

# 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 AND GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER No. 3 ---On Sunday, May 24, 1959 the Greater New York Chapter had a gathering of cousins at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, at Woodhill Road, in Tenafly, New Jersey. There were twenty-five present and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. It was decided to have the picnic supper indoors, because of the chill in the air.

It was a pleasant surprise when Dr. Westcott brought forth a lovely 25th anniversary cake to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of our National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. The National Society was founded by Roscoe L. Whitman and a number of cousins, at the Lexington Hotel in New York City, on January 13, 1934.

Dr. Westcott showed movies of the first meeting of the clan, in the summer of 1935, at Salem, Massachusetts, when a pageant was given in honor of the landing of Stukely Westcott and his family on these shores. Stukely later went down to Rhode Island and helped to found Providence with Roger Williams.

The New York Chapter planned to meet again this year at the Knickerbocker Country Club in Tenafly, New Jersey, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day. All cousins are welcome--just let Dr. F. Howard Westcott know. His address is 19 Woodhill Road, Tenafly, New Jersey.

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RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NO. 2---A note from Susan Westcott Handy said that their chapter planned to have a luncheon meeting on Saturday, May 23rd, at 1:00 P. M. at the restored White Horse Tavern, 26 Marlborough Street, Newport, Rhode Island.

Ted and Olive Shippee and their children were to be guests at this luncheon because they are moving to Atlanta, Georgia in June.

The speaker was Mr. Robert J. Kerr II, Director of the Preservation Society of Newport County and was to speak about the work this society has done in Newport.

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NEW MEMBERS---Happy Days in our Society!

#503 - Mrs. George A. Callard  
412 Woodlawn Road, Baltimore 10, Maryland

#504 - Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Dillon,  
289 W. Lawrence Street, Albany, New York

A-40 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Baxter  
618 Ridge Road, Wilmette, Illinois

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BIRTHS---Congratulations to the Proud Parents!

Vivian Mary Reed, born October 5, 1959, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Elmo Reed of Devon, Connecticut and granddaughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Hudson Reed, of Poultney, Vermont.

Toby Arthur Westcott, born March 20, 1957 and Bonnie Jean Westcott, born April 14, 1958, both children of our members, Mr. Arthur James and Barbara (Ward) Westcott, of Massena, New York. Toby and Bonnie are also grandchildren of our members, Mrs. Arthur J. Westcott and the late Arthur J. Westcott, who established Westcott's stationery store in Massena, fifty years ago. Their new store address is 61 Main Street, Massena, New York.

Debra Elaine Marshall, born January 26, 1959 at Miami, Florida, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Marshall, Jr. Mrs. Marshall was Elaine Wescott before her marriage and is the daughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle D. Wescott, of Miami, Florida.

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MARRIAGE---Many Happy Years Together!

James Richmond Wescott, son of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Lester L. Wescott, of Salamanca, New York married Miss Diana Lou Blank, on Saturday, February 14, 1959, at the Laurelton Presbyterian Church, at Rochester, New York, at 3:30 P. M. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Willis C. Blank, of Lake Road, Hamlin, New York. Mrs. Charles Schliker was matron of honor and Mr. Gordon Bell was best man. Reception was held at the Ridgemont Country Club. The newly weds reside in Dunkirk, New York where both are employed by the New York Telephone Company. They honeymooned at Washington, D.C.

The bride is a graduate of Brockport High School and Jim is a graduate of Salamanca High School and the Rochester Institute of Technology. He returned the day before Christmas from duty in Germany with the United States Signal Corps.

Jim is closely related to Eleanor Wescott Trismen.

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DEATHS---Our Heartfelt Sympathy!

Reuben H. Westcott, of Oneonta, New York, died on July 25, 1958. He was 82 years of age, having been born, March 15, 1876.

Mary E. Wescott, of Dumont, New Jersey, died on February 25, 1959, wife of the late Nelson M. Wescott. She was a sister of Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Augusta Senton, Mrs. Eugene Senton and Mr. James McDonald.

Nellie Pickens Ellis, died February 28, 1959 at Chittenango, New York. She was 85 years of age having been born, May 6, 1874. Nellie was a sister of our late President, Dr. George D. Pickens, of Arcade, New York. Nellie's daughter, Georgia of Ghent, New York writes that her mother had been ill for over 2 years. Linda Pickens made the trip from Arcade to be present at her sister-in-law's funeral.

