

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Last call for our National Society Biennial Meeting for 1966, to be held in Griswold, Iowa, on Friday, June 24, Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26! All members and prospectlike members are welcome! If you think you are eligible to join, even if you have not yet completed the necessary research, do come and get acquainted! Write Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, R.R.#3, Griswold, Iowa, stating how many will be coming and whether you prefer motel or private family accommodations, twin or double beds, or if you are coming in a trailer or plan to camp out in your own tent. (Griswold has a handy trailer park and two nearby camping sites, which can be used if permission is obtained.)

Completion of the new Holiday Inn in Red Oak has been delayed. It will not open before July, which is too late for us. However, Mrs. Harold L. Perdue says she is sure that all can have accommodations.

Iowa is on Central Daylight Saving Time, but trains run on Central Standard Time. Cousins flying in should check with their local airports for flight times.

We hope for a turnout of at least 60 to 70 Cousins, including local members. Let's see if we can't do even better than that!

Saturday night's banquet will be held in a very rustic building. Therefore dress can be "informal or as anyone wishes". In other words, elaborate lace dinner or evening gowns and tuxedos are not necessary.)

The Sunday noon meal will not be charged for as such. All Cousins will be guests of the Iowa Chapter. However, the hat was passed at the end of the Sunday dinner in Vermont, two years ago, for voluntary contributions - and it will be passed again in Iowa.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Chapter 2 - Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Chapter met Saturday, April 23 at the home of Miss Susan W. Handy (our National President) and her brother, Mr. Thomas H. Handy, Jr. for a luncheon, followed by a business meeting and a short program.

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## BIRTHS

Robert William Vogel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert K. (Judith Wescott) Vogel, and grandson of our members, Col. and Mrs. Chester W. Wescott of Bergenfield, N.J., was born Feb. 13, 1966, in Gales Ferry, Conn.

Paul Alan Brundage, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Brundage, grandson of our member, Mrs. Horace F. Kuhn of Machias, N.Y., and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Linda

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

## BIRTHS (CONTINUED)

Pickens of Arcade, N.Y. and her late husband, Dr. George Pickens, was born Feb. 22, 1966.

We wish all good fortune to our new little cousins.

## DEATHS

Dr. Roy L. Erlenback, dentist, of Chittenango, N.Y., died before April, 1966, as his copy of the March Quarterly was returned to the Editor on April 2, marked "deceased". He was the husband of our late member, Mrs. Dorothy (Ellis) Erlenback, who died in 1958, and who heretofore was the daughter of our late member, Mrs. Alfred Richard (Nellie Eliza Pickens) Ellis, who died in 1959. Dr. Erlenback was born Oct. 21, 1896, and married Miss Dorothy Ellis on July 21, 1923. If anyone cares to send any further particulars about Dr. Erlenback or his death, it will be printed in a later issue.

Miss Mary Ella Stafford, our member, aged 75, of Evergreen Park, Ill., died April 22, 1966. She was born Oct. 29, 1896, in Decatur, Ill., daughter of Frank Wilbur and Cassie A. (LeForgee) Stafford. She had been in a nursing home for a year and a half. Although in poor health, she was able to attend Church nearly every Sunday, as well as many Church activities. On Easter Sunday she was taken ill. The nursing home gave her excellent care until she became so ill that she had to go to a regular hospital, where she died. As she had no living near relatives, her two oldest and best friends, Mrs. Arthur F. Lewis of Oak Lawn, Ill. and Mrs. Betty Reitmayer, took care of the funeral services, which were held at Lain & Son Chapel, Chicago, April 25. Interment was in Beverly Cemetery. She was a member of the First Christian Church and Dewalt Mechlin, D.A.R. She was very fortunate to have kind friends when near relatives were gone. Cousins who remember her from earlier years will deeply regret her passing,

## LETTERS

Cousin Cynthia Westcott's Christmas letter got crowded out till now. 1965 was "pleasant and rather lazy, without drastic deadlines." There was some travel (to rose shows, entomology meetings, and a National Council of State Garden Clubs Board meeting). She gave a few lectures, taught some one-day courses, and did considerable writing. In September Van Nostrand published the fourth (rewritten) edition of ANYONE CAN GROW ROSES - a down-to-earth book. The big news was drought, with all watering forbidden. In spite of this, the Springvale Flower Show in August was surprisingly good. "I still thrill at living where every apartment has a small garden" which reflects its maker's individuality.

Cousin Alice Baxter of Cranston, R.I. wrote in January about the vandalized local Westcott cemetery: "Bill thinks it might be well to leave the stones down till roads get through there where it can be seen. Every time a stone is pushed over, it is apt to get chipped." One could quote from PILGRIM'S PROGRESS: "He that is down need fear no fall."

Cousin Jessie W. Hamilton and her husband, Clyde E. Hamilton, of Chicago, wrote in April that they had "just returned from New Zealand." We envy them their trip.

