

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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

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CHAPTER NEWS---Vermont Chapter No. 5 - From Rita Sanders, "Edward Jay of Rochester, Vermont was re-elected president of the Stukely Westcott Society, Vermont Chapter, at the annual reunion held on August 24th, 1958, at the Arch Drake Cottage, on Lake St. Catherine. More than 100 relatives were present from Vermont, New York and Massachusetts.

Other Officers re-elected were:

Mrs. Lydia Springer of Rutland - Vice President  
Mrs. Ruth Smith of Turnbridge - Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Rita Sanders of Rochester - Corresponding Secretary  
Mrs. Alice Eastman of Salem, New York - Treasurer  
(To succeed Guy Wescott of Springfield.)

A short musical program included guitar solos and duets by Sharon Colty of Hudson Falls, New York and Gerald Jay of Glen Falls, New York. Vocal selections by children concluded the program.

The 1959 Reunion will be held at the Baptist Church Green in East Poultney, Vermont.

A plaque and mallet were presented to the Society by the president, Edward Jay. Both articles were hand-made. The coat-of-arms of the Society was drawn and painted on the plaque by Wilbert Smith of Turnbridge, Vermont.

Four generations were twice represented at the reunion.

1. Mother, Mrs. Frank Jay down to her great-grandson.
2. Mother, Mrs. Hudson Reed down to her great-grandson.

Sincerely,  
Rita Sanders."

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IOWA CHAPTER NO. 9---Letter from Dorothy Perdue, Jan 14, 1959  
"At last the holidays are past, so perhaps, I can settle down to things which I have been putting off during all the rush.

To-day we drove to Omaha so I stopped to see Ione Swanson and had her sign our chapter application which you sent me.

CHAPTER NEWS---(Continued)

We hope to have members from all over the state, in fact, we do have some from the very northeastern part of Iowa as well as from this southwestern part.

My niece, Mrs. Lary and I plan to send letters to everyone in Iowa who is eligible to join, telling them of the time and place of our next meeting.

Love,  
Dorothy

P. S. We have so many pleasant memories of the last meeting at Cooperstown, New York and do hope we may attend the Rhode Island one in 1960."

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GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER #10---Letter from Dorothy Plazer,  
"I am enclosing the application for a charter for the Greater Cleveland Chapter, of the Stukely Westcott Society of America.

I am hoping to have applications for new members in your hands shortly.

We enjoyed the Cooperstown meeting last summer and are looking forward to the meeting in 1960.

After leaving Cooperstown we drove along the Susquehanna River to the Pennsylvania border, following the route taken by the Continental Army in its march on the northern New York Indian tribe. From the Pennsylvania border we went north to Montour Falls, the site of Queen Catherine's town, where we spent three days.

Very truly yours,  
Dorothy W. Plazer."

December 29, 1958

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NEW MEMBERS---Happy Times with us!

#501 - Mrs. Eva L. (Carey) Conrad  
R. F. D. #2, Windsor, New York

#502 - Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tiffany  
R. F. D. #2, Windsor, New York

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BIRTH---Congratulations to the Proud Parents!

Charles Frederick Westcott, born January 12, 1959, son of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Westcott, Jr., of 55 James Road, Bloom-all Pennsylvania, also grandson of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Westcott, Sr., of Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

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MARRIAGES---Many Happy Years Together!

Our former Society President, Dr. F. Howard Westcott was married on Friday, December 26, 1958 at Rye, New York to Mrs. Georgia (Winters) Candler, of New York and Rye, New York.

Mrs. Candler is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Winters, of Brooklyn, New York. Her first marriage was terminated by divorce.

Dr. Westcott's first wife was the late Gertrude Henrietta Levin, of Jamestown, New York. She passed away at Tenafly, New Jersey in 1957.

Dr. and Mrs. Westcott now reside at 19 Woodhill Road, Tenafly, New Jersey.

Miss Theresa Ann Gronemeier, grand-daughter of our former associate members, Mr. & Mrs. Wrench, of Monticello, Illinois was married on Saturday, December 27, 1958 to Merle Charles Garvis, of Saybrook, Illinois. Both are seniors at Illinois State Normal University.

Theresa's great aunt, Grace Paugh writes that, "Theresa wore the 140 year old ring of Mary Rebecca (Dare) Westcott's, for her 'something old'."

