

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

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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS---As you know, we are not sure where we will meet in 1962. At the December 3rd, 1960 Director's Meeting, held before the New York Chapter yearly dinner at the Tenafly Country Club, it was suggested that we might charter another tour, for a weekend, of the Salem-Boston Massachusetts area. In 1935, the Westcotts celebrated the landing of Stukely Westcott and family, three hundred years before (1635) at Salem, Massachusetts. Many of us were not members then so a "repeat" would be pleasant.

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RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NO. 2---Dolly Stone, secretary sent the following report, "The fall meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter, of the Descendants of Stukely Westcott Society met Sunday afternoon, November 27th, at the home of the President, Mrs. William Baxter, in Cranston. Fourteen cousins were present.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. Susan Handy and Alice Baxter read some very interesting letters from some National Society members who came to Rhode Island in August. All seemed to enjoy our program very much, including the Clambake, which was a highlight.

During the evening slides, taken at the Clambake and at Mrs. Baxter's home, were shown.

Miss Leone Cargill acted as nominating committee and presented the following slate of officers, who were voted to serve.

Mrs. Ansel Shippee - President

Mrs. Alpheus Place - Vice-President

Miss Dolly M. Stone - Secretary

Mr. Ralph Dexter - Treasurer

Mrs. Baxter was given a vote of thanks for her fine work as president for the past six years."

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GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER NO.3---The Greater New York Chapter met on December 3rd, 1960, at the Knickerbocker Country Club in Tenafly, New Jersey. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant time and the Roast Beef Dinner was delicious.

The Chapter wishes to thank Dr. & Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, of Tenafly, for their kindness in asking us to meet once again at the club, of which they are members.

At the Director's meeting, before the dinner, the Society By-Laws were corrected and additions included. These By-Laws will be presented at the 1962 gathering for approval.

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NEW MEMBER---Happy Days in Our Society!

A-42 - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Allen Westcott  
475 Hawthorne Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

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BIRTHS---Congratulations!

Craig Michael Westcott, born in November, 1960, fourth son of our Associate Members, Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Westcott, of Glenview, Illinois. Their three other sons are Mark Andrew, 8 years; Robert F. Junior, 6 years; And Douglas Kent, 2 years.

Suzanne Elaine Wescott, born Easter Sunday, 1960, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James R. Wescott, of Gowanda, New York. Suzanne is the first granddaughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Wescott, of Salamanca, New York.

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DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Harry A. Westcott, of Rockville, Maryland passed away on January 19, 1961. His widow writes, "My husband had been in failing health for the last three years and passed away after a short but critical illness in the hospital. He was very interested in the Stukely Westcott family and enjoyed the communications from the society. We had been married over 53 years, so you can imagine the empty place in my life, but I am blessed with a fine loving family and many nice memories.

Sincerely,  
Edna Westcott."

James P. Wescott, died on October 21, 1960. Mrs. Charles M. Wescott writes, "Enclosed is funeral service folder of James P. Wescott (my husband's uncle). He was the last surviving child of Robert Jackson Wescott, Union Soldier, Indiana Regiment.

DEATHS---(Continued)

James P. Wescott, was born October 24, 1881, at Bynumville, Missouri, the son of Robert Jackson and Nancy (Smith) Wescott. He passed away at the Missouri Methodist Hospital, on October 21, 1960 at the age of 78 years, 11 months, 27 days. He was a retired farmer and the family home is at 2511 St. Joseph Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri. He is survived by his wife, Pearl, a foster son, Glenn Crump, of Kansas City and a number of other relatives and friends.

Harry W. Rockwell, of Buffalo, New York, died January 10, 1961. His name appears on page 309, of Volume I, of Westcott Genealogy. He was president emeritus of the State University College Of Education, at Buffalo, New York. He was 79 years of age. He retired as president on July 31, 1951, after having been associated with the institution for thirty-two years.

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ILLNESS---Speedy Recovery!

1. Mrs. Florence C. Schaefer, of Charleston, West Virginia writes that she was in the hospital in July and in November 1960 was in an auto accident. She had four broken ribs and several other injuries.  
I'm sure all of your cousins hope you are feeling much better now.
2. Our Past President's husband, Sam Dorfler, had a severe heart attack, after our August gathering. I am glad to report he is doing nicely and has returned to his teaching now.

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DATA ---Westcott Family Data

We are always on the lookout for more Westcott family data. Many thanks to the following cousins for sending family data; Mrs. George J. Wescott, of Onancock, Virginia; Mrs. Charles S. Baxter, of Wilmette, Illinois; Miss Elizabeth Wescott, of Orange, New Jersey; and Mrs. Efflo A. Plazer, of South Euclid, Ohio.

Mrs. George J. Wescott, of Onancock, Virginia, sent me a chart of as much as she knew of the Wescotts in that area, the Eastern Shore of Virginia. She says that practically all of the Wescotts down there are related. Her husband, George, descends from the John Wescott, of Northampton County, Virginia, who is mentioned on page 400, of Volume II, of Westcott Genealogy. They do not know who were the parents of their "John".

