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CHAPTER NEWS - Iowa Chapter

Our National President, Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, wrote in July: "We had a very nice meeting of the Iowa Chapter on June 11. It was the largest attendance (41) that we have ever had," We wish other Chapters showed so much interest!

NEW MEMBERS

#559 - Mr. Charles H. Westcott
268 President Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906

#560 - Mr. Frank M. Schruis
R.F.D. #2, Ashville, N.Y. 14710

We are glad to welcome our new members.

BIRTHS

Laele Elizabeth Wistar, born Sept. 23, 1966, daughter of David Westcott and Lynn (Bennett) Wistar, granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mr. David R. (Betty) Wistar of Palatine, Ill., and great-granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Earl A. Westcott, of Crestview Club, Sylvania, Ohio.

Julie Joyce Maxwell, born July 15, 1967, daughter of Brian and Cydel (Schuler) Maxwell, granddaughter of Maurice and Roberta (Perdue) Maxwell, and great-granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. (Hazel) Perdue of Elliott, Iowa.

We are so happy to welcome our three new little cousins.

MARRIAGES

Brian Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Maxwell and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Perdue of Elliott, Iowa, was married in February, 1964, to Miss Cydel Schuler. This marriage has not previously been recorded in the Quarterly. Both continued to work all the way through college. The bride was private secretary to one of the professors. (See BIRTHS and JUNIOR NEWS.)

Miss Mae Renee Marshment, daughter of the late Douglas H. and Evelyn (Van Buskirk) Marshment, and granddaughter of the late Harold T. Marshment and his wife, our member, Mrs. Edith E. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill., was married May 20, 1967, in

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

MARRIAGES (CONTINUED)

St. Joseph's Church, Downers Grove, Ill. to Gary F. Diebolt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Diebolt of Downers Grove. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Philip H. Marshment. The young couple left immediately for Seattle, Wash., where the groom has a position with Boeing Aircraft in the I.B.M. department.

Bruce Ernest Clark, the youngest son of our member, Mrs. John F. Clark of Baldwinsville, N.Y. was married June 3, 1967 to Mary Lou Brissette of Syracuse, N.Y.

We wish these young couples many happy years together.

DEATHS

Mrs. Margaret (Williams) Westcott, aged 85, widow of Edgar Westcott of Erieville, N.Y., died May 13, 1967 in Fayetteville, N.Y., where she had lived for the past nine years with her daughter, Mrs. Dexter Grenier. Mrs. Westcott, a native of Wales, had married Edgar Westcott Nov. 27, 1901. She had lived in Erieville 50 years before moving to Fayetteville to live with her daughter. She was buried in Erieville Cemetery. In addition to her daughter, she was survived by a nephew, Carleton Dawley of Stokes. She was not a National Society member, but Cousins who remember her from the days of the Erieville group meetings will regret her passing.

Miss Ella Mercy Billings, aged 85, our member, died Feb. 24, 1967 in Lathrop township, Susquehanna County, Pa., in the home where she had lived for two years. She was born in Lathrop Township, December 21, 1881, daughter of Joseph Heister Holloway and Irena Jane (Harrington) Billings. Her grandfather, Lewis Billings, and five of his sons - Irving W., Jasper, Philander, Henry F., and Romine S. Billings - were all soldiers in the Civil War, a record unequalled in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Billings family came to Wyoming Valley, Pa. from Connecticut during the days of the Connecticut Claim there. Her great-great-grandfather, Samuel Billings, lost his life in the Wyoming Massacre in 1778. Her paternal grandmother, Rachel (Stephens) Billings, had 14 children and was a member of the famous Stephens family, first settlers of Nicholson, and of the Felton family, immigrants from Germany. Her maternal grandfather, Loyd Harrington, came to Pennsylvania from Rhode Island. His wife was Mercy Westcott, daughter of Nathaniel Westcott. They were Old Baptists, and from them Cousin Ella Billings inherited her keen interest in this faith. She graduated from the Nicholson, Pa. High School in 1900. After teaching school for several years, she entered Bloomsburg, Pa. Normal School, graduating in 1909. She then taught again until her parents' illness forced her to return home to care for them. After they died, she taught until retirement age. Her first love was her Church - the General Six Principle Baptist Church of Pine Grove in Lathrop Township, where she was baptized in June, 1905, and received the Laying on of Hands and joined the Church. For nearly 60 years she was one of the leading personalities in the denomination. She had a very interesting life. To the day of her death, due to heart failure, she kept all her faculties and could walk with the vigor of youth. She enjoyed botany and often roamed the hills and valleys for common and rare plants. She was also keenly interested in local history and genealogy, and was often called on to untangle mysteries of events and relationships. She had a sunny disposition which won her many friends. She will be greatly missed by all.

