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AIMS, ELIGIBILITY, FEES, AND NATIONAL OFFICERS - Annual Statement

The Society's object shall be: (1) to commemorate fittingly the outstanding anniversaries and events in our family's history; (2) to memorialize the early family by erecting suitable tablets; (3) to promote further genealogical study of our family; (4) to create and develop interest and pride in family achievement; (5) to provide as far as possible care of ancestors' graves, including securing official markers for graves of those who served in our country's wars; (6) to support and advocate steadfastly the defense and protection of this country which our ancestors helped create, and the conservation of the United States Constitution and the American people's liberty; (7) to meet, know, and enjoy our kindred.

Any worthy lineal descendant over 18 years old of Stukely Westcott, Founder of this American branch of the Westcott family, or his or her spouse, shall be eligible for membership with all privileges. Eligibility for Associate Membership is extended to descendants of Richard, William, and Daniel Westcott, said to have been nephews of Stukely Westcott, and to descendants of Rebecca (Westcott) Cooke, sister of Stukely Westcott. Associate Membership may also be granted to Westcott descendants who have not yet succeeded in tracing their lineage, and to descendants of other branches of the Westcott family. Associate Members enjoy all privileges of the Society except the power to vote.

No initiation fee is charged. Dues are \$1000 per year for individual membership, \$2.00 per year for family membership, including spouse and children under 18. 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 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 asked.

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BIRTHS

Christian MacMillan Westcott, born Feb. 7, 1968, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jay Westcott, Jr. of Broomall, Pa., and grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jay Westcott of Dunmore, Pa. He is their 5th child - "a beautiful, normal, healthy boy", according to his grandmother.

Stephanie Lynn Wistar and Courtney Jane Wistar, twin sisters, born Jan. 8, 1969, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David Westcott Wistar of Towson, Md., granddaughters of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Wistar of Palatine, Ill., and great-granddaughters of our member, Mrs. Earl A. (Lynne) Westcott of Sylvania, Ohio. Their great-grandmother, who sent in the happy news, added: "Another daughter, 2½ year-old Laele, will have plenty of company now."

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

MARRIAGE

Capt. John W. Baxter, USAF, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Baxter of Cranston, R.I., who has been stationed in The Netherlands since January, 1966, with the 32d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Camp New Amsterdam, was married July 29, 1968 to Catherina (Kitty) Rademaker of Soest, Netherlands. His parents were most happy to be able to attend. There were two ceremonies - the civil one in the Soest Town Hall, the religious ceremony in the M.O.O. Church, followed by a reception at Hotel Van der Brink, Soest. The newly-married couple will live in Scherpenzeel until he returns to the U.S.A. - probably in April, 1969.

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We wish them every happiness throughout a long married life.

DEATHS

Charles Jay Westcott, aged 73, of Dunmore, Pa., our member, died Aug. 25, 1968. He was born March 4, 1895, in Avoca, Pa., son of Arthur B. and Alice (Cranston) Westcott. On Sept. 2, 1924, he married Mary Baxter MacMillan, who survives him. He had been a mine foreman in the anthracite coal mines for 18 years, and loved the work in spite of its hazards. He then left mining to start his own business in selling gas, oil, and motor accessories. He ran this business successfully for about 25 years until his retirement. He became badly crippled with ostio arthritis and also suffered from silicosis, caused by his former mine work. In addition to his widow, he is survived by their two sons, our members, Charles Jay Westcott, Jr. of Brocmall, Pa. and Dr. Malcolm R. Westcott of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and 7 grandchildren. (The birth of his youngest grandchild was announced above.) We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. He will be greatly missed.

Gorton E. Westcott, aged 73, of Rutland, Vt. died in Rutland Hospital in 1968 (probably November). The Pastor of the Congregational Church officiated at the funeral services, held at the Aldous Funeral Home. Burial was in Forest Dale Cemetery, Forest Dale, Vt. He was never a member of our Society, but was of the Westcott line which settled in Clarendon, Vt. in 1785. We offer sympathy to all who miss him.