DATA---(Continued)

Mrs. Charles S. Baxter is a native of Alabama and has been doing research work in her southern branch. She and Elizabeth Wescott kindly sent data of Town and County records of some of the Wescotts living in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Mrs. Baxter writes "I have spent many hours working on my "Westcotts" but I still have so many skips in my line. I just won't be satisfied until I have proof and can directly link my South Carolina ones up with the New England ones."

Note: If any of the Westcott cousins go south, please try to look up any local records of Westcotts or Wescotts. All of us would appreciate it and especially, Mrs. Baxter.

Note: The data received from Mrs. Plazer is that of her own immediate family to bring the family records up to date.

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LETTER---From Mrs. George J. Wescott

Mrs. George J. Wescott gives an item of a Nathaniel B. Wescott, attorney. It is quite a lengthy article so I will give the high lights; Nathaniel B. Wescott, son of Nathaniel Savage and Margaret (Scott) Wescott, was born on September 14, 1856, at the "Point Farm" in Upshur's Neck, Accomack County, Virginia. He studied law at the University of Virginia. He practiced law in the western states, but, because of ill health, returned to the family farm, at Hawks Nest, (Mappsburg), about 1891. In 1881, he married Leah MacAllen Powell. She was the daughter of John and Sallie (Nottingham) Powell. After a very interesting life, Judge Nathaniel B. Wescott died, in Olney, on March 18, 1930. He was survived by his widow and 5 children, one of whom was Powell Wescott, of Wilmington, Delaware.

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LETTER FROM VIRGINIA BESPOLE, OF CHICAGO, ILL.---January 26, 1961

"Dear Cousin Alice; Well guess it is about time dues were sent in.

You and Eleanor really do a beautiful job of keeping us informed and I do so enjoy the Quarterly. I was particularly happy to read that my great-aunt, Louise Wescott Babcock, is a new member. She is a most interesting person and it really is a thrill to visit her and listen to the stories of our ancestors. She and my grandmother, Sarah Jane Conway (deceased) were sisters. John and I are planning a visit to Oshkosh, Wisconsin as soon as the 'ole' zero weather takes flight---'tis about a 3 or 4 hour drive.

Harriet Neill and her daughter stopped in to see us on their way home to New York. Harriet is a dear person. She has such a whimsical sense of humor and is so interesting. Her visits are a joy.

LETTER FROM VIRGINIA BESPOLE---(Continued)

In September, my brother and his family moved east, he having been transferred, so John and I will be traveling east the end of March or first part of April. They now live in Westfield, New Jersey, and we will visit Harriet while there. It's been a long time since I've been east, so am a bit excited about it.

My very best wishes to you and give my best to Eleanor.

Love,

Virginia Bespole."

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LETTER FROM ETTA SCHUMACHER, ANN ARBOR, MICH.---February 7,1961

"Dear Cousin Eleanor; I have meant so many times to answer your nice letter. I do hope all is well with you and hope you are much better after your operation.

I am doing fine, everyone says. I guess I needed a rest after my husband's illness of 15 years. Suppose it was 'Gods way' to see that I took it--(that awful fall I had). It's one year ago now. I had a check-up and find all is well.

At Christmas, our Bessie came to visit from California with the two boys, Oren and Ned, 2nd. I did exactly as I knew my son, Ned would have wished. Tree ornaments and the usual 'Village setting' on my great grandmother's melodium. Ned always loved it.

I gave a lovely tea at our Michigan League for many who wanted to see the children. So 1960 Christmas passed and in 1961 I hope to spend Christmas in California with Bessie and her boys.

I hope 1961 will be happy for you and yours.

Affectionately,

Etta Schumacher."

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YOUR PRESIDENT'S NOTE--To all cousins.

First of all, I want to thank my cousins who write to Alice and me. It gives us items for our Quarterly, so keep those letters coming.

Second, kindly send me notice of illnesses. I am always glad to include them in the Quarterly.

Third, please let me hear of meetings of our local chapters. The activities are most important to others.

Fourth, after Alice and I figured out our membership as of January 31, 1961, we find many members did not pay their 1960 dues. Alice will send notices in this issue to those members--so "if the shoe fits" please pay your 1960 and 1961 dues. Our Society has no specific way of earning money to pay for expenses, so we appreciate your promptness in paying dues.

Fifth, never let a news clipping of our Westcotts get by without sending it to me. Every Westcott item is family data.

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TO ALL PARENTS---Junior Westcotts News Page

Please send all the news concerning the activities of your children and college students so that it may be published on the Junior Westcotts News page, of the Quarterly. Thank you very much. Send it to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey.

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WESTCOTT PLAQUE---Now available on order.

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque; at \$24.00 each, in Bronze, measuring about 6" x 9", 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" x 7" in Bronze mounted on walnut with chain for hanging.

It takes a few weeks to have plaques made up, so send in orders about six weeks before you actually want it. 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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1. Order your plaques with check, send to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey.
  2. Items for the Scrapbook.
  3. Items for the Quarterly.
  4. Promptness in paying yearly dues, send your dues to Mrs. Alice W. Marroquin, 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey.
  5. Please let us know about address changes. We lost track of two members this year, because their new addresses were not forwarded to the Society.
  6. We need 2 volunteers to fill Secretary and Treasury work for 1961 - 1962.
  7. Be on look out for more members.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL ! !

FROM THE OFFICERS.