


THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY



Quarterly--March, June, September, December--noting activities of 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.

Dec. 1958

"Know Your Kindred Better"

Vol. XXV No.100

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

CHAPTER NEWS---Greater New York Chapter No. 3 - There will be no meeting this fall. The National Board of Directors meeting, which usually is held at the time of the Greater New York Chapter, will be postponed until next spring. Notice will be sent out when the date of the spring (1959) meeting is decided.

NEW IOWA CHAPTER---A letter from Dorothy Perdue, of Griswold, "How nice it was on arriving home the first of September, from our trip to the East, to find your letter and material awaiting us. It has taken me quite a while to get things arranged, but thought I would drop you a few lines telling you of our plans, so that you would be expecting to hear within a week or so of our 'Iowa Westcott Chapter' organization.

We are having the meeting at our house on Sunday, November 16th and do hope the weather cooperates.

We did enjoy the gathering at Cooperstown and meeting so many nice people. I only hope that some day in the future we in Iowa, will be able to entertain you.

Did you know we spent two nights with Rachel Baker after leaving the reunion. We had never dreamed of doing such a thing but did enjoy our visit in her home. She took us to visit Grandma Moses and to Bennington and the museum.

Will be writing you again soon.

Love, Dorothy."

NEW MEMBERS---Many Happy Times with Our Society!

#488 - Mrs. Horace F. Kuhn
South Main Street, Machias, New York

#489 - Mrs Lucius W. Hitchcock
145 Holley Street, Brockport, New York

#490 - Mrs. Clinton Paul Erlenback
R. D., Ghent, New York

NEW MEMBERS---(Continued)

- #491 - Mr. & Mrs. James J. Logan
64 Main Street, Unadilla, New York
- #492 - Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Westcott
R. D. #2, Unadilla, New York
- #493 - Mrs. Amity Lake Quackenbush
42 Parsons Avenue, Hoosick Falls, New York
- #494 - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar J. Campney
Box 74, Fort Ann, New York
- #495 - Mrs. Donald S. Taylor
1576 Plainfield Street, Cranston, Rhode Island
- #496 - Mr. & Mrs. Carlos R. Merrick
856 College Avenue, Menlo Park, California
- #497 - Miss Lucy E. Cooke
16 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, New York
- #498 - Mr. Walter Westcott
131 East Street, Oneonta, New York
- #499 - Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Dumond Wescott
1100 N. W. 45th Street, Miami 37, Florida
- #500 - Mr. Lyle Dumond Wescott, Jr.
Box 1989, Georgia Tech., Atlanta, Georgia
- #A-38- Mrs. Frederick W. Van Orden
1512 Lawrenceville Road, Trenton 8, New Jersey
- #A-39- Mrs. Gertrude Forrest
106 Brandywine Avenue, Downingtown, Pennsylvania

BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Michele Louise Mercer, born October 4, 1958, daughter of Mr. Jesse E. and Maurine Joyce (Perdue) Mercer, granddaughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Perdue, of Griswold, Iowa.

Michael Eugene Perdue, born October 5, 1958, son of Mr. Marlin Eugene and Marilyn Margaret (King) Perdue, grandson of our members Mr. & Mrs. Harold Perdue, of Griswold, Iowa.

Allan Frederick Westcott, born January 28, 1958 son of Allan C. Westcott and his wife Audrey, of Annapolis, Maryland. Grandson of our late Past President Dr. Allan F. Westcott and his wife Mrs. Allan F. Westcott.

DEATH---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Carleton Leonard Westcoat, of 290 Prospect Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey, died November 11, 1958 in Valley Hospital, after a brief illness. He was 79 years of age and a faithful member of our Society.

He was a retired sales manager of the Malt Diastase Company, Brooklyn, New York, manufacturers of Malt Products.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Carter, of Ridgewood, a son, C. Seymour Westcoat, of New York City and a grandson, David C. Carter.

Funeral services were held at the C. C. Van Emburgh Funeral Home and he was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

LETTER---from Dolly Stone, of Cranston, Rhode Island.

"Dear Eleanor, Ruth and I did really enjoy the Westcott meeting at Cooperstown. Our trip home was also very pleasant.

From about the time I was four, our family was very closely associated with a Westcott family here at Thornton (a part of Cranston, not far from Dr. Niles Westcott's home.)

I am very pleased to have my Westcott line and I thank you so much for looking it up for me.