Arthur Westcott, aged 46, died Nov. 24, 1968, in Palmer, Mass. He was born Feb. 20, 1922, Cornwall, Vt., son of William and Leola (Andrus) Westcott. He was a truck driver for Lee-Ways Freight Lines, Inc. of Springfield, Mass. He had served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He is survived by his widow, the former Virginia Greeno of Monson, Mass; 5 sons: Michael Westcott of West Rutland, Vt., Douglas Westcott, John Westcott, Frank Westcott, and Carl Bryant, all of Monson, Mass.; 7 daughters: Mrs. William Fitzgerald and Miss Deborah Westcott, both of Forest Dale, Vt., Miss Dawn Bryant, Miss Amy Bryant, Miss Holly Westcott, Miss Denise Westcott, and Miss Beth Westcott, all of Monson, Mass.; 2 grandchildren, 7 brothers, and 6 sisters. The Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon, Vt. had charge of funeral arrangements. He was never a member of our National Society, but was a member of the Clarendon, Vt. Westcott line. We offer sympathy to his large family.

CONTRIBUTIONS?

This is dues time again for those who have not already paid for 1969. Your Editor is now trying to have regular 8-page mailings of the Quarterly plus related interesting information. Now that the 3d Class postage rate has risen to 6¢ for 8 pages (making a probable cost of \$14.50 to \$14.60 just for postage for this one issue), plus cost of stencils, paper, mimeographing, and envelopes, you can see that any small contributions in addition to your dues would be much appreciated.

COAT-OF-ARMS NOTEPAPER

The first lot of Westcott coat-of-arms notepaper has been completely sold out,

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and a new lot has just arrived from the printer. Most have now been packaged in the same small, saran-wrapped packets as before. Each packet contains 25 single sheets of white vellum, just under $5\frac{1}{2}$ "x7", with the Westcott coat-of-arms at the center top in red (to keep the Westcott colors of red and silver), and 25 plain envelopes. They are for sale at \$1.50 per packet, plus costs of mailing. Cousins in Iowa and Vermont can get these packets from their Chapter officers, who have some on hand. Your Editor has the rest. If your name is or was Westcott, and there is a birthday or graduation coming up in your family, wouldn't you like a couple of packets - one for yourself and one to give? Also if you are thinking of visiting a Westcott relative, a packet of coat-of-arms notepaper would be a really distinctive hostess gift.

WANTED - LIVING DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE OTIS EVANS

Cousin Florence Schaefer (Mrs. H.L. Schaefer) of Charleston, W.Va. has sent your Editor a long, narrative poem, author unknown, written for the golden wedding celebration of Otis Westcott and his wife at Milford Center, N.Y. in 1876. Cousin Florence's grandfather was Otis Westcott's nephew, and was evidently at the celebration. Your Editor thinks it would be nice to have this poem read at Cooperstown, so near Milford Center, at our 1970 Meeting, by one of Otis Westcott's descendants. His youngest daughter, Emily Susan Westcott, who married Dr. Thomas Evans of Milford, was the only one of Otis Westcott's 6 children to carry the line down more than one additional generation. The 3 Evans children were George Otis, Lincoln, and Maurice. In Vol. I, p.117 of Mr. Whitman's Genealogy, he said: "Descendants of George are still living," but he did not identify them, and did not mention them in Vol. II. He gave only the names of the younger brothers, and mentioned no dates for that generation or their parents. At a guess, George Otis Evans was probably born in Milford, N.Y. in the early 1860s. We know that descendants of his were living about 1932. Will anyone who is or knows a descendant of George Otis Evans or of one of his brothers please send that name and address to your Editor?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

