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CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 2 - Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Chapter sent a memorial gift of \$10 to Grace Episcopal Church, Providence, R.I., to be placed in the Memorial Fund of the Church in memory of Cousin Thomas H. Handy, Jr., whose sudden death is announced in this issue of the Quarterly.

NEW MEMBERS

- #556 - Mrs. Elva R. Crum
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- #557 - Mr. & Mrs. Raymond William Smith
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- #558 - Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence W. Felton
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We are very happy to welcome our new members.

BIRTHS

Allen Burbidge Bruce, born Jan. 4, 1965, in Norwood, Mass., son of Manton Burbidge and Janet Raeburn (Dolberg) Bruce, now of Albany, N.Y., and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Bruce of Milton, Mass.

Katharine Raeburn Bruce, sister of Allen Burbidge Bruce, above, was born July 28, 1966, in Albany, N.Y.

Thomas William Gear, born April 25, 1966, son of Eugene William and JoAnn (Marshment) Gear, grandson of Douglas H. and Evelyn (Van Buskirk) Marshment, and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Harold T. (Edith E. Henry) Marshment of Waukegan, Ill.

Kristy Lee Marshment, born Aug. 27, 1966, daughter of Charles Douglas and Barbara (Wilson) Marshment, granddaughter of Philip Harold and Florence Mae Ganss, and great-granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Harold T. (Edith E. Henry) Marshment.

Vernon Patrick O'Neil III, born Dec. 14, 1966, son of Vernon Patrick O'Neil II

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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and Edith Grace (Marshment) O'Neil, grandson of Douglas H. and Evelyn (Van Buskirk) Marshment, and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Harold T. (Edith E. Henry) Marshment.

Jerald Christopher Kuhn, born Oct. 5, 1966, in Burlington, Vt., son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerald P. Kuhn of Jericho, Vt., grandson of our member, Mrs. Horace Kuhn of Machias, N.Y., and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Linda Pickens of Arcade, N.Y.

Jeffrey Scott Bailey, born Dec. 29, 1966, in Ann Arbor, Mich., son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. (Eleanor Westcott) Bailey of Ann Arbor, and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dana Westcott of Batavia, N.Y. This is the fifth grandchild for the Paul D. Westcotts.

We are so glad to welcome all these new young cousins.

MARRIAGE

Miss Susanne Westcott, our member and daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Westcott of Waltham, Mass., was married Aug. 26, 1966, at Christ Episcopal Church, Waltham, to Richard A. Cutter, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Albert Cutter of Waltham. The bridegroom is to graduate with the Class of 1967 from Curry College, Milton, Mass., and is currently serving his training months with the Mass. National Guard. He has been teaching Percussion at a music school in Waltham, and has been playing at Wayside in Framingham. In spite of all this extra-curricular activity, he has been on the Dean's List. He, too, can trace back his ancestry for many generations. The young couple's new address is 1 Randall St., Waltham - which is actually an island in the Charles River. They live directly across the river from Brandeis University, where the bride continues to work on cancer research.

We wish the young couple many years of happiness together.

DEATHS

Mrs. Harry Fruh (Gertrude Cynthia Westcott), aged 82, of Lake Worth, Florida, passed away in August, 1963. Her husband Harry Fruh, aged 72, passed away in October, 1965. Mrs. Fruh was born in Rock Creek, Minn., July 11, 1881, daughter of George W. and Emma Dora (Earle) Westcott. She married Harry Fruh on Aug. 12, 1918. Friends and relatives must miss them.

John Westcott Loos, aged 59, oldest son of our member, Mrs. Burt F. Schumacher of Ann Arbor, Mich., passed away in November, 1966, of cancer. He was born Aug. 1, 1907, son of Charles L. and Henrietta E. (Westcott) Loos. He married Leone Luechek and had one daughter, Marietta. His relatives and friends will miss him greatly.