The Dr. Lester Howard, whose death was mentioned in the June, 1958 Quarterly, is a descendant of the same Isaac Howard from whom I am descended. The original Isaac Howard settled in Foster, Rhode Island in the early 1700's.

I am already looking forward to the Rhode Island meeting in 1960.

Sincerely,
Cousin, Dolly M. Stone."

ILLNESS---Speedy Recovery!

Cousin, Maude Carnahan, of 412 Monroe Street, Jamestown, New York, was taken ill in October. After a siege at the hospital, she says she is recovering nicely at home. While at the hospital, one of her nurses was a Mrs. Joseph Westcott so there was lots of family history to talk about.

NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT---from Brightwaters, New York

"I had word from Susan Handy that the Society Gavel, which was made from the old tree at the late Dr. Niles Westcott's place at Oaklawn, Rhode Island, is being engraved and she will send it to me soon.

Sue also says, "We had such a pleasant evening at 'Westcote', the home of Alice Baxter. We are so very happy she is living in the old Westcott home formerly owned by Dr. & Mrs. Niles Westcott."

Marion Dorfler.

Sanford H. Westcott---A Centennial Birthday Is Celebrated.

Sanford H. Westcott reached his 100 years on October 7, 1958. Many of us saw him at Cooperstown in August, which he attended with his two sons. In the Washington, D. C. Evening Star there was a nice article about Sanford. The 100 year old former educator remembers that he cried when Lincoln was shot.

Sanford wears glasses for reading only and is just slightly deaf. He says about his long life, "It isn't so much what I have done; it's what I haven't done."

He retired 40 years ago after serving 32 years in Southern Michigan schools, 24 of them as Superintendent.

He lives with his daughter, Mrs. B. E. McLaughlin, of 2724 Fort Scott Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

Thanks to Cousins Ruth Johnson and Harry Westcott for sending the interesting article about Sanford.

EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY---(Continued from September Quarterly)

"Stukely's civic as well as his religious life was constantly active in the interests of the Young Colonial, and his children and grandchildren were no less faithful in this duty. He was eight times a member of the Court Commissioners from Warwick, General Assistant (Lt. Governor) of Providence Plantations (1653), many years a member of the Town Council, a surveyor for years of the land acquired from the Indians and held divers important committee appointments. He became one of the most extensive planters in the Colony, owning, at one time upward of more than seven thousand acres of land in what is now Providence County in Rhode Island and as such, took a leading part in the settling and developing of the whole section."

WESTCOTT PLAQUES---More Information About Same.

In our September Quarterly the fact was mentioned that Linda Pickens kindly gave us the money to have the die made by the United States Bronze Sign Company, for our Society plaques. It was decided that, since Linda was so kind to give us the money, we should have the first plaque made for her late husband, Dr. George D. Pickens. The Society has ordered it.

We will run the advertisement continually for the two types of plaques, now made available to all cousins.

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque: at \$24.00 each, in Bronze, measuring about 6"x9", with 4 screws to fasten on stone. The plaque includes our Coat-Of-Arms, person's name and Society name. Example: Dr. Picken's plaque read ---

"IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR PRESIDENT

GEORGE D. PICKENS, D.D.S.

SOCIETY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS OF AMERICA."

WESTCOTT PLAQUES---(Continued)

Each plaque is made up individually, with our Coat-Of-Arms at the top and members name underneath.

2. Wall Plaque: Westcott Coat-Of-Arms only, \$12.00 each, suitable for hanging on wall, measuring about 5"x7" in Bronze mounted on walnut with chain for hanging.

It takes from 4 to 6 weeks to have plaques made up. Either plaque will make a thoughtful gift. In regard to the Memorial Plaque, your local mason will screw it to your family stone.

The orders for the plaque should be sent to the Secretary, so that Mrs. Trismen can keep track of the number of plaques ordered. Secretary's Address:

Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen
457 The Fenway
River Edge, New Jersey

Please enclose your check and be sure to make your check out to "The United States Bronze Sign Co." Your secretary will forward it to that company.

Also in regard to Memorial Plaque, send the correct spelling of the name to be placed on the plaque.

Rebecca Westcott---Our New Associate Member, Mrs. Frederick W. Van Orden sent the following data.

Research on the "Cook" family, by Dr. Alfred Cook, "Descendants of Thomas Cook", Part I, "The Rhode Island Cooks".

