

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Your Editor wishes to thank Cousin Rachel Cottrell for reminding her that one of the very talented little dancing girls at Poultney was a Westcott descendant, and that the Harold Perdues came to Poultney all the way from Iowa, while the Carlos Merricks came even further - clear across the country from California. Your Editor also had not realized that Cousin Carlos Merrick took many slides of the various activities. Cousin Rachel comments: "I have seen some of them and they are beautiful." Perhaps Cousin Carlos can show them at the next Biennial Meeting.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Chapter 2 - Rhode Island

Cousin Louise Harris writes: "We did not have a January meeting. We set the date for January 16 but felt so jittery about the weather that we decided to call it off, much to the relief of the board. We plan another luncheon for spring."

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## NEW MEMBERS - Correction

Your Editor regrets that owing to an error in copying, the street address of #545 - Mrs. James Lee Woods - was given incorrectly in the last Quarterly. It should have been:

2311 Riverside Drive, Santa Ana, California

Sincere thanks are due to the cousin who sent the correction.

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## BIRTHS

The following are grandchildren of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Wescott of Salamanca, N. Y. and the children of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Wescott of Gowanda, N.Y.

Suzanne Elaine Wescott, born April 17, 1960

James Arthur Wescott, born October 10, 1961  
*Every Westcott Descendant is eligible*

Steven Paul Wescott, born October 26, 1962

BIRTHS (CONTINUED)

Paul Douglas Gear was born July 21, 1964, great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill., grandson of Douglas Henry Marshment and Evelyn Van Buskirk, and son of James Eugene Gear and Jo Ann Marshment. He is the brother of little David Michael Gear, whose birth, and whose death before he was a year old, were announced in earlier Quarterlies.

We are very happy to learn of the births of all these new young members!

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ENGAGEMENT

Miss Sandra Turner of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is to be married on June 12, 1965, to Rich Wescott, son of our members, Col. and Mrs. Chester W. Wescott. She has already completed her training as a medical technician and is employed in the hospital in Cedar Rapids. She is a member of one of the original families in the Amanna settlement in Iowa. The prospective bridegroom will be graduated from Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa on June 5, 1965.

All good wishes to the happy young couple.

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MARRIAGES

Mrs. Edgar E. Greene (Louise Brix), whose first husband had died in 1962, was married to Dr. Lennart Gilbert Bryngelsson on August 26, 1964, by the Rev. Dr. George W. Diehl at Dundee Plantation, Lexington, Virginia. Their address is: 370 First Avenue, Apt. 11B, New York City, N. Y. 10010.

Miss Martha Dianne Westcott of Tenafly, N. J. (daughter of our member, Dr. F. Howard Westcott and the late Gertrude L. Westcott) was married to Thomas Peck Hawley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peck Hawley of Tenafly, N.J., on November 21, 1964, at the Presbyterian Church Chapel in Tenafly, N.J.

The bride is a graduate of Briarcliff College and the Duke University School of Nursing. The bridegroom was graduated from Salisbury School. He attended Cornell University, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity, and is an alumnus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has recently been commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy, after graduating from the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, R. I.

We wish both couples many happy years ahead.

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DEATHS

Mrs. J. Hobart Westcott (Carrie R. Reinhard) former member and mother of our member, Mrs. Chester W. DeMond of White Plains, N. Y., died at her daughter's home on February 6, 1963. She would have been ninety-five years old on February 26. She had been in quite good health until November, when she began to fail - but her mind was clear to the last. Cousins who remember her will be sorry to learn of her passing.

DEATHS (Continued)

Mrs. Lydia Annie (Olney) Steere, mother of our member, Helen (Steere) Brown (Mrs. Clifford Brown of Providence, R. I. and widow of the late John Purkis Steere, died in January, 1964. She was born May 19, 1876, the daughter of Joseph Smith and Amey Sprague (Randall) Olney, and was herself a Westcott descendant, though not a member. Cousins who knew her will regret her passing.

Mr. Charles H. Wescott of Hackensack, N.J., our member and father of our members, Mrs. Burt Hoffman of Hackensack and Mrs. Samuel Dorfler of Brightwaters, Long Island, N.Y., passed away October 21, 1964, at Bergen Pines County Hospital, Paramus, N. J. after a long illness. The Rev. Charles Little of the Methodist Church of Hackensack officiated at his funeral at the Steward Funeral Home in Hackensack. Interment was in Hackensack Cemetery. Mr. Wescott was a member of the Methodist Church for over fifty years.

Mr. Wescott, a retired real estate dealer, was born in Englewood, N.J. and lived in Hackensack for sixty years. He was an exempt fireman, and a member of Pioneer Lodge 127, Masons, of Hackensack, and the Patriotic Sons of America in Bergenfield. He is survived by his two daughters and by two granddaughters. Cousins who knew him will be very sorry at the news of his passing.

