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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

"The Iowa Chapter, No. 9, of the Stukely Westcott Descendants of America extends to the National Society an invitation to their state for the 16th Biennial Meeting in 1966.

(Signed) DOROTHY (MRS. HAROLD L.) PERDUE"

"Dear Cousins: The members of the Executive Board have voted to accept the kind invitation of the Iowa Chapter to hold the meeting of the Westcott Society in Iowa in 1966.

"The meeting will be held on June 24, 25, and 26 in Griswold, Iowa - the home town of the Chapter President, Mrs. Harold L. Perdue.

"I look forward to greeting many of you there.

"Further details will be presented in the March Quarterly.

"Cordially, SUSAN WESTCOTT HANDY, President"

This will be the furthest West that our National Society has ever held a meeting. Until now we have never had a meeting west of Ohio. We hope that many of our Mid-West Cousins will be present, and that the Far West ones can literally "meet us halfway."

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 5 - Vermont

The Vermont Chapter held a picnic again this year at Cousin Harold Westcott's farm. It was a beautiful, breezy day; about seventy people were able to attend, but sickness and other matters kept quite a few away. "Our loved ones (who had left us in March) were missed so much. We discussed the national meeting coming up next year, and we hope quite a group will be able to attend.

"There is a change in officers this year, except the Secretary. We plan to meet next year at the same lovely spot."

This news was sent in by Cousin Frances Reed, Chapter Secretary.

Chapter 9 - Iowa

The Iowa Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America held their 7th annual reunion on June 13 in Red Oak, Iowa. Eighteen members were present - from Dubuque, Atlantic, Griswold, Elliott, and Red Oak, Iowa, and one couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Collins, from Alamogordo, New Mexico. All officers were re-elected: President,

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

CHAPTER NEWS Chapter 9 - Iowa (CONTINUED)

Mrs. Harold L. Perdue; Vice-President, Mrs. Dallas Porter; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Duane Wilson; Historian, Mrs. Ronald Gladson. The Chapter voted to extend an invitation to the National Society to hold their 16th Biennial Meeting there in 1966.

A Costa Rican exchange student in Red Oak told of his homeland and family and played a few musical numbers. Also slides were shown of the 15th Biennial Meeting, held at Poultney, Vermont in August, 1964. They were taken by Carlos Merrick of Menlo Park, Calif., who with his wife had been the members who travelled farthest to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perdue had travelled second farthest.

The meeting closed with singing "Bold Stukely Westcott", written by the National Society's late poet laureate, Mrs. Theodora Bates Cogswell, to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne".

MARRIAGES

Miss Juliana Westcott, daughter of our member, Dr. F. Howard Westcott and the late Gertrude L. Westcott of Tenafly, N.J., whose engagement was announced in the June, 1965 Quarterly, was married on June 11, 1965, in the Chapel of the Presbyterian Church in Tenafly, to Mr. Michael Proctor Graney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike L. Graney of Middletown, Ohio.

The bride was graduated from Tenafly High School and has attended Duke University School of Nursing. The bridegroom was graduated from The Mercersburg Academy and Duke University, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity. They will live in Columbus, Ohio, and continue their education at Ohio State University.

Miss Sandra Kae Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William John Turner of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, whose engagement was announced in the March, 1965 Quarterly, was married on June 12, 1965 in Kenwood Park Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids to Rich Walter Wescott, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Chester William Wescott of Bergenfield, N.J.

The bride is a graduate of Mercy Hospital Nursing Technical School, and is employed at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cedar Rapids. The bridegroom is a graduate of Parson's College, Fairfield, Iowa, and is now employed there. They will live in Fairfield.

Miss Nancy Jean Westcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Westcott of Wantagh, N.Y. was married on August 28, 1965, in the Wantagh Baptist Church, to Mr. Robert W. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Young of Levittown, N.Y.

The bride is a graduate of Seaford High School and is a secretary with Trans-World Radio, Chatham. The bridegroom was graduated from Island Trees High School and is attending King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. He was a member of the college basketball team and expects to be a physical education teacher and coach.

We wish all three young couples every happiness.

