

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## WE MOURN OUR COUNTRY'S PRESIDENT

As Americans, no matter what our politics, we feel a deep, almost personal sense of loss at the tragic and untimely death by an assassin's bullets of the brilliant and world-respected young President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. His ideals were high, and were very similar to those for which our ancestor Stukely Westcott was banished by the then rigid rules of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. We feel outraged that an assassin whose ideas were so warped should take such violent means to try to change this country's course - that this could happen in our free nation. President Kennedy's keen mind, magnetic personality, and great friendliness to all people of every land, race and creed have endeared him to all nations - and all feel the same stunning loss.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, the brave young widow who so lately lost her baby and who must now bring up her two older children without their father's help and counsel. We also feel deeply for small Caroline, old enough to understand that she will never see her father again, and for little John, who will learn only gradually the tragic loss he has suffered. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, who now have lost yet another of their children, and to the closely-knit Kennedy family we also send our sympathy.

We earnestly hope and pray that our new President, Lyndon B. Johnson, will be able, with God's help and with good advisers, to fulfil worthily the great responsibilities of the high position in which he has so unexpectedly been placed.

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our National President, Cousin Susan Handy, says that it is now definitely settled that we will accept the Vermont Chapter's kind invitation to hold our 1964 Biennial Meeting in East Poultney, Vermont, in August. In the spring she will call a National Board meeting to plan what national business will be taken up at the Biennial Meeting.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Chapter 2 - Rhode Island

A meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Stukely Westcott Society was held Saturday, November 16, at the Free Will Baptist Church

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

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in Chepachet, which was built in 1822. A delicious chicken luncheon was served by the ladies of the church. Twenty-seven members and one guest were present - including National members from the Boston area, among whom was the National Secretary-Treasurer. One new member was present - Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, who has also joined the National Society.

The National President was asked to speak about the National Meeting to be held in Vermont in August, 1964. She also urged the Massachusetts members to join the Rhode Island Chapter, since no chapter has been formed in their state. As the Quarterly is sent only to National members, she suggested that the Rhode Island Chapter go on record as recommending that at the National Meeting the question of joint local and National membership be discussed.

It was voted that the Rhode Island Chapter suggest at the Biennial Meeting that all local members also become National members.

The National Secretary-Treasurer was asked to speak. She also stressed the matter of dues in relation to the Quarterly. She explained the family membership dues and spoke of the meeting to be held in Vermont. She asked for material for the December Quarterly to be sent in early because of the busy season. She discussed plans for putting all the material from the numerous applications into genealogical order.

The Free Will Baptist Association holds its Christmas meeting at the church on December 14 at 8 P.M. The family associations of Stukely Westcott, Roger Williams, John Steere, Thomas Angell, and Richard Mowry are invited.

After the meeting adjourned, the Chapter President gave a talk on the early families, towns and houses neighboring on Chepachet, and showed colored slides which he had taken in the same area.

Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon and left looking forward to the next meeting - on January 4, 1964, with notices to be sent stating the time and place.

This interesting report was sent in by Cousin Louise Harris, the Rhode Island Chapter's Secretary, who is also the National Society's Registrar.

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 NEW MEMBERS

#537 - Mrs. Edwin James Heater  
213 Crest Street, Vestal, N.Y.

#538 has been set aside for our future adult member, James Westcott Heater, son of Mrs. Edwin James Heater (above), who will become a full-fledged member on his 18th birthday, October 29, 1972.

#539 - Mrs. Clifford W. Brown  
180 Brown Street, Providence 6, R.I.

We are very glad to welcome our two adult members, and we look

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forward to having Jimmy with us as soon as he is old enough. We hope he can come to some meetings with his parents in the meantime.

