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CHAPTER NEWS - Vermont Chapter, #5

Cousin Phyllis Wescott Reed (Mrs. Donald Reed), daughter of our National Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mabel L. Wescott of Bloomfield, Conn., is now the President of Vermont Chapter, #5. Her husband is also a Westcott descendant through his mother.

NEW MEMBERS

#569 - Miss Lauren J. Wescott
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55 Park Ave., Granville, N.Y. 12832

#A-57- Mr. B. Gordon Wescott
Nassawadox, Va. 23413

We are so glad to welcome these new members. Miss Lauren J. Wescott is the daughter of our former members Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Monroe Wescott of Sumner, Iowa, and the granddaughter of our member, Mrs. George W Wescott of Sumner, Iowa.

BIRTHS

Jennifer Dorothea Schultz, born Jan. 10, 1967, St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw, Mich. (not recorded here previously), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. (Georgeanne Pelck) Schultz of Saginaw and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Frederic H. Pelck of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. She is their third child and first daughter.

Amy Christine Vayo, born Aug. 5, 1968, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill., daughter and first child of Mr. and Mrs. John William (Joyce Mueller) Vayo, granddaughter of our former member, Mr. Theodore William Vayo, and grandniece of our member, Mrs. Frederic H. Pelck of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Harris Westcott Vayo II, born Oct. 7, 1968, Toledo, Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Westcott (Joan Sanders) Vayo, grandson of our former member, Mr. Theodore William Vayo, and grandnephew of our member, Mrs. Frederic H. Pelck of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He is their first child. He is the first cousin of Amy Christine Vayo and a second cousin of Jennifer Dorothea Schultz.

Laura Beth Gear, born July 7, 1968, Seattle, Wash., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Eugene (JoAnn Marshment) Gear, granddaughter of the late Douglas H. and Evelyn

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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(Van Buskirk) Marshment, and great-granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Edith E. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill.

Brian Christopher Dubolt, born Dec. 10, 1968, son of Gary and Mae R. (Marshment) Dubolt, grandson of the late Douglas H. and Evelyn (Van Buskirk) Marshment, and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Edith E. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill.

Gregory Evan Kuhn, born July 11, 1968, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerald P. Kuhn of Phoenix, Md., grandson of our member, Mrs. Horace Kuhn of Machias, N.Y., and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. George (Linda) Pickens of Arcade, N.Y. He has three older brothers.

Michael John Kuhn, born Aug. 18, 1968, son of Seaman James Kuhn and Mrs. Kuhn of Newport, R.I., grandson of our member, Mrs. Horace Kuhn of Machias, N.Y., and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. George (Linda) Pickens of Arcade, N.Y.

Noelle Graney, born Oct. 20, 1968, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Juliana Westcott) Graney, and granddaughter of our member, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, now of San Diego, Calif.

It is wonderful to be able to record eight new little cousins.

MARRIAGES

Miss Linda Dianne Crum, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rumsey Crum of Michigan, and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., was married in April, 1968 to Mr. Martin Preston.

2d Lt. Richard Stanton Brownell, son of our member, Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Fla., was married July 24, 1968 at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Washington, D.C. to Miss Janice Frances Burbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Burbach of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Lt. Brownell is doing graduate work toward a Master's degree at the University of Illinois, under U.S. Air Force auspices. He graduated from Yale University in June, 1965 and for three years, until July, 1968, worked for the government in Washington, D.C. The young couple are living in Urbana, Ill.

