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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Rhode Island Chapter of the Stukely Westcott Descendants of America has very kindly invited the National Society to hold its 17th Biennial Meeting in Rhode Island in August, on the weekend of August 16, 17, and 18. Registration will be on Friday, August 16. On Saturday the 17th we shall visit the Slater Mill Museum in Pawtucket - the first cotton mill to operate successfully in the U.S. We hope to persuade Bob Simpson to come down from Vermont and put on a clambake for us late on Saturday at Cousin Sue Handy's lovely home - like the one which everyone enjoyed so much in 1960. This would be instead of a banquet. On Sunday, August 17 we shall probably attend Sunday Morning Service at the First Baptist Church in America - in Providence. Stukely Westcott was one of the 13 original members of this church.

Further details will be announced in the April Quarterly.

AIMS, ELIGIBILITY, FEES, AND NATIONAL OFFICERS

So many people have written your Editor to ask the names and addresses of the Society's current officers, they are being added to the annual publication of aims, etc

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) to support and advocate steadfastly 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. 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

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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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.

Current Officers and Directors (good until Biennial Meeting in August):

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ENGAGEMENT

David Ashley Westcott, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Prince Westcott of Roslindale, Mass., will be married on April 20 to Carol DelBene of Brookline, Mass. He has already bought a house in Sharon and is busy weekends and evenings remodeling and redecorating it with the help of his fiancée. He works for a sound equipment company, and Carol works at the Brookline Cooperative Bank. We extend every good wish to this young couple.

DEATH

Claude H. Perdue, aged 71, of Griswold, Iowa, husband of our member, Ruth Helen (Collins) Perdue, died Sept. 28, 1967, at Omaha, Nebraska. He was the uncle of the

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husband of our National President, Mrs. Harold L. (Dorothy) Perdue, and his wife is our National President's sister. He was born June 21, 1896 in Macedonia, Iowa, son of Henry Perdue. Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 1967 in Griswold, Iowa. Interment was in the Griswold Cemetery, Griswold, Iowa. He is survived by his widow and many descendants. Those who knew him will deeply regret his passing. He will be greatly missed.

CONTRIBUTIONS?

Again we have reached the time when dues envelopes are mailed to those who have not already paid for the present calendar year. As you all know, postage rates have just risen. The third-class rate under which the Quarterly is mailed has jumped from a 4¢ minimum to a 6¢ minimum. This still allows us 2oz., or an 8-page mailing. It seems a very small cost until you multiply it by about 230, plus the cost of stencils, paper, mimeographing, and envelopes. Then it really rises, especially now that your Editor is trying to have regular 8-page mailings. Also the National Society must pay \$100 this spring from its treasury to the Rhode Island Chapter, which has invited it to hold the Biennial Meeting there. This has to be paid to the host Chapter before each Biennial Meeting. We don't want to have to raise the dues rate - so any small contributions would be much appreciated.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Ashley P. (Gladys) Westcott and her daughter Gwendolyn, wife and daughter of our member, Ashley P. Westcott of Roslindale, Mass., were in the cast of **THE WOMEN**, a drama by Claire Boothe Luce, presented at The Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain, Mass. Dec. 7, 8, and 9. The write-up of the performance in the **JAMAICA PLAIN CITIZEN** particularly mentioned Gwendolyn Westcott among three members who "deserve high praise for their very effective performances." She played "Little Mary", the heroine's daughter. Both mother and daughter are accomplished folk guitarists and have appeared at the Damaged Angel Coffee House in Boston in their own guitar program, which they are repeating at the Rose Coffee House in Boston as this Quarterly is being written. Cousin Gladys is active in the Milton Players and appeared in **FINIAN'S RAINBOW**, while Gwendolyn has performed on radio for Boston College, and on closed-circuit TV for hospital programs.

Cousin Ashley Westcott himself has made over 60 dramatic appearances on stage, in movies, on TV, and in radio commercials - all within the last 12 years. He is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and AFTRA. His latest venture is as professional adviser to the newly formed Hyde Park Community Theatre group - an amateur organization for high school youth and adults. This is a real challenge, but one which he enjoys and in which he is eminently qualified to succeed. We wish him and his family all success in their varied roles.