Mrs. Leo E. Westcott (Mabel F. Stratton), aged 81, of Kalamazoo, Mich., widow of our late member, Leo E. Westcott, who died Nov. 6, 1955, passed away between October, 1966 and February, 1967. Your Editor has only the postoffice notation on the envelope of the January Quarterly, so can give no details of her death. Cousins who knew her will regret her passing.

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Efflo A. Plazer, Esq., aged 68, of South Euclid, Ohio, husband of our member, Dorothy (Westcott) Plazer, died Nov. 23, 1966, of cancer. He had been a Cleveland lawyer for more than 40 years, and had retired only the year before his death, on account of ill health. He was graduated from the law school of Western Reserve University, and was a member of the Ohio Bar Association. He was a member of the Western Reserve and Ohio Historical Societies, the Civil War Round Table, the Dunham Tavern Historical Museum, and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is survived by his wife and a son, Geoffrey. His relatives and friends will miss him sorely.

Mrs. Jessie (Westcott) Wardell, aged 75, died Dec. 21, 1966. She was born in 1891, the daughter of Frederick M. Westcott. She was interred in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Daleville, Lackawanna County, Pa. She is survived by four daughters, one son, 13 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Thomas Henry Handy, Jr., aged 76, of Manville, R.I., brother of our former President, Susan Westcott Handy, died April 8, 1967, in Woonsocket Hospital, after an illness of only nine hours. He had entered the hospital for a check-up to find the cause of a recurring headache which had plagued him for a week. Soon after entering the hospital, he suffered a stroke. His sudden passing was a great shock to all who knew him. He was born July 6, 1890, in Manville, of which he was a lifelong resident, son of our late members, Thomas Henry and Susan Ellen (Waterman) Handy. His father was a prominent Woonsocket banker and a founder of the Contrexeville Manufacturing Company. He himself was a graduate of Durfee Textile Institute, of Fall River, Mass. He was a charter member of the Blackstone Valley Historical Society, and a member of the R. I. Historical Society, Newport Preservation Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, Roger Williams Society, and R. I. School of Design's Museum of Art. He was a direct descendant of Stukely Westcott, Roger Williams, Richard Waterman, and Maturin Ballou. Funeral services were held April 10 in Grace Episcopal Church, Providence, with interment in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. He is survived by a sister, our former President, Miss Susan Westcott Handy, with whom he lived in the family homestead.

All who knew him will miss him greatly for his kindness, his courtesy, his "instinctive feeling," as one of his close friends wrote, "for what was right in word and thought and deed." He loved books, especially history, biography, poetry, the Greek classics, and Victorian fiction - but he was also interested in current events, politics, sports, music, and gardening. "His talk was wise and witty, and he was an excellent listener. Time spent in his company brought quiet comfort and a sense of refreshing repose... He was a gentleman and a scholar - one of a vanishing breed."

LETTERS

Cousin Mary Louise Westcott of Ann Arbor, Michigan, writes that her sister, Mrs. Burt F. Schumacher, is now living with her. They both are very lame from arthritis and find it hard to get about.

Cousin Dorothy Westcott (Mrs. David B. Westcott) of Weltham, wrote that she loved every minute of "the happy, busy weeks prior to the 26th of August, when Dave so proudly escorted Sue down the aisle." To complicate matters, "the entire month of June Dave spent serving on the jury in Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge. In

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order that his partner would not be left completely alone, I spent the whole month in the office. Dave is now co-owner in the business, which will be 100 years old in but four years!"

Cousin Edith Marshment (Mrs. Harold T. Marshment) of Waukegan, Ill. wrote in February that she had four great-grandchildren she had not yet seen. (Three of them, born in 1966, are listed in this Quarterly under Births.) She hopes to see them this summer.

Cousin Frances Reed of Poultney, Vt. wrote in March that she had become a companion to an 86-year-old widow who has arthritis and can walk only with crutches. "She is very sweet, and is pleased with anything I do for her." We think Cousin Frances deserves great praise for pulling herself up out of the depression of having had five deaths in the family during the past year, and trying to help someone else. She can talk to her family by phone nearly every day, and she sees them almost every week, which helps keep up her morale.