DEATHS (CONTINUED)

Miss Olive Wescott, aged 78, our former member and sister of our late member, George W. Wescott of Sumner, Iowa, died April 25, 1967, at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. George W. (Belle) Wescott, our member, in Sumner. Funeral services were held April 27 at the Emerson Milnes Funeral Home by the interim pastor for Sumner's Methodist Church. The Eastern Star and PEO members also held memorial services at the Funeral Home. Interment was in the Wilson Grove Cemetery. She was born July 15, 1888, daughter of Monroe and Drusella (Roberts) Wescott, on her parents' farm, one mile south of Sumner. She lived there all her life until after she suffered a stroke in April, 1965, from which she never fully recovered. She graduated from Sumner High School in 1903 at 15 years old. She had to wait until 18 to become a teacher. She spent her summers taking special courses in Cedar Falls and Fayette, to keep up in her profession. She also had a sabbatical year of travel in Europe. She retired in 1964. She was a member of Laurel Chapter, OES of Sumner, and a member of the F.H. PEO Sisterhood. She was a long-time member of the Culture Club. She is survived by a nephew, Stanley Wescott of Sumner, a niece, Mrs. Margaret Ebert of Clarion, Iowa, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. George W. Wescott. She will be sorely missed, not only by her many friends, but by the generations of pupils she inspired during her 56 years of teaching the second grade in the Sumner School System, during which she never missed a day of school. She always started each class day with prayer and with singing AMERICA, pumping out the accompaniment on the old organ which was part of her school room for almost her entire teaching career. One could almost call her a real-life "Miss Dove".

Harvey E. Wescott of West Medford, Mass. died Sept. 3, 1967. He is not listed in Mr. Whitman's Genealogy. Services were held Sept. 6 at the Gaffey Memorial Funeral Home, Medford Square. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie L. (Eisenhour) Wescott, a daughter, Mrs. Ann Peterson of California, and a son, Albert L. Wescott of West Medford. His friends and relatives will miss him.

ITEM OF INTEREST

Crusin Edna Westcott of Sutton West, Ontario, Canada, sent in the following item: "Enid Ewart's husband (Cousin Edna's son-in-law) found in a copy of the DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY (Oxford University Press) a sketch of the life of George Blagdon Westcott (1745-1798) of Honiton, Devon, who was in the British Navy. In May, 1798, as Captain of the 'Majestic', he was with Nelson at the Battle of the Nile against Napoleon, where he was killed by a musket ball in the throat. A monument to his memory is in St. Paul's and Nelson visited his wife and daughter and gave them his own Nile medal."

WESTCOTT PLAQUES - Now available on order. Note new prices. Bronze is up. *Plaques*

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque: at \$32.00 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 now \$20.00 each, suitable for hanging on wall, measuring about 5"x7", in Bronze mounted on walnut with chain for hanging.

WESTCOTT PLAQUES (CONTINUED)

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 them to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This time the Quarterly Supplement is some very welcome additions and corrections to the Westcott Genealogy recently received from our member, Rev. Garford F. Williams of the First Congregational Church, Harford, Pa. Your Editor has added the lines of descent for these families, for the benefit of the many Cousins who do not have access to the Genealogy. As soon as these additions and corrections are finished, the Lines of Descent of members will be continued.

LETTERS

Cousin Dorothy Perdue of Griswold, Iowa (our National President) wrote in mid-July that in June they had 16 inches of rain, which was hard on the crops. Cousin Harold Perdue (her husband) had to replant his soy bean field, damaged by a severe hailstorm. However, they did not lose buildings from flooding or storms, as some did.

Cousin Susan Robinson of Friendship, N.Y. again taught Corrective Reading mornings for five weeks in summer school.

Cousin Edith E. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill. writes that after her granddaughter's wedding in May, she flew to Seattle to visit two granddaughters and to meet for the first time three little great-grandsons. All but one of her six grandchildren are now married, and she has seven great-grandchildren. She adds: "In my 85 years I have been on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Through the years I have traveled by horse-drawn vehicles, by the old gravity cars in the coal region of NE Pennsylvania, and since by steam engines, buses, diesels, and jets. I flew back from Seattle to Chicago in 3½ hours. My family left Rhode Island early for the wilderness (in those days) of NE Pennsylvania, then scattered across the United States."