EDITOR'S QUERY

Your Editor has 69 completely unsorted, single-space, mimeographed pages of Mr. Whitman's own short-item additions and corrections to his 2-volume Westcott

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Genealogy. They came out with Quarterlies in the early to mid-1940s. If these items were sorted in logical order and professionally printed in a pamphlet, would the Cousins be interested in buying such a pamphlet? Has anyone any personal additions or corrections which should be added to such a pamphlet - as a first step toward a complete rewriting and updating of the Genealogy itself? Please let your Editor know what you think of such a project.

LETTERS

Your Editor has just received "on approval" Vol. 1 of the STAFFORD INDEX, by Charles Warner Stafford, dealing with the first six generations of New England Staffords. It costs only \$2.00. It is "a general index - arranged by family groups and generations so that each individual Stafford can be readily identified and his lineage traced forward or backward... It cannot in itself... prove lineage. It is intended as a beginning and a guide to help unravel the many Stafford lineages and an outline for research for those who wish to prove ancestry. We have kept a strict record of sources. This is available to all who need it." Stafford descendants can get copies of this Index by sending \$2.00 to Charles Warner Stafford, 8 Hidden Harbour, Stuart, Florida 33494. Mr. Stafford is also asking all Stafford descendants to send him their family data so that he can continue this Index down to date and can have in his files the name and address of every living Stafford descendant. He asks particularly for help with the families and descendants of Thomas Stafford (Safford) of Ipswich, Mass. (arrived 1628), and of Sylvester Stafford (Stover) of York, Maine. He has also heard rumors of a family of shipbuilding Staffords and wants to know who they were. He will greatly appreciate any help in these matters.

Cousin Elizabeth Swigert (Mrs. William Swigert) of 1425 Elgin St., Lakeland, Fla. 33801 needs help in completing her D.A.R. papers. Welcome Stone, b. 1783, Coventry, R.I., married Feb. 19, 1807, Susan Hudson, b. 1788, youngest dau. of Capt. Stukely Hudson of Coventry, Warwick, and West Greenwich. Capt. Hudson m. (1) Rose Potter, 1755, Cranston, (2) Amey (Almy) Roberts, 1762, Cranston, (3) Jane Whitford (date of marriage unknown). His children were: Samuel, Benoni, Stukely, Thomas, Freelove (who m. ---- Howard), Mary (who m. ---- Weaver), Amy (who m. ---- Weaver), Sukey (Susan), b. 1788 (who m. Welcome Stone). Does anyone know which of these children were born to which mother, and in particular who was Susan's mother? Also in view of Capt. Hudson's first name (Stukely), was he descended from any Westcott? She would be very glad of help in clearing this up.

Your Editor has a letter from Charles W. Farnham, a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and a Westcott descendant, who is trying to find the parentage of John Westcott "of Providence" (1756-1825), an Ensign in the Revolution, who m. Mary Sanford. Vol. II of Mr. Whitman's Genealogy, p. 301, gives Stukely IV Westcott, son of William III and Abigail of Cranston tp., R.I., as the father of this John. (The name of Stukely's wife is unknown.) Mr. Farnham disagrees with this, as John Westcott's older brother, Ford Westcott, was twice married, and Arnold's records of the West Side Congregational Church in Providence list Ford "of John" in recording the marriage. If Arnold was correct that the father of this family was named John Westcott, then he must have been born in the 1720s, because the oldest brother of Ford and John was Anthony, b. 1746. Mr. Farnham can find no suitable John Westcott in either volume of Mr. Whitman's Genealogy. Can anyone solve this problem for him? Mr. Farnham's address is 197 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

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Cousin Dorothy (Mrs. Harold L.) Perdue, our National President, was very busy during the Christmas season, what with entertaining her "Tuesday Music Club" in her home early in December, having charge of the music for the Sunday School program, playing the organ for the "Church Christmas Cantata", and having her family for Christmas dinner. More power to her!

Cousin Howard (Dr. F. Howard) Westcott and his wife moved in November from New York to New Jersey. He retired at that time for health reasons, as he had an attack of hepatitis. Because of this sickness he had to postpone his scheduled trip to South America, where he hoped to continue atmospheric pollution and allergin studies in Brazil, Argentina, and Northern Peru which he had started in 1962-3. He and his wife (Cousin Georgia) "continue to lecture and work for PROJECT HOPE. The S.S. Hope goes to Ceylon in 1968-9, and of course wh should like to go, our health permitting." He sends "greetings to all our good friends in the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants." We, in turn, wish them many happy years ahead.

