

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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SPECIAL NOTICE---It has been four years since the death of our Westcott Society founder, Roscoe L. Whitman of Westfield, New Jersey, who passed away on September 3rd, 1955. Since he gave so many years to our Society, the Society decided last year to have a plaque made for his tombstone.

A letter was received from Mr. Whitman's daughter, Dorothy Potter, that her family had received the plaque and were very pleased, and thought it would be nice if the cousins could meet at her father's grave to dedicate the plaque. After the dedication, Mrs. Potter has asked the cousins to her home for tea.

In her words, "September 25th would have been father's 90th birthday, so I would like to set Saturday, September 26th, at 3:00 P.M., as a day to visit father's grave and then have tea in our garden.

We will meet at 3:00 P. M. just inside the gates of the Westfield, New Jersey Cemetery which is on Broad Street just below Springfield Avenue. (Route 22 to Springfield Avenue, turn toward Cranford, and then turn right at the light on Broad Street.)"

Kindly let Mrs. Potter know by September 21st if you can be present on September 26th so she will know how many to plan on for tea. Her address:

Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter
109 W. Dudley Avenue
Westfield, New Jersey

CHAPTER NEWS---Rhode Island Chapter No. 2--from Dolly M. Stone,
Secretary

"The summer meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants took place in Newport, Rhode Island, on May 23rd, 1959, at the newly restored White Horse Tavern (built 1687). A delightful luncheon was enjoyed by 20 members and guests. The report of the fall meeting of 1958 was read and approved.

CHAPTER NEWS---Rhode Island Chapter No. 2 (Continued)

The election of officers was held and the same slate of officers was re-elected with the exception of the Secretary, Olive Shippee, who is moving to Georgia. Dolly Stone was appointed in her place. It was decided to ask Bertha Anthony to be registrar and historian.

It was suggested that our fall meeting be held at the Old Slater Mill, Pawtucket, Rhode Island and a committee to be appointed then for the National Society meeting.

There was an ovation for the Shippee's. They have been a vital part of our organization.

Mr. Robert Kerr II, of the Preservation Society of Newport spoke to us about restoration work now being done in Newport and plans for future preservation. He mentioned that the White Horse Tavern is their latest accomplishment. There are over 400 houses dated before 1830 still standing in Newport.

Respectfully,

Dolly M. Stone,
Secretary"

IOWA CHAPTER NO. 9---from Dorothy Perdue, President.

"An organization meeting having been held on November 16th, 1958, the first annual meeting of the Iowa Chapter, of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America was held at 1 o'clock, Sunday, June 21st, 1959, at the Hotel Whitney in Atlantic, Iowa.

Twenty-eight cousins enjoyed the delicious chicken dinner, with grace being said by Charles E. Swanson, of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Audrey Williams favored with piano selections and Maurine Perdue Mercer, accompanied by her mother, Dorothy Perdue, sang a solo.

Mrs. Dorothy Perdue presided at the business meeting. The minutes of the organization meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charles E. Swanson made a motion that the same officers hold over for the first year. Seconded by Ruth Perdue and was carried.

New Officers of Iowa Chapter

President - Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold), of Griswold, Iowa

Vice-President - Edna Porter (Mrs. Dallas), of Red Oak Iowa

Secretary-Treasurer - Myrtle Gladson (Mrs. Ronald), of
Atlantic, Iowa

Corresponding Secretary - Helen Lary (Mrs. Lawrence), of
Griswold, Iowa

Historian - Ione Swanson (Mrs. Charles E.), of Council Bluffs,
Iowa

CHAPTER NEWS---Iowa Chapter No. 9 (Continued)

A motion was made by Helen Lary that the next meeting be held on the second Sunday in June, which is June 12th, 1960. It was decided to hold the meeting at Boone, Iowa, the hotel to be named later, with Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Collins, on Route #2, Boone, Iowa as hosts.

A moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of Frank Collins, of Nora, Minnesota, brother of Dorothy, Hazel, Ruth Perdue and Darrell Collins, who died suddenly on the day after he joined the Society.

Mrs. Ione Westcott Swanson, of Council Bluffs, historian, presented an excellent family history taken from the book, "History and Genealogy of Stukely Westcott" by Roscoe L. Whitman.

The meeting was then adjourned.

P. S. Dorothy says "There were nine towns represented, besides a National member from California, Mrs. Carlos Merrick."

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER No. 3---The Greater New York Chapter of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America will hold a dinner on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th, at 6 P. M. at the Knickerbocker Country Club, on Knickerbocker Road, in Tenafly, New Jersey.

Kindly send your reservations in by November 23rd, 1959 to:

Dr. F. Howard Westcott
19 Woodhill Road
Tenafly, New Jersey

Reservations are \$4.00 per person including gratuity.

