

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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Your Editor regrets a typographical error in numbering the March, 1965 issue of the Quarterly. It should read: Vol. XXXII, No. 124. Please correct your own copies.

The current issue of the Quarterly may be a few days later than usual, as your Editor is not yet strong and is being pushed to the limit of her strength. To drop formality, last winter I promised to serve for the fifth year as a Regional Chairman of Boston University's Annual Giving drive. My work (except for phone check-ups) would end by mid-March. In April one Team Captain resigned, having done nothing, and as I could find no replacement, I had to do all his work. Then I could get only three of the eight solicitors needed. My doctor forbade me to call on any but a few friends, as tension still causes me acute indigestion. Therefore I had to phone about fifty people (in spite of my doctor's disapproval), ask for their contributions, and if they lacked the special envelope for sending it, mail each his card and envelope (partly filled in by me), and a personal note of thanks to try to ensure that everything would not land in the wastebasket. I have just finished this. I am sorry I could not also keep up with the Westcott work, but my doctor's orders were very strict - that I must not do both at once, and must do only a little in any one day.

The B. U. drive ends June 30, and my Westcott duties now have right of way for the rest of 1965. I'll try to get all checks deposited by July 15, if my health permits. Thank you all for being so patient.

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## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHERS - ATTENTION!

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (now at 101 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. 02116) is offering a Seminar for Members only, August 16-20, with lectures and discussions each morning. Your Editor has applied but may not be accepted, as they can take only about thirty because of space limitations, and will give preference to distant ones.

The program includes: The Movement of Peoples (the great migration of 1630-40, within and outside New England); Local History (New England); Records (how to locate and use them); Preparing Material for Publication.

It is now too late to apply for the Seminar, but your Editor has suggested that the Society take an official stenographic transcript of the five lectures and discussions and offer this for sale to all members and non-members who wish to order it.

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHERS - ATTENTION! (CONTINUED)

Please, everyone who would like a copy of these valuable "how-to-do-it" talks, write the New England Historic Genealogical Society at once, asking them to take an official transcript and offer it for sale! It would not be for complete beginners, but for those who have done some ancestor-hunting and need more knowledge of where to look next and how to keep their records most efficiently, to avoid having to recheck the same sources if they want to publish anything later. If enough people ask quickly to buy these lectures and discussions in printed form, ~~ten~~ the Society will probably offer them. So please make this request promptly, while there is time to arrange for note-taking!

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NEW MEMBER

#553 - Mrs. Marvin L. McClain  
384 East McClain Avenue, Scottsburg, Indiana 47170

We are very happy to welcome you as a member.

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BIRTHS

James Donald Kuhn, born March 17, 1965, at Mt. Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, Mass., son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerald Pickens Kuhn of Belmont, Mass., grandson of our member, Mrs. Horace Kuhn of Machias, N.Y., and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Linda Pickens of Arcade, N.Y.

Laura Beth Bailey, born May 31, 1965, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bailey of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dana Westcott of Batavia, N.Y.

Oliver Jacob Smith, 4th, born June 3, 1965, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver J. Smith, 3d, of Lancaster, Pa., and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dana Westcott of Batavia, N.Y.

Our heartiest congratulations to these happy families.

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ENGAGEMENT

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Juliana Westcott, daughter of our member, Dr. F. Howard Westcott and the late Gertrude L. Westcott of Tenafly, N.J. to Mr. Michael Proctor Graney, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Graney of Middletown, Ohio. The future bride is a graduate of Tenafly High School. She has attended Duke University School of Nursing and American University and plans to continue her education at Ohio State University. Her fiance was graduated from Mercersburg Academy and will graduate in June from Duke University, where he is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. They plan a June wedding.

We wish them all happiness.

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## MARRIAGE

Miss Martha Eileen Westcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blair P. Westcott of Unadilla, N.Y., whose engagement was announced in the Fall-Winter 1964 Quarterly, was married on August 29, 1964, to Mr. Robert Eugene Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Newman of Deposit, N.Y. in a double ring ceremony at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Unadilla.

The bride's sister, Miss Margaret Westcott, was maid of honor. Another sister, Mrs. Susan Elwood (whose engagement was also written up in the Fall-Winter 1964 Quarterly) was a bridesmaid, and the groom's sister, Miss Bette Newman, was junior bridesmaid. The groom's brother, Roger Newman of Deposit, N.Y., served as best man. Ushers were Charles Elwood of Otego, the bride's brother-in-law, and James Colvard of Deposit, N.Y., the groom's brother-in-law. After a wedding trip through New England and Canada, the bridal couple planned to live in Deposit.