Miss Sheryl Lou Smith, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Smith of Elliott, Iowa, and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., was married Dec. 28, 1968, at the Elliott United Methodist Church, Elliott, Iowa to Ronald Burroughs of Griswold, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Burroughs. Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, our National President, was the organist. Miss Janis Smith, the bride's sister, was maid-of-honor, and Miss Marilyn Burroughs, the groom's sister, was one of the two bridesmaids. Mr. Richard Burroughs, the groom's brother, served as best man. Ushers included Stanley Bracy of Redondo Beach, Calif., cousin of the bride, and Jim Albright of Griswold, Iowa, cousin of the groom. Candlelighters were Nancy Burroughs, sister of the groom, and Carol Hines of Torrance, Calif., cousin of the bride. Ring-bearer was Todd Leighton of Griswold, cousin of the bride. Among those caring for the gifts was Miss Marilyn Crum of Quincy, Mich., cousin of the bride. The 4-tiered wedding-cake was served by Mrs. Harold Albright of Griswold,

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aunt of the groom. Mrs. Leo Bracy, aunt of the bride, presided at the coffee urn. The couple's grandparents, also present, were Mrs. G.R. Smith of Griswold and Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., the bride's grandmothers, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burroughs of Griswold and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Shellburg of Red Oak, Iowa, the groom's grandparents.

The bride graduated Jan. 24, 1969 from Northwest Missouri State College with a B.S. in secondary education in vocational home economics. She is now teaching vocational home economics at North Platte, Nebr. Next year she will teach in Griswold. The groom graduated from Iowa State University Nov. 22, 1968, with a B.S. in animal science. He has enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed in North Platte, Nebr. until Mar. 7, when he was transferred to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

We wish every happiness to these three young couples.

DEATHS

Charles E. Westcott, aged 80, former member, died June 11, 1968, after having been injured in an auto accident. He was born in Moscow, Pa. Sept. 5, 1887, son of George Washington Westcott and his 2d wife, Celia Ann Shoemaker. He was predeceased in 1967 by his wife, Mrs. Ethel D. Westcott, whose death was reported in the July, 1967 Quarterly. He was formerly of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., but was living at the time of his accident in Daleville, Pa. He is interred in Hornbaker Cemetery, Madisonville, Pa. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Kerr, who was living in 1967 in Ridgewood, N.J., and by grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cousins who knew him will regret his passing.

Harlow Ellingsrud, aged 55, died Dec. 25, 1968, at Edgerton, Wisconsin. He was born Sept. 9, 1913, son of Rudolph and Louie (Davis) Ellingsrud, and grandson of Maria Wescott (daughter of Franklyn Rial and Harriet (Langworthy) Wescott) who married Hiram Davis. All lived in the area of Albion and Edgerton, Wis. He was never a member of the National Society, but subscribed to the Quarterly. His mother was a first cousin of our members, Mrs. Harriet B. Neill of New York City and Edmund Langworthy Wescott of Waukesha, Wisconsin. He was an inspector for Highway Trailer, Ind. for 23 years. He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Elizabeth Veenge; two sons: Roger (21) and Mark (12) of Edgerton; one daughter: Mrs. Joseph W. (Lou) Kowbel of Deerfield, Wisconsin; and three grandchildren. His family and friends will miss him.

Laurie E. Wescott, aged 78, of Lincoln, R.I., died March 17, 1969, at home after a 4-day illness. He was born Jan. 1, 1891, on Block Island, a son of the late William and Cynthia (Wescott) Wescott. He had lived in Lincoln for the past 24 years. He worked for the former United Electric Railway and the former United Transit Co. for 47 years until his retirement in 1956. He was never a member of our National Society, but was a member of E.L. Freeman Lodge, F. and A.M. and a member of deacons of the Bethany Baptist Church of Pawtucket. He also taught in the church school. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Leonard) Wescott, a daughter, Mrs. Chester Briggs of Lincoln, a son, Laurie E. Wescott, Jr. of Seattle, 2 stepsons, 3 stepdaughters, and 3 grandchildren. He was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Pawtucket. Relatives and friends will miss him.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell received word recently that she passed the examination for record searcher and is duly certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists, Washington, D.C. As she is preparing for publication a second book on her ancestors, most of her efforts for the time being will be toward this goal. However, she will search records for the County of Volusia, whose county seat is at DeLand, where she lives. A fee for searching will be expected. Anyone wishing to correspond may do so by writing to Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell, G.R.S., 1043 West New York Ave., DeLand, Florida 32720.