DEATHS

Hoffman Nickerson, aged seventy-six, of Oyster Bay, N.Y., our member, died on March 24, 1965. He was born December 6, 1888, in Paterson, N.J., son of the late Thomas White and Mary Louisa (Hoffman) Nickerson. He was married on July 11, 1916, to Miss Ruth Comstock, who survives him. His family and friends will miss him.

Mrs. Ida M. Westcott, mother of our members, Mrs. Phillip H. Shire of Toledo, Ohio, and Theorn B. Westcott of Drexel Hill, Pa., and grandmother of our member, Mrs. Eugene C. Novak of Toledo, Ohio, passed away on June 11, 1965. She would have been 90 years old in August. Her family and friends will miss her.

Mrs. Nellie G. (E. Everett) Westcott, former member and mother of our member, Carl F. Westcott of St. Paul, Nebraska, passed away on July 9, 1965 at the age of 95 years, in St. Paul, Nebraska. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. She was born December 2, 1869, in Beloit, Wis., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Willitt. At an early age she moved with her parents to Omaha, Neb., where she completed her schooling and married Edward Everett Westcott on July 3, 1889. She was Howard County's oldest citizen and pioneer resident. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Gilliland, a son, Carl F. Westcott, both of St. Paul, 12 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was always very happy, vibrant, and independent, constantly active, and keen-minded to the last. She lived alone by choice until a few weeks before her death. Her family and her host of friends will mourn her passing.

LETTERS

Cousin Olive S. Westcott (Mrs. William C. Westcott) of Utica, N.Y. writes that she had a major operation last fall. We trust that by now she has fully recovered.

Cousin Priscilla M. Sharpe of Old Greenwich, Conn. wrote in mid-July: "Everything is O.K. now and my Aunt Florence is feeling much better." This is the kind of news we welcome!

Cousin Frances Reed of East Poultney, Vt. wrote in August that her husband was slowly losing the use of his hands, was very weak, and mostly could get only from bed to chair. "He gets very discouraged at times." Their son Franklin "is still very busy with his work and plans to have his shop here soon, as he is building the barn into a workshop. Velma has been helping him this summer, as I have had to stay home with my husband. I hope to help Franklin again when he gets here, as Velma expects to work again. She will not be teaching this year." We sincerely hope that the invalid will improve.

Cousin Ruth Tiffany of Windsor, N.Y. writes: "I was very much

LETTERS (CONTINUED)

pleased with the "Stukely Westcott - First Generation in America", which was included with the Quarterly. It was very interesting." So many of the Cousins have written enthusiastically about Eleanor Trismen's talk.

Cousin Edna Jay Lewis (Mrs. Paul R. Lewis) of Townshend, Vt. wrote early in August that her parents, Frank and Lucy Jay (whose sudden deaths last March were announced in the June Quarterly) "were so much a part of the Westcott Clan and always worked so hard to promote our Vermont Chapter meetings, they will be deeply missed this year. Our sweet memories of them and the hopes they had for future generations will always strengthen those who knew them." The Cousins who met them can only wish they had had the chance to know them better.

Cousin Joye Satterfield writes: "I enjoyed the copy of Eleanor Trismen's talk. It is a nice thing to keep - especially for those of us who don't have the Westcott books." She and her husband and three girls took a camping trip in Canada and New England in late July and early August, stopping on the way home to see her grandmother, Mrs. B.C. Andrews (widow of the late Jarvis Sargent), whom some of the older Cousins may remember at early up-state New York meetings. Joye says her grandmother is not too well and her eyesight is failing. The Satterfields found Western New York camp sites full by 5 P.M., so after a picnic supper, they decided to drive straight home - 500 miles more, in addition to the 350 miles they had already driven that day! At 5 A.M. they arrived! "Home and bed felt pretty good!" Everyone reading this should feel sympathetically tired.

Cousin Eleanor Trismen and her husband went to Canada for two weeks this summer. "It was nice and cool." Hot stay-at-homes can envy!

Instead of writing a letter to myself as Editor, I, Cousin Dorothea Cogswell, will report directly to all of you that I have very recently, thanks to starting iron tonic with the Doctor's approval, been able to begin throwing off the extreme fatigue which has overcome me for the past year after even small exertions. Also recently for the first time since last October I have gained four pounds in weight and am now only one pound below my normal minimum. I am very happy to make this good report, and I am so grateful to all the Cousins who have written me encouragingly and have had such long patience with my slowness in getting things done. Now I'll try very hard to get caught up in every way before the Christmas rush starts.