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### MARRIAGES

On November 11, 1963, at the First Congregational Church in Burlington, Vermont, Miss Judith Ann Pease became the bride of Greg Stukely Westcott of Cambridge, Mass. He is the son of Roger and Ethel Westcott of Burlington and grandson of the late Gertrude J. and V. Stukely Westcott of Pawtucket, Rhode Island (who was our former National President.) Among the attendants was our member Miss Susanne Westcott, daughter of our members, David and Dorothy Westcott of Waltham, Mass. The Greg Westcotts are to be neighbors of Sue and her parents, as they will live at 1124 Main Street, Waltham.

We all wish the young couple a lifetime of happiness.

On December 28, 1903, sixty years ago, Miss Edith Eugene Henry married Harold Thomas P. Marshment. Now, sixty years later, we wish our cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Holdridge Road, Route #1, Box 266, Waukegan, Illinois, a very happy Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and many quietly happy years still ahead - together.

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### DEATHS

We regret to announce that the September Quarterly addressed to Rev. Harry S. Mabie was sent back by the postoffice marked "Dec'd.", with a new address at 711 Green Leaf Ave, Wilmette, Ill. No further information about him has yet come in. We hope that someone will send us a notice about him for the next Quarterly.

Earl A. Westcott, aged 76, of Oneonta, N.Y., died November 13, 1963 in Binghamton, N.Y. after a long illness. He was not a member of our Society, but was listed in the Westcott Genealogy as a descendant of Jeremiah's son Stukely. He was born December 10, 1886, in Bainbridge, N.Y., the son of Austin E. and Julia Ives (Ogden) Westcott. He married Frances H. Sackett Aug. 27, 1913 in Guilford. He graduated from the Albany Business College and for years worked at the American Separator Company in Bainbridge. In 1935 he moved to Oneonta, and was associated with the Jerry B. Wilson Roofing Co., of which he was an officer until he retired three years ago. He was a member of the Oneonta First Methodist Church, an honorary member of the church's official board, and former superintendent of the Sunday School. He was also a member of the Oneonta Rotary Club. He was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Bainbridge.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances S. Westcott of Oneonta; his three daughters: Mrs. Curtis (Jean) Dumary of Hudson, Mrs. Alfred (June) Hacklin of Maryland, and Mrs. George (Marian) McCumber of Hatboro, Pa.; a cousin: Mrs. Norma Wells of Norwich; and five grand-

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children. All his friends will miss him.

This notice was very kindly sent us by Cousin Sarah Martin (Mrs. Joseph S. Martin) of Binghamton, who saw it in the BINGHAMTON PRESS.

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### LETTERS

Cousin Lyle D. Westcott, Jr. writes that last June he received his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the Pennsylvania State University under the direction of Professor P. S. Skell. He also presented a paper related to the subject of his thesis at the Sixth Biennial Conference on Carbon held in Pittsburgh June 17-22, 1963. During the current year he is continuing his work at Penn State as a Post Doctoral Research Associate.

Heartiest congratulations! We are very proud of our cousin.

Cousin Alice (Marroquin) Hoffman, our former Treasurer, writes: "We had such a wonderful honeymoon and enjoyed each country. Each had its own characteristics. We covered about 1,000 miles of driving in England and Scotland. The Norway fjords are just indescribable. We liked Copenhagen too. Just sorry we didn't have more time. I am looking forward to the reunion next summer."

We all hope to see Alice then and to meet her new husband.

Cousin Louise Harris, our Registrar, is doing some extremely interesting research for Brown University on C. A. Stephens, the famous writer of old-time stories of YOUTH'S COMPANION days. She writes: "Through his stories Daddy and I kept a map and started out one day to find him. His stories were so accurate that we came within one-half mile of his home before we stopped to inquire.

"I have written my reminiscences of my many visits to 'The Laboratory' where Mother and I visited many summers after C. A. Stephens' death in 1931. Also all my research as well as listing his stories in the YOUTH'S COMPANION and other periodicals with all my clippings, pictures, and personal letters. I have been gathering all the papers, books by him and collections that contain one of his stories as well as anything about him.