Mrs. Louise May (Wescott) Babcock of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, former member and mother of our member, Mrs. Harriet B. Neill of New York City, and of our late member Miss Ione Babcock of Wisconsin, died on December 3, 1964, at ninety-five years old. She was buried in Albion, Wis., where she attended the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She had been in the hospital with a broken leg, which had seemed to be mending - her second broken leg in three years. Normally she was small and spry and full of fun and loved to have visitors. In her girlhood she had attended Albion Academy (now a historical museum with acres of beautiful grounds), where her mother was the preceptress and taught several future Senators, including Knute Nelson and LaFollette.

All who remember her will miss her greatly.

Mr. Raymond M. Wilder, Sr., of Johnston, R.I., uncle of our National Chaplain, Webb Wilder, died February 14, 1965, in Providence, R.I. He was the husband of the late Ida M. (Kimball) Wilder. The funeral service was held in North Scituate, R.I.

His friends and relatives will miss him.

Mrs. Violet W. Greene of Philadelphia, Pa., one of our Associate Members, passed away on February 7, 1965, at the age of eighty-nine years. She always took a great interest in our Society and made every attempt to rouse an equal interest in it among her children and grandchildren. Close relatives of hers who are members include her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Forrest of Norristown, Pa., her son, Mr. G. Russell Greene of Wilmington, Del., and her grandson, Mr. Herbert V. Green, of Philadelphia and Colorado.

She will be greatly missed.

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LETTERS

Cousin Betty Schooley of Woonsocket, R.I. writes: "We have so much to be grateful for. We do keep very busy, but God has given us the health, strength, and mentality to do for others who need us."

We hope that Cousin Betty and her husband, Rev. Henry H. Schooley, will continue in that "health, strength, and mentality" for many years to come. This world needs many more like them!

Cousin Warren W. Wescott of New York writes: "Cousins interested in acquiring works of art will like to know about the Nellie Sante Gallery, 985 Third Avenue, New York City. I have just recently acquired a very fine painting from this gallery and recommend it highly. It is particularly easy to go astray or be misled in purchasing such items in a city such as New York. It would behoove anyone, before purchasing, to see Mrs. Sante's collection."

Many thanks Cousin Warren! Your Editor would like to add that in Boston the Vose Galleries have had an outstanding reputation for two generations. Perhaps Cousins who live near big cities might like to list particularly fine art galleries which they know have equally good reputations.

Cousin Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill. made a weekend bus trip in September to St. Louis and on the way there developed a catch in her right knee and could not walk. Her nephew had to drive the 150 miles Sunday night to bring her home. X-Rays showed arthritis, but fortunately she has had no bad attacks since. She is very thankful that she did not attempt the long trip to Poultney in August and risk having such an attack there.

We hope she will have no more such attacks!

Cousin Virginia Bespole (Mrs. John Bespole of Chicago) says that her husband "has had his share" of hospitals and is now waiting to be called back for more surgery. "In between bouts of sickness we spent September in the Black Hills and that vicinity. We had many exciting experiences, such as coming almost face to face with a couple of rogue buffalo. Now seeing these beasts in a huge herd and coming upon them while walking are two different things and I'm right here to tell you I didn't tarry to become acquainted!"

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Those of us who have no children would also like to know a little about Modern Math. if they could!

LETTERS (CONTINUED)

Cousin Leslie Westcott of Providence, R.I. wrote your Editor: "Sorry to have missed Poultney. I seem to be recovering fairly well and hope you are also recovering."

Cousin Edith Marshment (Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill.) wrote in January: "I now have four great-grandchildren again and all the boys have Bible names, including the little one who passed on. I took a trip west last June to see my grandchildren. One thing that made a great impression on me was the fact that I had traveled from Atlantic to Pacific in my life and have been on both oceans, and my mode of travel has been horse and buggy, the earlier gravity system in Pennsylvania (up the mountains by pulley and down by gravity), the steam engine, bus, diesel, and now by jet plane (from Los Angeles to the airport here in three hours). I went west by train to see the scenery again-especially the mountains. They were spectacular, but no more beautiful than my Pennsylvania mountains. Washington is a beautiful State, with such huge forests. I was there in dogwood and rhododendron time. with everything lush, and calla lilies five feet high.

"I came home to lonesomeness again without any husband. I have joined a Senior Citizens Club with over a hundred members and very active. I am going to show my button collection next month and give a short talk on it. I am now interested in good modern buttons, especially colored glass. They will be old when they go down to my great-granddaughter."

We are sure her button talk must have been delightful.

Col. Chester W. Westcott of Bloomfield, N.J. writes that he and his wife regretted not being able to come to the Poultney reunion, but "I had field duty and was deeply involved in tactical problems when you were having such a wonderful get-together."

Perhaps next time we won't clash with the Army.

Cousin Dorothy Westcott DeMond (Mrs. C. W. DeMond of White Plains, N.Y.) went up to Old Greenwich in September to see Cousin Florence Westcott, who lives with her niece, Miss Priscilla Sharpe (also a Westcott member). Cousin Florence is housebound after a session in the hospital, but is as bright as ever.

We all hope Cousin Florence will soon feel wholly well again.

