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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS - A New Year's Greeting from our President

At the beginning of the New Year my wish for each of you is health, happiness, wealth, and peace of mind.

My wish is that each one had a blessed and happy Christmas. Thanks to those who remembered us at the holiday season with notes and cards. It is always a joy to receive your letters.

Your President,

DOROTHY PERDUE

Your Treasurer wishes to make a correction in her final report, as of July 15, 1966, published in the October, 1966 Quarterly. It should read: Between the preliminary report and July 15, 1966 (the end of the fiscal year), your Treasurer received an additional \$8.00 in dues and \$3.00 in contributions, and paid the printer \$3.20 for mimeograph paper. Thus our cash on hand on July 15, 1966 was \$310.88, or \$6.13 more than in August, 1964.

Because several would-be members have asked your Secretary-Editor the aims of this Society, its eligibility requirements, and its fees, these are all stated here, for the benefit of all who see this issue of the Quarterly.

The object of the Society shall be (1) to commemorate in a fitting way the outstanding anniversaries and events in the history of the family, (2) to memorialize the early family by erecting suitable tablets, (3) to promote further genealogical study of the family, (4) to create and develop interest and pride in family achievement, (5) to provide, as far as possible, care of the graves of ancestors, including securing official markers for the graves of those who served in the wars of our country, (6) steadfastly to support and advocate the defense and protection of the country which our ancestors helped create, and the conservation of the Constitution of the United States and of the liberty of the American people, (7) to meet, know, and enjoy the companionship of our kindred.

Any worthy lineal descendant over eighteen years of age of Stukely Westcott, Founder in America of this branch of the Westcott family, or his or her spouse, shall be eligible for full Membership with all privileges; also eligibility for Associate Membership is extended to descendants of Richard, William, and Daniel Westcott, said to have been nephews of Stukely Westcott, to descendants of Rebecca (Westcott) Cooke, sister of Stukely Westcott, and to descendants of William Arnold and Thomas Stafford, associates of Stukely Westcott, whether inter-marriage with his posterity can be established or not. Associate Membership may also be granted to Westcott descendants who have not yet succeeded in tracing their lineage. Associate Members enjoy all privileges of the Society, except the power to vote.

No initiation fee is charged. Dues are \$1.00 per year for individual membership, \$2.00 per year for family membership, including spouse and children under eighteen

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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The first year's dues must accompany the application; in succeeding years dues are payable in January. New members admitted to the Society after September 1 in any calendar year shall pay at the regular rate, but shall not be billed for dues for the following year. A member in arrears for one year's dues on December 31 shall have one year's grace to pay up past and current dues. Anyone still in arrears after this year of grace shall, after being duly notified by the Secretary, be dropped from membership if said dues are still in arrears by July 15 of the following year. To become reinstated, a former member shall pay dues for the year in which reinstatement is requested.

DEATH

Rev. Watson Alfred Westcott, aged 79, of Sutton West, Ontario, Canada, died suddenly Sept. 25, 1966, following a severe coronary. He was born Aug. 16, 1887 at Beaverton, Ontario, the youngest of six children of John Smith and Emily (Gaddy) Westcott. His mother was a native of Cornwall, England. After graduation from Toronto University and Knox College, Toronto, he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, later coming into the United Church of Canada when the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches united in 1925. On June 3, 1919, he married Edna Mary Ridley Adams, who survives him. Upon retirement in 1955 he and his wife moved to Sutton West, where their married daughter lives. Though his health had been rather poor for years, he had always hoped that it might improve enough so he might attend one of our Society's biennial gatherings. He greatly appreciated receiving special permission to become an Associate Member, and he really enjoyed each issue of the Quarterly. Burial was in the cemetery of the Old Stone Church near Beaverton, built by the pioneers over 120 years ago. His parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and other relatives also lie there. In addition to his widow, he is survived by his daughter, Mrs. O. I. Ewart of Sutton West, his two sons, John Stanley Westcott and Henry Gallimore Westcott of Toronto, three older brothers, and six grandchildren. Those of us who received his most interesting letters will greatly miss them. We extend sincerest sympathy to his family, and wish that we could have known him personally.

LINES OF DESCENT

No copies of either volume of Mr. Whitman's Genealogy have been offered to the Society since your Secretary-Treasurer-Editor took office early in 1963, although your Editor has asked frequently in the Quarterly if any Genealogies were available for purchase by members. Therefore would the Cousins like to have your Editor try to fill part of the gap by printing the lines of descent of all past and present Regular and Associate Members serially along with the Quarterly when there is space, as was done in 1965 with the Vermont talk on Stukely Westcott by our then Vice-President, Cousin Eleanor Trismen?