Cousin Bill Driver, formerly of Larchmont, N.Y. has retired, and he and his wife are "having a wonderful time living in Florida." They are at Deerfield Beach.

Cousin Morris B. Townsend of Tampa, Fla. wrote recently that they had just returned from a 3½-month trailer trip around the country - first to Los Angeles to see their grandson, then to a sister-in-law in Sacramento for a month, and finally east to Oneonta, N.Y. for a several weeks' visit with their oldest daughter, Mrs. William France. In all they covered 8688 miles and "had a wonderful time."

Cousin Belle Wescott (Mrs. George W. Wescott) of Sumner, Iowa writes: "There are many graves here of the older Wescotts. They settled here before the town of Sumner was built. My son and daughter own together the farm they bought when they came here from New York. It is one mile south of town. Years ago when Monroe Wescott lived there, he was a great race horse fan and owned fast horses. He had a track on the farm, where races were held each year."

JUNIOR NEWS

John Stanley Clark, older son of our member, Mrs. John F. Clark of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is working on his doctorate at Clarkson University at Potsdam, N.Y.

Brian Maxwell, son of Maurice and Roberta (Perdue) Maxwell and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Perdue of Elliott, Iowa, graduated in May from Westmar College, Le Mars, Iowa, where he had majored in Industrial Arts. This fall he started teaching Industrial Arts in Battle Creek, Iowa. He also serves as assistant coach for girls' basketball and track. We wish him good luck.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly.
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 July Quarterlies was returned to the Editor in mid-October, 3 months after it had been mailed, with the new address scrawled on the envelope. Sometimes the new address is impossible to read and your Editor has to write the original postmaster for it - a still further delay.
4. Do any 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 HAPPY AUTUMN AND THANKSGIVING

AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

SOME ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO WESTCOTT GENEALOGY SENT IN BY
REV. GARFORD F. WILLIAMS, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
HARFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

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Jeremiah Stone V, Henry Stone VI and Knight Stone VII).

VIII. Job Matteson Stone, son of Knight Stone VII and Zilpha Matteson
was born in Coventry, Rhode Island, April 1, 1813 and died at Wallsville,
Benton Township, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1842, aged
29 years and 4 days. He is buries in the Shoemaker Cemetery, Dalton,
Pa., with his parents and three of his children. He was married
May 5, 1835 to ELIZABETH (Betsey) DECKER, daughter to Eive Rossman and
William L. Decker, born in Pittston, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania,
January 22, 1815 and died in the Home for Old Ladies, Wilkes Barre, Pa.,
March 15, 1895, aged 80 years, 1 month and 23 days. She is buried in the
Marcy Cemetery, Duryea, Pa. four children.

IX Melissa Josephine Stone born at Wallsville, May 22, 1836
died at Wallsville, October 1, 1861
aged 25 years, 4 months and 9 days
buried Shoemaker Cemetery, Dalton
married about 1856 to Philander Knight Potter 1836-1904, son
of Sarah Fair and Robert Knight Potter. He was a carpenter
and lived at Wallsville. Tow children.

- a. Frank E. Potter born November 20, 1857
died June 21, 1867
aged 9 years, 7 months and 1 day
buried Shoemaker Cemetery
- b. Fred Potter 1859-1885 unmarried.

IX Emily Ann Stone born at Wallsville, February 18, 1838
died at Wallsville April 15, 1842
aged 4 years, 1 month and 27 days
buried Shoemaker Cemetery, Dalton

IX Delana Elizabeth Stone born at Wallsville, December 25, 1839
died at Peckville, Pa., February 20, 1876
aged 36 years, 1 month and 25 days
buried Prospect Cemetery, Peckville, Pa.

married November 8, 1860 to John Dwight Peck, son of Sarah
Wilson and Samuel Peck, born in Franklin County, Massachusetts,
April 26, 1831 and died in 1933 at the age of 102 years. They
had five children.

- a. Herbert J. Peck born September 15, 1863
- b. Bertha E. Peck born April 19, 1866
- c. William G. Peck born October 13, 1868
- d. Arthur M. Peck born August 22, 1873
- e. Della E. Peck born February 1, 1876

John D. Peck was of the firm of Peck Lumber Company, and a
founder of Peckville, Pa. He was a very wealthy man.