 WESTCOTT PLAQUE - Now available on order

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque at \$24.00 each (may now be slightly higher), in bronze, measuring about 6" x 9", 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.

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2. Wall Plaque: Westcott Coat-of-Arms only \$12.00 each, suitable for hanging on wall, measuring about 5" x 7", 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 payable to "The United States Bronze Sign Company" and mail to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N.J. 07661.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The "Comprehensive Bibliography of C. A. Stephens", by our Registrar, Cousin Louise Harris, is listed in Publishers' Weekly (which goes all over the world), with its Library of Congress card-index number given. Down East Magazine of Camden, Maine, reviewed the book in its June issue and asked for an illustrated profile for a later issue. Book Exchange, London, England, asked for a review copy for their new-book listing for all dealers and libraries. Likewise The Minister of National Education, Paris, France, requested a review copy for their new-book listing. National Library in Ottawa, Canada, and a bookdealer in Colloroy, Australia also purchased copies, and a branch of the American News Company ordered a copy. The price is \$3.50.

Cousin Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Fla. found the following record of four Westcott families in the 1850 Census of Chautauqua County, N.Y. (N.Y. in this record means New York State.)

Harmony township: (1) George W. Wescot, age 60, farmer, b. Vermont; Olivia, wife, age 50, born Mass.; Abram, 24, b. N.Y. State; George, 23, b. N.Y.; Oris or Orin, male, 20, b. N.Y.; Olivia, 18, b. N.Y.; Rush (not clear), male, 15, b. N.Y.; Fanny, 13, b. N.Y.; Samantha, 10, b. N.Y.

(2) Jeremiah Wescot, 26, farmer, b. N.Y.; Charlotte, 24.

Ellicott township: (1) David Wescott, 25, farmer, b. N.Y.; Leonora, 23, b. N.Y.; Lucy, 2, b. N.Y.; Mary Oswato (not clear), 16, b. N.Y.

(2) Samuel Wescott, 30, grocer, b. N.Y. and shown as living at a hotel in Ellicott.

Cousin Daphne M. Brownell also sent her DAR line to help future Westcott DARs:

George Westcott (1730-1814), b. Warwick, m. Phebe Wade(?). He served as a private in the R.I. line from Warwick. He died at Foster. Issue: George, Ziba, Oliver, Preserved, Susannah, probably others.

Oliver Westcott (1767-1849) m. Anne Brown (1770-1862). Before 1800 they moved to Madison Co., N.Y. Issue: Paul, Esek, Jeremiah, Oliver, Farley, Isaiah, George, Patty, Lizzy, Lydia, Phila, Lucy, Pauline

Esek Westcott (1792-1858) m. Mary "Polly" Stone (1795-1872). He fought in the War of 1812. Issue: Simon, Martha, Norman, George, John, Cynthia, Syrena (Serena), Paulina, Lavisia, Esek Leroy.

Cynthia Westcott (1827-1918) m. Joseph J. Bledsoe, Jr. (1823-1903).

ITEMS OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

Issue: Mary M., Norman S., Flora L., Elaner S., Elnora A., Benjamin L., Eliger E., George F., Aaron J., Grace.

Flora Levisa Bledsoe (1850-1891) m. Timothy Horace Barker (1844-1911). Issue: Mae Belle Barker, b. 1867 (Cousin Daphne's grandmother).

JUNIOR NEWS

Kathleen Roberts, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David G. Roberts of Whitehall, N.Y., is having her second year at Cobleskill, N.Y., where she is majoring in Animal Husbandry. She is very much interested in Agriculture. She had to do a paper on her family background and found the Westcott Genealogy both helpful and interesting.

Wayne Lewis, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Lewis of Townshend, Vt., is returning to U.V.M. in Burlington, Vt. for his second year.

Richard Stanton Brownell, son of our member, Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Fla., received on June 14, 1965, his B.S. with honor in Electrical Engineering from Yale. He is now working in his field in Washington, D.C. Heartiest congratulations!

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.
4. Please ~~add~~ your Zip Code whenever you write.
5. Be sure to send address changes promptly, as Quarterlies are not forwarded.
6. Keep trying to get new members.

A HAPPY AUTUMN TO ALL!