There is only one problem - cost. If the Quarterly is always the maximum 8-page length which can be mailed 3d Class for one stamp, instead of its former frequent 5 or 6 pages, there will be a definite increase in cost for most issues. Therefore your Treasurer must ask for voluntary contributions every year, instead of only in the Biennial Meeting years.

The dues envelopes mailed out this year will ask: "Contribution?" Please send

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your reactions to the idea of printing the members' lines of descent - and if you favor it, a small contribution to help cover the extra cost would be much appreciated.

LETTERS

Cousin Watson A. Westcott of Sutton West, Ontario, Canada, whose death notice appears in this issue, wrote your Editor: "My great-grandparents, Henry and Hannah (Wilton) Westcott, came from Wells, Somersetshire, to Ontario, Canada about 1830, when my grandfather was about 8 years old. They settled at Beaverton, Ontario, where a sprinkling of their descendants still live. A second cousin of mine, Harvey Westcott, lives on the farm that Henry Westcott purchased in 1830. Beaverton is only 17-18 miles from Sutton West.

"For years now, I have been reconstructing our family tree, but there are many blanks. Also I have written a sketch of Westcotts we have heard of in England. The best known was Rev. Brooke Foss Westcott, M.A., D.D., 1825-1901, for many years a Professor at the University of Cambridge and finally Bishop of Durham, where he is buried. He had seven sons, six of whom became Anglican Priests. Two of these became Bishops in India. The son who did not become a clergyman came to Canada and had a hardware store in Northern Ontario. My knowledge of the English Westcotts is far from exhaustive. I wish we could find one of the Westcott Clan in England who would write them up." He was never able to find connections in Somersetshire with his own Canadian branch of the Westcott family. He greatly enjoyed the Quarterly reprint of Cousin Eleanor Trismen's Vermont talk and shared it with others of his Westcott family, who also were most interested.

Cousin Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill. was due to retire completely from her library work (on which lately she had been working half-time) last September 1, after completing twenty-one years there. As it was then fifty years since she started teaching, she felt that that was long enough to work. We hope to hear what she is doing now and how she likes it.

Cousin Jane Frances Van Orden (Mrs. Frederick W. Van Orden) of Point Pleasant, N.J. wrote: "In some very old letters written during the Civil War, Howard Van Orden (who was somehow connected with my husband's family) wrote the following to his father:

"My children is well. I have a letter from them about twice or three times a week. They board with SARAH WESTCOTT in Brooklyn, number 36 William Street. Sarah, Molly's sister, goes over there once a week to see them. They like it very good with her and they go to school every day. I have their board paid for one year and put money in the bank for two years more. Almoni sends word to me if he cannot come down South and be a Drummer boy for me and he says he means to kill the Rebels that means to kill his father. They are very good to mind. If any of you should go to New York, you must go to see them - go to Harriet's, 749 2nd Avenue, between 39th & 40th Street, New York, and she can tell you where to go. I shall write again when there is anything new. I wish you to write when you receive this letter and let me hear from you all. Direct your letter to HOWARD VAN ORDEN, 95th Regiment, Co. F., N.Y.V., Army of the Potomac, Camp Culpeper." (Dated Feb. 22, 1864.)

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"I am pleased to say the letter was written in a very fine hand and spelled correctly in nearly every instance, although he must have received his education in a tiny, remote school in Clarkstown, Rockland County, N.Y., considerably more than 100 years ago! In another letter he says:

'Willie and Amoni are well. I have a letter from Sarah last night and they are well and hearty. I hear from them three times a week -- Willie he writes to me every time that MRS. WESTCOTT writes. He begins to write pretty good - they both go to school every day and Sunday School every Sunday.'

"How wonderful that there was a Mrs. Westcott to take loving care of these little Van Orden children! I hope that she will be identified by some member of the Society."

Cousin Dorothy G. Berry (Mrs. Herbert W. Berry) of West Yarmouth, Mass. wrote that she and her husband were planning to spend the winter in Phoenix, Arizona - their first trip West. (Last winter they went to Clearwater, Florida, where they had a wonderful time.) She is a nature lover and hopes to find many new and interesting sights, while her husband loves horses and hopes to do much riding this winter. We feel sure they must be having a fine time.

