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EDITOR'S NOTE

Your Editor has for this issue no National Society News, Chapter News, New Members, Births, Engagements, or Marriages. Therefore this short Quarterly gives the perfect opportunity to start printing the Lines of Descent of all our past and present members. This will be done chronologically by number. If your Editor knows that any who joined under maiden names were later married, the husband's name and names of any children will be given. If the Editor does not know this in time, she will gladly print this or any other correction in later issues. If anyone finds any errors in any of these Lines of Descent, please notify the Editor, so that the errors may be corrected as soon as possible.

DEATHS

Miss Helen J. Williams, aged 72, our member, and sister of our member, Mrs. Clyde E. Hamilton of Glen Ellyn, Ill. passed away May 6, 1967 at the hospital in Elizabeth, N.J. She was born in Streator, Ill. Jan. 20, 1895, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Williams. She was educated in local schools, and received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, and her Master's degree from the University of Iowa. WHO'S WHO AMONG WOMEN listed her as the first woman to be made a fellow-member of the American Institute of Actuaries. She was a member of the Streator Chapter of the D.A.R., a former member of the Athene Study Club, Gamma Phi Beta sorority, Sigma Xi (honorary scientific organization), a member of the Society of American Actuaries, Roger Williams Family Association, and the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Clyde E. Hamilton, a nephew, and two nieces. She was preceded in death by two brothers. For several years she had lived in East Orange, N.J. Funeral services were held May 9 in Streator, Ill. with burial in Riverview Cemetery, Streator. Friends and relatives will really miss her.

Mrs. Ethel D. Westcott, aged 79, wife of former member Charles E. Westcott, died May 20, 1967, at her home in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., where she has lived since 1929. She was born in New York City, June 28, 1887, and would have been 80 in just over a month. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Kerr of Ridgewood, N.J., a brother, Mr. Joseph McEnerney of New York, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was a member of the First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, whose pastor officiated at the funeral services. Cousins who remember her from early Westcott meetings will regret her passing.

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Merritt E. Westcott, our member, of Moscow, Pa. sent in a clipping and picture of Walter Westcott of Sterling, Pa., who was 91 years old last May 6. He was born in Daleville, son of the late George W. and Hannah Kindred Westcott. In May he went to the polls to cast his vote for the 70th year. He believes that being able to vote is his greatest privilege, and has never missed an opportunity to cast the ballot that is his heritage. He says his father carried a musket in the Civil War to help make it possible for him to exercise this right. The photograph shows him erect, alert, and stepping out as briskly as a much younger man. We wish he were a member of our National Society, so that he could join Cousin Lena L. Munson of Canandaigua, N.Y. in our new Roll of Honor for members 90 years and over. He would be a worthy member of it.

Cousin Louise Harris's latest book, A CHUCKLE AND A LAUGH, came back from the printer in mid-May. Review copies, including those to England and France, were already in the mail, and some copies were already appearing in bookstores. It is the third and latest in her series on the late C.A. Stephens and the Youth's Companion. Its price is \$4.25.

Cousin Leland A. Hazard of North Evans, N.Y. sent in a most interesting newspaper clipping headed FRUSTRATING FORTUNE.

When Mrs. Adelaide Westcott died in 1921, she bequeathed 5 shares of preferred and 5 shares of common stock of Eastman Kodak Co. to Disciples Methodist Church of Holley, N.Y., with the proviso that only the income could be spent. Rising market values and stock splits over the years have increased the original 5 shares of common stock to 500 shares, with their value also increased many times. Now, with the total Westcott fund up to \$200,000, its trustees have invested the principal in a mutual fund. However, the congregation, which sorely needs a new church building, feels deeply frustrated that none of this principal may be used for this purpose. Last year the fund's trustees tested this provision of the will in court, but the Surrogate Court Judge upheld the will's requirement. Now the Church may have to have a capital fund drive to raise the money from the congregation for a new building - though the fund's income will be very helpful in its upkeep. When they think of the fund's principal, they must feel like saying: "So near and yet so far!"

LETTERS

Cousin Ruth Taylor (Mrs. Donald S. Taylor) of Cranston, R.I. wrote in mid-May that she had been laid up with a fractured pelvis since February 17. She was in the hospital for a month, and since then had been slowly improving at home. During the first half of May she had made considerable progress, but still had to walk with a cane. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Cousin Eleanor Trismen (Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen) of River Edge, N.J., our former President and former Corresponding Secretary, says that her husband has now retired. "We had a nice trip to Florida in April. We were sorry not to see our Florida Westcott cousins, but this time we were just sightseeing. We went to Everglades National Park, the Miami Seaquarium, Loxahatchie, Weeki Wacki, and St. Augustine. On the way home we saw the Cypress Gardens at Charleston, S.C.

Our Greater New York Chapter is no longer active. Few original members are left."

LETTERS (CONTINUED)

Cousin Dorothy V. Wescoat of Mays Landing, N.J. wrote late in May: "For the past 11 years I have accepted only temporary jobs. Usually in the fall I work a couple of months for the Red Cross on rehabilitation of hurricane victims. Then in the spring I work a couple of months with flood victims. I was in Manchester, Ohio, this spring for a flood, then "did" a totally destroyed "home job" as a result of a tornado in Circleville, Ohio, went on to Glenville, W. Va. and helped finish out the worst flood Glenville had ever had. There was a minimum of 4 feet of water in every store in town. Following that, I was asked to come here to Fort Dix indefinitely to act as an assistant field director. Viet Nam is making such demands on staff that the Red Cross is evidently having a tough job filling domestic posts. So here I am, living on an army post again after years of forgetting routines since World War II! It is exhausting, but full of many compensations."

