

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Vermont Chapter of our Society has very kindly invited the National Society to hold its 1964 Biennial Meeting in East Poultney, Vermont, in August - probably the second weekend in the month. The Chapter will have a meeting of its officers on October 5 to plan details, so the December Quarterly should be more definite as to time and place. Needless to say, the National Society greatly appreciates this invitation. In Boston last year, when it was suggested that the next meeting might be in Poultney, those who had been there before were eager to return.

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 5 - Vermont

The 26th annual reunion of Chapter 5 (Vermont) of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants was held on Sunday, Aug. 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Lewis in Townshend, Vt. There were 90 members and 2 guests present.

New members present were William H. Boyle of Gill, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wescott of Townshend, Vt.

Officers elected were:

President: Harold Wescott, Sr., Poultney
Vice-President: Guy O. Wescott, Springfield
Recording Secretary: Paul R. Lewis, Townshend
Corresponding Secretary: Frances Wescott Reed, Poultney
Treasurer: Lucy Wescott Jay, Poultney
Entertainment Chairman: Mabel L. Wescott, Bloomfield, Conn.
Historian & Registrar: Rachel Wilkins Cottrell, Buskirk, N.Y.

It was voted to invite the National Society to hold its 1964 meeting in East Poultney in August. An officers' meeting to be held Oct. 5 will plan details.

The member who came the longest distance to attend the meeting was Mabel L. Wescott (Mrs. Phillip H. Wescott) of Bloomfield, Conn.

The largest family group belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Jay.

The youngest member present was Amy Lou Jay, aged 5½ months, daughter of Charles Jay.

The oldest member present was Frank M. Jay, aged 75.

The oldest person present was a guest - Mrs. Fanny Dennison, aged 83.

The picnic lunch and business meeting were followed by a program of guitar and harmonica music, ~~Evening "Westcott" Descendant is eligible~~ and group singing, put on by the

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younger members under the direction of Program Chairman Harold Reed of East Poultney.

This interesting report was sent in by Cousin Frances Reed, the Vermont Chapter's Corresponding Secretary.

Chapter 7 - Chicagoland

Mrs. Homer Shrewsbury of Chicago hopes to be able to get the Chicagoland cousins together this Fall. We hope she succeeds in bringing the Chicagoland Chapter back into the active list. Some of the cousins in that area have written that they wished it could start up again.

Chapter 9 - Iowa

The June meeting of the Iowa Chapter was held in the Johnson House in Red Oak. As it happened to be on the day of a funeral in the family, only twenty-four were present - many less than usual.

The same officers were continued in office for another year with one exception: Helen Lary will be the new Secretary-Treasurer. The full slate of officers is:

President: Hazel Perdue

Vice-President: Edna Porter

Recording Secretary: Ann Wilson of Dubuque

Secretary-Treasurer: Helen Lary

Permanent Historian: Mrs. Gladson of Atlantic

Next year's meeting-place has not yet been finally set, but may be nearer the center of the state than Red Oak.

This report was sent in by Cousin Hazel Perdue.

NEW MEMBER

#536 - Mr. and Mrs. Merritt E. Westcott
R. 3, Moscow, Pa.

We are so glad to welcome you.

S. O. S. - APPLICATION BLANKS MISSING FROM FILES

Your Secretary was shocked to find recently that 24 signed applications of members who joined before 1940 were missing from the permanent files. Perhaps they were never filled out. During the early years of the Society, Mr. Whitman often seemed to take it so for granted that certain intimately known cousins had to be members that he never bothered to send them any blanks so they could get into the formal records.

Two of these 24 missing members are still active, as is the daughter of a third. They will soon get personal letters asking them to make out blanks for the files for future reference.

Please, everyone, look carefully through the following list of

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names. If you have any definite information about these former members, please write your Secretary-Editor. The only facts we have on these cousins are in this list. Some of you may know a son, daughter, nephew, etc. who is not a member but could supply the missing information. Please help us to complete our files, so that descendants of these early members who want to join in future years will find it easier to "hitch on" to their lines.

<u>No.</u>		<u>Joined</u>	<u>Later</u>
27	Mr. & Mrs. Merritt S. Squire, N.Y.	1934	He d. Apr.14,1937
37	Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Hadley, Pa.	1934	He d. Feb.27,1945
38	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond F. Hadley, Pa.	1934	--
68	Mr. & Mrs. Alford J. Westcott, Md.	1934	--
76	Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Westcott, N.J.	1934	--
79	Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Lindley, Conn.	1934	--
82	Miss Phebe E. Wilbur, R.I.	1934	Resigned
83	Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Westcott, R.I.	1934	--
86	Mrs. Lulu Westcott Iseman, N.Y.	1934	Resigned
89	Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Gillespie, N.Y.	1934	--
92	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph L. Foster, R.I.	1934	--
101	Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Williams, Calif.	1934	--
106	Mr. & Mrs. William H. Morrison, N.J.	1934	She d. Apr.25,1946
116	Mr. & Mrs. George H. Westcott 1 Stewart St., Amsterdam, N.Y.	1934	--
128	Dr. & Mrs. Elton G. Littell, Yonkers, N.Y.	1934-5	--
137	Mr. & Mrs. Walter J Billings, Mass.	1935	--
157	Mr. Henry Westcott Walker, Upland, Calif.	1935	--
159	Dr. John S. Kenyon, Hiram, Ohio	1935	--
A-1	Miss Edith S. Arnold, N.Y.	1934-5	--
A-2	Elisha S. Arnold, N.Y.	1934-5	--
A-8	Mrs. Edith Ross Smith, Smartsville, Calif.	1939	--

BIRTHS

Jeffrey Jerald Kuhn, born March 20, 1963, in Buffalo, N.Y., son of Dr. & Mrs. Jerald P. Kuhn, grandson of member Mrs. Horace Kuhn of Machias, N.Y., and great-grandson of our member Mrs. George D. Pickens of Arcade, N.Y.

