

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Rhode Island Chapter of the Stukely Westcott Descendants of America decided at its meeting on April 26 that the National Meeting will hold its Registration at the Holiday Inn, South Attleboro, Mass., Friday evening, August 16, 1968, at 7-9 P.M.

This Holiday Inn is at the junction of Routes 1-95 and U.S. 1-A. The address is 1270 Newport Ave., South Attleboro, Mass. 02703. The Innkeeper is Andrew H. Jackson the phone no. is 617/761-6660. The HOLIDAY INN PASSPORT (the booklet about all Holiday Inns) lists this Inn as having 180 rooms. Reservations may be made either by writing or phoning the Innkeeper, or by phoning any Holiday Inn, which will make a free advance reservation at the desired Inn through its computerized reservation system. This reservation will hold rooms until 6 P.M. on the stated day. Anyone expecting to arrive after 6 P.M. can prepay the reservation by check to the designated Inn or the Inn where the reservation is made, which will forward the check to the Inn where the reservation has been placed. Another method of prepayment is to charge the room cost to your Gulf Travel Card, British-American Oil Co. Ltd., American Express, or Diners Club credit card. Or a reservation may be held after 6 P.M. by guaranteeing payment. Then if you do not arrive by your specified time (or "all night"), your room will be freed for sale to someone else; but if it is not sold to someone else, you will be billed for it. If your plans change after making reservations, just phone any Holiday Inn, tell them where you hold reservations, and ask that the room be released. This can be done at any time up to 6 P.M. of the designated day. Rates vary between Inns and according to seasons. The new booklet (June-September) lists the South Attleboro rates as:

1 person - 1 bed	\$11	- 2 beds	\$13
2 persons - 1 bed	16	- 2 beds	18

There is also a charge of \$2 for any extra person in a room, and a Mass. Tax of 5%.

On Saturday morning, August 17, we shall hold our Memorial Service, Business Meeting, and lunch at the Slater Mill Museum in Pawtucket, R.I. More complete plans for the day will be announced in the July Quarterly. In the afternoon we shall have a clambake at Cousin Susan Handy's lovely home in Manville, R.I., instead of a banquet.

Sunday, August 18, we shall attend Sunday Morning Service at the First Baptist Church, Providence, of which Stukely Westcott was one of the 13 Founders. Luncheon will be "on our own", with eating places to be suggested later. Sunday afternoon we shall visit the Stukely Westcott memorial in Warwick, R.I. Then Cousin Louise Harris will show us the truly amazing museum she has created in her home from YOUTH'S COMPANION memorabilia, and especially of everything possible connected with C. A. Stephens, who wrote for so many years the always-delightful "Old Squire" stories in the YOUTH'S COMPANION, along with writing many other series for many magazines. As Cousin Susan Handy said at the April 26 meeting of the R.I. Chapter: "We should be very proud of our Louise. She has accomplished a tremendous task and achieved a very

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

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interesting and beautifully arranged result. It is well worth seeing."

The Nominating Committee for National Officers will consist of Cousins Susan W. Handy, Dolly May Stone, and Leslie Westcott, all members of the R.I. Chapter.

The Innkeeper of the Holiday Inn at South Attleboro has assured the President of the R.I. Chapter, Cousin Webb Wilder, that in mid-August they can easily take care of all Cousins who choose to stay there.

Cousins coming by trailer or camper, or planning to camp in their own tent, should write as soon as possible to Cousin Susan Handy. She says that if there are not too many, they can camp on her land. She has toilet facilities and running water in her garage and downstairs in her home. Her address is: Miss Susan W. Handy, "The Breezes", Old River Road, Manville, R.I. 02838.

For trailers there is also a small trailer park in Pawtucket, R.I. The address is: Tripp's Trailer Park, 548 Kenyon Ave., Pawtucket, R.I. It is for recreational vehicles and has electrical and water hookups.

There seem to be no official campsites near that part of Rhode Island. Therefore any Cousins wishing to camp in their own tent should be sure to write promptly to Cousin Susan Handy.

