

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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

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CHAPTER NEWS---Iowa Chapter No. 9 - From Mrs. Duane Wilson.

The fourth annual meeting of the Iowa Chapter, of the Stukely Westcott Descendants of America was held on June 10, 1962, at the Holst Hotel, Boone, Iowa. Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Collins were hosts to thirty cousins. Dinner was served at twelve o'clock. The Rev. Price, an uncle of Mrs. Collins acted as Chaplain.

The 1962 Iowa Chapter Officers are;

Mrs. Robert Perdue, of Elliot, Iowa - President  
Mrs. Dallas L. Porter, of Red Oak, Iowa - Vice-President  
Mrs. J. T. Williams, of Lake City, Iowa - Secretary &  
Treasurer  
Mrs. Duane Wilson, of Dubuque, Iowa - Corresponding  
Secretary  
Mrs. Ronald Gladson, of Atlantic, Iowa - Historian

A nice time was enjoyed by the Iowa cousins and Mrs. Ronald Gladson read interesting items of family history. The song, "Bold Stukely", written by the late Mrs. Cogswell, was sung.

An invitation for the 1963 meeting was extended by Mrs. Dallas L. Porter, of Red Oak, Iowa.

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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS---Reunion at Boston, Massachusetts.

Our 1962, 14th biennial meeting in Boston, on August 10, 11 & 12th was a real success. Miss Dorothea Cogswell and Mrs. Joye Satterfield are to be commended on their fine cooperation. The Hotel Vendome gave us good service; the tours were interesting and the dinner delicious, which was held on the Hotel Roof Garden.

NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS---(Continued)

There were 37 cousins present at the informal gathering on Friday evening; 32 cousins enjoyed the Gray Line tour of old Boston, on Saturday afternoon and 42 cousins were present at the Saturday night dinner. Decorations and corsages were red roses with silver leaves.

The Rev. Howard P. Kellett, Vicar of Old North Church, gave an interesting talk on the Old North Church and the fine heritage we must protect in order to survive.

The new President, Miss Susan Westcott Handy, of Manville, Rhode Island received the Society gavel from Mrs. Eleanor Trismen, outgoing President.

The slate for 1962-1964 officers are as follows:

- President - Miss Susan Westcott Handy  
"The Breezes", Manville, Rhode Island
- Vice-President - Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen  
457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey
- Recording Secretary - Mrs. Lucius W. Hitchcock  
Brockport, New York
- Secretary-Treasurer - Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell  
83 Carver Road, Newton Highlands, Mass.
- Assistant Secretary - Mrs. Robert N. Satterfield  
Treasurer 34 Ardmore Road, Needham Heights, Mass.
- Chaplain - Mr. Webb Wilder  
281 Morgan Avenue, Johnston, Rhode Island
- Registrar - Miss H. Louise Harris  
15 Jay Street, Rumford 16, Rhode Island

The Directors are as follows;

- Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, New York  
Mr. William Driver, New York  
Mr. Leslie Westcott, Rhode Island  
Dr. F. Howard Westcott, New Jersey  
Mr. Edmund Morris, New Jersey  
Mrs. Alice Baxter, Rhode Island  
Mr. Harold Wescott, Vermont  
Mr. Walter Westcott, New York

The main issues before the business meeting were;

1. - Reading and approval of the 1960 minutes at Rhode Island.
2. - Reading and approval of the corrected constitution, including duties of officers, based on Robert's Rules of Orders.

NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS---(Continued)

The main issues before the business meeting - (Continued)

3. - Membership Report as of January 31, 1962. Active adult memberships and family memberships were 206 as of that date.
4. - Treasurer's Report as of August 11, 1962, which was \$290.62.
5. - Election of 1962 - 1964 officers.
6. - Discussion of place of gathering of the clan in 1964. Harold Wescott, of Vermont thought it could be planned to meet there for the 15th meeting, details to be published later.
7. - Report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mrs. Eleanor Trismen.
8. - Announcements.
  - A. Regrets of many cousins not being able to attend the gathering in Boston.
  - B. A note of thanks from the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society for sending the back Quarterly issues for their genealogical value.
  - C. Reading of the Annapolis, Maryland Naval Academy History award for the midshipman of the class of 1962.
  - D. Report on the placing of the wreath at Stukely Westcott's Memorial, at Warwick, Rhode Island, on Memorial Day.

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NEW MEMBERS---Happy Times in our Society!

- #532 - Mr. & Mrs. Philip Lee Forde  
Eight Brown Street, Norwich, New York
- #533 - Miss Susanne Westcott  
47 Nathan Road, Waltham 54, Massachusetts
- #A-44 - Mr. & Mrs. Hazel W. Sheet  
707 Eldridge Avenue, North Cape May, New Jersey

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ENGAGEMENT---Congratulations!

