

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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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 Times with Westcott Cousins!

#526 - Mr. & Mrs. Royce F. Kimball
Groth Road, Holley, New York

#527 - Mrs. Earl H. Dominick
6605 Highland Avenue, Springfield, Virginia

BIRTH---Congratulations!

Susan Elaine Barnhardt, born November 19, 1961, daughter of Luther and Ruth(Westcott) Barnhardt, of Durham, North Carolina, also granddaughter of our members, Dr. and Mrs. Howard L. Westcott, of 19 Woodhill Drive, Tenafly, New Jersey.

DEATHS---Our Society Extends Deepest Sympathy.

Mrs. Hannah M. Westcott, wife of our deceased member #95, Ellis Perry Westcott, died on August 9, 1961. She was the dear mother of our member, Ellis Royden Westcott, of Seekonk, Massachusetts.

#77 - Mrs. Grace Davenport Roberts, passed away on September 18, 1961, the dear mother of our member, Homer D. Roberts, of Main Street, Boonton, New Jersey. Grace was formerly of Cooperstown, New York but had made her home with her son, Homer, for the past few years.

DEATHS---(Continued)

Dr. Frederick Westcott Solley, 66 years of age, died in Danbury Hospital, on September 11, 1961. He was the son of our deceased member #14, Mrs. Mary Houston (Westcott) Solley. Dr. Solley was consulting surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, New York. His residence was North Salem Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Bates Solley; a son, Frederick Bates Solley; a brother, Dr. Robert F. Solley; and a sister, Mrs. George M. Durant. (Item sent in by Mrs. Fred. Van Orden.)

Earl Howell Westcott, age 70, of 7 Pennsylvania Avenue, Lavallette, New Jersey, died May 25, 1959, at his home. Before his retirement he was an engineer employed by the Otis Elevator Company, New York. He formerly lived in Dunellen, where he served as councilman for two terms. He was a graduate of Stevens Institute and a member of Anchor Masonic Lodge, Plainfield, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Bennett Westcott; two daughters, Mrs. Victor Nelson, Middlesex, New Jersey and Mrs. Lawrence O'Neill, of Dunellen; a sister, Mrs. Daphne Wasmer, of New York and five grandchildren. (Item sent in by Mrs. Fred. Van Orden.) Note; Earl Howell Westcott is unplaced but could be a descendant of Richard Wescott.)

GENEALOGY OF MEMBERS # 94---Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Royden Westcott, Senior, of Seekonk, Massachusetts.

A. Children of Ellis Royden and Elizabeth C. Westcott, Jr., also of Seekonk, Massachusetts.

1. Patricia Anne Westcott
2. Jayne Elizabeth Westcott
3. Peter William Westcott
4. David Ellis Westcott

B. Children of Melvin J. and Cynthia Ann (Westcott) Milendor, of West Peabody, Massachusetts.

1. Jeffrey Steven Milendor
2. Kenneth Westcott Milendor

Note; - Their mother, Cynthia Ann (Westcott) Milendor is the sister of Ellis Royden Westcott, Junior.

"PENNSYLVANIA TRAVELER"---For March 1959

Glenway Wescott will move to Stockton, New Jersey. After more than twenty years of residence in Hampton, Pennsylvania, he is being flooded out by the construction of a reservoir. Mr. Wescott, a native of Wisconsin, won nation-wide attention while still a youth with his novel, "The Grandmothers", which was awarded the Harper Prize. His last work was "Apartment in Athens", a book of the month selection. He is now at work on a new novel, which he claims will be his last. (Item sent in by Mrs. Fred. Van Orden)

LETTER FROM RACHEL WILKINS COTTRELL---Of Buskirk, New York
Dated November 21, 1961.

"Dear Eleanor; We have had a very busy summer. Last winter we went to Florida, but did not stay too long. This June we went to Iowa for the Westcott reunion and were with Perdue cousins for over two weeks. We did a lot of sightseeing both going out west and on the return trip. We also visited other Iowa cousins and several genealogist friends with whom I have worked for many years.

Being State Registrar of the Huguenot Society of New York has also taken time but I have found the work most interesting.

With some landscaping work done on our home place, we are ready for winter which started off well with about 5 or 6 inches of snow yesterday.

Love,
Rachel."

SPEEDY RECOVERY---Letter to Alice Marroquin from Cousin
Irene Wescott, of Salamanca, New York
Dated September 19, 1961

"Dear Alice; The Westcott Quarterly arrived this morning.

I have had a very trying year. Early in January, my brother passed away in Manchester, New Hampshire. I had to go by train as all planes were grounded here and we just wouldn't try to drive. It is a long hard trip by bus to Buffalo, train to Boston and then by bus again.

