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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS - Reunion at Griswold, Iowa

Our 1966, 16th Biennial Meeting, held in Griswold, Iowa, was a great success. In fact, as one Cousin wrote your Editor: "Griswold should take the 'hospitality' title away from the South." Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue), our new National President, and all the Iowa Cousins in and around Griswold really "went the limit" in time, thought, and effort to give us a wonderful three days. Not many Eastern Cousins were able to take so long a trip, but to those who did, the reward was well worth the effort. We all wished we could have stayed much longer.

Cousin Susan Westcott Handy, our outgoing National President, wrote the following fine summary of our activities:

"Dear Cousins: On Wednesday, June 22 your Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Dorothea Cogswell, and I started our journey by train to Griswold, Iowa. We arrived in Griswold the evening before the Cousins gathered for their Biennial Meeting, and on Friday enjoyed a delightful luncheon at the home of Cousin Ione Swanson in Council Bluffs. The drive to her home gave us a good glimpse of the farm lands of Southwestern Iowa. Ione is ill with arthritis and was not able to be present in Griswold. Cousins will remember with pleasure meeting her and her husband at the Clambake in Rhode Island in 1960.

"The President of the Iowa Chapter, Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue) entertained the members of the Board at dinner in her lovely home preceding the Registration and Reception of the Cousins at the Church of Christ that evening.

"Since it was the fortieth wedding anniversary of Dorothy and Harold, her family had planned a surprise party for them at the Reception. A beautifully decorated cake, napkins with 'Dorothy and Harold' printed on them, and a centerpiece of red roses gave a very festive air to our gathering. We were most happy to congratulate the Perdues on this happy occasion! Slides of the 1960 and 1964 meeting were shown by Cousin Carlos Merrick of California.

"On Saturday morning the business meeting was held in the Church. Dorothy Perdue welcomed the Cousins and introduced the Minister of the Church, Rev. Robert Chitwood, who welcomed us most cordially. It was a privilege to hold our meetings in this beautiful, new, air-conditioned church.

"Besides Dorothea and myself, the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mabel L. Wescott from Connecticut, the Ex-President of the Vermont Chapter, Harold W. Wescott, and the Ex-National President, Dr. F. Howard Westcott of Bronxville, N.Y. were present.

"Reports of Officers and Chapter Presidents were read and accepted. The By-Laws

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were suspended to permit the Quarterly to be published in January, April, July and October instead of in March, June, September and December as formerly. Discussions were held concerning some official paper with the seal (the family coat-of-arms) inscribed.

"We regret that neither the National Chaplain, Webb Wilder, nor Louise Harris, the National Registrar, was able to be present. In their absence, Duane Wilson of the Iowa Chapter read the Memorial service which had been written by our National Registrar. We were indebted to Mrs. Darrell Collins, sister-in-law of Dorothy Perdue, for the lovely arrangement of red roses which was used at this service and was enjoyed throughout the weekend. She gave this in memory of her husband, who had died recently. These flowers were placed on the grave of Mr. Collins after the meetings were over.

"Mrs. Lisle Cottrell of Buskirk, N.Y., Chairman of the nominating Committee, presented the following slate of Officers and Directors for the next two years. They were all elected.

President - Mrs. Harold L. Perdue

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Vice President - Mr. Harold W. Westcott

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Mr. Edmund Morris, New Jersey

Miss Susan W. Handy, Rhode Island

Mrs. Ralph D. Triseman, New Jersey

Mrs. Samuel Dorfner, New York

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, New York

Mr. Leslie Westcott, Rhode Island

"After the morning meeting, we boarded a bus and rode to the Gold Crown Inn at Red Oak for luncheon. A style show was staged for our pleasure after lunch.

"The afternoon was spent touring farms and historical places. For a few minutes we had the interesting experience of listening to a cattle auction where a big, black steer was being auctioned off. (As he stood in the tanbark-lined pit of the small amphitheater, his nose was at just the right height to poke between the ropes and

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sniff at our ankles, until one of the two attendants in the pit tickled his flank gently with the tip of the long whip to make him turn away.) Visits to a cattle farm, a hog-raising farm, and a modern milking parlor were of especial interest to the Cousins from the East. We were greatly impressed with the modern equipment and machinery. At the dairy farm owned by Marlin Perdue, son of Dorothy, we were refreshed by a cool drink, and enjoyed seeing the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Perdue.

"Also during the afternoon we visited Yankee Street - so named because the early settlers of Griswold came from Vermont, and built homes along this street. One of these settlers was Nathan Collins, father of Dorothy Perdue. Her childhood home, although changed, is still standing on Yankee Street. Her grandfather and about fifteen others came to the rich farm lands of Iowa in 1869. Nathan's grandmother was Barbara Westcott. There were five Stukely Westcotts in Dorothy's family.