"Many people have become very much interested and have loaned me papers and pictures to copy, given me books and periodicals. I am looking for everything I can find. Even Bowdoin, Doctor's college, is delighted to have someone doing something about their famous Alumnus. We have a friendly relationship for exchange of material.

"As soon as the new library is completed, all the Stephens material that I have gathered as well as my own personal collection will be in the John Hay Library - which will then be the Special Collections Library of Brown University. It will be set up for the graduate students to study and write about 'our beloved' C. A. Stephens."

If any of the cousins have any material which might help Louise, do write her. Her address is 15 Jay St., Rumford, R.I. 02916.

Cousin Ashley Westcott of Roslindale, Mass., who is so busy doing interesting things by himself and with his family that he seldom has

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time to write about them, has finally, after considerable prodding from your Editor, released some information about his family's widely varied activities.

"We Roslindale Westcotts love our Lady Gwen, a 26-foot cabin cruiser. Every week-end, regardless of weather, finds the family aboard prepared for overnight lodging and meals somewhere along Massachusetts Bay. David, now 19 and a successful full-time machinist, was my captain, engineer and first mate. Now, however, as he has recently developed other interests, Richard, age 15, is fast becoming the senior replacement officer aboard.

"The yacht's namesake, our Gwendolyn (now 10 years old) is an ever-present help in all the seamanship emergencies she can cope with. This writer is navigator (so-called) and chief anchor man. I failed this latter assignment once when a brand-new 15 lb. anchor never did come back - just a frayed line after a one-hour struggle to retrieve thirty-odd dollars worth of mariner's fortune. I wonder what the fishes think when they read that shiny new label down there with the price tag still attached.

"Mother Gladys and Gwendolyn are busy with guitar lessons, Gwen being the youngest in the adult class, so they say. I play the piano, at one time for ten years in the New York City area in the silent movie days - with all the sound effects and incidental music, organ, piano and orchestra - now only a memory with those who can recall that era. Gladys has several recorded songs to her credit - copyrighted but not commercialized. We have high hopes that one of these days.....

"Also for myself, in all proper humility, I have appeared in forty-odd community dramatic productions in the last ten years. I am a member of three playhouse groups and the Screen Actors' Guild, and immediate Past-President of the Community Players of Quincy. Those interested in the Preminger Production of 'The Cardinal' - don't blink, or you'll miss us. I had charge of 100 applicants for 60 selected extras in this picture. Little Gwendolyn and her father will be seen in several general exposures in pioneer costume. Look for me on top of a freight car. No one rides. The old box cars were part of the shanty-town location of the story as filmed in a Quincy quarry.

"Our Editor asked for it and this is it. Let's hear from others 'out there' in later issues."

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

David Westcott, first and only Dad Advisor of Waltham Chapter, Order of DeMolay, will be the recipient of DeMolay's highest honor when he becomes a member of the Legion of Honor at Waltham, Mass. ceremonies on December 28, 1963.

Heartiest congratulations! That is indeed a very great honor - and all who know him recognize that it was richly deserved.

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### JUNIOR NEWS

Cousin Susanne Westcott, one of our younger members and daughter of

ITEM OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

our members Mr. and Mrs. David B. Westcott of Waltham, Mass., was graduated last June from Newton Junior College and is now a Cancer Research Technician at Brandeis University.

Congratulations! It is most interesting to see how many of our cousins are interested in some scientific or medical line. Could that be a Westcott trait?

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REMINDERS

1. If anyone has an unwanted copy of either or both volumes of Mr. Whitman's Genealogy, many cousins would like to buy it.
2. Please send items for the Quarterly. Let your cousins know what interesting things you are doing.
3. Please put your Zip Code number on your letter or envelope when you write, so it can be added to your address. Then your Quarterlies will reach you sooner.
4. Please send address changes to your Secretary-Editor.
5. Keep on the watch to get new members.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM YOUR SOCIETY

TO ALL THE WESTCOTT COUSINS!