We wish them many happy years together!

## DEATHS

Mrs. John H. (Louise Gosier) Westcott of Oswego, N.Y., whose husband had died in 1959, was killed in an automobile accident on July 4, 1964, together with her teacher companion. She was forty-seven years old. Her father-in-law, Howard L. Westcott, wrote that the accident was caused by three drunken Negroes who were driving recklessly and passing other cars illegally. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her husband's parents, who lived at the same address.

George C. Westcott, aged eighty, of Westwood, N.J., died February 14, 1965, at the Teaneck Nursing Home after a long illness. He was born in Paterson, N.J., son of the late William D. and Mary Westcott. (At present he is unplaced in our family genealogy.) He married the former Alice Grimshaw on May 25, 1909. For the past sixteen years he had lived in Westwood, and previously in West New York. He was a retired general accountant, and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Paterson. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. William Robertson of Westwood and Mrs. Brenno Rocchi of Mendham, and two grandchildren. His friends will miss him.

Frank M. Jay, aged seventy-five, of East Poultney, Vt., died suddenly March 10, 1965 at the Rutland hospital, following a heart attack. He was born February 17, 1890, in Brandon, Vt. He was a member and trustee of the East Poultney Baptist Church and superintendent of its Sunday school. He was also a member of the Poultney Valley Grange and Pomona Grange. He had been sexton of the East Poultney school and caretaker of the community skating center. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Wescott Jay, six daughters, four sons, a brother, thirty grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held by the Rev. Louis Brehaut in the East Poultney Baptist Church. Entombment was in the Poultney Cemetery until spring.

Mrs. Lucy Wescott Jay, aged sixty-nine, died of a heart attack at

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her home in East Poultney, Vt. on March 17, 1965, one week after her husband, Frank M. Jay, died of a heart attack in a Rutland hospital. She was born October 12, 1895 in Tinmouth, Vt., the daughter of Rollin N. and Maryetta (Phillips) Wescott. She was a member and deaconess of the East Poultney Baptist Church, and a member of the East Poultney Friendship Circle, Poultney Valley Grange, and Pomona Grange. She is survived by six daughters, four sons, two sisters, a brother, thirty grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the East Poultney Baptist Church by the Rev. Louis Brehaut, assisted by the Rev. Roy Wood. Interment for both husband and wife was in a double grave in Mrs. Jay's father's lot (the Rollin Wescott lot) in the Wells, Vt. cemetery, beside her parents. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to their children and other close relatives, who lost these two fine people so suddenly. Those of us who had met the Jays can be glad we had even that brief chance to know them.

## LETTERS

Cousin Frances Reed of East Poultney, Vt. wrote that her brother-in-law, Cousin Frank Jay, had recently recovered from a bad cold and cough when the fatal heart attack struck. He was taken to the hospital, but "they didn't have time to do anything for him." Cousin Lucy Jay had not been well for a year. She had angina, but they had not thought she was so sick. Cousin Frances's husband has not been well, so she can no longer help her son Franklin in his office. She herself had the flu for six weeks during the winter, but "Franklin and his wife and Harold and his wife took care of us." She added: "Brother Harold looks after us all." Their son Elmo Reed, who is an auto mechanic in Milford, Conn., had a bad heart attack just before Christmas, but was able by March to work five or six hours a day. We trust that all are doing well now.

Cousin Velma Reed of East Poultney wrote in April that her husband's TV business kept him working night and day. She has been attending Castleton College mornings and teaching kindergarten afternoons. We hope she will enjoy a real summer vacation!

Cousin Eleanor Trismen, our former President and Secretary, learned that Dr. F. Howard Westcott planned to go on the "Hope" again this year. We hope he will not get too tired. Last winter he was making a good recovery from a bad infection which kept him from joining us at Poultney.

Cousin Gladys Ellmauer of Sidney, N.Y. wrote in March that she had been very busy redecorating their home and training their Chow puppy for dog shows this spring and summer. Each sounds like a fulltime job!

Cousin Nelson H. Wescott of Glens Falls, N.Y. wrote in April that he had finally overcome a long illness and was much improved in health. We hope he will continue to improve.