Timothy Charles Marshment, born May 30, 1963, son of Charles Douglas and Barbara (Wilson) Marshment, grandson of Philip and Florence Mae Marshment, and great-grandson of our members Mr. & Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill.

Heartiest congratulations!

MARRIAGE

Our former Treasurer, Alice Westcott Marroquin, was married to Bertram Hoffman of Dumont, N.J. on Friday, August 16, 1963. A pretty ceremony was performed in the recently completed small chapel of the Old Dutch Reformed Church at Dumont.

Alice wore a sheath dress of pale blue with matching lace bodice and accessories to match. Her daughter, Joyce Thronson, was Alice's attendant and wore pale blue also. Alice carried white orchids which she later used as a corsage.

After the ceremony a reception was held for 30 friends and relatives at Danny's Steak House in Closter, N.J.

On Saturday, August 17, the bridal couple set sail for England and the Continent on the liner "United States" for a three weeks' honeymoon. Some of their friends and relatives were at the pier to bid them bon voyage.

The Bertram Hoffmans will make their home at 47 Davis Avenue, Hackensack, N.J.

We all wish our Cousin Alice great and lasting happiness in her new life.

LETTERS

Our President, Cousin Sue Handy, flew in June by jet plane from Boston to California to attend the Herb Society's annual meeting in Pasadena. She also planned to visit Santa Barbara and San Francisco. She must have had a wonderful time.

Cousin Joye Satterfield had a most exciting experience in mid-July, when still not wholly unpacked in their new home in a Chicago suburb, to which they had moved from a quiet little suburban town near Boston, Mass. She was alone with her three little girls, as her husband was on a business trip.

At 4 A.M. she was awakened by some sound, and got up and checked the windows to be sure all was well. As she looked at the house next door, where her neighbors had put a timer on their lights before going on vacation, she saw their light go off. "I thought 4 A.M. was an odd time for a timer to go off, but didn't know what time it was set for, so went back to bed. As I was about to doze off, a light went on and shone on my ceiling. I leaped out of bed and saw through my neighbor's window a man walking around in the kitchen. I phoned the police. While waiting for them, I saw bedroom lights go on and off. Four policemen came with drawn guns! I whispered to them from the window which rooms the men were in. They entered the house and caught two burglars in the act!

"Today from my back yard I saw a broken second-floor window at my neighbor's house. The breaking glass must have been the sound that woke me, and I must have seen them just as they started.

"So here I am tonight with all doors and windows locked and all the outside lights on!" Her letter ended: "I hope things get a little duller around here!"

I feel sure we all would have the same wish!

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Cousin Hazel Perdue of Elliott, Iowa, wrote in July: "We are having a very hot summer here." They had had an early dry spell. The "harvest of small grain is about finished. We have the straw baled and put away. The corn looks wonderful. It's getting harder for Robert to keep up the pace. We had Sunday dinner with the Swansons. Ione isn't able to attend our meetings any more."

We all are sorry about that last item.

Cousin Frances Reed of Poultney, Vt., wrote in mid-August: "All our family are well except my husband. He has been an invalid for a long time, but can wait on himself part of the time. ... We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last Oct. 6. We now have 37 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren - quite a group when together.

"Our son Franklin now has his own TV and electric business. His wife Velma is attending Castleton Teachers' College to get her degree, so she can teach later."

We wish them all good fortune!

WESTCOTT PLAQUE - Now available on order:

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque: @ \$24.00 each, in Bronze, measuring about 6"x9", 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"x7" in Bronze mounted on walnut with chain for hanging.

It takes a few weeks to have plaques made up, so send in orders early. 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 Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N.J., 07661

ITEM OF INTEREST

We are very proud to announce that our Recording Secretary, Cousin Evelyn Pickens Hitchcock (Mrs. Lucius W. Hitchcock) of Brockport, N.Y. was elected State President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at the 39th annual convention on June 28 in Utica, N.Y. She is a charter member of the Lt. Rodney H. Dobson Auxiliary to Post #2890, V.F.W. in Brockport. She has served as President of her Auxiliary in 1951-2, and as President of the Monroe County Council Auxiliary in 1954-5. She has also served the Department of New York in various offices for the past ten years. She is the daughter of our member Mrs. George D. Pickens of Arcade, N.Y., and the sister of our member Mrs. Horace Kuhn of Machias, N.Y. She is in partnership with her husband in the Hitchcock Jewelry Co. of Brockport, and is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Order of the Eastern

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Star, and the Brockport Chamber of Commerce. Her son, Warren, plans to enter Rochester Institute of Technology this Fall; her daughter, Linda, will be in the junior class of the Brockport High School.

We congratulate Cousin Evelyn Hitchcock very heartily. We know she will make a fine President.

JUNIOR NEWS

Cousin Edith Marshment of Waukegan, Ill. wrote in August that her great-grandson, little David Gear, whose birth in January was announced in the June Quarterly, was found to have two holes in his heart which would require open heart surgery at once. We trust that by now this has been performed and he is well on the road to recovery.

REMINDERS

1. Dues envelopes are again enclosed with this issue of the Quarterly to those who have not yet paid for 1963. If you have put it off during the hot weather, please don't postpone it any longer.

2. When you write in for any reason, please put your new Zip code on the envelope. It will be added to your address and will bring your Quarterlies more promptly.

3. Please send items for the Quarterly.

4. Please send address changes to your Secretary-Editor.

5. Keep on the watch to get new members.

A PLEASANT AUTUMN

AND A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!