Your Editor has learned that some Cousins not too familiar with Rhode Island feared they might run into big-city riots there. Your Editor phoned Cousin Louise Harris, who lives in the Providence area, for an up-to-date check on the situation. The Holiday Inn, the Slater Mill Museum, Cousin Susan Handy's home, and Cousin Louise Harris's home are not near any possible trouble centers. Also there has never been any trouble near the First Baptist Church or the Stukely Westcott Memorial. Cousin Louise said that there has been no large influx of poor people from the South to that section to complicate matters, and she sees no likelihood of trouble anywhere near where we shall be holding our meeting. Your Editor hopes that this will reassure many Cousins who may have worried about safety.

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CHAPTER NEWS - R.I. Chapter

The National Society aspects of the Rhode Island Chapter meeting on April 27 at the Sprague Mansion in Cranston have been reported above. There was a delicious pot-luck luncheon before the business meeting. After the meeting there was a tour of the delightful and historic Sprague Mansion. There will be another Rhode Island Chapter meeting in July - the last before the National Society meeting in August.

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Iowa Chapter

The Ninth annual meeting of the Iowa Chapter was held June 11, 1967, with 42 guests, representing 17 families. Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, National Society President, gave a short talk about the National Society Biennial Meeting for 1968. She urged all present to become national members. Everyone enjoyed the slides taken of the 1966 National Meeting in Griswold, Iowa.

The tenth annual meeting and reunion was to be held June 9, 1968, at the Gold Crown Inn, Red Oak, Iowa. The Chapter Secretary urged members to try to include the

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National Meeting in Rhode Island August 16-18 in their vacation plans.

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NEW MEMBERS

- #561 - Dr. & Mrs. William F. Bender  
2153 Newport Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
- #562 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Westcott, Jr.  
6572 Muller Drive, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267
- #563 - Mr. & Mrs. Edmund L. Wescott  
1102 Delafield Street, Apt. B, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
- #A-54 - Rev. & Mrs. Richard E. Wescott  
2440 North 50th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85008

We are very happy to welcome all these new members.

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BIRTHS

Daniel Scott Patterson, born June 25, 1961, son of Jerry and Elizabeth Patterson of Royal Oak, Mich., and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson C. Patterson of Ypsilanti, Mich. He is their third child.

Dana Hanson Bergman, born Nov. 9, 1961, son of Paul and Joan (Patterson) Bergman of New Milford, Conn., and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson C. Patterson of Ypsilanti, Mich. He is their fourth child.

Melinda Wrench, born in August, 1967, daughter of Robert and Shirley Wrench of Detroit, Mich., and great-granddaughter of our late member, Mrs. John W. (Alice Paugh) Wrench.

Jeffry Alan Paugh, born Dec. 31, 1967, son of David and Carolyn Paugh of Andover, Ind., and great-grandson of the late H.T. Paugh, who was the brother of our member, Miss Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill. and of our late member, Mrs. John W. (Alice Paugh) Wrench.

Jennifer Lee Trismen, born May 6, 1968, at Harkness Pavilion, Medical Center, New York City, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Trismen of Oradell, N.J., and granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. (Eleanor L.) Trismen of River Edge, N.J. She is their second child. All but the most recent members have known Cousin Eleanor Trismen as our very efficient and charming Corresponding Secretary during her many years of service in that capacity, even combining it, finally, with her term as National President. We congratulate her on the birth of her second grandchild.

We are so glad to welcome all these new young Westcott descendants.

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## MARRIAGE

Miss Laura Mae Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Anderson, Jr. and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Eugene A. (Ruby Parke) Anderson of North Stonington, Conn., was married Feb. 10, 1968. The newly-wedded couple are living in Mississippi, where the bridegroom does missionary work.

We wish them many happy years together.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Bess Lynn (Wescott) West (Mrs. William West ), aged 89, former member and aunt of our member, Mr. Hanson C. Wescott of Ypsilanti, Mich., passed away March 17, 1967, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was born December 28, 1877, in Byron Center, Mich., daughter of Leslie Dillon and Hattie (Stevens) Wescott. She married William West, whom she survived, on July 6, 1906. Her nephew wrote: "She had a long life and out-lived three husbands." Cousins who remember her will regret her passing.