Cousin Joye Satterfield of Park Ridge, Ill. sent a long, newsy Christmas letter about their summer camping trip (including our Griswold meeting). On the night of our banquet, the sky and weather forecasts were so threatening that they took down their tent and packed everything into the station-wagon before starting for the dinner. The all-night storm was so bad that tent camping would have been impossible - but, thanks to the kindness of "one of our new-found friends, the Larys", they spent the night safe and dry in their sleeping-bags in the Lary's recreation room. The Paul Lewis family from Townshend, Vt. were less fortunate. The Satterfields, who had been camped beside them, learned next morning that the Lewis tent had blown flat and all their belongings soaked, and they had to sleep in the station-wagon as best they could - with no dry clothes to change to on Sunday. "They were such nice people.... Griswold should take the 'hospitality' title away from the South and the 'Windy City' title from Chicago! We all had such a wonderful time!" After Griswold they went on to the Badlands, the Black Hills, Devils Tower, Yellowstone, the Tetons, Yosemite, San Francisco, Los Angeles (including a long day at Disneyland), Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon, the Painted Desert, the Mesa Verde, the Colorado Sand Dunes, and then home - a wonderful trip!

Cousin Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Florida sent the following Westcott information from microfilms which she owns of the 1850 Census for Steuben County, N.Y.:

Hornellsville (now Hornell): David (or Daniel) I. Westcott, 50, b. N.Y., profession - carpenter; Nancy, 54 (place of birth not clear); George, 13, N.Y.; Lyman, 9, N.Y.; Harriet, 5, N.Y.; Philina (female), 2, N.Y.

Lindley township (formed from Irwin in 1837): Charles Westcott, 34, b. R.I.; Adeline, 31, N.Y.; Gertrude, 8, N.Y.; Sophia, 5, N.Y.; C. B., 2, B. N.Y.; Isabelle, 9 months, b. N.Y.

Lindley township: George Westcott, 34, no profession (looks as though b. in Mass.); Sally W., 26, b. N.Y.; Delos (male), 9, b. N.Y.; Sarah Westcott, 3, b.

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N.Y.; Ellen Miller, 10 months.

Caton (formed from Painted Post - now Corning - as Wormly in 1839 and changed to Caton in 1840): Horace Wescott, 49, farmer, b. Conn.; Melinda, 45, b. N.Y. (and the rest of this group also b. in N.Y. State); Hiram, 26 (?); Cornelia, 19; Adalade, 15; Nelson or William, 8; Mary D., 20; Harriet E., 20.

Caton township: George Wescott, 56, clothier, b. R.I.; Patience, 56, b. R.I.; Joseph, 22, b. N.Y. (and the rest of this group b. N.Y.); Rosetta, 20; Henry, 18; Mary, 16; Boy whose name is not clear, 8.

Caton township: Arthur Wescott, (age looks like 63), farmer, b. Conn.; Laura (name not clear), 44, b. N.Y. (and the rest of this group b. N.Y.); Jane L., 15; Nancy D., 14; Hellen L., 12; Walasta (difficult to read), female, 5; Baylie (sic), female, 2.

Painted Post township: E.R. Wescott, 28, carpenter and joiner, b. N.Y., living in family of Edwin R. Wheeler.

Cousin Daphne hopes that these records may help some of the Cousins in tracing their descent.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Two important genealogical books are just being reprinted:

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON, COUNTY OF NEW LONDON, CONN., from its first settlement in 1649 to 1900, with a Genealogical Register of Stonington Families - by Richard Anson Wheeler. This book gives "the most complete and detailed study of this historic town as well as a wealth of genealogical information." It was originally published in 1900 in a very limited edition. The reprint edition is limited to 500 copies. The publication date was Dec. 1, 1966. List Price: \$25.00

DIARY OF JOSHUA HEMPSTEAD OF NEW LONDON, CONN.: Covering a Period of 47 Years from September 1711 to November 1758, Containing valuable Genealogical data to many New London families, references to the Colonial Wars, to the shipping and other matters of interest pertaining to the town and the times, with an account of a journey made by the writer from New London to Maryland. This book was originally published by the New London County Historical Society in 1901. The original printing was limited to 500 numbered copies, and the reprint edition will also be limited to 500 copies. It is being reprinted through the courtesy of the Society. "It is unquestionably one of the most important, longest, and most detailed Colonial diaries printed." The publication date will be in February, 1967. List Price: \$25.00

The Farke Society is privileged to sell these two fine genealogical books. Please sent any orders to Mrs. Ruby Parke Anderson, The Mill House, North Stonington, Conn. 06359, and make checks payable to Wilfred Parke, Treasurer.