A letter forwarded by our former Secretary and President, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, from a Mr. Stephen Millett of 1694 31st St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007, makes a major correction in Stukely Westcott's marriage record. Mr. Whitman's Genealogy, Vol. II, p. 7, states: "Stucklie Westcott of Ilminster, and Julian Marchant of Yeovil, married 5 October, 1619." Mr. Millett writes: "Last November at my request the original Yeovil parish register, through the courtesy of the Vicar of St. John the Baptist Church, was examined at the Somerset Record Office by Mr. Shorrocks, the Assistant County Archivist, and Mrs. E. C. Hope of Cholsey, Berkshire, England. The entry was studied very carefully under an ultra violet lamp, and read as follows: 'Stuckley Westcott and Julian Marchante 5 October.' The words 'of Ilminster' and 'of Yeovil' simply do not appear in the entry. Since Mr. Whitman's papers were all destroyed, it is impossible at this stage to explain why he added the words 'of Ilminster'. Therefore it would appear that any further search for the ancestry of Stukely Westcott should not necessarily be confined to the Ilminster area."

In her reply to Mr. Millett, Mrs. Trismen quoted a written statement by Mr. Whitman that: "A deduction might be drawn that, after Westcott was married, he lived for a time in Yeovil, but after the birth of two of his children, he removed elsewhere, not distant from Yeovil and Ilchester, where his friends the Arnolds lived... ..From the old Arnold papers it is learned that Westcott 'came from Yeovil or near there'. It is established that the Arnolds and Westcotts started for America from Yeovil - that the Arnolds were from Ilchester, and it is plausible to believe that Westcott was from a place not distant." Ilminster, Mrs. Trismen added, is about 15 miles from Yeovil, but its parish records before 1660 were destroyed by war. In 1955-6, while she was Secretary, the National Society hired an English genealogist to try to learn more about Stukely Westcott in England, including his parents' names - but nothing new was found. She has always hoped that some interested Westcott might some day spend the necessary time and money to make a personal genealogical search of Somerset and Devon Counties. Sometimes when people know one is tracking down one's own family, they try harder to help. Let us hope that this may happen.

Mrs. Earl A. Westcott of Sylvania, Ohio (formerly of Cleveland), our member, last November won the top award in the annual recognition program for volunteers of the Greater Toledo Association's Red Cross Chapter. She had given 40 years of volunteer service in the blood-recruitment program. A very charming picture showing her receiving the award was printed in Toledo's paper, THE BLADE and will be preserved in our Scrapbook.

A brochure about the 2d and final printing of the first edition of the genealogy CREHORE AND KIN, by Amy H.B. Crehore Falcon, has been received by your Editor. "Lines of allied families, both men and women, are traced to the immigrant ancestor. Special attention is given to information relative to Historical Societies, with particular emphasis on lines to the Mayflower Pilgrims and the First Settlers of New

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England. Included in this volume is a complete record, published for the first time, of all the gravestones in a small cemetery in Walpole, N.H., off the Old Keene Road to Surry and Keene. Also included is a previously unpublished solution of the General Equation of the Fourth Degree solved in 1859." The book has 286 pages, with a complete index of 4000 names. Only 100 copies were made in this printing - and now the plates have been destroyed. The book costs \$35, and has been bought by various public libraries and genealogical societies.

Mrs. Minita Westcott Shrewsbury of Chicago, our member, and one of the founders of the now inactive Chicagoland Chapter, last fall sold Storms and Westcott, Inc., the trade association management firm of which she was president. Articles in CHICAGO'S AMERICAN and the CHICAGO TRIBUNE Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 1968, told how in 1926 she answered an ad for a secretary and North Storms selected her from over 250 applicants. This was the day he moved into Tribune Tower, which had been her headquarters ever since. She helped start organization management institutes, now held in universities throughout the country, and was the first woman chairman of the institutes' board of regents. She was the first woman president of the Trade Association Executives Forum of Chicago, the only woman president of the American Society of Association Executives, the only woman president of the National Institute of Organization Executives at Northwestern University, and the founder and first president, in 1965, of the Multiple Association Management Institute, of which she remains honorary president for life. In 1960 she received the Key award from the American Society for Association Executives - the industry's equivalent of an Oscar. After one week of leisure, she became Communications Director of the Architectural Aluminum Manufacturer's Association in Chicago. She plans more traveling for both business and pleasure, and hopes to see the Far East for the first time.