The parents, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Luke, of Oradell, New Jersey announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Ann Luke, to Bruce White Trismen, on June 16, 1962. Bruce is a member of our Society, as are his parents Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, of River Edge, New Jersey. A date has not been set for the wedding.

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MARRIAGES---Long, Happy Life Together!.

James S. Westcott, of Unadilla, New York and Miss Elizabeth Kinsella, also of Unadilla were united in marriage at 2 P. M., on June 9, 1962, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, at Sidney, New York. Mr. Westcott is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Westcott, of Unadilla, New York. The bride's parents are Mr. & Mrs. George Kinsella.

Note-The above item was sent in by Mrs. Joseph Martin, of Binghamton, New York.

Nancy Gronemeier, of Bloomington, Illinois was married to Allan Dean Aldridge, also of Bloomington, on May 12, 1962. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. Franklin and Mrs. Mildred (Wrench) Gronemeier, of Bloomington and the granddaughter of our former member, Mrs. Alice wrench. The wedding took place in the Wesley Methodist Church, at Bloomington. The newly weds are in Bloomington this summer but both will attend Southern Illinois University, at Carbondale, in the fall.

Note - This item was sent in by Miss Grace Paugh, of Deland, Ill.

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DEATHS---Our Deepest Sympathy!

Mr. James Fanuel Neill, Shakespearean actor and husband of our member, Mrs. Harriet Neill, died suddenly in New York City, on May 22, 1962. For years he traveled with the Robert Mantel Theatrical Company.

Mrs. Grace M. (Bennett) Boyle, dear mother of our member, William Boyle, died on June 4, 1962, at Turners Falls, Massachusetts. She was buried in the Cheshire Massachusetts Center Cemetery. Mrs. Boyle was a descendant of Stephen Westcott, son of Stukely and Anna (Wells) Westcott, of Cheshire, Massachusetts. On Stafford Hill, to the east, was her childhood home, where she lived with her parents the J. Howard Bennetts and her grandmother, Frances Marion Westcott Bennett.

Mr. Eugene A. Westcott, Jr., 72 years of age, of Cleveland, New York, died Thursday, July 26, 1962, of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on Route #31. He retired in 1960 as postmaster in Cleveland. He was an owner of race horses stabled at Vernon Downes. He was a member of our Westcott Society; of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra; the Cleveland Masonic Lodge; the Scottish Rite Masonic Order of Syracuse, and a member and trustee of the Cleveland Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Olive Phillips Westcott; a sister, Mrs. Marshall Brown, of Rochester; two nephews; an uncle Howard Westcott, of Oswego, New York.

DEATHS---(Continued)

Mr. Glenn L. Packer, passed away at his home at Portlandville, New York, on July 10, 1962. He was a member of our Society and his wife, Violette writes that he was always proud of being a "Westcott" and would have liked to have been able to attend more meetings.

Mr. Edgar Elisha Greene, died suddenly in New York City, on August 9, 1962. He was a member of our National Society and the Greater New York Chapter. He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution and Empire State Society. He is survived by his wife, Louise (Brix) Greene; two sisters, Viola Greene Phillips and Doris Greene McNames; two brothers, Arthur Greene and Wellington Greene.

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THANKING YOU---Alice Marroquin wishes to thank so many of the Westcott cousins who wrote notes of sympathy in regard to the sudden death of her husband, Edward Marroquin.

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IN MEMORIAM---In lovely memory of our Founder, Roscoe Leighton Whitman, who passed away seven years ago, on September 3, 1955.

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LETTER FROM DOROTHEA COGSWELL---dated August 18, 1962.

Dear Eleanor, "Many thanks for your nice note. I was so sorry you couldn't be at King's Chapel." (Note - I ate something that didn't agree with me so Ralph, Alice Marroquin and I left Boston, Sunday A.M. before church). "The service was quite like the Episcopal one. Sunday morning I had phoned a cousin of mine who is Junior Warden, to tell him how many were likely to be there. He called the lay reader, and they put all of the regular parishioners on the right of the center aisle, leaving the whole left side for us. The pews are just like the Old North Church ones. They have a special, large, raised sideways pew at the far right reserved for the Governor, the President, or any visiting rulers. Queen Juliana was the last one to use it. The chalice-type pulpit is the oldest pulpit in this country which has always been in constant use; the sounding-board hanging over it used to be lowered on the minister if he talked more than two hours (one turn of the hour-glass) at a time! (The verger told us these things and many other interesting things after the service. I wish you could have heard him.)

The Satterfield family were all there, and even the 4 year old was angelic! I sat with Mr. & Mrs. Ashley Westcott and their little Gwendolyn, and the Lyle Cottrells. After the verger's talk, I stood in the vestibule a few minutes, talking to different ones and many of

LETTER FROM DOROTHEA COGSWELL---(Continued)

the cousins came up and said good-bye to me as to their hostess and said they had had a wonderful time. The Ashley Westcott's gave me a lift home.