"Our Banquet was held in a Boy Scout Lodge near Griswold. Severe electric storms and heavy rains did not prevent us all from arriving at the Lodge, where a delicious steak dinner was served. After dinner we were entertained by a group of young people - square dancers of the "Buttons and Bows" Club. I gave a brief sketch of Stukely Westcott, and then Dr. F. Howard Westcott gave us a most delightful and instructive talk with slides of his recent trip on the ship HOPE to Vietnam, Peru, and Nicaragua. He and his wife not only taught natives medical studies and healed the sick, but worked with the children - bringing much happiness into their lives. The electric storms which had continued all evening finally put off all electricity, and Dr. Howard was forced to end his talk, but not before he had given us a most interesting account of the activities of the ship HOPE. He also gave a talk to the Sunday School the next morning before morning worship.

"Sunday was a gloriously clear day. About 60 Cousins attended morning worship at the Church, of which Cousin Dorothy Perdue is the organist. Again the Minister welcomed us.

"Our extremely interesting weekend finished with a luncheon at which we were guests of the Iowa Chapter at the American Legion Hall in Griswold, and with attendance at their short business meeting.

"This brief sketch of our weekend in Iowa cannot adequately describe the warm hospitality extended by all the Iowa Cousins and their families. Cousins were there from ten States - California, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming. There were 8 Cousins from the Vermont Chapter.

"As your retiring President, I wish to express not only the thanks of the National Society, but also my personal thanks to Dorothy Perdue and her very efficient committee for their well planned, interesting, and altogether delightful meeting.

"We hope to see many of our Iowa Cousins in the East in 1968.

"It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your President, and I thank

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you for this opportunity.

"Your new President, Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue), is a charming, enthusiastic lady as well as a very efficient leader. I am delighted she is willing to serve you, and I know you all will give her your cooperation. We need to interest our families and to reactivate our Chapters if we are going to keep alive the memory of Stukely and our great heritage. My thanks and good wishes to you all.

SUSAN WESTCOTT HANDY"

Your Editor would like to add that those who have been privileged to know and work with Cousin Susan Handy will miss her as President; but we who have met and have become acquainted with Cousin Dorothy Perdue know that she will be a fine and worthy successor as National President. Cousin Dorothy's greeting to the Society follows:

"Greetings from your newly elected President. This office I humbly accept after some persuasion from your previous President, Susan Handy. I trust you will all help me to carry on the traditions of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America.

"Even though I am extremely interested in the family organization, I do feel that there are many miles separating me from the other officers. Therefore, may I ask each member to help me in my endeavor to carry on in the marvelous way my predecessors have done before me. I have much to learn from them.

"I still have the letter written to me by the late Roscoe Whitman when I first joined the National Society in 1941. He wrote that he had a special interest in our family, as his great, great, great grandfather was the same as ours. Perhaps that made a lasting impression on me and had something to do with my special interest in the Cousins. I only regret that it was never my privilege to meet him.

"How I wish more of you could have been with us here in Iowa at the 16th Biennial Meeting. We Iowa Cousins certainly enjoyed meeting all those who were here; and in spite of the big thunderstorm and rain which descended on us the night of the banquet, I believe the reunion was enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to have Dr. Howard Westcott here and to see his pictures and hear of his experiences on the ship HOPE.

"Sometime in the future may it be my privilege to meet all of you.

Sincerely,

DOROTHY PERDUE
(MRS. HAROLD L. PERDUE)"

There were fine write-ups of our Biennial Meeting (written by Cousin Rachel Cottrell of Buskirk, N.Y.) in the Griswold, Red Oak, and Atlantic, Iowa papers, and even a brief account in the Omaha World-Herald.

The Treasurer's report at the meeting (a preliminary report, as the revised fiscal year would not end until July 15) was as follows:

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The Society's cash balance at the time of the 1964 meeting was \$307.75, which dropped to \$304.75 because a check "bounced". To this we have added dues of \$573.00 and contributions of \$170.50, totaling \$743.50 in actual cash receipts. We have spent during this same period \$745.17, distributed as follows:

Printing, Paper, and Office Supplies	\$194.20
Quarterly Typing and Mimeographing	285.34
Postage and Stamps	60.43
Taylor Flowers	5.20
Iowa Chapter	100.00
Secretary-Treasurer for services during 1964 and 1965	<u>100.00</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$745.17</u>

Between the preliminary report and July 15, 1966 (the end of the fiscal year), your Treasurer received an additional \$6.00 in dues and paid the printer \$3.20 for mimeograph paper, bringing up our cash in the bank to \$305.88, or \$1.13 more than in August, 1964.