An article in the PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, May 20, 1968 (crowded out of the last two Quarterlies by lack of space) told how Norway, Maine was about to turn "The Old Well" of the C.A. Stephens "Old Squire" stories in the long-beloved YOUTH'S COMPANION into a memorial to the author - probably the town's best-known literary son. All that now remains of the world which C.A. Stephens wrote about - the woods, fields, streams, and lake near Norway - is the well at Norway Lake. They plan to clear away the bushes around the well, patch up the old stone wall, and erect "a yoke over the well with an old oaken bucket, and let tourists stop and fill their canteens." The Town Manager also said it had been suggested that money be raised locally for a permanent bronze plaque at the well detailing C.A. Stephens' accomplishments. He was known world-wide for his stories and articles from 1870 until his death in 1931. The local hospital, though named for him (as he was a doctor-researcher with his own laboratory), has had no official plaque telling who he was, though it had many plaques to donors. It was our own Cousin Louise Harris who called the town's attention to this unintended neglect of probably their most important native son. She is now working on her 4th book on C.A. Stephens and the YOUTH'S COMPANION, and has gathered for the John Hay Library of

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Brown University probably the best collection anywhere of C.A. Stephens' works. She hopes that anyone with original Stephens material will make it available for copying, sell it, or donate it to the C.A. Stephens Collection at Brown University.

A pamphlet memorializing Robert Folger Westcott (1828-1901) was loaned your Editor recently by our member, Mrs. Frederick Blanchard Westcott of Havre de Grace, Md. He was her late husband's uncle. The memorial address was delivered Feb. 22, 1902, at the annual dinner of the R.I. Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, by Past President Edward Field. Mr. Field said: "Compatriot Robert Folger Westcott died suddenly (of a stroke) at Richfield Springs, N.Y., July 19, 1901." He had joined the S.A.R. through his grandfather, John Westcott, who served in Sullivan's Life Guards, selected by Lafayette to cover the rear guard in the retreat from Rhode Island on the night of Aug. 30, 1778. John Westcott was appointed Ensign Oct. 23, 1778 by Rhode Island's Council of War for bravery and distinguished services during Sullivan's expedition against the British on Rhode Island - "the battle of Rhode Island

Robert Folger Westcott's father, Esbon Westcott, was descended from Stukely Westcott. His mother, Phebe Folger, a Quaker, was the great-granddaughter of Nathan Folger, a first cousin of Benjamin Franklin. He himself was born Nov. 26, 1828, New York City. His schooling ended at 12, as his father had a large family and little money. He began delivering packages, and worked up to having his own business - the Westcott Express Company. It became "one of the important semi-public institutions" of New York City. He was its President until shortly before his death. He invented the system of checking baggage now so indispensable in travel.

He married (1) Cecelia Eveline Estling, June 29, 1852, New York City, (2) Margaret J. Cook, Apr. 4, 1865, Albany. She, with 3 children, survived him. He and his family traveled much abroad, but always enjoyed coming home. He enjoyed music and was "interested in those things which broaden and educate the mind and strengthen and invigorate the body." He particularly loved horses, and was driving one when he had the shock which ended his life. He had strong religious feeling and a deep sense of "the brotherhood of humanity." His employees gave many testimonials that though he was strict as to duties, he "established them in right living and helped them to success." He was "a generous, noble man - a devoted and loving husband and father."

LETTERS

Cousin Priscilla Sharpe has sold her Old Greenwich, Conn. home of many years, which was too large for her alone, and is now renting from a friend a room with kitchen privileges at 7 Lockwood Drive, Old Greenwich, Conn. 06870. This seems like a wise move, and we hope it works out well for her.

Cousin Mary MacMillan Westcott (Mrs. Charles J. Westcott) of Dunmore, Pa. writes that her older son (our member), Charles J. Westcott, Jr., is Assistant to the Director of the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America. (His 5th child is announced under BIRTHS.) Her younger son (also our member), Dr. Malcolm R. Westcott, is a clinical psychologist on the faculty of Vassar College as a full professor. We are happy to have up-to-date news of both.

Cousin Helen Westcott (Mrs. Norman Marr Westcott) of Wellfleet, Mass. had two lovely trips last fall - one of them to the Amish region of Pennsylvania. She hopes

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to return - perhaps next fall. In mid-January she wrote: "We have had such bitter cold weather here that ice froze so solid and thick in the harbor that many fishing boats have not been able to get out for some time." Cousins in other parts of the country may not realize how unusual it is for salt-water ice to be so solid, especially so near the tip of Cape Cod, where temperatures are apt to be slightly milder because there is so much ocean water around.

