

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our Biennial Meeting will be held at Poultney, Vermont, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 7, 8, and 9 (not 8, 9, and 10, as was printed in the March Quarterly.) To summarize the program:

Friday evening, August 7, we shall meet at the Poultney Valley Club on Vermont's Route 30 from 7 to 10 P.M. for registration and an informal reception. (All members of the Executive Board please note that they will hold a meeting during the time of the reception. However, it is hoped that all business will be finished well before the reception is over.)

Saturday morning, August 8, there will be a Business Meeting and a Memorial Service at the East Poultney Baptist Church, starting at 10. Our National President, Miss Susan Westcott Handy, will preside. The Church Pastor, Rev. Lewis Brehaut, will extend greetings. Then the President of the Vermont Chapter, Mr. Harold Westcott, will welcome the National Society to Vermont. Next will come the Biennial Reports, followed by Election of Officers. Then the Memorial Service will be held, under the direction of the National Chaplain, Mr. Webb Wilder, assisted by Miss H. Louise Harris, our National Registrar. Following the Memorial Service, Rev. Lewis Brehaut will give a talk on "Historic Poultney." Then if there is time before or after lunch, Cousins could browse in a museum across the street from the Church. Luncheon will be served at the Church at 12 noon by the Friendship Circle and will cost \$1.25 a person.

At 2 P.M. there will be a bus trip to the Castleton Antique Car Museum and the Hubbardton Battlefield Museum. There will be no charge for the bus ride, but each Museum charges a small admission fee.

The Biennial Dinner, costing \$3 per person, will be at the Poultney Valley Club at 7 P.M., with music. The National President, Miss Susan Westcott Handy, will extend greetings. Our National Vice-President, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, will speak on "The Story of Stukely Westcott." The evening will conclude with folk dancing and square dancing.

Sunday morning, August 9, there will be a Family Gathering at the East Poultney Baptist Church for morning worship at 10 A.M.

After the service, Vermont Chapter No. 5 invites the National Society members to be their guests at the Chapter's annual meeting, picnic, and program — to be held at Harold Westcott's camp in Middletown Springs at 1 P.M. Signs along the road will mark the route. There is no charge for the picnic dinner, but a "free-will offering" is given.

The Poultney Valley Club is on Vermont's Route 30, by the Whispering Pines Miniature Golf Course. It will be well marked, to see easily.

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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Places to stay:

1. Beauty Mart Motel, 111 York St., Poultney, managed by Mr. Lawrence J. Brown. Has 10 units.
 Rates: 2 in a room \$10 Rooms have 2 double beds, bath and
 3 " " " 13 TV. Are "very nice".
 4 " " " 15

2. Highland Gray Inn, 76 Main St., Poultney, managed by Mr. Clifford A. Ellis. Has 10 rooms.
 Rates: Rooms with bath \$4 per person
 Rooms adjacent to bath \$3.50 per person
 Meals very reasonable: Breakfast - have menus
 Evening meal from \$3.50 up

3. Two Editors Inn, College St., Poultney, managed by Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins.
 They will not reserve rooms in advance, not to disappoint their regular clientele; but they might take in someone at the last moment if they had rooms vacant.
 They will serve meals.

4. Eagle Tavern, East Poultney
 Already has complete reservations for its 6 rooms for that weekend, so could not take any more unless there should be cancellations.

5. Bird's Eye Motel, Main St., Castleton, had no reservations for August as of June 5. Has 10 units and 7 cabins.

Rates: Units with 1 double bed - \$8 per unit
 2 " " beds - 10 " "

Cabins #1,2,3: 1 double and 1 single bed each: \$7 a cabin

#4,5: 2 double beds each: \$9 a cabin

#6,7: housekeeping cabins: 2 double beds and 2 single beds each, plus kitchen facilities: \$15 a cabin

The manager said that if there should be a large group, she would make special rates.

6. Tag's Motel, Main St., Castleton (opposite Bird's Eye Motel)

Rates: Single \$ 6.13
 Double bed 7.21
 Twin beds 9.27
 Family room 15.45
 (6 people)

7. Private homes taking roomers: There are several of these in town, so there should be no difficulty in finding places for the Cousins to stay. If anyone prefers to stay in a private home, or finds no hotel or motel accommodations available, please write to Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Reed, Poultney, Vt., who are on the Housing Committee, and they will be glad to help.

Castleton is seven miles from Poultney, on Route 30, with good roads all the way. There are three other motels there, one of which is further from Poultney - on the way to Rutland.

Poultney also has two good restaurants.