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DEATHS---Deepest Sympathy from the Society!

Miss Maude L. Carnahan passed away suddenly on December 27, 1958. Her sister writes "Maude was 82 years old last July 2nd and had not been feeling well for several months from a cardiac condition. Maude was much interested in "Westcott" affairs.

Sincerely,

Leonora C. Graburn."

Note: A notice of Maude's illness was placed in the December 1958 Quarterly. We are so sorry we didn't have the pleasure of meeting her.

Mrs. Sarah (Wescott) Woodward passed away on July 25, 1958. Her niece, Miss Elizabeth M. Wescott, our associate member writes, "My aunt, Mrs. Woodward had fallen and broken her hip and three days later after pinning her hip she had a heart spell. She was with her daughter-in-law doing shopping when it happened. She died in Cornwall Hospital, Cornwall, New York on July 25th; the last of her family. She was buried in New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sarah would have celebrated 50 years as a D. A. R. soon.

Sincerely,

Cousin, Elizabeth M. Wescott. "

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DEATHS---(Continued)

Mrs. Helen (Westcott) Christian of Cleveland, Ohio died on December 13, 1958. Her step-daughter, Florence Christian Schaefer says that "Helen had been quite ill since November. She was buried in Otsego, Delaware County, New York. Helen's father, Harry Westcott and wife, Estella are buried at Milford, New York.

The above information was sent in by Florence Christian Schaefer and Florence goes on to say, "My grandfather, Cortland Westcott and Mary Elizabeth, his wife and my mother, Mabel Westcott Christian are buried in Milford, New York.

How I did want to go to the reunion last summer, as that part of the country is so well known to me.

I am all alone in the world now, just a cousin and her family on my father's side, living in California.

How nice it would be if some of my Westcott cousins would adopt a lonely widow, by writing.

I would love a wall plaque, but have to live on a very little, so extras have to pass me by.

I enjoy your Quarterly.

Sincerely,  
Florence Christian Schaefer  
36 - 9th Avenue,  
South Charleston 3, West Virginia."

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Gertrude Marchant Wescott, died September 10th, 1958, at Saratoga Springs, New York. She had been a resident of Halfmoon, New York, for the past 22 years, widow of Reverend Myron Wescott, minister of the former Baptist Church, of Stillwater, New York, from 1915-1919. Reverend Myron Wescott was an early Chaplain, of our Westcott Society. Mrs. Wescott is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Harriet Ricks, of Great Neck, New York and one son Frederick Wescott, of Vestal, New York; four grandsons and one great grand-daughter. Mrs. Wescott was an aunt of our president of our Society, Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, of Brightwaters, New York, Mrs. Edward Marroquin, of Hackensack, New Jersey and Mr. Chester W. Wescott, Bergenfield, New Jersey. Our member, Mr. Charles H. Wescott, Hackensack, New Jersey was her brother-in-law.

Mrs. Wescott was buried in Tallman, New York.

Note: Rachel Baker sent in the above death notice.

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

"Stukely's wife, Juliana Marchants, died before 1670. They had six children, all born in England and twenty grandsons and nineteen grand-daughters. Damaris, the eldest child married the eldest son of William Arnold, whose name was Benedict, the first Governor of Rhode Island under the Royal Charter. William Arnold and his family made the crossing from England with Stukely.

EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY---(Continued)

Samuel Westcott, the second child died, probably while the family was living in Salem, Massachusetts. Robert Westcott, the third child, whose wife is known only as Katherine, settled late in life in the old Quidnessett section of North Kingstown, Rhode Island (1670). Robert was killed in "King Philip" War (1675). Amos Westcott, the fourth child, married twice, daughters of Thomas Stafford. Mercy Westcott, the fifth child, married Samuel Stafford, son of Thomas. Jeremiah Westcott, youngest of the children, married Eleanor England, daughter of William. Damaris lived in Newport, Rhode Island, while Amos, Mercy and Jeremiah lived in old Warwick. All of the children, except Samuel, have many living descendants.

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NEWS OF OUR COUSIN, GRANDMA STAFFORD---Of New Rochelle, N.Y.

