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As some of the cousins have found it hard, after so many years of knowing the same officers, to remember the names and addresses of the new ones, here is the up-to-date list in condensed form:

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CHAPTER NEWS - Iowa Chapter

Our Iowa Chapter sent in an advance notice of their fifth annual meeting, which was held on June 9 at the "Johnson House", Red Oak, Iowa. The very original program was to be put on by all the members - one number per family. It must have been fun!

NEW MEMBER

#535 - Mr. & Mrs. Harold G. Lohnes
311 Brush Hill Road, Milton 86, Mass.

Welcome to our Clan!

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

BIRTHS

William Robert Follett, born April 22, 1960, in Burlington, Vt., son of Benjamin Branch and Elsie Margaret (Simonds) Follett, and grandson of our member, Mrs. C. Durrell Simonds of Burlington, Vt. William is the Follett's fifth child.

David Michael Gear, born January 21, 1963, son of James E. and JoAnn (Marshment) Gear, grandson of Douglas H. Marshment, and great-grandson of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Waukegan, Illinois.

Rosalyn Wright, born April 9, 1963, in Las Vegas, Nevada, daughter of our members George L. and Denza (Aiken) Wright of Las Vegas.

Virginia Blair Smith, born April 25, 1963, in Lancaster, Pa., daughter of our member, Oliver J. Smith, 3rd, and his wife, Livonia (Westcott) Smith of Lancaster, and granddaughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Westcott of Batavia, N. Y.

Heartiest congratulations on the births of all these new young members!

ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Alice (Westcott) Marroquin, widow of the late Edward R. Marroquin and faithful Treasurer of our Society from 1948 through last January, became engaged at Easter to Bert J. Hoffman of Dumont, N. J. The plan to be married on August 16 and to spend their honeymoon in Europe.

All who have known Alice at the Society meetings or who have corresponded with her during her years as Treasurer will wish her many years of happiness in her new life.

DEATHS

John F. Clark, husband of our member, Mrs. Pauline V. (Westcott Watkins) Clark, passed away October 29, 1962, in Baldwinsville, N. Y., after two years of heart trouble.

Mrs. Edna (Westcott) Carpenter (Mrs. Howard Carpenter) of Pulaski, N. Y., older sister of our member, Mrs. Pauline V. (Westcott Watkins) Clark, passed away December 8, 1962. She had been active in Grange, Rebecca, and American Legion work. She worked for several years for the G.L.F. in Pulaski.

The news of both these deaths was sent us by our member, Mrs. John F. Clark of 71 Downer St., Baldwinsville, N. Y., who has our sincere sympathy.

Douglas H. Marshment, aged fifty-five, passed away on January 23,

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1963, in a Seattle hospital, from a heart attack. He was born October 29, 1907, son of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill. He is survived by his parents and by his daughters, Miss Edith G. Marshment, Mrs. James E. Gear, Miss Mae R. Marshment, and Miss Michel B. Marshment.

On the morning of his death, his parents had received a short note from him, telling them that he was in the hospital recuperating from a severe heart attack and feeling much better, and adding the joyous news that he had just become a grandfather. The phone call that afternoon announcing his death was a very great shock. His friends will mourn his passing.

Mrs. Doris Earle (Westcott) Bixby (Mrs. Raymond A. Bixby), of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, passed away on February 7, 1963, at only forty years of age. She had had three major operations in two years. "She suffered considerably but never complained. She was always cheerful and looked on the bright side."

She was very active in the Church - welcoming churchgoers at the door, visiting newcomers, and always ready to help in any need. She was loved by all who knew her.

The following In Memoriam was printed in her Church paper (THE CHIMES) on March 8, 1963:

"Mrs. Raymond A. Bixby (Doris) of 1764 Oakmont Road joined the Church Triumphant on Thursday, February 7, 1963. Doris joined our church nine years ago and during that time served on the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, an ardent worker together with her husband for four years on the Visitation Committee. Many calls were made on prospective members through her efforts. She was also a member of the Woman's Society and the Wesley Fellowship. Although she suffered a great deal of the time, she was full of life and animation and desired always to serve the slightest need. Services were held at the church on Saturday, February 9, and interment was in Knollwood Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; two sons, James and Mark; one daughter, Barbara; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Westcott."

Everyone who knew her will indeed mourn her untimely passing. Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur K. Westcott of Cleveland Heights, and her aunt, Mrs. George A. Rouse of Cleveland Heights, who sent us this sad news, are all members of our Society. She herself was also a member until 1962, when her health evidently became too poor. Her relatives have our sincerest sympathy.

Sanford H. Westcott, aged 104, died April 27, 1963, in Ypsilanti, Mich., where he was visiting a son, Dr. George W. Westcott. He was born in Oswego County, N. Y., and was educated at Central Teachers College in New York State and Valparaiso University in Indiana. As a young man he moved to Michigan, where he taught school and was for twenty years superintendent of schools near Detroit. He retired at sixty and for the next twenty-five years operated a real estate and building business, from which he retired at eighty-five. However, he still kept his interest in mathematics, game strategy, and teaching until the end.