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For Cousins who are golf or fishing devotees, the Lake St. Catherine Country Club is about 3 miles from Poultney and has a green's fee of \$2.50. Also 3-day fishing licenses are available at \$3.50.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, who missed our 1962 Boston meeting through being with the Project Hope, will make a very important announcement at our Biennial Meeting. He has asked for a news item to start Cousins thinking of a permanent "Scholarship Fund" under auspices of the Society. One member has devised this plan, which he himself has long cherished.

The fund would loan tuition and living expense money to Westcott descendants for education. Children of members are eligible when the need is genuine and the capabilities of each are proportionate to the education each seeks. School records and teachers' personal recommendations will decide this. The money will be interest-free until 1 year after graduation, when gradual repayment will start, with a modest interest on the unpaid balance. This will guarantee the Fund's continuity for many Westcott sons and daughters. Any members who would like to leave money to such a worthy cause may contribute to it.

This is certainly well worth considering - a very valuable idea.

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 3 - Rhode Island

The spring meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter was held on May 2 with a "pot luck" luncheon at the home of Alice Baxter, a former President. Twenty members were present, including four from the Boston area. The President, Webb Wilder, called the business meeting to order. The Secretary's report was read and accepted; the Treasurer's report, with a \$16.50 balance, was accepted as read.

The National President, Susan Handy, was asked to speak. She urged all local members to join the National society. She also reported on the Forefathers Service held the preceeding Sunday at the First Baptist Church at 4 P.M. with a Colonial tea at 5. The congregation had stood for prayers and been seated for singing, with the Psalms sung as of old with a cantor, line by line.

The National Secretary, Dorothea Cogswell, was also asked to speak. She urged all local members to become National ones to receive the Quarterly, which is always full of interesting items concerning members all over the country. She spoke especially about the scholarship fund or loan to be established for Westcott descendants, which will be presented at the National meeting in Vermont.

Among the members present were ten descended from Roger Williams, two from William Wickendon, two from Chad Brown, six from Thomas Olney, three from Gregory Dexter, one from Thomas Olney, Jr., and five from Pardon Tillinghast. These were the first ministers of the First Baptist Church. Stukely Westcott was one of the first 12 to start "our" church.

Notice was given of the Cranston Historical Society's May 3 Open House in the Joy Homestead. Rachel Westcott (William, William, Jeremiah,

CHAPTER NEWS (Rhode Island) (CONTINUED)

Stukely) married Job Joy (according to Roscoe Whitman at an advanced age) and had 10 children.

The business meeting was adjourned after a vote of thanks to Alice Baxter for opening her home for the meeting. Alice then showed colored slides of Rhode Island homes and scenes. Katherine Bruce brought and showed pictures of the Grant Mansion, which had stood on Westminster St. and was demolished in 1924. It was built in 1829 by John Holden Green and was owned and lived in by Joseph Grant.

AN APOLOGY

Your Secretary-Treasurer apologizes for being so late in sending out membership cards and acknowledging your very welcome contributions. This has been her fifth Spring as a Regional Chairman for Boston University's Annual Giving Drive (now just ending). She has also had to redesign the new Westcott application blanks. She is sending a brief personal note to all who sent contributions - and that takes time. She promises to give the Treasurer's work right of way as soon as the Quarterly has gone out.

NEW MEMBER

#540 - Mrs. Herbert W. Berry
20 North Road, West Yarmouth, Mass. 02673

We are very glad to welcome you, and hope we can do so in person in Vermont this August.

BIRTHS

James Edwin Bennett, born January 27, 1964, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bennett of Glenview, Ill., and grandson of our member, Mrs. Benjamin F. Bennett of Sarasota, Fla.

Ellen Jean Brundage, born May 1, 1964, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brundage of Brockport, N.Y., granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Frances Kuhn, and great-granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Linda Pickens.

Heartiest congratulations to both happy families!

MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel A. Shippee of Cranston, R.I. announce the marriage of their daughter Carolyn to Mr. Ronald Christian Martin of Iowa on April 10, 1964.

Miss Janet Raeburn Dolberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edgar Dolberg, was married June 12, 1964 at St. Michael's Church, Milton,

MARRIAGES (CONTINUED)

Mass. to Mr. Manton Burbridge Bruce, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Bruce of Milton.

Miss Judith Hope Wescott, daughter of our members, Col. and Mrs. Chester W. Wescott of Bergenfield, N.J., was married on June 20, 1964 to Robert Kyle Vogel. He was a "local boy" who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1961 and is now serving with the submarine fleet out of New London, Conn. After a Bermuda honeymoon, they will live in New London, Conn.