"Dear Cousins; My grandmother has not been too well this past year (Grandma's 106th year). She is having trouble with her eyes and finds it hard to be reconciled to it. Because of her delicate condition we weren't able to open our Old Lynn, Connecticut house last summer and missed it greatly. We enjoy the Westcott news and hear some news from Fran Driver.

Guess you know that Gram is the oldest D. A. R. in our nation.

Love,  
Dorothy Kershaw."

Note: If you wish to send Gram a note or card, she will be 106 years of age on May 30th.

Her address Mrs. Harlow Stafford  
84 Hillside Avenue  
New Rochelle, New York

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WESTCOTT PLAQUE---Now available on order.

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. Each plaque is made up individually.

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 a few weeks to have plaques made up, so, send in orders early. In regard to the Memorial Plaque, have your local mason fasten it to your family stone.

Make your checks out to "The United States Bronze Sign Company" and mail to the Secretary, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway River Edge, New Jersey.

WESTCOTT PLAQUE---(Continued)

Be sure to send correct spelling of one's name if you wish the tombstone plaque.

Linda Pickens, widow of our late President, Dr. George D. Pickens, of Arcade, New York, sent a note that the plaques arrived safely and she likes them very much.

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NOTE FROM LES & IRENE WESCOTT---Christmas, 1958, Salamanca,  
New York

"Thought you would be glad to know that Jim will probably be home for the holidays. He is leaving Germany this Friday, he has been there 15 months. He saved up his leave time and last summer he and another GI toured Europe for 21 days in a small foreign make car. They had a wonderful trip, visited eleven countries including the World's Fair. He will have a lot to tell us and I know he is anxious to get back and be a civilian again.

Hope you are all well.

Love,  
Irene."

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DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTTS' CHRISTMAS LETTER---December, 1958

"I'm home again this winter to finish revision of that big PLANT DISEASE HANDBOOK, but probably will not make the March first deadline - too many new diseases, chemicals, taxonomic changes.

Perhaps the Ford and I will never again have one of those leisurely southern winters. My dates are now quick jumps throughout the year. In February, I switched from train to plane for Charlotte, N. C., when snow idled the P.R.R.'s engines. In March, I talked to the New England Rose Society in a blinding snowstorm, then drove to Washington only to have their big snow cancel that lecture. In April, a train-plane combination gave me a delightful day in Willoughby, Ohio, where Lucille Kissack dispensed open-handed hospitality. Highlight was tea with the garden club president, sitting on the floor feeding her baby raccoons. Then on to Chicago to plead for research funds at the rose society dinner. A flying trip to Kansas at the end of May to report on rose research to the American Rose Society, brought me home just in time to finish baking cookies for ROSE DAY. The weather was fine and about 800 people came to meet my brother and sister-in-law.

Summer gave me two or three weekends at the Long Island cabin but I closed it up again in August. September meant a flight to Knoxville to the Tennessee-Kentucky rose meeting, again with my hand out for the American Rose Foundation, and our own Rose Show; where I fed everyone coffee and cookies before, during, and after the Show, gave luncheon to judges and workers. Early October meant a date in Charlottesville, Virginia ( and my first visit to Monticello), a talk in Washington to the American Rose Society, Colonial District, attendance at the Fall Board Meeting of National Council of State Garden Clubs at New Bern, North Carolina, with another plea for the Rose Foundation at Rocky Mount

DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTTS' LETTER---(Continued)

on the way home. Late October meant Savannah, with participation in a Public Relations Panel at the annual meeting of the National Agricultural Chemicals Association. I was flattered to be asked to appear at this men's meeting but I did have background of experience in this line. Much of my time recently has been spent reassuring people about public pest control programs and trying to get individual gardeners to read the labels on their pesticides and to use them safely.

This fall, amid tears on both sides, I informed all my clients that after 25 years of day-laboring in their gardens I was "retiring" in favor of less strenuous consulting, writing, and lecturing. I am not leaving them entirely stranded, for Henry, who has helped me for 8 years, is taking over on his own, but I shall miss my wonderful clients and taking pride in their healthy roses. Possibly when I am no longer actively spraying, I can no longer write well but I hope to keep in touch via consultations and it will be fun to have time for my own garden. Meanwhile I treasure a beautiful silver Paul Revere bowl inscribed, "From Your Short Hills Friends - 1958" and the memory of Florence McNeill's farewell party where the client-friends overwhelmed me with a big check and a telegram from Helen Hayes.