Cousin Marge Westcott (Mrs. Robert A. Westcott) of Oxford, N.Y.,

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who joined us with her family in Poultney last summer, wrote in May that her brother-in-law, Cousin Byron Westcott, had slipped on the ice in March and had broken his leg and ankle, but was coming along well. Cousin Marge's family moved from their big farm to a trailer last fall. That must have been quite an adjustment, especially as she did not feel too well till January. We hope they will have a wonderful summer, and can take some trips in their trailer home.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Providence Journal of April 25, 1965 noted that "Louise Harris of Rumford has compiled and published A COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF C.A. STEPHENS". It gave a brief biography of Mr. Stephens and added: "Miss Harris is working on a history of the Youth's Companion at present."

"THE PARKE SCRAPBOOK NUMBER I, Including Records of THE SEPARATE CHURCH, PRESTON, CONNECTICUT, 1747-1800, by Rev. Paul Parke, Collected and Compiled by Ruby (Parke) Anderson" (our member) is now available at \$10 a copy. It includes the ancestry of Robert Parke, who came with the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, detailed information on the Winthrop Fleet, and much genealogical data about early New England families. It is the first of 15-20 volumes planned on the Park-Parke-Parkes and allied families. Copies of this volume may be ordered from our member, Mrs. Raymond R. Ruppert, 6801 Ritchie-Marlboro Road, Washington, D.C. 20027, to whom checks should be made payable.

All Park-Parke-Parkes descendants should send their known Family History to Mrs. Ruby Parke Anderson, The Parke Society, The Mill House, North Stonington, Conn. 06359, for inclusion in later volumes. Such information will be filed in the Parke Library there when it is financed and built. It is not necessary to copy voluminous records, as they can be sent with the specification that they are loaned to be copied. All loaned material is copied and returned to the owner.

The Parke Society meets in North Stonington, Conn. annually the first Sunday in August. For Membership Fees and Information, write the Society Treasurer, Mr. Wilfred Park, 199 Thames St., New London, Conn. The Society welcomes as Associate Members all who bear the Park-Parke-Parkes name but do not yet know their exact ancestry.

## JUNIOR NEWS

Cousin Bruce Trismen of River Edge, N.J. (our member and son of members Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen) goes to college daytimes and works at night. His bride, Linda, still works at Sears Roebuck. They are a very busy young couple.

Cousin Melayn Dorfler (our member and daughter of members Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dorfler of Brightwaters, N.Y.) received the degree of A.M.L.S. (Master of Arts in Library Science) from the University of Michigan, May 1, 1965. After Labor Day she will be doing work in medical refer-



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ence and book selection in serials and documents at the Health-Science Library of the University of Maryland. This is a medical library in Baltimore. We congratulate her and wish her well in her new job.

Cousin James R. Bentley of Jeffersontown, Ky. wrote recently that he graduated in June, 1964 from Centre College, Danville, Ky. with a double major in History and English. Since last September he has been Assistant to the Curator of the Filson Club in Louisville. The Filson Club is a private historical society, organized in 1934, devoted to collection, preservation, and publication of Kentucky historical material. It publishes The Filson Club History Quarterly and also a book-length manuscript annually. Cousin Jim's chief work has been to arrange and catalogue the Club's extensive newspaper files, which he finds very interesting. The Filson Club has a wide membership throughout this country and in several foreign countries. Cousin Jim would be glad to propose any of the Westcott Cousins for membership if they would be interested. He has been named an apprentice at Williamsburg, Va. in a program to start late this June, sponsored jointly by the College of William and Mary, Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and the Institute of Early American History and Culture, dealing with Interpretation of Historic Sites. This will be for a 5-month term. He will also study in the Graduate School of William and Mary for a regular academic year toward the Master of Arts degree in History. Congratulations and good wishes!

Cousin Patricia Wescott Bentley (Cousin Jim's sister), who joined our Society last year, has just finished her first year at Centre College, where she was chosen as her dormitory representative to the Student Congress and was elected to the Centre Players (the drama club). She has been elected Secretary of the Players for next year. We offer congratulations and good wishes for three busy, happy years ahead.

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REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly.
2. Please write the New England Historic Genealogical Society if you would want notes on their Seminar.
3. Please add your Zip Code whenever you write.
4. Please send address changes promptly.
5. If anyone wants to sell a Westcott Genealogy, please tell us!

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A VERY HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!