May all three couples share many happy years!

Cousin Lucy Wescott Jay of Poultney, Vt. celebrated her fiftieth wedding anniversary with an open house at the Church on Sunday, June 7, 1964. We all hope that she and her husband will still have many quietly happy years together.

DEATHS

The committal service for Mrs. Mary Louise (Westcott) Krause, whose death was reported in the March, 1963 Quarterly, was performed August 23, 1963, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, N.Y., by the minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rochester, where she had been baptized and married. The service was attended by her children, Mrs. Frederic H. Pelk and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Vayo, some Rochester relatives, and a close friend from Chicago. "It was all very nice in every way."

Mrs. Elsie A. (Westcott) Weaver, aged eighty-five, died August 12, 1963. She was one of the very members of the Society and provided material for her line in both volumes of the WESTCOTT GENEALOGY. She led an active life until she was 83, and spent her last days in a convalescent home. Her friends of past years will miss her. She is survived by her daughter, Miss Elsie Jane Weaver of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Garfield (Smith) Westcott, aged eighty-two, wife of our member, Harrison R. Westcott of New Haven, Conn. died November 20, 1963. Her friends over the years will miss her.

Harold T. Marshment, aged eighty-two, husband of our member, Mrs. Edith E. (Henry) Marshment of Waukegan, Ill. died March 7, 1964. He was the father of Philip H. Marshment and of the late Douglas H. Marshment, whose untimely death on January 23, 1963 was reported in the June 1963 Quarterly. He was a member of St. James Methodist Church, East Troy, Wisc., and of Circle Lodge AF and AM, Oak Park, Ill., and a Past Patron of Forest Park Chapter OES, Forest Park, Ill. Services were held March 10 at the Funeral Chapel, Waukegan, Ill. Interment was in Arlington Cemetery, Elmhurst, Ill. He is survived by his widow, one son, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The December, 1963 Quarterly carried the announcement of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Marshment on Decem-

DEATHS (CONTINUED)

ber 28, 1963. The March, 1964 Quarterly told the story of that quietly happy day, but added that he was at last account in the hospital with "another coronary and edema in the lungs." He improved enough to come home before his 82d birthday February 28, but began to fail again and passed away very quietly on March 7.

Cousin Edith Marshment writes: "We had sixty beautiful years together, more than is given to many. He was a wonderful husband."

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Cousin Edith Marshment and the rest of his family. He will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Anna (Edwards) Wilson, aged thirty-five, wife of our member, Irvin William Wilson of Houston, Texas, died on May 3, 1964. She is survived by her husband and her three small sons, aged three, five, and nine.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to that bereaved family.

LETTERS

Cousin Coulman Westcott, first cousin to our founder, Roscoe Whitman, plans to be with us in August. Cousin Laura M. Woods (Mrs. Charles J. Woods of Syracuse, N.Y.) also hopes to be there, as do the Merritt E. Westcotts of Moscow, Pa., if he is strong enough. He has nearly recovered from last year's auto accident, but is not yet strong.

Col. Chester W. Westcott and his wife, of Bergenfield, N.J., had hoped to be with us, but he expects to be on field manoeuvres then.

Cousin Ned Morris (Edmund W. Morris of Cranford, N.J.) writes that it has been a long time since he attended one of these meetings. He adds: "How well I remember the early ones - the summer trips with Grandfather and Grandmother Whitman. I enjoy receiving the Quarterly news."

Cousin Susan Handy, our National President, called recently on Cousin Cynthia Westcott at her home in Springvale, N.Y. and saw her lovely rose gardens, which she opens to the public this month for one day. Cousin Cynthia is writing a new book on roses, and said she was just too busy to be with us this August.

Cousin Harriet Babcock Neill writes that her daughter, "Louise Westcott Neill was too busy doing jobs in San Francisco, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to do much fencing this year, but she still goes to the almost co-ed McBurney YMCA about three nights a week. She is working on her thesis, subject Weapons. There is scarcely a corner in our apartment that is not filled with swords, foils, sabres, etc." Cousin Harriet then adds: "I still have not finished the Ventriloquist's Dummy. The figure and costume are done. Then comes the head with mechanism inside for moveable eyes, mouth and eyebrows." Please, Cousin Harriet, tell us more! What is the dummy for, and for whom?

Cousin Ella Mercy Billings of Nicholson, Pa. has not been well recently. She is staying at present with a kindly neighbor, as she is "not too certain" in walking. She writes: "I have my eyes. I read without glasses. I can thread a needle, and I do some crocheting. I am interested in Biology, Botany, and Zoology." She enjoys the Quarterly and has them all since the beginning.