Cousin Alice (Marroquin) Hoffman of Hackensack, N.J. wrote early in January: "Three weeks ago my husband broke a couple of bones in his foot in a stairway accident, but after a short hospital stay, he got home for Christmas. After a couple more weeks in a cast, he hopes to be able to get back on his feet again. Otherwise he feels well - and so do I. We are just happy the accident happened after and not before his November vacation, which we spent in Arizona, Nevada and California."

We hope that by now he is fully recovered.

LETTERS (CONTINUED)

Cousin Louise Harris (our National Registrar) writes that her book, A COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF C. A. STEPHENS, will be out in April. (See Items of Interest for full details.) She is already well along on her next book - a history of the Youth's Companion. She says: "The amount of material is amazing." She plans to call it NONE BUT THE BEST, which is the motto Mr. Ford set for his paper.

All Cousins who are librarians, please take notice and recommend this very comprehensive bibliography to your libraries.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

A special announcement recently arrived giving details of A Comprehensive Bibliography of C. A. Stephens by Louise Harris. "The book includes notes on his works and a biographical sketch. Every reference library will want a copy. It will be ready about April, 1965. Please place your order now to insure your copy. Price \$3.00 prepaid."

Address: C. A. Stephens Collection  
Brown University  
Box 1926  
Providence, R. I. 02912

E. Lester Townsend (Westcott member), who retired January 1, 1965, as vice president of the Wilber National Bank, Oneonta, N.Y. after 52 years of service, was appointed an honorary director at the bank's annual meeting. He had joined his local bank in 1912; in 1923 he became a teller at Wilbur Bank; in 1930 he was appointed to assistant cashier; in 1949 he became assistant vice president; in 1953 he was made vice president. In 1955 he was given dual duties as vice president and cashier, and in 1963 again became solely vice president.

He was also treasurer of the Main Street Baptist Church in Oneonta and a past president of the New York State Gideon Society.

This news came from the "Oneonta Star."

We wish Cousin Lester many happy years of retirement ahead, doing all the things he must have wanted to do "some day."

Cousin Ashley Westcott has sent your Editor a most fascinating booklet: "The History of the American Film, Part I, The Silent Period" describing the first year of a two year program by this name presented by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in 1964-5 and 1965-6. Eight silent films presented October 1964 through May 1965 are reviewed analytically. The two still to be shown will be "The Big Parade", April 24 and 25, at 3 P.M. (directed by King Vidor and released in 1925) and "The Kiss" (starring Greta Garbo and directed by Jacques Feyder, released in 1929), to be shown May 22 and 23 at 3 P.M. Cousin Ashley Westcott plays the piano for silent films where sound tracks were not added later.

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JUNIOR NEWS

Cousin Ashley Westcott of Roslindale, Mass. sent a program for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" in which his daughter, Gwendolyn Westcott, was one of the dwarfs. This play was presented December 28, 29 and 30, at 10 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. at the New England Life Hall, Boston, by Riverview Productions, Boston's newest theatre company. Cousin Ashley himself was Assistant Stage Manager for this play, as well as one of its Sponsors. Riverview Productions aims "to provide good theatre at moderate prices for both children and adults in the Boston area," using only local actors, technicians, and set and costume designers.

According to Cousin Ashley "it was a fine performance". We wish all the Cousins could have seen it.

Cousin Pauline Clark (Mrs. John F. Clark) of Baldwinsville, N.Y., writes: "My eldest son will be graduating from R.P.I. in June and will be getting married June 26. His fiancée is doing her practice teaching now as an art teacher. She has been offered two jobs in her first four weeks. Stan plans on going to graduate school while Sue teaches next year. Then she wants to go back for her master's degree.

My youngest son is going to night school two nights a week. He isn't working right now. He wants to become a printer, while Stan is studying to become a chemist.

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MANY THANKS!

Your Secretary - Treasurer - Editor can't let this issue of the Quarterly go out without a very warm "thank you" to the many Cousins who have written such kind and encouraging notes about her health. In fact, right here I am dropping the formal third person to say that your notes have helped very much during a difficult winter. I had two bouts with intestinal flu (which was almost an epidemic around Boston.) This on top of the remaining X-Ray irritation, left my stomach so abnormally sensitive that any excitement, strain, or tension causes acute indigestion. This has greatly delayed me in everything; but all dues received have been filed in proper order, with dates of receipt noted, so you should not receive a dues envelope with this Quarterly if you have already paid.

I am also serving for the fifth year as a Regional Chairman for Boston University's Annual Giving Campaign, which is now going on, so I have been dividing my time between that and Westcott matters - with my tax returns still ahead!

This week of March 15 I expect my heating system to be converted from coal to gas, which will mean going two days and the night between without central heating! I hope the weather will be mild.

Again many thanks!

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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. If anyone no longer wants to keep early issues of the Quarterly, some genealogical libraries would be glad to have them to complete their files.
3. Please send items for the Quarterly. Let your cousins know what interesting things you and your Westcott descendant relations are doing.
4. Please put your Zip Code number on your letter or envelope when you write, to be sure we have it. Zip Code numbers help you get your Quarterly sooner.
5. If you move, please send us your new address, as Quarterlies are not forwarded, but are returned to the Editor after about a month's delay, and not always with the new address.
6. Keep trying to get new members.

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