Happy New Year  
Cynthia Westcott"

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ANSWER OF AN "UNPLACED WESTCOTT"---January, 1959.

In regard to the identity of Mrs. Lloyd Wescott mentioned in the December, 1958 Quarterly, our member, Mrs. Van Orden sent in word that she believes that Mrs. Lloyd Wescott is the wife of Lloyd B. Wescott who is President of the State Board of Institutions and Agencies of New Jersey. He is also an outstanding New Jersey dairyman.

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ITEM FROM MRS. FREDERICK VAN ORDEN---Trenton Evening  
Time, January 23, 1959.

"The 866 acre Mulhocaway Farm in the Spruce Run Reservoir site near Clinton in the Hunterdon County, New Jersey area has been sold to the state at a price reported to be \$800,000. It has been owned by Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd B. Wescott.

Mulhocaway Farm is the largest single tract in Union and Clinton townships due to be flooded for the 1,375 acre state owned reservoir. It included 17 homes and four sets of barns.

Wescott said state officials asked him not to discuss the price until all lands for the reservoir had been acquired.

Among the dwellings is the Wescott residence, a four-story former mill remodeled by the Wescott's at a reported cost of almost \$100,000.

Last October, the Wescott's purchased the 290 acre farm of band leader Paul Whitman near Lambertville. Wescott plans to move his herd of nearly 300 pure bred Guernsey cows to the former Whitman farm in the spring after construction of barns.

ITEM FROM MRS. FREDERICK VAN ORDEN---(Continued)

The Wescott's have operated the Mulhocaway Farm since 1936. Besides his being President of State Department of Institutions, he is President of the Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

His wife is the former Barbara Harrison, a daughter of the late Francis Burton Harrison, former Congressman from New York and Governor-General of the Philippines."

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SOCIETY MEMBER #199---Please take note.

Mrs. Harry L. Waugh, is now residing with her daughter, Mrs. Charles McGill, 209 East Steuben Street, Bath, New York.

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ADDRESS CHANGES---Please make these changes on your lists.

Miss Myrtle I. Allen  
1235 West 95th Street  
Los Angeles 45, California

Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Wescott  
734 Pleasant Street  
Algonac, Michigan

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd E. Danielson  
14301 Martha Street  
Van Nuys California

Notice---Does any cousin know the new address of our cousins, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Wescott whose last known address was 231 W. Walnut Street, Oneida, New York?

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NOTE FROM SECRETARY---February, 1959.

Now that our Society starts its new year, Eleanor Trismen wishes to thank her Westcott cousins for sending vital family records and items for the Quarterly and scrapbook. Please remember our Society when you come across items of Westcotts.

Sad to say there were 21 members who failed to pay their 1958 dues. We cannot afford to lose all these members each year. Our membership is about 216 as of January, 1959. The dues notices are placed in the March Quarterly.

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JUNIOR WESTCOTT'S NEWS

NO. 3

Judith Wescott, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott, of Bergenfield, New Jersey, went up in November 1958 to Mt. Holyoke college at South Hadley, Massachusetts to be interviewed and making application for the possibility of entering there next year.

Rich Wescott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott, of Bergenfield, New Jersey spent Washington's Birthday week-end touring the state of Maine with his parents; to be interviewed and making application to Bates College at Lewiston, Maine and Colby College at Waterville, Maine.

Melayn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, (Mrs. Dorfler president of our National Stukely Westcott Society), of Brightwaters, New York and winner of a Regents College Scholarship, ranks tenth in her class with an average of 92.83. At graduation, Melayn will have completed majors in science, math., Spanish and Latin. She plans to study liberal arts in college next year.

Melayn is an active member of Leaders Club, and has been on the girls hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball teams. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Club and has served as a representative to the General Organization.

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REMINDERS

1. More Members - Send to Secretary for applications.
  2. Kindly send vital family records and address changes to the Secretary.
  3. Parents! Please send talents and aciivities of your young Westcotts' for the Quarterly.
  4. Articles for scrapbook and letters for the Quarterly.
  5. Kindly send Alice Marroquin your dues.  
Her address 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, N.J.
  6. Send in orders, with check, for Westcott plaques.
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HAPPY EASTER! ! FROM WESTCOTT SOCIETY OFFICERS! !