Mrs. Miriam R. Henry, aged 75, widow of the late Harry H. Henry (brother of our member, Mrs. Harold T. (Edith E.) Marshment of Waukegan, Ill.), passed away December 8, 1967, in Oak Park, Ill. Her husband had died in 1939. Our sympathy goes out to Cousin Edith Marshment, her sister-in-law, to whom she was very close.

Mrs. Charles E. (Ione W.) Swanson, aged 84, died January 8, 1968, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, after a long illness. She had broken her arm in a fall late in October, and had gone steadily downhill since then. She was born Aug. 14, 1883, in Hopkinton, Iowa, daughter of Philo Ferris and (2nd wife) Cynthia (Hamilton) Westcott. She had lived in Council Bluffs for 60 years. She graduated from Lenox College and formerly taught English and Latin at Abraham Lincoln High School. On June 29, 1910, she married Charles E. Swanson, lawyer, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives 1929-1933. During World War II, in which their son, Charles E. Swanson, Jr. was lost, she had charge of 600 women in all local bond drives and received citations for the best organized group in Iowa. In 1954 she was State Regent of the Iowa D.A.R. She was also a member of the Nebraska Colonial Dames, the local First Presbyterian Church, and Harmony Chapter 25, Order of Eastern Star. Survivors include her husband; daughter, Mrs. John Burke of Council Bluffs; son, Stukely Swanson of Council Bluffs; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held January 10, with interment at Walnut Hill Cemetery, Council Bluffs. She was a delightful and wonderful person, whom it was a privilege to have met and to have known even slightly. All the Cousins who remember her will deeply regret her passing. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her family and close friends.

Donald Howard Wilson, aged 42, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, brother of our member, Irvin Duane Wilson of Dubuque, Iowa, passed away Jan. 12, 1968, after a short illness. He was born Apr. 20, 1905, in Hopkinton, Iowa, son of Irvin Thomas and Franc A. (Westcott) Wilson. In 1931 he became a U.S. Civil Engineer. On Aug. 16, 1930 he married Bernice Ferguson of Hopkinton. He was a nephew of Mrs. Charles E. (Ione W.) Swanson, above. His family and friends will regret his untimely passing.

Dallas L. Porter, aged 69, husband of our member, Mrs. Edna May (Merrick) Porter (President of the Iowa Chapter of Stukely Westcott Descendants), passed away January 18, 1968, at Red Oak, Iowa, after an 8-months' illness following a stroke. He was

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born March 31, 1898, at Grant, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Porter, and had lived in Red Oak for 35 years. On July 11, 1947, he married as his second wife Mrs. Edna May (Merrick) Waggener, who survives him. He was a retired stationary engineer for Iowa Power & Light Co. in Red Oak, with 28 years of service with that firm. He had greatly enjoyed the 1966 Westcott reunion in Iowa. Funeral services were held Jan. 22 in Red Oak. Burial was in the Grant Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, 12 children, 19 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, a sister, and 2 brothers. He will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Luella (Patch) Westcott, aged 94, of Dorchester, Mass., wife of our late member, David Aldrich Westcott, who died in 1947, died February 2, 1968. She was born October 12, 1873, and was married to David A. Westcott as his second wife, October 16, 1913. Funeral services were held February 5 at Codman Square, Dorchester. She is survived by a brother, Amos G. Patch. Her friends and Cousins who remember her will miss her.

## EDITOR'S NOTE AND QUERY

This issue of the Quarterly was delayed in order to include the August rates for the Holiday Inn at South Attleboro, which were not published until June. This Spring Quarterly will be sent by First-Class mail, to reach the Cousins more quickly and surely, and so will the July issue, which will come out as early as possible after the final information about the August Biennial Meeting is available.