Cousin Mabel L. Westcott of Bloomfield, Conn. wrote: "I again taught the adult math class in addition to classroom duties. I told them I would not do it another year, as I am tired of carrying materials to the High School every week. I recently had the fun of flying to Webster, N.Y., where three of my grandchildren played a trio in the school concert. Summer plans include a bit of travel with friends, reading, and resting at home."

Cousin Katharine F. Bruce (Mrs. Harold G. Bruce) of Milton, Mass. wrote: "Last summer I was in Wolfville, King's County, Nova Scotia, where so many New Englanders went in 1761 as planters after expulsion of the Acadians. Most of them were Rhode Island and Connecticut people. For this reason I believe the following to be some of our Westcott Cousins. On the road to Gaspereau, three or four miles from Wolfville, I found a cemetery with the following graves, whose names are apparently not in the Westcott Genealogy:

Fred B. Westcott 1865-1932 & wife
Isabelle Blanche 1869-1927

Andrew H. Westcott 1857-1939 & wife
Annie S. 1861-1936 &
Elmer J. Westcott 1891-1935 (probably a son)

Lothrop S. Westcott Feb. 23, 1854-Apr. 7, 1926 & wife
Ida Marie Sept. 16, 1854-Jan. 1, 1928

"In an older burial ground at Gaspereau I found more Westcotts:

Jacob B. Westcott died Jan. 20, 1896 age 75 and wives
Martha A. who died Oct. 1, 1855 aged 27 and
Lydia died Apr. 7, 1911 aged 87

Samuel Westcott died June 29, 1849 in his 63d year & wife
Elizabeth died May 28, 1870 aged 73"

We wish to thank Cousin Katharine Bruce for reporting the record of these unknown Westcotts - which some day may help someone in tracing their line.

LETTERS (CONTINUED)

Cousin Helen M. Wiestling (Dr. Helen M. Wiestling) of Wheeling, W. Va., wrote a most interesting, long letter about herself and her immediate family. She herself is "a diplomate in Psychiatry and Neurology". She grew up in Wheeling, got her A.B. at West Virginia University, and taught for some years. Later she went to Boston University School of Medicine, had her internship at the old Homeopathic Hospital in Boston, then a residency at the hospital for contagious diseases at Worcester, Mass., and spent about seven years as resident physician at the Framingham, Mass. Reformatory for Women. Then she went to the Northampton, Mass. State Hospital and again studied in Boston and at the New York Psychiatric Institute. After passing her specialty examinations, she became director of the Out-Patient Clinic and of work done in this field in various Western Mass. schools until 1949. She then returned to Wheeling, W. Va., got a position with the local out-patient clinic of the V.A., and is now their Senior Medical Officer and Staff Psychiatrist.

Her younger sister, Virginia (Wiestling) Vincent, who died in 1945, had a son, Lyle Dustin Vincent, who studied medicine in Philadelphia. "He has a nice wife, Nancy (Bond) Vincent, and three delightful children - Lyle Dustin, Jr., Elizabeth, and William.

"My other sister, Sara Herr (Wiestling) McLain, who died in 1960, had lost her son, William McLain, in February, 1942, in a plane crash over the ocean near Anchorage, Alaska. He was a Lt. Commander in the Navy and a radar expert - 'trouble shooter' for all radar installations in the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. In one more week he would have been a Commander. His son, James Jefferson McLain, also in the Navy, has been stationed at Ipswich, England, but was due to finish his tour of duty in April, and then come home. His wife, whom he married in England, was the former Patricia Hale of New Orleans. She has been a language teacher for officers' children in the armed forces. William's sister Sallie (Sara Virginia McLain) married Orville Hardman. Their children are Patricia, Susan, and Steven Hardman. They live in Cleveland.

"My brother, Richard Collum Wiestling, the only one left of our immediate family, is retired from a civil service job. His only son, Joshua Martin Wiestling II, also an electrical engineer, has recently moved to San Diego, in connection with an excellent new job. My brother and his wife (the former Zou Pearl Chase) also hope to move to San Diego soon. The youngest generation are Judy (age 5) and the twins, Pat and Par (3½)."

Cousin Helen Wiestling herself has already had one postponement of her retirement date and hopes for another this October, as she is still in excellent health and thoroughly enjoys her work. More power to her!

Cousin Joye Satterfield, of Park Ridge,, Ill. writes that she is now working 40 hours a week as a doctor's nurse at a medical center, as well as being a wife and mother. She gets quite tired by the end of the day, but enjoys the work and the feeling of doing something worth while.

 JUNIOR NEWS

Cousin Cynthia Satterfield (daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield of Park Ridge, Ill.) was chosen cheerleader at her school this spring. It is quite an honor.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly. We're all caught up!
2. Please put your Zip Code on letter or envelope when you write.
3. Send address changes promptly, as Quarterlies are not forwarded. One of the April Quarterlies was returned to me in mid-June, with the new address scrawled on the envelope. Sometimes I can't even read the scribbled address and have to write the original postmaster for it - which means still further delay.
4. What current members beside Cousin Lena L. Munson qualify for our new Roll of Honor of members 90 years old or older?
5. Keep trying to get new members.

A JOYOUS SUMMER TO ALL!!
