar 457 The Fenway  
River Edge, New Jersey

NEW OFFICERS---(Continued)

Treasurer--Mrs Alice Wescott Marroquin  
47 Davis Avenue  
Hackensack, New Jersey

Chaplain--Mr. William C. Driver  
"Larchmont Acres"  
Larchmont, New York

New Directors--- To replace Deceased Directors.

Miss Susan Westcott Handy  
"The Breezes"  
Manville, Rhode Island

Mr. Arthur E. Westcott  
Unadilla, New York

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CHAPTER NEWS--- Good Luck! Sounds Encouraging!

Promises of two new chapters which are to start shortly through the efforts of Mrs. Harold Perdue and Mrs. H. Phillips Wescott.

Mrs. Harold Perdue, of Griswold, Iowa will start an Iowa Chapter and Mrs. H. Phillips Wescott, of Bloomfield, Connecticut will start a Connecticut Chapter.

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NEW MEMBERS---Happy Days with Our Society!

#484 - Miss Dolly Stone  
1580 Plainfield Street, Cranston, Rhode Island

#485 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Havey Perdue  
Elliott, Iowa

#486 - Mr. & Mrs. Claude Hugh Perdue  
Box 62  
Griswold, Iowa

#487 - Mr. & Mrs. William Pattison Avery  
41 Davis Avenue  
Absecon, New Jersey

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BIRTH---Congratulations!

Lorin Lou Satterfield, born July 5, 1958, new daughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Satterfield, of 34 Ardmore Road, Needham Heights, Massachusetts,

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DEATHS---With Deepest Sympathy!

Alvin S. Westcott, 89 years of age, died on April 25, 1958, in Englewood, New Jersey Hospital. He was a Fort Lee resident. Members of Whitehead Lodge 184, F. and A. M. conducted Services at the Hens Funeral Home, at Fort Lee. Mr. Westcott who lived at 4 Valley Place, was born in Gorham, Maine, but had lived here more than 50 years. He was associated with the Consolidated Edison Company, of New York. He had retired 30 years ago. Surviving is his wife, Allura Westcott. Mr. Westcott was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Portland, Maine.

Alfred L. Westcott (Item sent by Violet Greene)

No date given for death, but the year was 1958.

"Alfred L. Westcott, of 159 Walnut Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey, a retired oyster boat captain, died at his home Tuesday evening. He had been bedridden the past five years. He was 88 years. Mr. Westcott was a member of the Eagles and Moose Lodges.

Surviving are a niece, Eunice Clark, Flushing, New York and nephews, Howard and Floyd Westcott of Camden. Services were conducted on Saturday at 2 P.M. and burial followed in the Old Stone Church Cemetery.

Charles J. Woods, 71 years, of 225 Kensington Place, Syracuse, New York, died June 16, 1958. He had been struck by a car last November 29th and never completely recovered from the accident. His wife Laura M. Woods attended our Cooperstown Banquet this year.

Mr. Woods was district manager, in charge of sales, in Syracuse area for Natco Corporation, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was employed for 40 years.

A member of the Euclid Methodist Church and was affiliated with the Seneca River Lodge, F. & A. M., also a veteran of World War 1 and a member of Post 41, American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Mogg Woods; a son Arthur F. Woods, of Wyckoff, New Jersey; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Murphy, of De Witt, New York; six grandchildren; his mother, Abbie J. Woods, a sister Margaret J. Woods and a brother, Benjamin F. Woods, of Plainville, New York.

Mrs. Amy Westcott Keen, 86, died at her home, 14 Van Meter Terrace, Salem, New Jersey, in this year 1958. Amy was an associate member of our society, being descended from Richard Westcott 1. She was one of the oldest members of the First Methodist Church and had long been a member of the Oak Leaf Bible Class.

She was the widow of Lorenzo Keen, who died three years ago. She is survived by sons Asa and Morris Keen both of Salem, New Jersey, and a daughter Frances Arlington.

Burial in Sharpton Methodist Cemetery.

Susan Morris Blackall, of California (refer to June 1958 Quarterly) #1 member of our Society, was buried at Oneonta, New York.

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ILLNESS---Society Hopes For The Complete Recovery of the  
Following Cousins

Susan Kline Whitman, dear wife of our Founder. Her daughter, Dorothy writes, "Mother's eye operation has been very successful and she is convalescing nicely. We have a very good nurse under whose care we hope mother will completely gain her strength."

Helen M. Wiestling, M. D. sent a note to Alice Marroquin, that she had been very ill and hopes she is recovered by now.

Ethel Clarke - First National Secretary of our Society.

According to a letter received from her niece, Gwendolyn Jones, saying Ethel had had a cerebral thrombosis and had been in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City for some weeks. Ethel is home again and on the road to recovery.