To her we say both "Well Done" for the past and an equally hearty "All Good Wishes" for the future.

WESTCOTT PLAQUES - Now available on order. Note current prices.

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

WHO WAS TABITHA WESCOTT?

Tabitha Wescott married Dec. 18, 1739 at Charlestown, R.I. Johnathan (Jonathan) Clarke, who was born in October, 1702, place unknown. Anyone knowing anything about Tabitha Wescott should write Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell (address on page 4).

LETTERS

Cousin Edmund L. Westcott of Waukesha, Wis. will be advanced in September, 1969 to National Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans. He regretted that he could not attend our August, 1968 Biennial Meeting, as he had to be in Asbury Park the first weekend of September, 1968 for the Spanish War Veterans Annual Encampment, at which he was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and two trips so close would have been too tiring. He was ninety years old on April 2, 1969, is still working for the State of Wisconsin and enjoys "every day of it". He hopes to attend a future Westcott meeting. We hope so too!

Cousin Morris B. Townsend would like to hear from other Westcott Cousins living in Florida. The address is: 5005 N. Tampa Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33614. Perhaps the Floridians can have a special reunion of their own.

Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue) of Griswold, Iowa, our National President, wrote that she would spend 3 days at the end of March at their D.A.R. State Conference. Her granddaughter Margene was going with her to serve as a page. What fun they must have had.

Cousin F. Howard Westcott and his wife (Georgia) of San Diego, Calif. "are going back to England on May 16 and will tour Devonshire and the Barnstaple area. We will take pictures and try to see some Westcotts, and will write a report for the Quarterly upon our return." We'll be waiting eagerly for it.

Cousin Pauline Clark (Mrs. John F. Clark) of Baldwinsville, N.Y. wrote: "I have been appointed District Deputy Grand Royal Matron of the 14th District of the Order of Amaranth for a year, starting this May. Congratulations to her!"

Cousin Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif. wrote: "I feel that a thank-you is due to the hostesses and hosts for the lovely meeting in Rhode Island last August." She had a wonderful summer and fall in the Midwest, dividing her time between her son in Michigan and her daughter's family in Iowa (Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith), who brought her to the Westcott meeting. She was 84 in November "and enjoy traveling and very good health." We hope to see her at many more meetings.

Cousin Wilma Avery (Mrs. William P. Avery) of Absecon, N.J. wrote: "I was fortunate to be the representative from Atlantic County to the 4-H Leaders' Forum in Washington, D.C. March 24-29. It was a thrilling experience as I had never been to Washington. Bill is as busy as ever with the Agency. We are hoping to get some cruise time on our sailboat this summer." We hope they do.

Cousin Mary Louise Westcott of Ann Arbor, Mich. wrote that her sister, our member, Mrs. Burt F. (Etta) Schumacher, who has lived with her nearly 3 years, fell on Jan. 24 and broke her hip. She is now in a Rest Home. We hope she gets well soon.

Cousin Dorothy V. Westcott of Mays Landing, N.J. had two horrible experiences last winter. While she was on a "trouble-shooting job" in Jersey City, her home was robbed twice. The thieves stole priceless Adams and Westcott antiques - some of them just post-Revolution. She had given many things to the N.J. State restoration of Batsto but had still more antiques, especially silver and swords, ready for her County Historical Society museum. As she wrote: "Too late now!" The total value of

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things stolen "thus far approaches \$10,000." We can only offer sincerest sympathy - and speed up any similar gifts which any of us might be planning.

