

# 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---The date set for the 13th Biennial gathering of the Westcott cousins is the week-end of August 20th. The Rhode Island Chapter will be our host, so start planning now for a good time in Rhode Island in August. Details will be presented in the June issue of the Quarterly.

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OUR WESTCOTT SOCIETY---It was organized on January 13, 1934, at the Lexington Hotel in New York City. It was formed "To Create and Develop Interest and Pride in Family Achievement; to Commemorate Outstanding Anniversaries; to Promote further Genealogical Study of the Family; to Support the Defense of the Country of our Forefathers helped Create; to Conserve the Constitution of the United States and the Liberty of the American People; to meet, Know and Enjoy the Companionship of Kindred."

The family motto: "Renovato Nomine" meaning the name renewed.  
The society motto: "Know Your Kindred Better."

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NEW MEMBERS---Happy Times in Our Society!

#517 - Mr. & Mrs. Irvin William Wilson  
200 White Birch Drive, Riverton, New Jersey

#518 - Mrs. Benjamin F. Bennett  
335 Taft Street, Gary, Indiana

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BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Susan Jane Potter, born September 2, 1959, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William R. Potter, of Fairfield, Connecticut, grand-daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Potter, great grand-daughter of our late member, Mrs. Samuel Driver, who was a charter member of our Society.

Bruce Ward Patterson, born April 9, 1958, at Ann Arbor, Michigan and Elizabeth Lynette Patterson, born September 10, 1959, both children of Dr. & Mrs. Jarrold Chauncy and Elizabeth (Beard) Patterson; both Bruce Ward and Elizabeth Lynette are grand-children of our member, Mr. Hanson C. Wescott, of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Grace Paugh of the Richard I. Wescott line, of DeLand, Illinois sent the following data concerning her late sister, Alice Wrench's family:

Karen Leslie Williams, born July 30, 1957, the daughter of David and Martha (Gronemeier) Williams, grand-daughter of Mrs. Mildred (Wrench) Gronemeier and great grand-daughter of Alice Wrench, our former member. The Williams live in Peoria, Illinois and David Williams is a teacher in Ridgewood High School, Peoria, Illinois.

Elizabeth Cathleen Wrench, born September 18, 1959, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Down and Carol (Dubs) Wrench, grand-daughter of Hubert Wrench, great grand-daughter of the late Alice Wrench. Down Wrench lives in Port Huron, Michigan.

Stephen Douglas Garvis and Michael Scott Garvis twin sons, born October 27, 1959, sons of Mr. Merle and Theresa (Gronemeier) Garvis, grandsons of the late Alice Wrench. The Garvises live in Santa Monica, California.

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DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy.

Correction: In the December, 1959 Quarterly a mistake of the maiden name of Mrs. Noxon. Her maiden name was Jennie Clara Hawver (not Hanover).

Mearl Layton Greene, died December 2, 1959 at Brewster, New York. He was a member of our Society and attended faithfully the New York Chapter meetings. He was buried in the family plot at Clifford, Pennsylvania. He is survived by two brothers, Arthur and Edgar, who are society members; also survived by his wife, Alice; two sisters and his son Mearl Layton Greene, Jr.

Harry E. Witzel, died September 15, 1959, husband of our Westcott member, Ellen (Hoffman) Witzel, of Manlius, New York.

Clifton Chauncey Wescott, passed away on February 7, 1957, at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Through his interest in Genealogy, his son and wife, Mr. & Mrs. Hanson C. Wescott joined our society.

DEATHS---(Continued)

Josephine Gordon Wescott, widow of Bruce P. Wescott, died on January 4, 1960, at Clinton, New Jersey. She was 83 years of age, the mother of Glenway Wescott, the author and Lloyd B. Wescott who is president of the Board of Control of the New Jersey State Department of Institutions and Agencies. Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Beulah Wescott Hagen, Mrs. Marjorie Wescott MacLeid, Mrs. Katherine Wescott Jacobs and Mrs. Elizabeth Wescott James; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Herman J. Wescott, age 60, died December 7, 1959 at Johnson City, New York. He is survived by his wife, Grace, a step-son, Wayne Cordner, of Johnson City, New York, a step-daughter, Marjorie Clark, of Dalton, Pennsylvania; five brothers, Howard Wescott of Elmira, New York, Floyd and Robert Wescott, both of Johnson City, New York, LeRoy Wescott of Oakdale, R. D., Johnson City, New York and Arthur Wescott of Savannah, New York; one sister, Thelma Covey of Nicholson, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wescott was employed by the I. B. M. Corporation, for 30 years. He was buried in Fleetville, Pennsylvania. Note - His ancestry is given in Volume 2, page 335 of the Westcott Genealogy.

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DOROTHY WHITMAN POTTER'S NOTE---Westfield, New Jersey

The Westcott Society sent flowers to Mrs. Susan K. Whitman, who passed away on November 21, 1959. She was the widow of our founder, Roscoe L. Whitman.

"Dear Eleanor, Thank you for your kind sympathy and that of the Westcott Society expressed in the beautiful basket of fall flowers.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy."

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NOTE FROM VIOLET GREENE---Philadelphia, Pa., January 12, 1960.