Lieutenant Colonel Ira J. Emery, husband of our late president, Nettie Emery, has had a series of operations on his face at the Crile Hospital, in Cleveland, Ohio.

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BIRTHDAYS TO REMEMBER---Congratulations!

Mrs. Harlow Stafford, of New Rochelle, New York had her 105th birthday May 30, 1958; born 1853 before the Civil War.

Mrs. Lena Munson, of Canandaigua, New York will be 87 years of age on October 2, 1958; born in 1871.

Mrs. Violet Greene, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania had her 83rd birthday on June 22, 1958; born in 1875.

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LETTER---Cousins Les and Irene Wescott, of Salamanca, New York, writes about their son, Jimmie: "We hear regularly from Jim. He has just been placed in the 'planning' branch on dial telephones at Stuttgart, Germany. He is the only enlisted man in the office; others are officers, technical representatives and German Dial men. He is thrilled with his new assignment.

He has made some week-end trips and has been into Austria as well as in the Bavarian Alps to ski. He is saving his long leave for a trip this summer and is planning to tour France, England and attend the World's Fair at Brussels, also going into Holland, Sweden and Norway. He will go with another G. I. who has a car. He is having some wonderful experiences but we will be so happy when he gets back home. Jim has 18 months of his enlisted time in now.

Remember us to the rest of the clan.

Sincerely,  
Irene Wescott."

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EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY---(Continued From June Issue)

"He (Stukely) joined his pastor in the Providence Plantations and in the same year (1638) was received by Roger Williams as one of the original proprietors, his name appearing first on the list, and in that year, with Williams and ten others, he again affirmed his christian faith by helping to organize the First Baptist Church in America, the present old First Baptist Church of Providence. Likewise soon after he removed from Providence to "Old Warwick", he joined (1647) with his old friend William Arnold and ten others, in uniting in church relations and agreed to support the faith and practice the principles of Christ's doctrine, retaining his membership in the church at Providence where he attended services whenever possible."

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DOCTOR'S DEGREE--- An article, from Charles J. Westcott, of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, Society Director, about his son Malcolm R. Westcott who is also a member of our Westcott clan: "On June 21, 1958, Malcolm R. Westcott of 37 Leslie Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy in clinical psychology, at Harvard University. *to his book*

Graduated from Central High School, Dunmore, Pennsylvania in 1946 as class president, a member of the National Honorary Society. He entered Syracuse University as a holder of a Scranton Alumni Club Scholarship and while there was elected to membership in Psy Chi; the National Honorary Society of Psychologists, and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. In 1950 he received his Bachelor of Arts degree and in 1951 he received a degree of Master of Science from Pennsylvania State University.

For his Doctorate at Harvard he wrote a thesis on "Certain Characteristics of Anxiety". He has been appointed professor in the department of psychology at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

His wife is the former, Maureen Page, of East Orange, New Jersey. They have one son, Terrence, two years old."

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ATTENTION YOUNGER SET

On the next page you will find a new section specially dealing with news and information concerning the Junior Westcotts of our Society.

Please send items for this section to the Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey.

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JUNIOR WESTCOTTS NEWS

No. 1

Note- My son Bruce Trismen suggested to me that it might be nice to have a "Junior Westcotts News Page" in our Quarterly. I brought it up at the Cooperstown Business Meeting. Everyone thought it a fine idea. Please send items about your young folks and their activities to Mrs. Eleanor Trismen.

Betty Lou Townsend, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Morris Townsend, of Oneonta, New York will teach voice in the Oneonta Junior High School next year.

Melayn Dorfler, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dorfler, of Brightwaters, New York won her riflery, pioneering and riding badges this summer at "Camp Golden Arrow" for Girls at Georges Mills, New Hampshire.

Rich Wescott, son of Colonel & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott, of Bergenfield, New Jersey was graduated from Bergenfield High School last June and will attend New Hampton Prep School at New Hampton, New Hampshire this fall.

Bruce Trismen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Trismen, of River Edge, New Jersey plays drums in the River-Dell Senior High Band. The Band rehearsed the week of August 25th through 29th for the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City, New Jersey. On September 2nd they will take part in the colorful parade. There are about 75 members in the Band and the colors of their uniform are black and gold with white cross bars.

The Arthur Westcott family of Unadilla, New York has a four piece orchestra. Son, Billy plays the organ in their local church.

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REMINDERS TO ALL MEMBERS

1. Send Items for Quarterly and Scrap Book to Mrs. Eleanor Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey.
2. Don't forget your Dues - Send to Mrs. Alice Marroquin, 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey.
3. Find another Cousin! Let us make our Society the finest and largest of its kind in America. Let us express our freedom of thought and ideas, for which we are so blessed in America.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TIME! !