CHAPTER NEWS

Your Editor has no formal Chapter News for this issue, but wishes to note that Marlin Perdue, the son of our new President, is now Chaplain of the Iowa Chapter, and that Mrs. Ronald Gladson is Historian.

NEW MEMBER

#555 - Mrs. Florence Landgraf Eickelberg
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We are so glad to welcome you as a member.

BIRTH

Heather Lynn Trismen, daughter of our members, Bruce W. and Linda Ann (Luke) Trismen of Hackensack, N.J., and granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen of River Edge, N.J., was born July 16, 1966 at Harkness Pavilion, Medical Center, N.Y. City. Her grandmother was formerly our National President and Vice President, and was for many years Corresponding Secretary and Editor of the Quarterly.

We are very happy to know of the birth of this new little cousin.

MARRIAGES

Miss Susan Jean Allport, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Allport of Bethlehem, Pa., was married Oct. 2, 1965, at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity

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in Bethlehem, to Walter G. M. Schneider. She had graduated from Kutztown State College and had received her Master's Degree in Education, majoring in Fine Arts, from Temple University in August, 1965. She is now an Art teacher in the Bethlehem Area School District.

William G. Wescott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Wescott of Batavia, N.Y. was married July 9, 1966, in a Nuptial Mass at St. Joseph's Church, to Miss Joan R. Woodstock, daughter of Gerald E. Woodstock of Oakfield and the late Eleanor Woodstock. The bridegroom's sister, Mrs. John Rock, was matron of honor. Mrs. William Holliday of Penfield and Mrs. Judy Nunnery of Kendall were bridesmaids, and Virginia Rock, the bridegroom's niece, was junior bridesmaid. The bridegroom's brother, Donald Wescott of Alexandria, Va., served as best man. Ushers were Fohn Rock, the bridegroom's brother-in-law, and Nicholas Figlow. The bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. B.J. Wescott, was also present. The newly married couple are living in Brockport. The bride is a dental hygienist in the Kendall Central School, where the bridegroom is a member of the faculty.

We wish both young couples many years of happiness together.

DEATHS

Arthur M. Greene, aged 72, former member and father of our member, Mrs. John P. Gaboury of New Rochelle, N.Y., passed away July 2, 1965, in the King's Point, N.Y. Veteran's Administration after a confinement of at least twenty years. He had failed steadily since the previous November. He was born Feb. 18, 1893 in Glenwood, Pa., the son of Layton Burrill and Nora Leonia (Kintner) Greene. He is survived by his widow, who still lives in Middletown, N.Y., their two daughters, Mrs. John P. Gaboury of New Rochelle and Mrs. Edwin Sienko of Middletown, and grandchildren. Cousins who remember him can only feel that after such long illness and the final months of failing, he has received merciful release.

Mrs. Florence M. (Sargent) Sprague, aged 63, wife of Joseph Sprague of Sidney, N.Y., passed away March 27, 1966. She was born Jan. 7, 1903, the daughter of our member, Mrs. B. C. Andrews of Sidney and the late Jarvis B. Sargent of Oneonta, N.Y., and the sister of our member, Mrs. John A. Ellmauer of Sidney. She is survived by her husband, her mother, her sister, and nieces. Her relatives and friends will miss her greatly.

Mrs. Edith (Lewis) Simmons of Berlin N.Y., aged 83, died May 14, 1966 at Melrose, N.Y. She was born Nov. 22, 1882, in Berlin, the daughter of Leonard Lester and Phebe Emily (VanWoeart) Lewis. Her late husband, Warren Barber Simmons, whom she married Feb. 7, 1904, died Jan. 12, 1925. Her funeral was held May 17 from the Charles F. White Funeral Home, Berlin. She was survived by nieces and nephews: Sidney and Lewis Wager of Berlin, Mrs. Edwin Feinberg of Wheeling, W.Va., and Mrs. Francis Kearns of Charlotte, N.C. Cousins who remember her will regret her passing.

Eugene Atwood Anderson, aged 82, of Stonington, Conn., our member, died June 8, 1966 at Uncas-on-the-Thames Hospital, Norwich, Conn. after a long illness. His

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funeral was held in Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington. He was born in Stonington, Oct. 29, 1883, the son of the late Jerome Schenck and Emma Jane (Horn) Anderson, Jr. He had two lines of descent from Stukely Westcott: Stukely (1), Jeremiah (2), Stukely (3), Stukely (4), and the latter's wife, Bethiah (4) Westcott, whose line was Jeremiah (2), Benjamin (3). He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Rilla (Parke) Anderson, five children, and thirteen grandchildren. Cousins who knew while deeply regretting his passing, will still feel that after his long illness he has had a merciful release.