Coming home I picked up some kind of a virus and had quite a time with that.

Then I had trouble with my leg so that kept me home much of the summer. But, I am beginning to feel better again now and I do get around but am taking it easy.

Lester is still working and keeps busy. Regards to all of you.

Sincerely,
Irene Wescott."

LETTER FROM HARRIET NEILL---Of New York City and Oshkosh,
Wisconsin. This one from Oshkosh, dated
September 14, 1961

"Dear Eleanor; The crest on my last letter to you was the one used by Thomas Westcote, Esquire. The coat was ascribed to him in 1400. It may be earlier. 'Ar. a bend cotised sable, a border gu bezantée', and the moor's head crest was used with it. It interested me to learn that the present head of the line, Viscount Cobham, uses it and the Littelton coat. 'Ar. a chevron between 3 scallops sable.' Refer; In "Fairbairn's Book of Crests", it shows many families used the same crests, probably tenants of the same Earldom in some cases and many used the same shield.

LETTER FROM HARRIET NEILL---(Continued)

The early Westcotts might have had slaves. When they came to New England and points west, most of them were strong abolitionists. So were the Babcocks, Potters and Langworthys, I learned from their letters. They dug tunnels for runaway slaves. One went under the Albion (Wisconsin) Seventh Day Baptist Church and on up to Milton. The Old Milton House is now a museum.

Mother is the oldest living member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She will be 92 next month. She and sister, Ione are the same as usual.

Ione has a Companion so I'm packing my luggage and hoping to get home soon.

Had a card from daughter Louise today. She said, 'you had better get home soon. The neighbors are beginning to wonder what I did with the body.'

In Oshkosh here they all say hopefully, 'When are you leaving?' So I guess it is high time I start east. It's been a long job sorting, sifting and disposing of things I can't bear to discard. On the other hand where can I put extra things if I do take it home?

We're having the tag end of one of the hurricanes today, part of the sky is black and part of it very sunny with flurries of rain and wind. Take it easy.

Best to All,
With love,
Harriet."

LETTER FROM ETHAN L. ARNOLD---Of Elkhart, Indiana

Dated September 20, 1961

"Dear Cousin Eleanor,

Since reading your note in the June Quarterly requesting if any member of the society desired to sell Westcott Genealogies, I have been wondering if you have had any offers? I am still in the market.

I am still thinking about and looking for new items of 'Arnold' history and contemplating the publication of another book, My Arnold Family Record briefly mentions three families concerning whom I was unable to obtain specific information. The next year after the publication of my book I contacted members of one of those families and within the last few months have been in correspondence with two more. Their letters tell me they are fine people. Some of the family of Charles Arnold live in Minneapolis and it develops that there lived as neighbors, descendants of Collin Arnold and the children attended the same schools, through grade and high, but never knew they were cousins until I sent copies of my book to the Charles Arnold Family. Quite interesting! I wonder how many more have had the same experience in both the Arnold and Westcott families.

LETTER FROM ETHAN L. ARNOLD---(Continued)

I had a very pleasant surprise a few weeks ago, an unexpected visit from a cousin and her husband. They live in Nevada and drove up here from Louisville, Kentucky just to see me. Her father was my first cousin and was born in Cass County, Michigan, about twelve miles from Elkhart. I took them to see the places where the Arnolds had lived and her father was born.

Incidentally I have not traced our ancestry, by direct line, to Ynyr, King of Gwentland, Wales and hope to have the direct line to Cadwaldr, King of the Brittons.

I trust you are enjoying good health.

Faithfully yours,
Ethan."

LETTER FROM ELLIE BAXTER---Of Princeton, New Jersey
Dated September 20, 1961

"Dear Cousin Eleanor,

Well, here we are living in New Jersey. We think we will like Princeton very much, it's such a lovely looking little village with such beautiful trees and much culture all around.

I saw, by the early spring bulletin, that Mrs. Esther Brown, of Waterboro, South Carolina did join the society. I told her quite some time ago about it. Am wondering if she showed where her "Nicholas Wescott" came from. Am sure he was my first South Carolina ancestor, also.

I seem to get 'no-where' on my Westcotts, now that we've moved to the east coast. I hope by next summer to be able to go down to South Carolina to do some research.

Our son, Bruce is 16 years old and a Junior at Princeton High. He attended famous 'New Trier' High in Winnetka Township, Illinois when we lived in Wilmette. I think he's interested in attending Princeton University, after graduation from High School.

If you are ever down Princeton way, do come to see us.

Fondly,
Ellie O. Baxter."

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT---Of River Edge, New Jersey.