Cousin Lena L. Munson of Canandaigua, N.Y. wrote: "I enjoy reading the Westcott Family Quarterly. I am 95 years old and probably one of the oldest members." Who else is over 90? Let's start a Roll of Honor for members 90 and over! If you know of any, do send in their names.

Cousin Betty Schooley (Mrs. Henry H. Schooley) of Woonsocket, R.I. wrote: "I have enjoyed being a part of this large family so much, and, knowing Rev. Watson Westcott personally, felt very regretful at his passing. He was a very wonderful person, as was his wife... God has been very good to us this past year, given us health and strength to carry on and serve the Lord in our chosen capacity."

Cousin Edna Westcott (widow of our late member, Rev. Watson A. Westcott) of Sutton West, Ontario, Canada, wrote in March: "Did my husband ever mention in his letters that the motto of Rev. Brooke Foss Westcott (Bishop of Durham, England, from 1890 till his death in 1901) was the same as that of the Stukely Westcott Descendants? His coat-of-arms shown in his "Life", written by his second son, Arthur, is the one used when he was Bishop of Durham. His family's coat-of-arms is not shown. However, this "Life" tells of his great-grandfather, Foss Westcott. He was a member of the Hon. East India Company's Madras, India, establishment from 1741 to 1757 - when he returned to England, presumably living in Cobham, Kent, for he was buried there. 'His hatchment was placed over the chancel arch, and there are mural tablets in the church erected in memory of him and his first wife.' I quote from the 'Life.' 'On arriving in England, Foss Westcott assumed, no doubt for sufficient reasons, a coat-of-arms appertaining to the Devonshire "Westcotts" or "Westcotes". He added, however, a slight difference, and invented for himself a new motto, "Renovato Nomine".' The Bishop used to say he had lived up to the motto, as he had seven sons.

"In 1859, Brooke Foss Westcott visited the home of his ancestors in Devon, near the Dorset border. First he went to Shobrooke Church (near Crediton), which was being restored, and found tombs of his ancestors - one only, of Philip Westcott, being 'tolerably perfect'. Then he went to West Raddon and Raddon Court. At the former, 'vast farm buildings' had been put up, and there was 'scarcely a trace' of the old left. The old Raddon Court had been entirely removed and a new building erected near the former site.

"Your ministerial cousins will know of Bishop Westcott, because of his work with

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Rev. F. J. A. Hort, his friend and one-time pupil, on the Greek New Testament published 1881 after nearly thirty years' work."

Cousin Helen Westcott (Mrs. Norman Marr Westcott) of Wellfleet, Mass. wrote in February that she thought her 32-room house had found a purchaser, which was a great relief to her. The main part of the house will be made over into apartments, and she will be able to keep a small apartment for herself as long as she wants it. We are so glad that this seems likely to work out well for her, after her many years of devoted care for her invalid husband.

Cousin Jim Bentley (James R. Bentley) wrote in March: "I am now a full-time Research Assistant in the Department of Research at Colonial Williamsburg. This is an interesting position, and Williamsburg is a very interesting place to be, especially if one is interested in America's colonial past. In 1968 Colonial Williamsburg will be opening several new exhibition buildings, and I am helping to research the proposed eighteenth-century store - The Prentis Store, which we hope will be open by 1969."

Cousin Virginia Bespole (Mrs. John A. Bespole) of Chicago wrote of the Jan. 26 Chicago blizzard: "I was one of the fortunate ones who took the monster we call 'The El' home - plowed through drifts facing the wind and snow for about 8 long blocks. I made home in an hour instead of the usual 20 minutes - but many didn't make it till the wee hours of the morn, and some not till several days later. It was beautiful - the hush over the city - the snow in the park - oh, so peaceful. We had plenty of food, as always, so had our less fortunate neighbors in. It was fun." Last spring she attended her nephew Wesley Stroup's wedding in Atlanta, Ga. "Am so happy with my new niece Judy. They have known one another since they were 14, and went through school and college together." They were married in the beautiful First Methodist Church of Decatur, Ga. - one of the oldest churches. "We are planning on flying to Seattle, Wash. in June to visit my brother, Edwin Stroup, and... have fun on his boat." We wish them a very happy vacation.

