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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS - Reunion in Rhode Island

Our 1968, 17th Biennial Meeting, held in Rhode Island August 16-18, was, as always, a great success. We all had a wonderful time, really enjoyed all the planned entertainments, and had plenty of chances to talk to each other, meet new cousins-friends and greet old ones - and we all wished it could have lasted longer!

Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue), our continuing President, has written the following fine commentary on our meeting:

"Dear Cousins: How I wish all the Westcott Cousins could have joined with us and shared in the successful and most interesting meeting which the Rhode Island Chapter planned and carried out so very well.

"As your President, I wish to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this an interesting meeting. Harold and I enjoyed every minute of it, and we hope to meet with the Rhode Island Cousins again some time.

"A special thanks to the President of the Rhode Island Chapter, Webb Wilder, and to Louise Harris, who entertained the board in Louise's home for dinner on Friday night, and also to Susan Handy, who opened her lovely home to the group for the Friday night reception and registration. It was grand of them.

It was great fun having twenty cousins staying at the same motel, as we had some wonderful 'gab-fests' in the evening before retiring. That is a good way to become acquainted with the cousins. We were divided between the Holiday Inn in South Attleboro, Mass. and the Hi-View Motel near Woonsocket, with a good group at each.

"At this time I am happy to announce that the case for the Bible of Stukely Westcott has been ordered by the Iowa Chapter and we are awaiting word that it has been completed and delivered to the Rhode Island Historical Society Library, where the Bible is kept. It is to be made of red leather and buckram, with the coat-of-arms on the spine of the cover. This is the project the Iowa Chapter voted to do when we held our annual meeting in June. We hope you like it.

"Many thanks to the Rhode Island Chapter for their wonderful hospitality; and we hope to see many more at the next meeting in Cooperstown, N.Y. in 1970.

"Your President, DOROTHY PERDUE"

The Executive Board of the National Society met at 4 on Friday, August 16 at the charming East Providence home of Cousin Louise Harris, our National Registrar, to discuss nominations for Officers and other matters to be brought up at Saturday morn-

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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ing's business meeting. After the Board Meeting, the members were the guests of Cousin Louise Harris and Cousin Webb Wilder (President of the R.I. Chapter) at a delicious and bountiful turkey dinner at Louise's home. The Board then joined the rest of the Cousins, who were beginning to arrive at Cousin Susan Handy's lovely, large, old-time home in Manville for the 7-9 P.M. Registration and informal reception. This included showing several sets of slides of past National Meetings. Cousin Webb Wilder also showed slides of Westcott and other Rhode Island places and gave a most interesting and enjoyable talk on them.

On Saturday, August 17, we met at 10 A.M. at the Old Slater Mill Museum in Pawtucket. Here any who had not been present Friday evening registered before the Business Meeting. All National Officers were re-elected for another 2-year term. Also the office of Historian, vacant for many years since the death of our Founder, Roscoe L. Whitman, was reactivated. The new Historian, Cousin Robert A. Westcott of Oxford, N.Y., is to hold the irreplaceable Family Album Scrapbooks, keep the current one up to date, and keep in touch with the various Chapter Historians, serving as permanent Chairman of a Historians' Committee for exchanging helpful information.

Cousin Marge Westcott, wife of our new Historian, invited the National Society to hold its 18th Biennial Reunion in Cooperstown, N.Y. in 1970. The New York Chapters are no longer active, but she is working to start a new New York-New Jersey Chapter. (See CHAPTER NEWS.)

One of the ladies in charge at the Old Slater Mill showed a most enthralling film about Samuel Slater and his struggles in building this first working cotton mill in America, and added an interesting short talk, with more details.

The Memorial Service which followed was simple, sincere, and very dignified - a great credit to Cousin Louise Harris, who had planned it and who read the list of names.

At 12 an informal, buffet-style lunch was served at the Mill, to "hold us" till the clam bake. After lunch we inspected the Mill and Museum, with its interesting collection of rare American and European glass and other items, and also saw the special herb-garden outside.

After leaving the Museum, we visited the Friends Meeting House, where one of the Friends described their service to us. We then went over the interesting old Eleazer Arnold House, before going to Rehoboth for the clam bake.

Originally the clam bake was to have been at Cousin Susan Handy's place, but unfortunately the one who was to have put it on had a gall bladder operation and was not able to do it! Luckily Cousin Webb Wilder found the Historic Hornbine Clam Bake of Rehoboth, which could take care of us there if we could come at 4:30. Everything was delicious, with ample helpings and great variety. We had the outside row of long tables (long-line table-and-benches, so one had to step over the bench to get in or out). There was a roof but no walls, so we had a pleasant breeze. The three other long table-rows were occupied by a much larger organization, with many nice-looking teenagers among the adults. The two groups did not mingle, but were friendly.