Your Editor would like to know if the Cousins would like to buy copies of genealogical charts giving "bare bones" facts, as a half-way stage toward a wholly new, up-to-date Genealogy. This will take time to prepare, as the charts must be made and checked for accuracy. Your Editor plans to have them in loose-leaf binders (for ease in adding more sheets and in correcting errors). They will come out a few at a time, so the Cousins won't have to wait several years, as they would for a whole new book.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Frank Westcott of North Attleboro, a former member, was honored by the American Contract Bridge League last winter at the Winter Nationals in New Orleans, when they made him an Honorary Director for life. He had resigned in 1966 from the League's National Board of Directors - a position he had held for many years. He was instrumental in forming and maintaining the National League, and was the prime mover for bringing a National Bridge Tournament to Boston for 1970. He stands out as one of the great bridge players nationally. The League annually elects one outstanding ex-Director as an Honorary Director for life. We are proud to know that he has received this latest honor. We hope that, as our August meeting will be held so near him, he will be able to join us for this reunion, and renew old acquaintanceships.

Mrs. Hazel (Westcott) Sheets, our member, daughter of the late Trial A. and Rebecca L. (Perce) Westcott, was given a surprise birthday party Jan. 27, 1968, in honor of her 72d birthday, by her children: Mr. and Mrs. James Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forgnoni, and

ITEMS OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Josiah Sheets. She received many useful gifts and lovely cards, along with two large birthday cakes and icecream. She thanked her wonderful children for giving her such a splendid evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Smith of Elliott, Iowa, our members, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary March 10, 1968, at the Elliott Methodist Church. Their son, Murray Smith, home on leave from the U.S. Navy, greeted the 225 guests. One daughter, Janis, kept the guest book, while another daughter, Sheryl, had charge of displaying cards and gifts. In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Smith was Howard Hastings, who had been best man at the wedding 25 years ago at Everett, Wash., when both men were serving in the Army. Also present were Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., "mother of the bride", and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Smith of Griswold, Iowa, parents of the "bridegroom". We wish them many happy anniversaries to come.

At the annual meeting in April of the R.I. Society of Mayflower Descendants Webb W. Wilder of Johnston, R.I., our National Chaplain and President of the R.I. Chapter of Stukely Westcott Descendants, became the new Governor of the R.I. Society of Mayflower Descendants. We are happy for him to have this new honor.

Several Cousins sent newspaper clippings about "Clint" Wescott, aged 51, of Los Angeles, professional bum for 15 years, bearded and tattered, with 44 cents in his pocket, who accepted a dollar bill from a reporter but refused to accept a letter telling him that he had \$19,219.68 waiting for him in two New York bank accounts. For those who missed the item, Clinton Wescott was originally a popular, industrious resident of Burnt Hills, N.Y., his lifelong home. He built his gas station with his own hands. "Suddenly one day 15 years ago he said: 'To hell with it!' and took off," according to the Burnt Hills attorney, John P. Brown, who had been searching for him since that legal firm was appointed in 1961 by the N.Y. Supreme Court to handle the case. The money came from a foreclosure sale of the gas station in 1961. When Clinton Wescott could not be found, the N.Y. Supreme Court ordered the \$15,124 due him to be banked in his name. Accumulated interest has now brought the amount to \$19,219.68. But "Clint" Wescott likes his present life with "no cares" and almost no money in his pocket.

Your Editor asked a lawyer cousin what would become of the money if "Clint" Wescott continued to refuse it, and was told that unless there were other immediate heirs, it would revert to New York State.

Cousins who are also descended from Roger Williams should be interested to join the very active Roger Williams Family Association, with over 700 members scattered all over the United States. The Corresponding Secretary is Mrs. E. Warren Colwell, 61 Gladstone St., Cranston, R.I. 02910.

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WESTCOTT PLAQUES

As your Editor has received several queries about Westcott Plaques, the notice about them is being reprinted for this issue. They are now available on order. The prices quoted were those of last Fall and probably still hold. Note that bronze is up.

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.

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2. Wall Plaque: Westcott Coat-Of-Arms now \$20.00 each, suitable for hanging on wall, measuring about 5"x 7", 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 them to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661.