Cousin Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill. wrote that she would be willing to loan her Vol.I of the Westcott Genealogy in exchange for Vol.II, if someone has Vol.II but not Vol.I. She said also that if Richard's descendants would send her their lines, she would be glad to sort them out and arrange them so that they could be mimeographed. Now that she has retired, she is "a lady of leisure, of course." The new librarian (a recently retired teacher) did not want to give up her Saturdays in keeping the library open, and suggested the alternative of closing the library Mondays. Cousin Grace "couldn't see this," as "teachers make assignments on Monday, too" - so she volunteered to work Saturdays during the day only. She just waits on customers, and can use the intervals typing her DeLand history. The rest of the time she spends at home - sorting and eliminating accumulated reference material, and renovating her house. She is also working on a history of her immediate Paugh family, is helping a George Paugh on a "history of the whole Paugh tribe", and is working on a History of DeLand, "looking forward to our Centennial in 1873." Also she had just been appointed to the County Committee to plan Pratt County's observance of the Illinois Sesqui-centennial in 1968. As a complete change, a February ice storm cut off "both electricity and phones." For her, "no electricity" meant "no heat" - but "I was lucky. My electricity was cut only 30 hours. I stayed with a neighbor who had a gas cook stove, and we kept cozy by the oven." She enjoys being a "Lady of Leisure, completely

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divorced from both school teaching and the library," and with time to do what she pleases. More power to her!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST for January, 1967, in a box headed YOUTH'S COMPANION, stated: "Miss Louise Harris, Box 1926, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912, has authored two books about "The Youth's Companion" and its guiding light, C.A. Stephens. One, entitled "A Comprehensive Bibliography of C.A. Stephens," gives information on the extent of writings by this prolific author. The other, called "None But the Best," traces the development of the "Youth's Companion." Miss Harris wonders about the extent of interest in buying copies of republished books by Stephens... anyone interested should write her at the address above."

THE JOSEPH BLEDSOE FAMILY OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, by Daphne M. Brownell, has just been published by the Chedwato Service at Burlington, Vt. The book is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 in size - 75 pages, including an alphabetical index of names in the history. It has heavy, durable paper covers, and costs \$3.50 postpaid. There are no discounts - and Cousin Daphne would appreciate receiving a check with each order. In this book "is quite a little data on my Cynthia M. Westcott, dau. of Esek Westcott and Mary 'Polly' Stone, who lived in Madison Co., N.Y. Later Cynthia met Joseph J. Bledsoe (how I don't know nor where) and married him and lived all the rest of her life at Independence, Allegany Co., N.Y." Anyone interested in ordering this book should write: Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell, 1043 West New York Ave., DeLand, Fla. 32720.

A postcard notice to your Editor: "Appearing at the DAMAGED ANGELL COFFEE HOUSE GWEN & GLADYS WESTCOTT and their guitars - Songs of home - Fun songs - Songs of distant lands - FRIDAY EVE, MARCH 24th, 8:15 (Arlington St. Church, Cor. Arlington & Boylston) Boston" Gladys Westcott is the wife and Gwendolyn the young daughter of Cousin Ashley Prince Westcott of Roslindale, Mass. - the family that is always doing interestingly different things. Cousin Ashley himself was shown in a group picture in the Milton Record-Transcript of April 13, of the cast and crew of NEVER TOO LATE - a Milton Players' production to be given at the Milton Woman's club on three successive evenings