Emma Wescott Lowry, 75, wife of Samuel Lowry, died Saturday, April 6, 1959 at her home in North Adams, Massachusetts. Mrs. Lowry was born in Berlin, New York, daughter of Avery and Mary (Blair) Wescott. The Lowry's had lived in Williamstown, Massachusetts before moving to North Adams, seven years ago. Survivors, besides her husband, are two sons Leland Lowry of North Adams, Allen Lowry of Williamstown, one brother Perry Wescott of Petersburg, New York: two sisters, Mrs. Charles Goodermote and Mrs. Charles Shubart, both of Berlin; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lowry was buried in the Eastlawn Cemetery in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Mrs. Lowry was a 3rd cousin of Eleanor Trismen, both being descended from Arnold Wescott, of Berlin, New York.

H. Phillips Westcott, died Saturday, March 21, 1959 at Glastonbury, Connecticut, after a lingering illness. Services were held in the East Poultney Baptist Church, of Vermont. He was buried in the Middletown Springs Cemetery. Mr. Westcott was born in Wells, on November 18, 1901. the son of Rollin and Mariette(Phillips) Westcott. He was a member and honorary deacon of the East Poultney Baptist Church and a member of the Poultney Valley Grange. He had lived in Poultney more than 35 years, but moved to Connecticut two years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Lake Westcott; four daughters, Mrs. William Avery, of Absecon, New Jersey; Mrs. Charles Dennis, of Rockville, Connecticut; Mrs. Donald Reed, of Wells, Vermont and Mrs. Franklin Reed, East Poultney, Vermont; a son Mr. Charles W. Westcott, of Terryville, Connecticut; 13 grandchildren; a brother, Mr. Harold Wescott, of East Poultney, Vermont; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Jay and Mrs. Hudson Reed of East Poultney, Vermont and Mrs. Wilbert Smith of Tunbridge, Vermont and several nieces and nephews.

Note: Some cousins will remember Mr. Westcott at our Coopers-town, New York gathering, in August of 1958.

John Howard Westcott, of Oswego, New York, passed away on April 16, 1959 at the Oswego Hospital. He was 45 years of age, having been born on January 27, 1914. John had been afflicted with multiple sclerosis for more than 8 years. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Louise (Gosier) Westcott; a brother, Harold Leslie Westcott, Jr. and Thelma A. Geary; also several nieces and nephews.

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ILLNESS---Speedy Recovery!

Note from Virginia Bepole of Chicago, dated March 17, 1959. says that cousin, Harriet Babcock Neill, of New York City was called to Oshkosh, Wisconsin before Christmas to help her sister, Ione in taking care of her mother, Louise who had had a fall and had broken her shoulder. Louise is 89 years of age and is the only living 1st cousin left of the 9th generation of Eleanor Trismen's late father, Joseph A. Wescott.

Cousin, Ellen H. Witzel, of Syracuse, New York writes that she has not been very well these days. She was 81 years of age on Sunday, May 24th, 1959.

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LETTER---Cousin, Frances Reed, of East Poultney, Vermont writes on March 17, 1959.

"I intended writing to you long before this. Our winter surely was a cold one and still is, with snow and ice, but every day is nearer spring and we will be so happy to see it come.

I have been very well and have been cooking hot lunches in our school for 50 sixth grade boys and girls, but I enjoy it very much. We have a large dining room and they eat family style, which they enjoy. I have a helper every day as one mother comes to help each day. I will be sorry when it is over on April 17th. Then in about 6 weeks my job starts at the lake.

My husband has not been too well this season as he seems to have one cold after another, so we will be glad to see sunny days come so he can get out again.

Franklin and Velma are still with us but are looking forward for a place to move as soon as they can.

Our Sylvia is still in Fairfield, Connecticut.

With the birth of our new granddaughter, Vivian Mary Reed, it makes our number of grandchildren 30, and 2 great grandchildren. I will try to get our family records up-to-date.

Our son, Morris who is in the Air Force is in Tuscon, Arizona with his family and he has a son about 2 years old now. We also have a grandson, Floyd Coltey in Germany with the regular army and a grandson-in-law in Alaska, so some are scattered around and we don't see them often.

My sister, Lucy Jay has moved from Rochester, Vermont back to East Poultney and has joined our choir so I see her often now.

We have a new electronic organ and our church has been redecorated, also new seat cushions and new choir robes so we feel quite proud now of our church. We expect to have a new minister this summer, had an interim minister since Mr. Robbins resigned.

Will close for now and hope this finds all of your family well.

Affectionately,  
Frances Reed."