Cousin Jim (James R.) Bentley is now back home in Jeffersontown, Ky. after a year and a half as a Research Assistant in the Research Department of Colonial Williamsburg, Va. Since January, 1968 he has been Manuscript Librarian of The Filson Club in Louisville, Ky. He also is librarian of the Kentucky Society of Mayflower Descendants, and was recently elected to the Society's Board of Assistants. He was very much pleased to read in the Quarterly of the Iowa Chapter's gift of the fine case for Stukely Westcott's Bible. He said: "I think it was a very generous and appropriate gift and one all Westcott descendants surely will appreciate."

Cousin Patricia Wescott Bentley of Jeffersontown, Ky. (Cousin Jim's sister) graduated last June from Centre College, Danville, Ky. She is now in the University of Kentucky Graduate School, Lexington, Ky., working toward a master's degree in library science. She was awarded the Archives Fellowship in the Margaret I. King Library of the University of Kentucky, so she is also being trained in the care of manuscript collections.

Cousin George Bentley of Louisville, Ky. (kheir brother) and his wife Barbara are keeping busy raising their two little girls and having an active family life. We are glad to hear such stimulating news of all the Bentleys.

Cousin Louise Wescott Neill, daughter of Cousin Harriet B. Neill of New York City, kindly included us in her Christmas letter to her relatives and friends. It has been a very hard year for Cousin Harriet. Her "health has grown so weak that I felt compelled to have her taken care of by the Riverview Nursing Home, 117 Beekman St., New York, N.Y." Early last summer she broke her hip and has since been unable to walk, though she can sit up. She does not seem really unhappy, but is alert and verbal for only brief periods. She receives mail, which is read to her by Cousin Louise or an aide - but she does not remember it for long, and of course cannot answer it. If you want to be sure of reaching her with more than a greeting card, write Cousin Louise at 217 E. 26th St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

Cousin Louise is "still teaching Latin at Hunter College High School. The addition of audio visuals has added another ring to an already hopping circus. I will have tenure next year. This is a teacher's equivalent of graduation. July and August found me in Italy, with the help of a small scholarship, studying in the American Academy at Rome and at the Vergilian Society near Naples. It was stimulating, educationally rewarding, and FUN. It will always be one of my favorite summers. This is one of the important benefits received for those ten hard months of teaching - perhaps the most important."

We are very grateful to Cousin Louise Neill for her most interesting letter, and we are sorry that Cousin Harriet has been having such a hard time.

Cousin Cynthia Westcott of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. wrote in her Christmas letter that she gave 18 lectures in 1968, mostly on roses. She wrote a few articles and

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finished revising the PLANT DISEASE HANDBOOK. Most of her trips were to rose and garden club meetings, and to the Philadelphia meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America. "Having been self-educated in entomology, I was delighted to find that real entomologists take my GARDENER'S BUG BOOK seriously.... I am slowing down somewhat physically and getting a bit lazy" - but she still invites everyone to her 29th Annual Rose Days, Sundays, June 8 and 15, 1969. We hope some of the Cousins can attend.

Cousin Myrtle Gladson (Mrs. Ronald Gladson) of Atlantic, Iowa, who joined the National Society in October, wrote in her Christmas letter: "The Ronald Gladsons are still on the farm" where they have lived for 41 years. "In spite of much dry weather, Ronald raised a wonderful garden, which he shared with friends. He still has his cattle, but doesn't milk any more." She sent a charming color photo of small Westcott antiques of theirs on a make-believe fireplace mantelpiece of black walnut, and also a beautifully drawn Christmas card by their granddaughter, Maxine Strong, in India - described under JUNIOR NEWS. Cousin Myrtle added: "One afternoon I suddenly lost the sight in one eye, accompanied by 'northern lights, Roman candles' and other phosphorescent lights. My ophthalmologist says nothing can be done, as it is an 'eye stroke' - a clot of blood forms a blockage behind the eye." The other eye is weak but still works. "Ronald and everyone is very kind to me. I also have hardening of the arteries. We are lonely but thankful we can stay in our own home. Ronald is very capable. I am so very pleased that we could obtain a case for the Westcott Bible.