"Thomas Cook Senior, the progenitor of our family is said to have resided at the Earle's Colne, on the Colne River, some sixty miles from London. He landed at Boston, 1635; was one of the fifty-four founders of Taunton, Massachusetts in 1637; and settled on the island of Rhode Island which was called Afindneck in 1643. This island had been purchased by some company of which Ann Hutchinson, the religious agitator was a member. Some declare that our Thomas Cook, with Richard Borden and Ralph Earle, was the founder of Portsmouth Township on this island where he lived. It is a township that has no villages or hamlets. There is, however, a building on it containing a library."

It was not known, with certainty, who was the wife of Thomas Cook Senior, but some consider that she was Rebecca Westcott and a sister of Stukely Westcott, who lived in Rhode Island. After the death of his wife, Rebecca, Thomas Cook Senior, married a second wife, Mary, believed to have been a sister of Giles Slocum, a neighbor of Thomas Cook. After Thomas died Mary married Jeremiah Brown.

1. Thomas Cook, Sr., married (1) Rebecca (Westcott)?

Children: 1. Thomas Cook, Jr.

2. John Cook married Mary Borden.

3. George Cook who went away.

4. Sarah Cook married Peter Parker.

5. Rebecca Cook

Thomas Cook, Sr., married (2) Mary (Slocum)?

ADDRESS CHANGES---Please note.

Mr. & Mrs. Jarrold C. W. Patterson
3202 Coolidge Street
Royal Oak, Michigan

Mrs. Grayce Chenoweth
Box 73
Cleveland, New York

Mrs. V. Stukely Westcott
Gilman, Vermont
C/O Roger Westcott

Professor Malcolm R.
Westcott
20 Vassar View Road
Poughkeepsie, New York

Mrs. Joseph A. Guthrie
2308 W. 69th Street
Prairie Village, Kansas

Mr. & Mrs. David R. Wistar
2422 Berkshire Drive
Upper St. Clair Township
Brigeville, Pennsylvania

Commander & Mrs. John H. Warner, Jr.
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts
(F-6) C/O Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. & Mrs. Randall L.
Wescott
Office: 636 Church St.
Evanston, Ill.

Home: 9229 Avers Avenue
Skokie, Illinois

Notice - Does any Cousin know the new address of our Cousin,
Mrs. Harry L. Waugh, whose last known address was 13 North
5th Street, Fulton, New York?

UNPLACED WESTCOTT'S

In the Asbury Park Press of August 22, 1958 - "Mrs. Adolph
Heller, formerly Maude Westcott, who has as her guest, in Los Angeles,
Miss Laura Collier, 407 Sewall Avenue, Asbury Park. Mrs. Heller once
was Director of Music, at Asbury Park High School, New Jersey."

In the New York Times of October 3, 1958 - Mrs. Lloyd Wescott
headed the Committee for an Art Exhibit and Sale held on October 4th,
at the Karen Horney Clinic, at 115 East 31st Street, New York City,
New York.

Can anybody shed any light on just who these Wescott's might
be?

JUNIOR WESTCOTT'S NEWS

No. 2

Jim Westcott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Westcott, of Unadilla, New York, plays first clarinet with the High School Band and also has occasionally played with his Father's Band for dancing.

Billy Westcott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Westcott plays trombone in the School Band, at Unadilla, New York and is the substitute organist at the Methodist Church, in Unadilla.

Butch (Art) & Harvey, younger sons of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Westcott are playing in the Junior Band at school.

Rich Wescott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott, of Bergenfield, New Jersey is now attending New Hampton Prep School in New Hampton, New Hampshire, played a key role in the compilation of a brilliant 7-1 record by the New Hampton School varsity football team. He figured prominently in Coach Joe Gauld's V-formation with the liberal use of the rollout option play.

REMINDERS.

1. More Members - Send to Secretary for Applications.
(Notice we have 15 new members, keep this good work up.)
2. Kindly send address changes to the Secretary.
3. Parents! Please send talents and activities of your Junior Westcotts to the Secretary for the Quarterly.
4. Articles for Scrapbook and Letters for the Quarterly.
5. Have you sent Alice Marroquin your 1958 dues?
Her address - 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, N.J.
6. Send orders, with check, for Westcott plaques.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!
FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE WESTCOTT SOCIETY
TO ALL OF OUR COUSINS!!