A most interesting article, headed THE CLOCK BLOCK, from the ONEONTA STAR, dated Aug. 4, 1964, tells how, when the brothers Lucius and Monroe Westcott built the Westcott Block next to City Hall in 1885, they offered to spend \$1,000 to erect a tower to house a town clock if the town could raise the money to buy the clock itself. The townspeople raised \$675 by public subscription - just enough to buy the works and the

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1,000-pound bell. (Today a similar clock would cost about \$7,000 to install.) Each of the four contracting firms in town built one of the clock faces, and the painter donated his work. This clock, made by the Howard Clock Co. of Boston, Mass. had a guaranty against a variation of accuracy of more than a minute a month, and for many years it kept very good time. It tolled the hours for years with a melodious sound which carried farther than the harsh tones of the fire bell on the bluff. The city firemen, who slept almost under the tower, were not disturbed by the chiming of the hours until one midnight, when the clock struck thirteen! Their ears were not conditioned to that extra stroke, and it brought them off their cots. The city has paid the clock's maintenance costs for over three-quarters of a century - but the clock is on private property, and there is nothing on record to indicate that the city owns it.

The Westcott brothers bought the lot, of 85-foot frontage, in 1886. The double house then standing on the lot was moved to a nearby, newly-created street, where it still stands. While the Westcott Block was being built, a freak accident killed one man and injured two others. Two elderly brothers were talking to a doctor who lived across a narrow side street from the construction, when the unfinished cornice of the Westcott Block tore loose and fell on them. One of the brothers was killed instantly. The big, 4-story block has had many tenants, including the YMCA from 1890 until its own building was ready in 1900, and Oneonta's first movie theatre.

 GENEALOGICAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT --by Eleanor Trislen

In GENEALOGY AND HISTORY, Washington, D.C., Sept. 15, 1945, I found the following concerning a Mary ----- who married John (1) Sweet and had a daughter, Renewed Sweet. John Warner 3rd stated in two places that Renewed Sweet was a first cousin of Amos Westcott, son of Stukely (1). (Warner Papers 247.) My contention is that Renewed Sweet's mother, Mary, was Stukely's sister. It is possible that not only Stukely's sister Rebecca who married Thomas Cook, but also Mary who married John Sweet came to America at about the same time as Stukely, or three years earlier, in 1632.

Here are the highlights of the answer to Query #10428: According to a tradition in the Sweet family of Attleboro, Mass., the immigrant, John Sweet, came from Oxton County, Devon, England. (Note: Our Westcotts also lived in the Devon area.)

The earliest known record of John (1) Sweet is that in the minutes of the General Court of Massachusetts Bay, held at Boston July 3, 1632, Mr. Skelton's land in Salem is described as "abutting on the south River on the East ... and on John Sweetes ground on the north" (M.C.R. 1, 90).

When John (1) Sweet came to New England, he was probably accompanied by his wife Mary and children, James (b.c. 1622), John, and Meriba (later called Renewed). John (1) Sweet's place was known as "Sweet's Cove" (according to Mr. William P. Upham, an Antiquarian from Newton).

In 1919, the late Howard Chapin, Librarian, wrote an article on John (1) Sweet, whose wife Mary is called "Widdo Sweet" in December, 1637. Land was granted to John (1) in the newly settled town of Providence, R.I., presumably in the Spring of 1637 - but he probably never moved there. Mary probably moved to Providence with her

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family in 1638 and built on the lot now occupied by the "old State House". Mary married 2nd Ezekiel Holliman before July 1, 1639, when Hugh Peters refers to her as "Mary Holliman". The Hollimans moved to Portsmouth, R.I. before March, 1640 (Po. R.20). Ezekiel ran the mill at Portsmouth. They later moved to Warwick, R.I. before May 1, 1647 (W.R.1, 106).

Ezekiel Holliman's first wife was Suzanna Oxston, alias Cox, and they had a daughter, Priscilla Holliman, who married John Warner.

The above-mentioned children of John (1) and Mary(----) Sweet married as follows: James (2) married Mary Greeme; John (2) married Elizabeth Jeffrey; Meriba (alias Renewed Sweet Holliman) married John Gereardy. Renewed and John Gereardy had children: Mary (3), John (3), and Phillis (3).

As I mentioned before, John Warner 3rd stated in two places that Renewed (Sweet) was a first cousin to Amos Westcote, son of Stukely (1).

"It is noticeable that the Sweets and Westcotes were in Salem, Mass. at the same time, in Providence, R.I. at the same time, and in Warwick, R.I. at the same time. John (2) Sweet was chosen commissioner from the town of Warwick to the General Assembly, May 5, 1651 (Warwick Rec. 41, 129 type 95). At the town meeting at Warwick, John (2) Sweet was chosen sergeant."

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly. We're up to date!
2. Please put your Zip Code on letter or envelope when you write.
3. Send address changes promptly, as Quarterlies are not forwarded.
4. Let your Editor know whether you like the idea of serializing the Lines of Descent of all past and present members and sending them out with the Quarterly when there is space.
5. Keep trying to get new members.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!