Cousin Alice Hoffman of Hackensack, N.J., who was our Treasurer for so many years, writes: "Bert and I had a wonderful week in Guatemala, Central America, early in November, with relatives and friends of my first husband, Edward Marroquin. One of the great experiences was flying North into the Guatemalan jungle to see the ancient Mayan temples and ruins of that era. We also saw an active volcano from a safe distance of about 12 miles." Then "we flew back to Miami, where we spent some time, including Thanksgiving, with Cousin Lyle D. Westcott and his wife Tula, of Miami Springs. We also had a wonderful day visiting Cousins Fran and Bill Driver of Deerfield Beach, Florida. (They are moving February 1 to Pompano Beach.) All these folks are well and happy and would like to be remembered to all members of the Westcott Society."

Cousin Virginia Bepole's letter about their 1967 vacation, crowded out till now by Biennial Meeting news, told how they missed their exit on the Indiana Tollroad, took the next one and followed byways through apple-picking country with lovely vistas and glowing leaves. "The little towns were a joy to see. We spent a few days with my cousin in Michigan, then on to her mother's house on the lake, where we tramped through the woods, did some boating, and had a peaceful time." In 1968 they planned to go to Seattle to visit her brother's family.

Cousin Joye Satterfield (Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield) of Park Ridge, Ill. told in her Christmas letter that her husband has "gone back to school after 18 years." He is taking a refresher course for his Illinois Professional Engineering License exam. Joye herself is still working happily in the doctor's office, and still buying antiques whenever she can find them at reasonable prices. She was due soon to help at an antiques show - something she had always wanted to do.

JUNIOR NEWS

Patty Wescott, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson C. Wescott of Ypsilanti, Mich., has been in school in Honolulu, but was to return to Western Michigan University in January for the winter term. It must be quite a change of climate!

Dr. F. Howard Westcott wrote early in December: "My son-in-law Noel Melville has recently been given a Flight Squadron and will be stationed in Washington State after his next deployment in the East Asia area. My daughter Juliana (Westcott) Graney had her first child, Noelle Graney, Oct. 20, 1968. (This will be in the next Quarterly under BIRTHS. It was misfiled. Ed.) Michael Graney, Juliana's husband, passed his Ohio State Bar Exam the same week the baby came - a big week for them."

Shirley Veo (Gladson) Strong, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gladson of Atlantic, Iowa, and her husband Max are missionaries in Tanakpur, India, with no formal church board backing. Maxine, their grown-up oldest daughter, drew an exquisite Christmas card of a mother spotted deer with fawn in the Himalayas. Inside is a Christmas Bible verse in English and Hindi, with a literal translation to show the word-order. They have taken in a motherless Indian baby boy, whom they love.

GOLDEN HONOR ROLL

Cousin Grace Eliza (Beardsley) Turner (Mrs. Raymond C. Turner), formerly of Oswego, N.Y., now of Mooresville, N.C., is now 91 and will be 92 in May, 1969. Your Editor learned this only by chance.

Cousin Howard L. Westcott of Oswego, N.Y. joined the Golden Honor Roll Dec. 26, 1968, his 90th birthday.

Cousin Lena L. Munson of Canandaigua, N.Y. is still at 97 the oldest known member of the National Society. We are very proud of our three Golden Honor Roll members - and we are sure that Northern New York near Lake Ontario is a very healthy region.

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. Your Editor will replace any Quarterlies which failed to reach you.
5. Westcott coat-of-arms notepaper will be permanently on sale. Price: \$1.50 per packet of 25 sheets and 25 plain envelopes plus mailing costs.
6. Keep trying to get new members.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