Cousin Wilma Avery (Mrs. William P. Avery) of Absecon, N.J. wrote in November that they expected to spend Thanksgiving with her mother (Cousin Mabel Westcott of Bloomfield, Conn., our National Recording Secretary), and that her sister Velma and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Reed of Poultney, Vt.) would also join them. Cousin Wilma hopes that her husband can take a vacation this summer so that they can come to the Biennial Meeting. He is very busy with the "Shore Agency of Absecon" - an insurance agency which he and a partner purchased in 1956. We hope they will be able to be with us.

Cousin Joye Satterfield (Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield) of Park Ridge, Ill. wrote a long, newsy Christmas letter, summarizing all their activities in 1967. Their camping trip in Minnesota in August was cut short by too much rain and cold weather. "Sleeping out in a storm is fun as long as you stay dry. During the night Bob and I were awakened by a wet, soggy sleeping bag to find our tent leaking a steady stream over us. Then Daryl woke up to announce: 'There's a lot of water under my air mattress!' My comforting words were: 'Just keep floating and go back to sleep!' Our evenings were spent around a roaring fire popping popcorn, as the temperature dipped to the high 30s. After another day of cold rain we had had enough, and headed for home and modern conveniences." In the fall Cousin Joye got a new job, working with a doctor who specializes in internal medicine, and managing his office. She works fewer hours than at the clinic, is nearer home, and enjoys the work. At present she and her husband are in Florida on a combined business and vacation trip for three weeks. A postcard from Pompano Beach said they were having a wonderful time and enjoying fresh oranges and grapefruit. We are glad they are having a real vacation to make up for the rain and cold on last summer's trip.

GOLDEN HONOR ROLL

Cousin Lena L. Munson, now 96 years old, is still the only member your Editor knows of who qualifies for the Golden Honor Roll of members 90 or more years old! We hope she will be around for a special Diamond Honor Roll when she reaches 100!

Would members who have passed their 85th birthday but have not yet reached 90 like to have a Junior Golden Honor Roll for this age group? Names on this Junior list would be published as they were sent in. The whole current list would be published

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once a year in the Quarterly. If you like the idea, please send in your name if you qualify.

JUNIOR NEWS

Marilyn (Westcott) Melville, oldest daughter of our member, Dr. F. Howard Westcott of Kinnelon, N.J., is with her husband (recently made a Commander in the Naval Air Force) and three sons at Chula Vista, Calif., where he is stationed for the next two years.

Ruth (Westcott) Barnhardt, Marilyn's next younger sister, and her husband (Dr. Luther Barnhardt), with two daughters and a son, are in Ashville, N.C.

Martha (Westcott) Hawley, the third sister, and her husband (Lt. Thomas Hawley), with two sons, are in Groton, Conn. He is in the Oceanographic Service.

Julie (Julianna) (Westcott) Graney, the youngest sister, is teaching 2d grade at Columbus, Ohio, while her husband("Mike") is in his 4th year of Law at Ohio State.

For Cynthia Satterfield, Cousin Joye's oldest daughter, cheerleading has become part of her everyday life. Thirteen-year-old Daryl is now making most of her own clothes. Nine-year-old Lori is studying the violin as well as the piano, and doing extra projects at school. Good luck to all three of them!

Richard Westcott, nineteen-year-old son of Cousin Ashley Westcott of Roslindale, Mass., is now in his second year at Northeastern University. Last year he appeared in the University Drama Group's production of YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. He evidently has his share of the family's acting talent.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly.
 2. Please put your Zip Code on letter or envelope when you write.
 3. Please send address changes promptly, as Quarterlies can't be forwarded.
 4. Do any more current members qualify for our Golden Honor Roll? Would you like a Junior Golden Honor Roll of members 85-90?
 5. Remember the dates for our Biennial Meeting, Aug. 16-18, and try to come.
 6. Would you want to buy a pamphlet of Mr. Whitman's later additions and corrections, if in logical order? Do you want to add any personal additions or changes?
 7. Keep trying to get new members.
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A BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!