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On Sunday, August 18, we attended 11 o'clock Service at the First Baptist Church in America, in Providence. Stukely Westcott was one of the Founders of this Church. We were seated as a group, and a notice in the "Summer Service Notes" in the program welcomed "Stukely Westcott Descendants" and told who he was. During the summer, Union Services are held here. The preacher for August 18 was the Rev. Canon Angus Inglis, Vicar of St. Peter's Church (Anglican), Nottingham, England. After the service we had a most interesting guided tour of the Meeting House.

We enjoyed our informal "Luncheon" (hearty enough for a dinner) at Johnson's Hummocks Restaurant in Providence, then visited the Stukely Westcott Memorial in Warwick. We stopped to see another old house and church (with family names on the churchyard gravestones) on our way to see Cousin Louise Harris's truly amazing Collection, in her home, of memorabilia of the YOUTH'S COMPANION and of C.A. Stephens, its most prolific writer. All who grew up loving the YOUTH'S COMPANION should certainly try to see this Collection, for which it is hoped that Brown University will some day designate a room.

If any of the Cousins should happen to have anything bought from the YOUTH'S COMPANION, or received from it as a premium, which they would be willing to give to this Collection, Cousin Louise Harris would be very happy to have it. Also any YOUTH'S COMPANION calendar would be very welcome.

We all heartily enjoyed the delicious "snack" which Cousin Louise had waiting for us. And let us express here our especial gratitude to Mrs. Millie Smith, who had helped Cousin Louise on Friday in preparing the delicious turkey dinner for the Board, and who made a batch of equally fine cookies for the Cousins for Sunday afternoon. Cousin Louise said she could not have done it all without Mrs. Smith's help. We do indeed appreciate her kindness.

This ended our formal festivities. Some of the Cousins started for home Sunday night; others left Monday morning. The Harold L. Perdues stayed a few days longer for more sight-seeing. We all had a marvellous time, and are eagerly looking forward to our 1970 Biennial Meeting at Cooperstown.

We wish to thank the Rhode Island Chapter's special Committee (Mrs. Charles W. Anthony, Miss Leone Cargill, Mr. Ralph Dexter, Miss Susan Westcott Handy, Miss Louise Harris, Miss Dolly Stone, and Mr. Webb W. Wilder) for their work in making this Meeting such a success. The charming name-tags made by Cousin Leone Cargill pleased everyone. But the highest praise should go to the two people with the heaviest responsibility: Cousin Webb Wilder, President of the Rhode Island Chapter, and Cousin Louise Harris, Chapter Secretary. Even when the original clam bake plans fell through, they managed to provide an excellent substitute. They can now look back contentedly on a job well done.

The guest-book showed that 57 people (including one visitor) were present at the Meeting. Rhode Island, as expected, had the largest number - 19; New York was second with 16; Iowa had 6; Vermont 5; Massachusetts 4; New Jersey 3; and California, Connecticut, Florida, and Illinois each had 1. The oldest Member present, as far as your Editor can determine, was Cousin Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, who looks and seems a good 10 years younger than he really is. Runner-up was probably Mrs. Edith Marshment of Waukegan, Ill., whom we were so happy to have with us. The one

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who came the farthest was Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif. Runners-up were the Iowa Cousins. They included our President, Dorothy Perdue, and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Perdue of Griswold, Iowa), and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Smith of Elliott, Iowa, with their young-lady daughters, Sheryl and Janis Smith. The youngest person present was easily little Bonnie May Westcott, whose birth is announced belatedly in this issue.

The re-elected list of National Officers, plus our new Historian, and the list of Directors are printed here for the Cousins' convenience.

President - Mrs. Harold L. Perdue

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Mr. William C. Driver, Florida

Miss Susan W. Handy, Rhode Island

Mr. Edmund W. Morris, New Jersey

Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, New Jersey

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, California

Mr. Leslie P. Westcott, Rhode Island

The Treasurer's report at the Business Meeting was as follows: The Society's cash balance July 15, 1966 (the end of the new fiscal year) was \$305.88. To this we have added, to Aug. 15, 1968, dues of \$568.00, contributions of \$453.00, and sundry receipts of \$11.60, totaling \$1,032.60 in cash receipts. We have spent \$794.44:

Printing, Paper, and Office Supplies	\$173.18
Quarterly Expenses	274.65
Postage and Stamps	115.31
Flowers for Westcott Memorial	6.30
R.I. Chapter (Biennial Meeting)	100.00
Secretary-Treasurer (services Jan. 1966-July 15, 1968)	125.00
	<u>\$794.44</u>

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Your Treasurer wishes to report that in January of this year, with our President's approval, she opened two savings accounts in Boston banks for the Society, so that the dues would be earning interest while waiting to be spent. One of these savings accounts now pays 5% per year, compounded monthly from the date of deposit. No notice is required before withdrawal. In early May this account had a balance of \$211.05, with no transactions since. The other is a daily interest savings account, which now pays 4 3/8% per year from the date of deposit to the date of withdrawal, provided you keep a minimum of \$10 in the account until the next monthly dividend date. In early May this account had a balance of \$311.33, with no later transactions. The checking account balance on August 15 was \$22.04. Thus our cash on hand, not counting interest since early May, was \$544.42. Against this there are two bills which have just arrived from the printer for Quarterlies envelopes and coat-of-arms notepaper with plain envelopes. These bills total \$117.01, leaving a net balance as of August 15, 1968, of \$427.41, or \$121.53 more than on July 15, 1966. Moreover, we hope to sell this coat-of-arms notepaper to members of the Society, many of whom have written to ask if we had any for sale nowadays. This would more than pay back its cost.

The Corresponding Secretary, in her role as Editor of the Quarterly, made an informal report, explaining plans to print Lines of Descent of past and present Members, and also to correlate and have printed separately, for sale to Members, Mr. Whitman's own Additions and Corrections to both volumes of his Genealogy. He had had these added serially to the Quarterlies in the early 1940s. All this work will take time. Also if anyone knows of any errors in either volume, corrections will be received gratefully by the Editor of the Quarterly.

CHAPTER NEWS

As the stencils for this issue are being cut, word has come from our President, Cousin Dorothy Perdue, that the R.I. Historical Society has just notified the Iowa Chapter that the case for Stukely Westcott's Bible is finished and on their shelves. They say it is very handsome in its red leather and buckram. They will "place our name on a plate inside the case."

A new Chapter, to be named "New York-New Jersey Chapter #11", is being formed. As the "Central New York", "Greater New York", and "Northern New York" Chapters have been inactive for years, it seemed better to combine them in one new Chapter, and also to include the New Jersey Cousins, who often attended former New York meetings, as they had no Chapter of their own. Invitations were sent to all National Members in New York and New Jersey for a picnic at Bowman Lake State Park, N.Y. At this meeting they lacked one National Member of the required number to hold elections, but they decided to work together with Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott, Box 95, Oxford, N.Y., as co-ordinators. (He is our new National Historian.) They also decided to hold a reunion next year at the same lovely place. A progress report will soon be sent to all New York State and New Jersey National Members. So many Cousins have written your Editor, wishing that some New York Chapter would start again, perhaps some of them would like to help it get on its feet. Please, any Westcott Descendant who would like to join, write Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott at the above address. Once the Chapter is organized, it plans to admit any Westcott Descendant, whether or not a National Member.

NEW MEMBERS

- #564 - Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Haedrich
441 Madison Ave., West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552
- #565 - Mr. & Mrs. Gerald L. Schooley
205 Halsey Road, Woonsocket, R.I. 02895
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- #567 - Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W. Trieble
47 Penn St., Woodbury, N.J. 08096
- #568 - Mr. Emory J. Westcott
1428 East College, Iowa City, Iowa 52240
- #A-55- Mr. & Mrs. John T. Wescott, III
125 Main St., Wickford, North Kingstown, R.I. 02852

We are very happy to welcome so many new members.

BIRTHS

Bonnie May Westcott, born Aug. 28, 1967, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott of Oxford, N.Y. She was the charming, friendly, youngest Member at our Biennial Meeting in Rhode Island in August.

Barbara Wright, born June 8, 1968, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Wright of Las Vegas, Nevada. Her father, in September, was slowly getting over the shock of serving as attending physician! The family is doing well.