## LETTERS (CONTINUED)

Cousin Merritt E. Westcott and his wife spent the winter in Florida with Cousin Alton H. Westcott and his wife, but are now enjoying being home again in Pennsylvania.

Cousin Walter Westcott of Oneonta, N.Y. was in the hospital this spring with a gall bladder attack. His wife has Multiple Sclerosis and is in a wheel chair. We are very sorry that things are so hard for them.

Cousin Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Florida, needs help for some of her "missing links". Esek Westcott m. Polly Stone (b. in Conn. of unknown parents). They lived most of their lives in Eaton, Nelson, and Georgetown, Madison Co., N.Y.. Some of their children stayed in Madison Co.; others moved to Andover and Independence, Allegany Co., N.Y.; later some went to Iowa. Esek himself died in Andover in 1857 and is buried there. Widow Polly and her youngest son, Le Roy Westcott, were still listed in Independence, Allegany Co., in the 1860 Census. But by 1870 Widow Polly Westcott lived in Iowa in the family of A.J. Thompson, whose wife was M.J. Thompson. By 1872 Widow Polly had died in or near Estherville, Emmett Co., Iowa, and is buried there. Children of Esek and Polly (Stone) Westcott were: Simon; Martha (m. Myron Mead and d. in Madison Co., N.Y.); Norman (d. Nelson, Madison Co.); George (b. 1822, d. 1879. In the 1870 Census George was running a restaurant in Estherville, Emmett Co., Iowa, with wife Harriet E. and children: Willie, Eddie, Lewis, and Fred); John (b. 1826, d. 1863); Cynthia (m. Joseph Bledsoe and lived at Independence, also called Whitesville, N.Y. This is Cousin Daphne's own line); Serena (m. Franklin J. Lee. They lived in Andover, N.Y., where he died in 1877. She still lived there in 1905); Paulina (whom Cousin Daphne's grandmother called "Aunt Pliny Head"); Levisa or Louisa (lived for several years at Andover with her sister Serena, but Cousin Daphne has no record of her after 1855); Esek Le Roy (b. 1840, d. 1882. Cousin Daphne knows nothing of him after the 1870 Census). Some of these death dates came from Vol. I of the Westcott Genealogy, which has many typographical errors, and almost no recorded sources. Cousin Daphne hopes that New York and Iowa descendants may recognize some of these names and help her fill the gaps. She ends: "Oh, please help me!"

Cousin Jim Bentley wrote in April: "I am keeping very busy reading American history here at William and Mary. Williamsburg is a fascinating place and I am both enjoying myself and learning a great deal. This summer I will again be working in the Research Department of Colonial Williamsburg, and at the end of August will probably return to Kentucky. The graduate courses here are difficult but interesting."

## ITEM OF INTEREST

Cousin Cynthia Westcott's fine article: IS SPRAYING NECESSARY? in the November, 1965 issue of HORTICULTURE should be read and kept by all who either spray or fear to. She first stresses that, thanks to spraying, we no longer must "cut slugs out of cabbages, wash aphids out of broccoli, and eat around worms in apples." Also "we can relax under shade trees without being rained upon with caterpillars", and "can keep the leaves on our roses all summer," getting bigger plants, more flowers, and a much better chance for them to survive next winter. But one must always ask: "Is this particular spray necessary?" before going ahead. Her examples and suggestions are very valuable.

### JUNIOR NEWS

James G. Kuhn, Fn., son of our member, Mrs. Horace F. Kuhn, enlisted in the Navy Sept. 23, 1965. He is stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station. He will be going to school there, starting in June.

Mr. & Mrs. Rich W. (Sandra) Wescott are living at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, where he is "living in", teaching, and coaching. He is the son of our members, Col. & Mrs. Chester W. Wescott, Bergenfield, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert K. (Judith Hope Wescott) Vogel are living in Gales Ferry, Conn., where he is the weapons officer on the nuclear sub, George Washington. He graduated from the Naval Academy, Class of 1961. Their son's birth is recorded in this issue.

Richard Westcott, son of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Ashley Prince Westcott of Roslindale, Mass., was one of six high school students to win \$125 scholarships from the George H. Conley Home & School Association this year. He is graduating this June from Boston Technical High School. His extra curricula activities include the Planes and Sailboats Club, Drafting Standards Club, Civil Air Patrol, and the Order of DeMolay. He has also worked after school. He won an award for spelling, and in his Junior year competed with Seniors in a drafting competition given by Northeastern University, in which he placed 12th in a field of 100. He has been accepted by Northeastern University in its Civil Engineering program. We congratulate him heartily and wish him all success in his college career.

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### REMINDERS

1. Join us in Griswold, Iowa - there's still plenty of room and plenty of time. Write Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, R.R. #3, Griswold, Iowa 15135, for accommodations.
2. Prospective members - come to our Iowa meeting and get acquainted. If you don't have application blanks, ask for them - to fill out later.
3. Please add your Zip Code whenever you write.
4. Send address changes promptly, to get your Quarterlies on time.
5. Bring a prospective member to our Iowa meeting.

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A HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!

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