

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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NEW MEMBERS---Happy Days in our Westcott Society.

- #523 - Miss Livonia B. Westcott
24 Myrtle Avenue, Claymont, Delaware
- #524 - Mr. & Mrs. Richard B. Bailey
5431 Maple Street, Dearborn, Michigan
- #525 - Miss Ione Babcock
1207 Winnebago Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

MARRIAGES---Congratulations!

The Efflo Plazers of South Euclid, sent word that their son, Geoffrey Plazer was married on April 15th, 1961 to Karla Peterson. It was a formal wedding with reception following and a buffet for the family, at Karla's home. The bride and groom went to Washington, D. C. on their honeymoon.

Donald A. Wescott, son of Mr. & Mrs. William George Wescott, of Batavia, New York was married to Elizabeth Frances Gailliot, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Henry Gailliot, of Alexandria, Virginia. Donald and Elizabeth were married in St. Mary's Church, in Alexandria, on June 3, 1961. They are both employed by the Defense Atomic Support Agency and are currently making their home in Alexandria. (The above item from the Paul Dana Westcotts, of Batavia, New York.)

Remarriage of our member, Elizabeth Swigert (formerly Mrs. William Allport, of Pennsylvania and Florida). Last year, Mr. Allport passed away. Elizabeth says of her present husband,

MARRIAGES---(Continued)

"We grew up in the same town, Carbondale, Pennsylvania, the same Presbyterian Church and the same High School--so have many memories in common." My address after September 1st, will be:

Mrs. William E. Swigert
1425 Elgin Street, Lakeland, Florida

DEATH---Our Heartfelt Sympathy!

Elmer A. Westcott, 88 years old, of 69 Tanner Street, Providence, Rhode Island, died on May 20, 1961. He was a superintendent for the American Enamel Company, for sixty years until he retired in 1951.

Born in Providence, on March 21, 1873, a son of the late Benjamin A. and Agnes (Cullen) Westcott, he had been a lifetime resident of the city. He was a member of Orphans Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M., Beneficent Congregational Church where he was a deacon for twelve years. He was president of the Locust Grove Cemetery, for thirty years. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Jeanette F. Ogg, of Providence, Rhode Island.

**LETTER TO ALICE MARROQUIN---from Evelyn Pickens Hitchcock,
of Brockport, New York, July 5, 1961.**

"Dear Cousin Alice, I am enclosing my dues. I should have written long ago and told you how much I enjoyed my trip to Rhode Island last summer. I'm sure I'll be on hand in 1962, if at all possible.

The Handys were wonderful to my mother, my sister and I, and we enjoyed being guests at their beautiful home.

Georgia Erlenback, who has written that Boston sounds like a good idea for 1962, is a first cousin of mine and I agree with her.

I hold a State vice-president's office, in the Ladies Auxiliary, to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, of the United States. At our department convention held in Syracuse, the end of June, I was in charge of our Memorial Service. The Memorial Address was given by Reverend Doctor S. Arnold Westcott, of the First Baptist Church, in Syracuse. Mother was unable to locate him in our Westcott book but he told me he was a descendant and had received letters from Rhode Island. There was an Arnold listed with a sister Shirley, but he said his sister's name was Maxine. Oh well, he should be a descendant if he isn't as he was a wonderful speaker and certainly a nice person from first impressions.

I have enjoyed my Westcott Family Quarterly each time it has arrived and wish for you and the other officers Good Luck and Happiness.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Pickens Hitchcock."

NEWS ITEM---from Etta Schumacher, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Detroit Free Press, of May 2, 1961 had pictures with the following notice on page 36, "Another new season for the J. W. Westcott, Company, marine reporters, began Monday, at the foot of Twenty-Fourth Street, as Tom May took the mail boat J. W. Westcott II out with Emmett Sullivan, general superintendant of mails, to deliver mail to the freighters in the Detroit River. It is the company's 87th season and they have carried mail since 1948."

Etta says, "Before 1948, since 1870 Dad's men delivered the mail to the river boats in a row boat."