PARKE SCRAPBOOK NUMBER II, by Ruby Parke Anderson, Historian of the Parke Society, is now out. It contains five generations of the Park(e) Family in America from Robert (1), 1580-1665, with much other valuable information. Descendants of Richard Park(e) of Newton, Mass. will find him and many of his descendants in this volume, as he is presumed to be a son of Robert(1) Parke. The next volume, for which material is now being gathered, will start with generation 6 and continue down as far as possible without raising the selling price of the volume. Copies of PARKE SCRAPBOOK NUMBER II may be ordered by writing to Mrs. Raymond R. Ruppert, 6801 Ritchie-Marlboro Road SE, Washington, D.C. 20027. Any information for the next volume should be sent to Mrs. Ruby Parke Anderson, The Mill House, North Stonington, Conn. 06359. Loaned items will be copied and returned. Gift material will be used for later books, and stored permanently in the Parke Library in North Stonington when it can be financed and built.

JUNIOR NEWS

James Kuhn, son of Dr. and Mrs. Horace Kuhn, is in the U.S. Navy, assigned to the U.S.S. Courtney. We wish him well.

Cousin Betty Schooley (Mrs. Henry H. Schooley) of Woonsocket, R.I. wrote: "Our son, Gerald Lee Schooley, although only 29, has already been made a principal in our school system in Woonsocket. Of course, he has the degrees to merit this honor. His little family is fast growing up. Mark is in first grade, and the younger boy, Steven, is rapidly learning, so that when he enters first grade, he will be a good second for his older brother. May God keep them always as clean and innocent as now." We all can say Amen to that - for all the upcoming young Westcott descendants.

Miss Janis Smith, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of Elliott, Iowa, was crowned the "Griswold Reunion Queen" at the annual Griswold Reunion, July 3, 1966. She was selected from a field of fourteen candidates, each of whom was sponsored by a local business or organization. Miss Smith, 17, is a senior in Griswold High School, is county 4-H president, and has held many offices in her local 4-H club, the Future Homemakers Association and Methodist Youth Fellowship. She is on the first team of the girls' basketball team. She also sings in the church choir, the high school glee club and mixed chorus, and is vice-president of the student council. Janis plans to become an elementary school teacher. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She was also to be a candidate for the Homecoming queen at the football game and dance to follow on Sept. 30, 1966. She is certainly a real "All-American Girl" - the sort every college longs for.

Miss Sheryl Smith, 19 years old, sister of Janis, is a sophomore at N.W. Missouri State College, majoring in Vocational Home Economics. This year she has been chosen to act as a counselor. This is truly an honor to be proud of.

Murray Smith, 21 years old, brother of Janis and Sheryl, is in the Navy, stationed in the Far East. His home port is Yokosuka, Japan. "His boat is a L.S.T., and he makes trips to Okinawa, Viet Nam, and the Philippine Islands.

Miss Patricia Westcott Bentley, our member and sister of our member, James R. Bentley, is a junior at Centre College this year, and is President of the Women's Junior Class. She is also a member of the honors seminar in American history there. Her family have every right to be proud of her.

AN APOLOGY

Your Editor regrets that this issue of the Quarterly is somewhat later than it should be. She caught a violent, grippy cold in mid-April, and lost ten crucial days trying to get her temperature down to normal - with two discouraging relapses when it flared up to over 100. The doctor was very urgent about keeping quiet and resting as long as any temperature remained. The cold, and the bronchitis which followed, are now nearly gone - and she hopes that this issue of the Quarterly will be only about a week late. She is sorry that this sickness came at just the wrong time.

WESTCOTT PLAQUE - Now available on order. Note current prices.

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque: at \$28.00 each, in Bronze, measuring about 6"x9", 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.

2. Wall Plaque: Westcott Coat-of-Arms only \$17.50 each, suitable for hanging on wall, measuring about 5"x7", in Bronze mounted on walnut with chain for hanging.

It takes a few weeks to have plaques made up, so send in orders early. If you get the Memorial Plaque, have your local mason fasten it to your family stone.

Make your checks out to "The United States Bronze Sign Company" and mail to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismon, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N.J. 07661.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly. We're almost 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. Could any members who are closely related to the early members please notify the Editor - so that the relationship can be referred to in giving the early members' lines of descent?
5. Keep trying to get new members.

A HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!