NEW MEMBERS---Happy Times in Our Society!

- #505 - Miss H. Louise Harris
15 Jay Street, Rumford 16, Rhode Island
 - #506 - Mr. Warren W. Wescott
887 East 39th Street, Brooklyn 10, New York
 - #507 - Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence E. Lary
Box 330, Griswold, Iowa
 - #508 - Mr. & Mrs. Glenn L. Packer
Portlandville, New York
 - #A-41 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fred. Westcott
210 W. Johnson Street, Palatine, Illinois
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MARRIAGES---Many Happy Years!

Lyle D. Wescott, Jr. of Miami, Florida was married on June 8th, 1959 to Miss Paula R. Moore, of North Miami Beach. Lyle, who is a new member of our Society, graduated from Georgia Tech. in June and received a degree in Chemistry. He plans to continue post graduate studies in Chemistry at Pennsylvania State, in the fall of this year.

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Miss Ruth Mary Hazard, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Hazard and granddaughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Leland A. Hazard, of North Evans, New York, became the lovely bride of Mr. Thomas Lee of Syracuse, New York, on August 1, 1959, at St. Vincents Church, North Evans, New York. A reception for 100 guests was held on the spacious lawn of her parents home. The newlyweds honeymooned in Cape Cod. Their residence will be in Syracuse where Mr. Lee will continue his studies at Syracuse University. Ruth Mary graduated from Syracuse University in June, of 1958 and specialized in Speech Therapy. She plans to teach in Syracuse in September.

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Miss Charlotte Elaine Westcott, of Ypsilanti, Michigan was married August 8, 1959 to Mr. Albert Gerald Regni, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Miss Westcott is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. George Westcott and she attended Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York and the University of Michigan, of Ann Arbor. Mr. Regni is a son of Mr. & Mrs. Americo Regni, of Johnson City, New York and a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. Miss Westcott is the granddaughter of ageless Sanford Westcott, who was present at our Cooperstown gathering last year.

DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Frank Collins, oldest brother of our member, Mrs. Dorothy Perdue, died suddenly at his home in Nora, Minnesota, April 1959, age 69.

Mary Ellen Page Stafford (Mrs. Harlow H.) our oldest member died July 15, 1959 at the age of 106. She was called "Grandma" Stafford and had lived with her granddaughter, Mrs. Richard B. Kershaw, of 84 Hillside Avenue, New Rochelle, New York. Grandma Stafford was also the oldest member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. She had ancestors who fought in the American Revolution, was a widow of a Civil War veteran, mother of a Spanish-American War veteran and grandmother and great-grandmother of veterans of both World Wars. On her 100th birthday she received a message of congratulations from President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

LETTER FROM DOROTHY DE MOND---Of White Plains, New York

"Mother was 91 years old on February 26, 1959. She has not been too well, after two bad falls and pneumonia last January.

My daughter lives in Caldwell, New Jersey and has 3 children; Bruce, born September 24, 1952; Allen, born September 24, 1953 and Elaine, born November 5, 1955.

I enjoy the Quarterlies very much.

My best to all.

Sincerely,
Dorothy DeMond."

VACATIONS---In the Good Old Summer Time!

Mr. & Mrs. William Allport, of St. Petersburg, Florida have spent the summer with their son, George Allport, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Mr. & Mrs. William C. Driver, of Larchmont, New York spent a few days at Atlantic City, New Jersey, for the Shriners Convention.

In July they spent time in Washington, D. C., where they toured the D. A. R. building.

In August, Mrs. Driver took her mother, to visit in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, for a couple of weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen and son Bruce, spent the first two weeks in August visiting the Hazards of North Evans, New York and also the Hazard's camp near Parry Sound, in Canada.

Miss Dorothy Wescoat was in England in April and she was going to do some research for the Society but didn't get the time to follow through. She did get names and addresses of about 100 Westcotts with phones in Somerset and Devon. Dorothy suggested that a mimeographed letter to each, setting forth our problem, might unearth some early history.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward R. Marroquin visited their daughter, Joyce and her husband, Dick Thronson in Rochester, New York, the last week in July.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Dorfler spent the summer at their cottage at Arnold's Lake, Milford, New York.

LETTER FROM EDITH REY---Of Columbus, Ohio

"Dear Cousin, I am sorry to be so late in sending my dues to the Westcott Society, but now, I will send this fine new bill for \$5.00 to apply to my dues for the near future years. It seems to be difficult for me to get the things done that I most want to do, so I will make this time count for five years, for, I do appreciate the Family News as it comes in the Quarterly.

LETTER FROM EDITH REY---(Continued)

I am proud to find that I am a member of this family. My mother was a first cousin of Lulu Burgen. I am a first cousin, once removed.

I taught school for fifty years, from the first grade through all the twelve grades, also in English, at Iowa Wesleyan College where my husband was head of the Romance Language Department, for three years.