"Dear Cousin, I had a nice Christmas and am in good health. I am now near 85 so have lots of excitement with my children and grandchildren.

Am always interested in the Quarterly.

Love,  
Violet."

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NOTE FROM HARRIET NEILL---Oshkosh, Wisconsin

"Dear Cousins, Here I am in Oshkosh for the third time in the past year and a half. Mother was 90 years old on October 17, 1959. She's so much better than she was a year ago when she broke her arm. She gets about with a cane and does practically everything for herself. She reads a lot.

With love,  
Harriet."

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NOTE TO COUSINS FROM ELEANOR TRISMEN---February 29, 1960.

"Just a few words to thank many of my Westcott cousins for the lovely thoughts conveyed to me at Christmas time. It was a real thrill to hear from you and I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor."

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CHRISTMAS LETTER OF DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTT---December, 1959.

My report for 1959 is pretty humdrum. Despite giving up spraying for clients (solely because I was no longer physically equal to such a strenuous existence) I seemed to have no more spare time and I missed tremendously the daily garden visits with satisfaction that came from keeping plants healthy. Not that the roses missed me! So far as I could tell from occasional inspection, Henry, who took over spraying on his own, did an adequate job. My own garden definitely missed Henry for my female ministrations were entirely inadequate. After preaching against the practice all my life this autumn I broke down and burned leaves simply because I could not lug them all the way back to the compost pit. Besides, that is already full of last year's accumulation that I have no strength to dig out and sift.

There will be at least one more public ROSE DAY. Do come on Sunday, June 12, 1960, to help celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of this event.

The revision of the big PLANT DISEASE HANDBOOK was finally completed and then I brought ANYONE CAN GROW ROSES up-to-date. Van Nostrand will publish both in 1960, the little rose book probably in early spring. May Flower & Garden magazine will have a Pest Control Chart. All that sticking to a typewriter this past hot summer was a lot more uncomfortable than spraying.

One happy result of not being tied to a spray schedule was more flexibility for lecture dates and meetings. A trip to Xenia, Ohio, in May showed once again how tough roses really are. Despite a winter so severe every bush had been pruned back to ground level almost all had strong new canes with buds already showing color.

DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTT'S LETTER---(Continued)

In early July, at York Harbor, Maine, climber Mary Wallace was flaunting her huge pink blooms over houses and fences without any noticeable effect from the bad winter. A date in Marblehead gave me a chance to drive down on the Cape to visit Tommy, Pat, Peter, Nancy, and Debbie (my nephew and his family); to see the Rockwells at Orleans (Fred. and Esther haven't slowed down a bit in their gardening operations); to see Karl Jones' 3000 roses at Barrington; and to get a preview of some Brownell Roses at Little Compton. A pleasant October drive to Raleigh provided a chance to see the U.S.D.A. rose research work en route and to meet a woman who, starting with my book and no previous experience, has produced far better roses than I ever dreamed of.

Meetings included preparing an exhibit of the work of the American Rose Foundation and conducting a symposium on Pesticides for the American Rose Society Convention in Philadelphia and attendance at biological, entomological, phytopathological and dendrological convocations.

My plans for 1960 are not extensive, mostly proofreading and indexing. If you want a short course in pest control come to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, March 22, April 5, 19 and May 3. And do come to Glen Ridge for ROSE DAY!

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Cynthia Westcott.

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LETTER FROM COUSIN, ELLIE O. BAXTER---Wilmette, Illinois. *with the study*

"Dear Cousin, At long last I will soon be able to give you a complete history of "our Southern Westcotts". I have found a cousin who has all the information and will have all of it ready for me very soon. William Westcott came to South Carolina and he had a land charter from the King of England, he came there sometime between (1670-1700).

I have a complete record of the Westcott family in England and the New England States which was compiled by the Media Research Bureau of Washington, D. C. It was copied for me by one of the Westcotts from Walterboro, South Carolina.

As soon as I have a complete record, I will send you a copy to go on your file and for any others of the Southern branch.

Fondly,  
Ellie O. Baxter"

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JUNIOR WESTCOTT'S NEWS

Douglas Springer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Craig Springer has played guitar and sung for 13 shows for Mr. Contermarsh, of Rutland, this past summer. He has also had some tapes played on radio and on November 16 was on television in Plattsburg, New York, Station WPTZ, as a guest of the "Lytle Family", a regular on that station. Douglas also played, for the 25th Wedding Anniversary of his mother and father, at the Grange Hall in North Clarendon, Vermont, where over 80 friends and relatives gathered.

The Eastman twins, Roxanne and Rosemary, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Eastman were on "Teen Age Barn" from Schenectady, New York, station W. R. G. B.

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NOTE - Cousins !! Please send news of Junior Westcott's to Secretary.

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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 included 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 plaque 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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REMINDERS TO ALL MEMBERS

1. Be on look out for more members. Send to Secretary for applications.
2. Kindly send family items to Secretary.
3. Remember your dues.
4. Send in orders, with check, for Westcott plaques.
5. Articles for Society Scrapbook and letters for the Quarterly, to the Secretary.
6. Don't forget the Reunion in Rhode Island in August.

HAPPY EASTER!!