Our summer was a sad one this year. My husband's dear father passed away on July 13th. He was 85 years of age and lived at his home on Staten Island. In the early spring he had pneumonia but because of good care and a will to live had recuperated nicely. For years he had suffered with a heart ailment. He spent June at our place and enjoyed our yard so much. He called our yard, 'his little park'. In June we had a family gathering for him. Relatives came from Ithaca, Gloversville, Poughkeepsie and Northport, New York.

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT---(Continued)

On July 8th we took him to Northport, Long Island to stay with Ralph's brother so he could enjoy the seashore, but he died suddenly in his sleep just five days later.

We didn't take our vacation as first planned but the last two weeks of September went to Indiana to take our son, Bruce, and his belongings back to Tri-State College. While west we drove up to the Sioux to see the Locks. We crossed into Canada, coming down the north and east sides of Lake Huron and on to Buffalo, where we visited my folks in western New York state. The weather was ideal, only one rainy day.

Affectionately,
Eleanor Trismen."

LETTER FROM DR. CYNTHIA WESTCOTT---Christmas, 1961
(Springvale-On-The-Hudson, Croton-On-Hudson, New York)
Greetings!

This annual letter chronicles an eventful year, culminating in a new address. The year started somewhat inauspiciously, my New Year's present being an announcement that I was due for immediate surgery. However, I was given a reprieve long enough to fly to Kansas City and fulfill four lecture commitments and my first hospitalization was more pleasant than otherwise, for everyone was so kind. There was no chance to be bored during convalescence because proof of ARE YOU YOUR GARDEN'S WORST PEST? (published by Doubleday in July) started coming the day after I returned from the hospital. It was a fine winter to stay indoors, with all that cold and snow. By April I was going full steam again, driving to Concord, Massachusetts to talk, trying to get to the Corning Glass Center by plane and ending up by train, going by train to Wilson, North Carolina, and then the next week by plane to Birmingham.

May meant attendance at the National Council of State Garden Clubs meeting in Philadelphia and a Gold Medal from the Garden Club of New Jersey and in June my roses were "at home" to many visitors on two weekends. July was hot! The hedge and weeds grew and grew. I trimmed and I pulled and I never caught up with myself. The tax bill arrived and I realized that if I kept up with the garden I'd not have energy enough to earn the wherewithal to keep up the house. So, in August, I suddenly put my home on the market. It was sold in three weeks to Lester Riley, landscape gardener, who will cherish the roses and let people come to see them. He has all the equipment, including a snow-blower for the long drive, to maintain the garden as it deserves.

I turned from weeding to burning, getting rid of the accumulation of twenty-eight years, throwing away, giving away, reducing eight rooms to two, a studio apartment in a development "for senior citizens with young ideas". It is hard to realize that I have reached that age bracket and I don't know how I'll react to living with my contemporaries. The past few years most of my neighbors have belonged to the pre-school set. Every time I took my lunch or supper into the garden I was surrounded by tots hopefully expecting the Rose Day cookies to last forever. I shall still eat

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outdoors, in fair weather, on my new terrace. I shall also have a small garden, with at least a few roses, and I can enjoy lovely views of the Hudson River and the mountains without worrying over shoveling walks or mowing the lawn.

In the midst of packing, I had charge of a luncheon for the Penn-Jersey District in East Orange, went to Cleveland to the American Rose Society meeting, being named outstanding rosarian for 1961, went to a regional meeting of National Council at Atlantic City, and flew to Toledo, Ohio to talk to a chapter of the American Rhododendron Society on Azalea Petal Blight. I officially changed residence on October 16, not having time to get settled before going to Amherst to give a plant pathology seminar, taking in part of the Horticultural Congress at Northampton, and then starting South, on October 29, for two months. This trip was planned long before I decided to move but it made things pretty hectic. I am addressing this letter in the intervals between attending Entomology meetings at Baltimore and Miami, a Phytopathology meeting at Biloxi, and talking in Jacksonville, Winter Park, Pompano Beach, Bradenton, Florida and in New Orleans.

I expect to be back at Springvale by December 20 and I hope that some of you will find your way to my door. The entrance to the 35-acre tract is on Route #9, between Ossining and Peekskill. It is easy to reach from New Jersey via the Garden State Parkway and the TappanZee Bridge.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cynthia Westcott

REMINDERS

1. Please send in to Eleanor Trismen any local chapter news.
2. Items for the Junior News, please send them in, we need them very much.
3. Please notify secretary of any address changes.
4. Keep articles coming in for Quarterly and Family Album.
5. Two volunteers who live near one another to take over Treasurer's and Secretary's jobs in our society.
6. Have you paid your dues? Money is needed to print the Quarterly.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

FROM THE SOCIETY TO ALL THE WESTCOTT COUSINS