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NOTE---Lena Munson of Canandaigua , New York writes,

"I did enjoy the meeting in Cooperstown, New York but am afraid it will be the first and only meeting that I ever attended of the Westcott family."

Dear Lena will be 88 years of age on October 2nd and we hope she will be able to go to Rhode Island in 1960.

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LETTER---Minita Westcott Trainor of Chicago, Illinois sent the following clipping about her experience coming in on the new jet plane, Electra, the very one that crashed.

Minita, who is Executive Secretary, of the Flat Glass Jobbers Association and accompanying officials flew east to a meeting of the association in New York City.

"The flight was made in four hours and twenty-five minutes under ideal flying conditions at 29,000 feet with a ground speed of 650 miles per hour. Much of the time the ground was visible and the speed of the flight was apparent as the width of the United States from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean spread out below.

This plane is a Boeing 707, with a length of 144 feet and carried 112 passengers. Mrs. Trainor on her return trip from New York to Chicago rode on the American Airlines jet powered 'Electra' which crashed in the East River on its return trip to New York that night."

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ITEM---from Glarys Westcott Miller of Oklahoma.

An item from the Bible Society Record, published by the American Bible Society of 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Luna-Inkongo, "Travelling northeast on the main road to East Congo, we visited two of the Westcott Mission Stations. It was at Inkongo station near the Sankuru River that the Reverend W. H. Westcott and his colleagues translated the whole Bible into Luna-Inkongo.

The Tshiluba has here, as in many other areas, become the lingua franca and is used in the schools and by government circles. The luna language is thus dying out among the younger generation. It is, however, used in preaching the Gospel and the Westcott Bible has been and still is a real blessing to the older folks.

Some unbound Bibles ordered shortly after the war may at long last be found in Leopoldville and thus enable some of the older folks to have their own copy of this excellently translated Bible.

The Reverend Anders W. Marthinson is the Secretary of the Congo Basin Joint Agency."

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

"The first migrations from the homeland in Rhode Island were to Connecticut during the middle of the 18th century. However, the great spread of the family did not begin until, during and soon after the Revolution. It was then that many descendants in the fifth and sixth generations settled in western Massachusetts, Vermont, throughout the east, east-central and north section of New York and North-eastern Pennsylvania. Gardiner Westcott was the first to carry the family name west of the Hudson River, when in 1793, he settled near what is now North Utica, New York. Benjamin and James Westcott settled in Milford Township, Otsego County, New York, two years later. Several grandchildren of William and Eleanor (Westcott) Stone settled about Abington in north-eastern Pennsylvania just before the close of the 18th century. However, in 1789, Benedict A. Robinson, a descendant, pushed on westward to Ontario County and settled in that part which is now Yates County, New York. These migrants were all with large families. Some of the lateral families were the Angells, Arnolds, Bartons, Eatons, Greenes, Hazards, Munfords, Perrys, Rاندalls, Staffords and Wightmans."

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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.

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SOCIETY MEMBER #339---This member was located.

Mr. John H. Westcott, whom I inquired about in the March Quarterly was located in a Nursing Home at Oswego, New York. He later passed away which notice is given under deaths, in this issue. His wife, is a teacher at Oneida, New York.

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### JUNIOR WESTCOTT'S NEWS

Rich Wescott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott,,of Bergenfield, New Jersey, members of our Society, is graduating this month from New Hampton Prep School, New Hampton, New Hampshire.

Miss Martha Westcott, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, of Tenafly, New Jersey is going to attend Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, next fall.

Melayn Dorfler, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, of Brightwaters, Long Island, (Mrs. Dorfler is our National President of the Stukely Westcott Society) will attend Dennison University, in Granville, Ohio next fall. After a trip to see Dennison, the Dorfler's are favorably impressed but realize it is quite a long way from Long Island and since Melayn is their only child, they surely will miss her.

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TO THE PARENTS---Please send all the news concerning the activities of your children so that it may be published on the Junior Westcott's News page, of the Quarterly.

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### REMINDERS TO ALL MEMBERS

1. More Members - Send to Secretary for Applications.
2. Kindly send vital family records and address changes to the Secretary.
3. Articles for scrapbook and letters for the Quarterly.
4. Kindly send Alice Marroquin your dues.  
Her address 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey.
5. If you wish to give a Westcott plaque for a Christmas gift (since it takes about 6 or 8 weeks) order now, so you will be sure to have it early.

HAPPY SUMMER VACATION TO ALL!