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He was the second oldest Mason in the world, having become a member in 1881. As a child, he cried at the news that Lincoln had been shot. A Republican, he voted for every G.O.P. candidate since Garfield. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He made his last trip to Europe at ninety-one, and his last airplane flight last fall. In 1953 he came with his sons to our Society's meeting in Cooperstown, N.Y. He kept his faculties to the last.

Of late years he has lived in turn with his four children:

Dr. George Westcott of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Mrs. R. W. Havilandooof Detroit, Mich., Mrs. B. E. McLaughlin of Arlington, Va., and Professor Jay B. Westcott of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Burial was in Ortonville, Mich.

Notices of his death were sent by Mrs. Aaron G. Johnson of Washington, D. C., Miss Elizabeth M. Westcott of Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Charles J. Woods of Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss Ruth Canavan, aged seventy-eight, of Cambridge, Mass., died June 24, 1963, at the Cambridge Home for Aged People, where she had lived since October, 1961. She was born August 5, 1884, in Lexington, Mass., daughter of Michael J. and Charlotte A. (Pearson) Canavan, and was a Westcott descendant on her mother's side. She was the first cousin of the Society's late Poet Laureate, Theodor Bates Cogswell, who was the mother of your new Editor. She came to lunch at the Vendome and met some of the Cousins at our Boston meeting in August, 1962.

For forty-two years she had been secretary-librarian with Metcalf & Eddy, consulting engineers, often translating technical French and Italian articles for them. She was the only person other than the partners retained during depression years.

She was an accomplished pianist, and served as accompanist for many young singers. In the 1930s she also became a singer of English, French, and Italian folk songs and gave several recitals in costume at the Boston Public Library and for various church and other groups.

Since her official retirement, she has worked part-time at the Radcliffe College Employment Bureau until recently. She also typed many books and theses.

She was always pleasant, and left a wide circle of friends.

LETTERS

Cousin Dorothy Westcott's Red Cross, rush-about, summary letter of last Christmas leaves the reader sympathetically breathless. One does not realize that the Red Cross has so many emergencies, or that floods are so common.

Cousin Edith Marshment (Mrs. Harold T. Marshment) of Waukegan, Ill., who lost her youngest son in January (see DEATHS), had already had weeks of anxiety about her eldest son, Philip. He had a severe heart attack just after Thanksgiving and was in the hospital for four

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weeks, getting home barely in time for Christmas. By April he was doing well.

Cousin Edith and her husband are approaching their sixtieth wedding anniversary, which will come soon after Christmas. May they attain it and many more!

Cousin Harriet Babcock Neill's daughter, Louise Wescott Neill, qualified at Fencers Club, N.Y. for the women's national fencing tournament, to be held at Los Angeles, June 29 to July 6. She also received the Honor Award from McBurney Branch, presented at the annual Membership Seminar of the Y.M.C.A. of Greater New York. She is Treasurer of the Fencing Club and received a certificate from the president of the Y.M.C.A. of Greater New York. At their dinner she was "layman-of-the-Year." She is Secretary of the Sports Council and an active member of the Physical Department. She also works each year in the Finance Campaign and participates in fencing demonstrations. She says: "I have come from 'Queen of the Y.M.C.A.' to 'Layman-of-the-Year' in eight hard years!" We all will watch for her success in the Los Angeles tournament.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The work of Dr. F. Howard Westcott and his wife, Georgia, on Project Hope was written up at length in March in the RECORD of River Edge, N.J., and in April in the NEWARK EVENING POST. They have now had two extremely interesting two-month summer voyages in the Hope - to South Viet Nam in 1961, and to Peru in 1962, from which he sent a greeting to our Society at its Boston meeting. They want to continue their summer medical work either on the Hope or in the Hope's new model hospital in Peru.

On Forefathers Sunday (May 5) at the First Baptist Meeting House in Providence, R.I., a special service was held "similar to those used in 18th Century meeting houses". This has been for several years a feature of Rhode Island Heritage Week. Some of the cousins attended.

Cousin Bessie Westcott Griswold (Mrs. Robert N. Griswold) of North Sacramento, Calif., pleased the Rockefeller family by writing the Foundation a letter of thanks for restoring the First Baptist Church of Providence, of which Stukely Westcott was one of the founders. She received a very appreciative reply from the Secretary.

U.S. Army Reserve Colonel Chester W. Wescott of Bergenfield, N.J., one of our members, served as Grand Marshall during their local Memorial Day parade. He is commanding officer of the 466th Group Headquarters at the Alexander Hamilton Reserve Center in Lodi. He has had 26 years of service and saw action in the African-European-Middle Eastern Theatre of World War II.

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Cousin Rachel V. Clark (Mrs. John F. Clark) writes that her older boy, John, is a Sophomore at R.P.I. at Troy, N.Y. Her younger son, Bruce, is now a high school Junior.

WESTCOTT GENEALOGIES

Several cousins have written to ask if they can get copies of the Westcott Genealogy. Unfortunately the edition of each of the two volumes of Mr. Whitman's Genealogy was very small and they are both out of print. If anyone has an unwanted copy of either or both volumes to sell, please write the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor, who has a waiting list of people who would like to buy it.

REMINDERS

1. New dues envelopes are enclosed with this issue of the Quarterly to those who have not yet paid for 1963. Please return them soon - filled!
2. Please send items for the Quarterly.
3. Please send address changes to your Secretary-Editor.

A HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!