TWO VERY DEVOTED WESTCOTT DOCTORS

Etta Schumacher sent the following item - In January 1961, Dr. and Mrs. George Westcott, of 1515 Congress Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan went to Haiti to re-establish a much needed hospital at the West Indies Mission, about five miles from Cayes. Several months before Dr. Westcott left Ypsilanti, he accumulated two and a half tons of equipment and medicines which were sent by boat. Most of the equipment was donated by the World Medical Relief, which is supported by the American Interdenominational Churches.

Including the Westcotts there are six families and three nurses working at the hospital. Dr. Westcott recruited and trained native helpers up to April, when he planned to return to Ypsilanti.

In the Bergen Record of June 20, 1961, an item appeared on the front page concerning Dr. and Mrs. F. Howard Westcott, of Tenafly, New Jersey. "Dr. Westcott a highly successful physician of New York City, is a member of the volunteer Medical Staff aboard the hospital ship S. S. Hope, on a training mission to the nation of South Vietnam. It had always been Dr. Westcott's dream to be a medical missionary. Mrs. Westcott also served as a volunteer medical secretary on the S. S. Hope".

Note: Dr. Westcott sent a card from Vietnam and he says, "Dear Westcott Kin, Here I am 9000 miles away, working hard but enjoying it, Georgia joins me on July 7th and before we return home will visit Singapore, Ceylon and Dehli, also Damascus, Bagdad, Bangkok, Greece, Rome and on to New York by September 3rd."

More later,

Signed,
Howard."

NOTE FROM BILL BOYLE---Of Turners Falls, Massachusetts

"I am proud to belong to the Westcott Society. I enjoy reading the Quarterly and wish to thank the workers who work hard to put it together and send it out.

Your Cousin,
Bill Boyle."

LETTER FROM COUSIN SARAH MARTIN---Of Binghamton, N.Y.
Dated July 8, 1961.

"Dear Cousin Eleanor, The enclosed item is from Oneonta Star. Mr. Moore has lived in Oneonta for a long time and is now writing on past history for the paper.

I spent the Fourth with my good friend in Oneonta, but did not see any relatives, but I had a phone chat with Charlotte Lunn House.

My son-in-law Verner Ramsing has retired from the Navy, after twenty years service. He is with "Ask Mr. Foster Travel Bureau" in Washington and plans to stay in Alexandria, Virginia.

My brother, Joe's daughter and her family were here in June. They are still in High Point, North Carolina.

My friend and I went by the Milford Cemetery but the trees have grown so that I couldn't see anything and the road to it did not look good enough to try.

Only wish that someone up there would revive the Milford Chapter.

Yours Sincerely,
Sarah."

Item by Ed. Moore, "If you are a descendant of one of the early settlers in Oneonta or vicinity, that banker in Minneapolis or bartender in Keokuk, whose forebears once lived hereabouts is probably your cousin.

Quite naturally there was extensive intermarrying between the pioneer families and as a result present day relationships are so complicated that it would take a battery of Philadelphia lawyers to straighten them out.

A case in point is the Westcott family, early settlers in the town of Milford. Many prominent residents of Oneonta and vicinity, as well as of other communities throughout the land, claim descent from those hardy men and women who broke the wilderness and tamed the wild countryside.

Two mayors of the city of Oneonta, Albert Morris and Dorr S. Hickey, had Westcott blood in their veins and two others, Joseph S. Lunn and James Georgeson, married into the clan.

In 1783, when the present towns of Milford and Oneonta were in the old township of Suffrage, James Westcott and his father-in-law, Thomas Mumford, came on horseback from Bennington, Vermont and bought land of Major Matthew Cully in what is now Milford Center.

Mumford settled on the purchase but Westcott did not join him until twelve years later, when he occupied a farm somewhat south of that of his father-in-law. In 1795 Westcott's younger brother, Benjamin, came from Cheshire, Massachusetts and opened a blacksmith shop at Barnesville, New York. In 1806 he moved to a farm near Portlandville, New York.