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Cousin Frances Reed of Poultney writes: "We are expecting a new grandchild any day, which will make 39 grandchildren - also 2 new great-grandchildren to make 14 of them. Our granddaughter Patricia Smith, the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Smith and the late Floyd Smith, is getting married in August." She also writes that her sister, Mrs. Frank Jay (whose 50th wedding anniversary was announced under MARRIAGES) was given with her husband a surprise dinner party at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis of Townshend, Vt. on May 31. Eight of their ten children were there. They were given Golden Wedding gifts for their June 10 anniversary. Forty-two members of the family and two guests were present. Their hostess daughter made them a beautiful wedding cake with gold trimmings. Cousin Frances also says that Velma Reed ("Frankie's wife") will teach an afternoon kindergarten class, starting in September; mornings she will attend Castleton Teachers' College. She will certainly be a busy girl.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Providence Journal of April 24, 1964 states that Cousin Adah (Westcott) Austin (Mrs. Richard Austin) was the top award winner for volunteer service at the Providence Lying-In Hospital at the Sixth Annual Award Dinner, April 23, 1964, sponsored by the Board of Lady Visitors. She received a star for 1,000 hours of volunteer service. She is also active in Grace Episcopal Church, is on an Old Ladies Home committee, drives two ladies from the Home every Sunday to church, and does a great deal of volunteer chauffeuring for friends and organizations. She is evidently a wonderful person.

Cousin Ashley Westcott of Roslindale, Mass. had his picture in the Milton Record-Transcript of April 10, 1964 as one of the cast of the play BORN YESTERDAY, presented by the Milton Players, April 9-11.

A long account with their picture was given in a Waltham paper of the 25th Wedding Anniversary surprise reception and tea of Cousin David B. Westcott of Waltham, Mass. and his wife, the former Dorothy C. Forrest. Their daughter, Miss Susanne Westcott, was hostess, and most of the original wedding party were present. Cousin David Westcott and his wife have devoted much time to Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts during their 25 years in Waltham. Cousin David also is a sponsor, founder, and charter member of Boston University's Acacia Fraternity, and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Mass. DeMolay Association. He is now Deputy Governor to the active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, Thomas A. Kirkman of Wellesley. He holds DeMolay's highest honors - Chevalier and Legion of Honor. His wife has served on the Waltham Girl Scout Council and edited a Girl Scout weekly column. For this she received the "thanks badge" - Scouting's highest award. She has also served five years on the committee for the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs and two years on the former senior sponsor's committee, and retired in May after three years on the publicity committee. She is also a past adviser of the Waltham Junior Women's Club.

ITEMS OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

Cousin David and his wife have been co-chairmen of the annual fair of Christ Episcopal Church, where he has served on the vestry.

JUNIOR NEWS

Cousin Frances Reed of Poultney writes that Kathleen Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts of Hampton, N.Y., graduates from Granville High School this June and expects to enter Cobleskill College this fall.

Cousin Ned Morris of Cranford, N.Y. writes: "Our eldest daughter, Susan (named for her great-grandmother Whitman) will graduate from the Vail-Deane School and will enter the University of Virginia's Mary Washington College this fall. Her younger sisters, Joan Harvey and Margaret, will attend Vail-Deane next year.

Cousin Judith E. Kuhn, daughter of Cousin Frances Kuhn of Machias, N.Y., received the degree of B.S. in Nursing from the Boston University School of Nursing this June. She is also an R.N. and has been working at the New England Deaconess Hospital.

Cousin Jim Bentley spent his Easter vacation in Boston, Mass. "seeing the sights" and doing some genealogical work, with a side trip to Plymouth. He gets his B.A. this June from Centre College, Danville, Ky., where he majored in History and English. "My brother George is at the University of Louisville and my sister, Patricia Wescott Bentley, will enter Centre next fall."

Cousin Judith Hope Wescott, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Chester W. Wescott of Bergenfield, N.J. (whose wedding is listed under MARRIAGES) received her B.A. cum laude, with distinction in the comprehensive examination in her field of Psychology, from Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. She had already been elected to NU Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She was also very active in extra-curricula activities, including Chairmanship of the May Day Weekend. Her parents have every right to be very proud of her.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly. Tell us your interests.
2. Please add your Zip code whenever you write.
3. Please send address changes promptly to avoid Quarterly delay.
4. Invite possible members to our Poultney meeting.
5. Come to Poultney and have fun with us!

A VERY HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!