Sincerely,
Edith Rey."

NOTE FROM MARY WESCOTT---Of North Castine, Maine.

"Dear Cousins, I still miss the very folksy get-togethers we so enjoyed in Chicago.

But after all, this is home and the new and old friends have been so kind. Maybe I will be in Chicago in the fall and if I am, I'll try to contact some of you.

Just around here there are a lot of Wescotts, some are related and came here from Rhode Island and Truro on Cape Cod. Our folks came from Truro.

Don't forget to stop if you are down this way.

Love to you all,
Cousin Mary."

LETTERS FROM EDITH MARSHMENT---Of East Troy, Wisconsin.

"Dear Cousin Alice, Enclosed find check for my dues, if I had not received the Quarterly the other day, the fact I owed, might have been pigeonholed in my desk much longer until I really started desk cleaning.

By the way, this desk of mine could tell quite a story, nothing wonderful to look at, but very old.

It was made by Darius Knight, the grandson of Lydia Westcott Stone, for his sister Irene. I have never counted the kind of woods in it. Governor Winthrop style, the front with two heavy drawers, real beautiful curly maple, the pull down lid and narrow top, of cherry, and the sides walnut, there are many other kinds of wood inside the desk. I had it restored as much as possible. I inherited it through my grandmother and know it is over 125 years old. Of course, I cherish it.

After my bad heart attacks in 1957, I have come back very well this year, even been able to work among my flowers this spring.

I notice there are more members of the Society in the middle west, you really should bring one of your meetings out this way. There are many lovely shrines and Wisconsin is a beautiful state.

With good wishes to all,

I am sincerely yours,
Edith Marshment."

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Edith Marshment writes again on July 1st---

"Dear Cousin, My husband and I are quite well now. December 28, 1958 we celebrated our anniversary of fifty-five years together, and I can only use President Eisenhower's reply to the correspondents when they asked him about his 43 years of marriage, "The more years, the happier and closer." Our day was very quiet--just part of our family with us to church and to dinner.

In February I had another bad heart attack and had to have the Rescue Squad and to the hospital for a short time but I was soon back to normal and had no bad effects from it.

Wishing you a very happy summer.

Sincerely yours,
Edith Marshment."

HERALDIC INTERPRETATION OF THE WESTCOTT COAT-OF-ARMS---from
Mr. Whitman's Genealogy of the Westcott Family.

The Coat-of-Arms used by our Westcott Society was granted to Guido Wescote in the year 1450.

Arms reveal ancient family in England as one of nobility. Royal blood is indicated in Arms because of the tilted crown shown in the helmet. The helmet slightly at profile, indicates the Coat-of-Arms was granted to a Knight or Baronet. The robe or mantling around the helmet and shield, because its effect is ragged, indicates that the first one to wear the Coat-Of-Arms was a battle Knight; also because the two uppermost corners of the mantling turn down, it indicates he was the King's bodyguard, whose members were allowed to keep the collars turned down in the presence of the King. The three vessels or cups on the shield represent three brothers, Guido, Edmund and Nicholas who retained their rightful name, "Wescote". The red band indicates that Guido was accepted as the oldest son. The clasped hands issuing from clouds indicate friendliness and accepted with name "Renovato Nomine," meaning the "name renewed," indicates a rehabilitation of the family.

Note: Son Thomas used the surname, "Littleton" by request of his mother, Lady Littleton who said he would inherit her possessions if he would use her surname. That is the reason that the other brothers, Guido, Edmund and Nicholas decided to keep their own surname of "Wescote", which the Coat-of-Arms indicates.

WESTCOTT PLAQUE---Now available on order.

Refer to the June 1959 Quarterly for detail descriptions of the Westcott Plaques.

If you wish to order plaques for Christmas, order right away. Make your check out to "The United States Bronze Sign Company" and mail to the Secretary, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey.

In regard to your memorial plaque, have your local mason fasten it to your family stone.

JUNIOR WESTCOTT'S NEWS

James Wescott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Wescott, of R. D. #2 Unadilla, New York, has been accepted as a student in the two-year business technology program at State University Agricultural and Technical Institute, at Delhi, New York. Mr. Wescott will major in business management.

Rich Wescott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott, of Bergenfield, New Jersey will attend Coe College, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this fall.

TO THE PARENTS---Please send all the news concerning the activities of your children so that it may be published on the Junior Westcott' News page, of the next Quarterly. Let us hear of the Christmas activities of your young people.

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; including items for the Junior Page.
4. Remember your dues. Please send to Alice Marroquin; 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.
6. Be sure to let Mrs. Adelbert N. Potter, of Westfield, New Jersey, know if you can be present at her tea, on September 26th. Her address is on the first page.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING SEASON TO YOU ALL!!