In 1815 another brother, Reuben, sold his father's farm at Cheshire, Massachusetts and moved to Milford, New York. He settled on a large farm between Milford Center and Edson Corners and the large house which he built in 1822 is still standing and is one of the oldest structures in the upper Susquehanna Valley.

ITEM BY ED. MOORE---(Continued)

A sister of the Westcott brothers, Dorcas, married Walter Finch, of Portlandville, New York. The three brothers and their sister had 33 children, most of them boys. Soon there were more than 70 grandchildren and the hills were full of Westcotts.

Captain Joseph Westcott, a son of James and a veteran of the war of 1812, ran in 1805 one of the first stores in what is now Oneonta. This log structure stood on the corner of the Indian Trail that became Main Street and Bronson Lane, now Maple Street. The Main Street Baptist Church now occupies the site.

Munro and Luzerne Westcott, both descendants of Reuben, were prominent in the business life of Oneonta for many years. They built the business block on Main Street atop which is the Town Clock. Cyrus Westcott, a descendant of Benjamin, was another well known Oneontan. Albert and William Morris, both prominent here for years, were of the Reuben line.

Some of the families allied to the Westcotts by marriage were Mumford, Rose, Bates, Morris, Lunn, VanWoert, Cooke, Squires, Babcock, Barney, Wilcox, Townsend, Rockwell Davenport and Sweet."

Note: In regard to the above item, brothers, James, Benjamin, Reuben and sister, Dorcas Westcott were children of Stukely(5) line back to the first Stukely in America was as follows: Stukely(4), Stukely(3), Jeremiah(2), Stukely(1). Following is the list of Stukely(5) children (there were 13): Freelove, Joseph, Arnold, Stephen, James, Rufus, Phebe, Stukely(6), Lydia, Benjamin, Reuben, Anna and Dorcas.

Your President, Eleanor Westcott Trismen is descended from Arnold, a brother of those Westcotts who settled in the Oneonta area. Arnold moved to Berlin in Rensselaer County, New York, married Elizabeth Smith and had 15 children. Arnold had a farm and at the present time a reservoir covers that farm.

Also note that any Westcott descending from Stukely(5) of Cheshire, Massachusetts is eligible to the Daughters American Revolution or Sons American Revolution. Roscoe L. Whitman, our Society Founder, joined the Sons American Revolution on Stukely(5) line.

LOST TRACK---Last known addresses of following:

Mrs. Frederick L. Utes
9 Raymond Terrace, East Norwalk Connecticut

Mrs. Donald C. Stuart
60 Terrace Road, Ashville, North Carolina

Mr. & Mrs. Sharon F. Coltey
13 Feeder Street, Hudson Falls, New York

Anyone knowing their address please notify our Secretary.

JUNIOR WESTCOTT'S NEWS

Item sent by Ethel W. Place, of Rhode Island:

Philip Westcott Place, son of Oscar E. and Helen K. Place, also Elaine Sprague Berggren, daughter of Warren H. and Emily (Sprague) Place were recently accepted as members of the Anne Cooke Waterman Society, children of the American Revolution. Their eligibility to membership was based on the service of Lieutenant Uriah Westcott, in Colonel Stanton's Regiment, 1778-1780. Our member, Mrs. Ethel Place is the maternal grandmother.

Here's to all of the Westcott Cousins who will be starting a new term at various colleges throughout the country. Let us hear from you so we can put it on the Junior News Page.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for Junior News, scrapbook and Quarterly to either Alice Marroquin or Eleanor Trismen.
2. Send your dues to Alice Marroquin, 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey.
3. Local Chapter News.
4. Kindly send vital family record and address changes to the Secretary.
5. If you wish to give a Westcott plaque for a Christmas gift (since it takes 6 or 8m weeks) order now, to secretary so you will be sure to have it early.
6. More Members - Send to Secretary for Applications.

HAPPY FALL SEASON AND ALSO HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE
OFFICERS OF OUR SOCIETY!!