- IX Emma Ann Stone born Wallsville, July 11, 1842, after her father's death died Peckville, Pa., May 18, 1868 aged 25 years, 10 months and 7 days buried Shoemaker Cemetery, Dalton, Pa.

married November 8, 1860 to Orlando W. Taylor, natural son to Elsa Taylor and grandson of Hiram Taylor of Lathrop Twp. born in Lathrop township, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1839 and died in Nicholson, Wyoming county, Pa. July 21, 1917. One child:

- a. Harry E. Taylor born Peckville, July 14, 1861
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Family of Nathaniel VII Westcott (Stuckely I, Jeremiah II, Benjamin III, Benjamin IV, Ephraim V, Ephraim VI)

- VII Nathaniel Westcott was born July 4, 1798 (not 1788 as given)
- VIII Arnon Westcott (Son of Nathaniel VII) died in Benton township, Lackawanna county, Pa. Benton, Pa., is a different place and about 75 miles west of Benton Township.
- X Nellie Louella Cordner (Nathaniel VII, Arnon VIII, Effie (Wescott) Cordner IX) died in Benton Twp., Sunday April 23, 1961 unmarried.
- VIII Richmond (son of Nathaniel VII) Westcott's first wife Susan H. Franklin was born May 16, 1820 and died June 5, 1865, aged 45 years and 20 days. Buried in the Tripp Hill Cemetery. Louisa A. Smith, his 2nd wife, was born March 1, 1836 and died October 13, 1895, aged 59 years, 7 months and 12 days.
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- XI Pauline Taylor (Richmond VIII, Lucy Abigail (Wescott) Taylor IX, Anthony Taylor X) married Harold Packer (not Howard Packer as given). She is now living in Hop Bottom, Pa.
- IX Lowell Edgar Wescott (Richmond VIII) is buried in the Tripp Hill Cemetery.
- VIII Mercy Wescott (Nathaniel VII) married 1st Loyd (not Lloyd as given) Harrington. The old Harrington Bible gives his birth date as February 21, 1809 (not Feb. 22 as given). This date checks with his tombstone. Buried Tripp Hill Cemetery. Her 2nd husband, Henry Yeaw, was born in Rhode Island May 20, 1831, according to the Yeaw family bible. He died in Virgil, New York, September 8, 1898, where he is buried. He was a son of Amy and Henry Yeaw Senior.

- IX Mary Ann Harrington Squier (Marcy (Wescott) Harrington VIII) died November 7, 1883 (not 1884 as given) 1883 checks with tombstone, newspaper obituary and Squier family bible. Her husband S. K. Squier was a son of Sally (Sarah) Greene and Joshua Horton Squier.

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- X Bertha Lillie (Squier) Phillips (Mary Ann (Harrington) Squier IX) died January 17, 1944, buried Factoryville, Pa. cemetery. Her husband was Simon Peter Phillips, son of Sarah Fike and David N. Phillips. Additional death dates for some of their children:
- XI Vida Moore Phillips died June 26, 1962
 - XI Squier Phillips died July 28, 1958
 - XI Charlie Phillips died July 22, 1963
 - XI Stanley Phillips died October 23, 1961
- Insert after Bertha Lillie Squier her two brothers not given in the genealogy.
- X Dyer Squier born May 10, 1881. He was last heard of in Alaska
 - X Ralph Irvin Squier born November 3, 1883 died March 27, 1909
- X Roby (not Rhoby as given) Abigail Harrington (Meecy Wescott Harrington VIII) born Benton Township, Lackawanna county, Pa., dies East Rush, Susquehanna county, Pa. Buried Tripp Hill Cemetery beside her father and her brother James Sesmans Harrington. Her husband was John Woodward Gray born in Dimock township and died in Rush township, both in Susquehanna County, Pa. He is buried in the Dimock Cemetery with his first and third wives. He was a son to Mary Greene and Abisha Woodward Gray.
- X Eva Jane Gray (Roby (Harrington) Gray IX) born in East Rush, died in Johnson City, New York. Buried Riverhurst Cemetery, Endicott, New York. She was married September 6, 1890 by Rev. W. H. Stang to William Hallstead Phelps, son to Lydia Beebe and Homer Phelps, born in Bridgewater township, Susquehanna county, Pa., April 18, 1865 and died about 1962-3.
- XI Arthur Glenn Phelps (Eva (Gray) Phelps X) married Bertha May Coon. She was born May 17, 1895 and was a daughter of (page 325) X Myrtle Wescott and second husband Earl Coon (Ephraim, Gardner VII, William VIII, Thomas S. IX) Children
- a. Myrtle Eva Phelps, born June 13, 1918
 - b. Mabel Evelyn Phelps born April 28, 1919
 - c. Floyd Wrihr Phelps born June 25, 1922
 - d. Everett Glenn Phelps born February 23, 1929, died January 11, 1931

(TO BE CONTINUED)