Norman Marr Westcott, aged 64, of Wellfleet, Mass. and formerly of Pawtucket, R.I., our member, died June 11 at a Taunton hospital after a long illness. He was born in Pawtucket, Mar. 18, 1902, the son of the late William Mar and Mabel A. (Marr) Westcott. He had been a resident of Wellfleet for the past fifteen years. Before he retired in 1945, he was for many years an electrotype finisher in the New England area. He was a member of E.L. Freeman Lodge, F. & A.M. of Pawtucket. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen (Fuller) Westcott, and four cousins. Westcott Cousins who remember this couple at many earlier National and Rhode Island Chapter meetings will deeply regret his passing, but will also realize that he has had a merciful release from his long illness.

Hudson Reed, aged 75, of East Poultney, Vt., husband of our member, Mrs. Frances Belle (Wescott) Reed, was buried July 16, 1966. He was born Sept. 4, 1890. He had been failing for some time. All who attended the Poultney meetings and met his family will sincerely regret his passing.

LETTERS

Cousin Eleanor Trismen of River Edge, N.J. (our former President, Vice President, and long-time Secretary-Editor) wrote in June that her husband had largely recovered from his hernia operation and was back at work. He will retire Feb. 1, 1967. She regrets that because of his six-weeks' illness and the imminent arrival of their first grandchild (recorded under Births), she was not able to bring the Family Album up to date in time to get it to the Griswold meeting. She plans to show it at the 1968 Reunion - whose location and time are not yet definite.

Cousin Paul D. Westcott of Batavia, N.Y. wrote in August: "Dr. F. Howard Westcott and his wife Georgia flew up to Batavia early this month and spent a very nice weekend with us. It was the first time they had visited us in a long time."

Cousin Dorothy Perdue, our new President, together with her husband and sister, Ruth Perdue, had the pleasure of lunching with Dr. Cynthia Westcott while Dr. Cynthia was attending a national rose convention in Omaha this September. "It was a pleasure to meet this very active and lovely lady, and I hope at some future date she can find time to come to one of the reunions."

Cousin Norma Gaboury (Mrs. John P. Gaboury) of New Rochelle, N.Y., whose father's death is announced in this issue, writes that her mother is still at the 144 North St., Middletown address, and her married sister lives in the same town. Cousin Norma works in the overseas division of Westrex Communications in New Rochelle - an electronics firm with government contracts. Her division has contracts all over the world.

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Her husband has been working at West Point as a civilian since Ft. Slocum closed. He likes it very much in spite of an hour's commuting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Wendell Westcott, carillonneru of Michigan State University, presented a fine program on the Arter Memorial Carillon at Cleveland, Ohio on Mother's Day, May 8, 1966. Mr. Westcott graduated from the Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium with the highest honors and ratings ever bestowed by this world famous carillon school. He has concertized on most of the major carillons in Europe and America. He had two books published last spring: one contained original compositions and arrangements for handbell choirs; the other, THE SCOUND OF BELLS, dealt with campanological subjects.

Edmund L. Wescott of Waukesha, Wis. at age 87 is the oldest employee on the State of Wisconsin's payroll. He is one of the State's youngest surviving members of the United Spanish War Veterans. He now takes charge of the archives of the Memorial Hall in Madison, Wis. It contains the Rosters of all the Wisconsin Veterans of the Civil War and Spanish-American War. As director, he busies himself in doing research and providing information to visitors.

JUNIOR NEWS

Lt. George H. Allport II, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Allport of Bethlehem, Pa., received the Purple Heart this summer for wounds received May 8 at Bong Son, Vietnam, while serving with the First Cavalry Division. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Lehigh University in February, 1965, and has been on Active Duty since Mar. 1, 1965. He is now with the 716th Military Police Battalion in Saigon.

Wayne D. Gaboury, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gaboury of New Rochelle, N.Y., has just graduated from New Rochelle High School and will enter Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa in February. He is now working at Glen Island Beach. His sister, Jan M. Gaboury, is now 14 and in Junior High School.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly.
 2. Please put your Zip Code on your letter or envelope when you write.
 3. If you move, please send us your new address promptly.
 4. Keep trying to get new members.
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A HAPPY AUTUMN AND THANKSGIVING

AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!