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LETTERS

Cousin Hanson C. Wescott of Ypsilanti, Mich. wrote in February that his wife, Eleanor, keeps busy with her position as Supervisor of the Cash Office at the Montgomery Ward Company in Ann Arbor. He himself has retired from Aviation work and now looks after the 4 apartments (housing 13 Eastern Michigan University co-eds) in his home. (This sounds like a full-time job.)

Cousin Myrta Grace Paugh has found the Westcott name twice in her research into DeLand history. Once in the early 1900s a Westcott couple from St. Louis visited the Methodist pastor in DeLand. Also not too many years ago the obituary of a former Christian preacher, L.A. Crown, stated that his mother had been a Westcott. Cousin Grace is very busy now on the County history, to finish it before Illinois' Sesqui-centennial year is over.

Will any other descendants of Daniel Westcott of Southern New Jersey, who married Deborah Smith, please get in touch with Miss Myrta Grace Paugh, DeLand, Ill. 61839, to check the line of descent? She was descended from their son Leonard. Her records say that this was Daniel 4 (of Richard 3, John 2, Richard 1 of Conn.) But a Florida cousin who wrote her claimed to be descended from this same Daniel's son Richard, and she believes that this Daniel 4 is of Daniel 3, Daniel 2, Richard 1 of Conn. Daniel 4 and Deborah (Smith) Westcott had 5 sons - Richard, Leonard, Thomas, Zeba, and Arthur. Has anyone done any research to straighten out this line?

Cousin Elizabeth Wescott (Miss Elizabeth M. Wescott, 495 Main St., House #10, Apt. 1-A, Orange, N.J. 07050) needs help in tracing her line farther back than her great-great-grandfather, George Wescott, who was Treasurer and Deacon of the Old First Baptist Church in Philadelphia. At the Crozier Library, Baptist Seminary, Chester, Pa., she copied these old Philadelphia church records, which mentioned that some of the church meetings were held at George Wescott's home. His Family Bible says that George Wescott, the Coppersmith of Philadelphia, was born 5/7/1713 (no place listed), died Philadelphia 7/28/1781. According to Philadelphia tax records, he was worth \$150,000 at his death. Cousin Elizabeth is looking for the names of his parents and the place of his birth.

Cousin Elizabeth also writes that our late member, Mrs. Harry (Edna Wescott) Houghton of Washington, D.C., had said she had an ancestor named Ocean Wescott (because born at sea), who came into the port of Philadelphia. Cousin Elizabeth would like to have ideas about George Wescott's parentage and birthplace.

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### LATE NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Cousin Susan Handy says that the price for the clambake will be \$3.50 per person. It will be held Saturday P.M., Aug. 17, at her home in Manville, R.I. Reservations must be sent direct to her; and she must know by Saturday, Aug. 10 (one week before) how many are coming, to plan just how much food to order. Her address is on page 2.

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### JUNIOR NEWS

Jerry Patterson Wescott, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson C. Wescott of Ypsilanti, Mich., is a Dermatologist on the staff of Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Mich., and also has a private practice.

Paul Bernman, son-in-law of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson C. Wescott, is a Captain with American Airlines, based at La Guardia Airport. They have a lovely home just outside New Milford, Conn.

Virginia Wescott, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson C. Wescott, attended Ferris State College in Michigan, where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. She got a business certificate in June, 1966, and worked as a legal secretary until she married Stephen Post of Ypsilanti, May 27, 1967. He is serving "a 4-year hitch" in the U.S. Navy, with one year remaining.

Patricia Wescott, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson C. Wescott, has finished her Sophomore year at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich., majoring in Education. She plans to attend the University of Hawaii's Summer School.

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### 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.
  4. Remember the dates for our Biennial Meeting, Aug. 16-18, and try to come.
  5. If you plan to stay at the So. Attleboro Holiday Inn, make reservations.
  6. If you plan to camp in trailer or tent, write Cousin Susan Handy soon.
  7. Clambake reservations must reach Cousin Susan Handy by Aug. 17.
  8. Would you be interested in family descent charts?
  9. Keep trying to get new members.
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A HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!

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