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

COAT-OF-ARMS NOTEPAPER

At last the Westcott coat-of-arms notepaper is ready! The white vellum, single sheets, just under 5½"x7", have the Westcott coat-of-arms in red at the center top. This keeps the Westcott colors of red and silver. (The Board had voted to have white paper, not gray to imitate silver.) The envelopes are plain. We had 200 dozen sheets of this notepaper printed and delivered in bulk with the plain envelopes. They have now been packaged in small, saran-wrapped packets of 25 sheets and 25 envelopes, for sale at \$1.50 per packet, plus costs of mailing. Cousins in Iowa, Rhode Island, and Vermont can get these packets from their Chapter officers, who took home extras to sell. Your Editor has the rest. We have already sold 25 packets, or ¼ of the total. If your name is or was Westcott, wouldn't you like to have a couple of packets yourself and give some to your family for Christmas? The Westcott name is not on the usual lists for coat-of-arms paper. It would be a really distinctive gift.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our National President, Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue) of Griswold, Iowa, won the second prize for an authentic old-time costume in the Sisters of the Swish costume contest in the Atlantic, Iowa Centennial. The Atlantic paper printed the picture of the four winners, and noted that Cousin Dorothy Perdue's father had come to Cass County, Iowa from Vermont 100 years ago that month, settling on Yankee Street near Griswold.

An interesting article by our member, Dr. Cynthia Westcott of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., the well-known rose-and-garden-book author, appeared in the June-July issue of THE BULLELIN of the Horticultural Society of N.Y. It was entitled "Versatility is the Rose's Other Name", and gives a good idea of roses' many uses.

LETTERS

Cousin Dorothy Perdue, our President, has been very busy since our August Meeting, with her demanding new duties as D.A.R. Regent requiring her to attend district meetings some distance away. Also her work as Church organist (and hostess to visiting ministers and others) seems to keep her busy enough for two. More power to her!

Cousin Melayn Dorfler, our Member, is now a VISTA volunteer (Domestic Peace Corps) in Barbourville, Kentucky. Most of her work is in adult education and in establishing libraries in fourteen centers. We wish her success.

Cousin Jeannette Cook (Mrs. Carlton J. Cook), now of Seneca Falls, N.Y., writes that her husband is professor of mathematics and computer sciences, and chairman of the Mathematics Department at the new Eisenhower College, which opened in September with its first Freshman class. We hope this new venture will prosper.

Cousin Rachel Cottrell suggested that Westcott research should be done in and around Cortland County, N.Y. She had no time for it herself. Would anyone living near there like to take up the challenge, to check and correct the Whitman Genealogy for that area?

JUNIOR NEWS

Marilyn (Westcott) Melville, daughter of our member, Dr. F. Howard Westcott (now of San Diego, Calif.), lives in Chula Vista with her three boys. Her husband, Noel, a Naval Commander, was expected back from Vietnam early in August. He had been on the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga in that area since January.

Richard E. Carr, one of the twin sons of our member, Cousin Ruth (Wescott) Smith of Tunbridge, Vt., is now, after more than 20 years in the Navy, in the Naval Reserve as chief Communications Technician, on call if needed. He has been in Germany 2½ years, and has been teaching and lecturing in Germany nearly 2 years.

Robert Allen Carr, the other twin, had his Naval career cut short after 9 years by pneumonia - after which he had to stay on land.

Frank Irving Wescott III, only son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Wes-

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cott, Jr., is now a 2d Class Petty Officer QM2 (Navigator) aboard the nuclear submarine USS Ray SSN653. He is 21 years old. We wish him all success and happiness.

Louise Ruth Cook, daughter of our members, Col. and Mrs. Carlton J. Cook of Seneca Falls, N.Y., is in the Air Force, stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. She will, in January, have been in the service three years.

Cynthia Satterfield, daughter of our member, Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield of Park Ridge, Ill., has just been accepted for 1969 by the college of her choice, which has a very high rating. She wants to go into teaching.

JUNIOR GOLDEN HONOR ROLL

Cousin Howard L. Westcott of 70 West Bridge St., Oswego, N.Y. will graduate on December 26, 1968, his 90th birthday, to the full Golden Honor Roll, on which Mrs. Lena L. Munson of Canandaigua, N.Y. is still, at 97, the only known member. We hope they both will start a new Diamond Honor Roll at 100 years old.

There are several who qualify for the Junior Golden Honor Roll, but your Editor does not like to publish their names without permission.

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. Quarterlies (except just before a Biennial Meeting) are sent 3d Class Mail and can't be forwarded. They come back to the Editor, often 2 months late, or are thrown away.
4. If any Quarterlies have failed to reach you, please write your Editor, and she will replace them.
5. Westcott coat-of-arms white vellum notepaper (5½x7"), with the coat-of-arms in red, is now for sale at \$1.50 per packet of 25 sheets and 25 plain envelopes plus mailing costs.
6. If you want coat-of-arms notepaper for Christmas, please order it soon, before the mails clog up.
7. If you want to be on the Junior Golden Age Honor Roll, send in your name.
8. Keep trying to get new members.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