I'm so happy that everything seemed to go well. I myself had a glorious time every minute.

Your cousin,  
Dorothea."

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1962 AWARD WINNER---U. S. Naval Academy

The Professor Allan F. Westcott Prize, " presented to that midshipman of the graduating class who submits as a term paper the best essay dealing with Naval History." - \$250.00 in bonds.

This year's winner was midshipman (now Ensign) Jon Ruckert, U.S.N. and the title of his essay was, "British-Norwegian Fishing Boat Sorties Against Nazi Norway."

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LETTER FROM DR. F. HOWARD WESTCOTT---"Project S. S. Hope"  
August 1, 1962

From Peru came this letter, via air-mail to Boston.

"Dear Eleanor and Members of the Westcott Society.

Georgia and I are very sorry to miss this 14th biennial celebration. I well remember the one in Boston when Roscoe Whitman was in his glory 30 years ago.

Georgia and I are very busy here in Trujillo, Peru, aboard the S. S. Hope ship. We go to Solaverry Belen Hospital five days a week for allergy clinics where we see patients from the wealthiest land owners to the poorest families who live in mud (barrio) walled huts often 7 or more to a family (no birth control here) and often no roof to the hut.

It has not rained here since 1925 and the 14 foot sugar cane is grown by irrigation from the Andes Mountains.

We are doing a wonderful work here and are trying to elevate the standards of medical care to every one in Peru.

The people, mostly with Indian blood are very interesting, but not very interested in bettering their plight.

We are well but begin to long for the U. S. A., especially for Tenafly. We leave August 9th and arrive home, after seeing more of South America, about September 1st. Have lots to show and tell you."

Then in Peruvian he signs, "Good wishes to you all until later."

Cousins,  
Howard and Georgia."

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TRAGEDY AT BERLIN, NEW YORK---Article by Eleanor Trismen

Many of us read on July 23rd about the tractor-trailer, loaded with propane gas, which ran down a hill, out of control and exploded in Berlin, New York, a small town in Rensselaer County, west of Albany, New York.

Since a number of the town residents are descended from Arnold Wescott, son of Stukley Westcott, of Cheshire, Massachusetts, I was so shaken with the details of the Berlin tragedy, that I wrote to my cousin, Phoebe Shubert. Phoebe wrote an eight page letter to me but said she herself was not of much help since she had just returned home from the hospital, but, her husband tried to help neighbors, the McCumber's who later died of burns. Phoebe said a window in their house was broken and a chair scorched.

The paper spoke about the death by heart attack of Mrs. Mabel H. Wager, 77 years of age. She was an Arnold Wescott descendant and a younger sister of Edith (Lewis) Simmons, who belonged to our Society some time ago.

The town is still in shock, Phoebe said.

The young man, Robert Bentley who was knocked off a ladder while painting, is a relative of mine on my grandmother Bentley family line.

While at Boston, I spoke to Rachel Cottrell, of Buskirk, New York a town quite near Berlin. She told me that most of the Berlin folks who were badly burned had died--a terrible tragedy!

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BIRTHDAY TO REMEMBER---Our oldest member is Mrs. Louise W. Babcock, of 1207 Winnebago Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She will be 93 years of age, on October 17th. She is Harriet Neill's and Ione Babcock's dear mother.

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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.

Allow six weeks to have plaques made up. Make your checks payable to "The U. S. Bronze Sign Company" and mail your order to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Ferway, River Edge, New Jersey.

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YOUNG FOLKS WELCOME!!

The young cousins present at the 14th biennial gathering in Boston were:

Carolyn Shippee, of Cranston, Rhode Island  
Susanne Westcott, of Waltham, Massachusetts  
Gregory Westcott, of Massachusetts  
Richard Westcott, of Rosindale, Massachusetts  
Linda Ann Hitchcock, of Brockport, New York  
Warren George Hitchcock, of Brockport, New York  
Linda Ann Luke, of Oradell, New Jersey, fiancée of  
Bruce W. Trismen.  
Bruce White Trismen, of River Edge, New Jersey

Also including the Satterfield children, Cynthia, Daryl and Loren who were present at the King's Chapel service in Boston, on August 12th.

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NOTICES

1. Send your dues to Mrs. Alice Marroquin, 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, New Jersey.
2. Order your plaques with check, pronto, if you wish them for Christmas.
3. Items needed for the Quarterly, especially activities of the young folks.
4. Be on the look out for more members.
5. Alice Marroquin, as Treasurer and Eleanor Trismen, as Secretary, will continue until January 31, 1963 (when our year ends) and the new Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Dorothea Cogswell, and her assistant, Mrs. Joye Satterfield, will take over.

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HAPPY AUTUMN AND THANKSGIVING SEASON! !