Cousin Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill. spent the first half of 1968 on DeLand history for the new Piatt County History, to be out early in 1969 at a cost of \$12.50 plus \$.75 for mailing costs. If anyone wishes a copy, checks may be sent to Miss Myrta Grace Paugh, DeLand, Ill. 61839. Her summer went in writing and producing a pageant on Illinois history for Homecoming honoring the State's Sesquicentennial. The year's biggest excitement "was a flash flood in May following the tornado at Farmer City. Water came down in ditches and rushed across the hill on the north on its way to the creek. Basements were full, one foundation crushed, road and railroad bridges washed out, people marooned away from home, the slaughter house bashed in and 11 beef carcasses ruined - a lot of damage and excitement." Her health was better in 1968, and she still works Saturdays at the library. More power to her!

Cousin Sue Handy of Manville, R.I. (former President), is still very busy with her official Herb Society work. This spring she was going to Ohio, Arkansas, and Texas on Herb business, and would then visit a friend in Mississippi. We are so glad she can enjoy all these interesting activities.

Cousin Virginia Bepole (Mrs. John A. Bepole) of Chicago took her 1968 vacation in the hospital - erratic heart from lack of potassium. "The only real joy is loss of weight. Am now back in the pink and raring to go." They will join her brother in Seattle in August for a cruise up around Vancouver in his new 51-foot boat. "John and I missed a wonderful trip (last summer) in their boat up through the Inland Pass to Alaska. They had some harrowing experiences, but it is wonderful and we all are good sailors. We went up to Michigan Dec. 1 and ran into a snowstorm, but it was beautiful. We put out food for the deer that came down to the lake. They gradually became bolder and would come to the door - a wee but too close for me. John and I were there alone. It was so quiet, and with the snow - it was like a fairyland." What beautiful memories they have been gathering.

JUNIOR NEWS

Marilyn Crum of Quincy, Mich., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rumsey Crum and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif. graduated from High School in June, 1968. She was one of those caring for the gifts at the Dec. 28 wedding of her cousin, Miss Sheryl Lou Smith, in Elliott, Iowa.

Miss Judith E. Kuhn, R.N., daughter of our member, Mrs. Horace Kuhn of Machias, N.Y. and granddaughter of Mrs. George (Linda) Pickens of Arcade, N.Y., has recently completed one of her five years as a medical missionary in Multan, West Pakistan.

Richard Roger Wistar, middle son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Wistar of Palatine, Ill. and grandson of Mrs. Earl A. Westcott of Sylvania, Ohio received his B.A. degree with honors from Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, Jan. 26, 1969. He has enlisted in the Marine Corps, and was due to go to Quantico in March. We wish him good fortune.

Robert P. Avery, oldest son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Avery of

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Absecon, N.J., now in the 8th grade, received an Honorable Mention in the 7th and 8th grade science fair for his metal detector. His sister Pamela, in the 7th grade, also received A for her project on dinosaurs. There were about 150 entries. Well done!

Kenneth Richard Schultz, son-in-law of our member, Mrs. Frederic H. Pelck of Concomowoc, Wis. and father of little Jennifer Dorothea Schultz (see BIRTHS) is a Junior Executive at General Motors Corp. Gray Iron Foundry, Saginaw, Mich.

Harris Westcott Vayo, son of former members Mr. and Mrs. Theodore William Vayo, is a professor of Mathematics at the University of Toledo, Ohio, and father of little Harris Westcott Vayo II (see BIRTHS).

John William Vayo, son of former members Mr. and Mrs. Theodore William Vayo and brother of Westcott Vayo (above), is an English teacher and coach at Niles East High School, Niles Center, Ill., and father of little Amy Christine Vayo (see BIRTHS).

GOLDEN HONOR ROLL

Cousin Edmund L. Westcott of Waukesha, Wis. joined the Golden Honor Roll Apr. 2, 1969, his 90th birthday. He is our fourth known Golden Honor Roll member.

Cousin Lena L. Munson of Canandaigua, N.Y. is still at 97 the oldest known member of our National Society. Our other two golden Honor Roll members are: Cousin Grace Eliza (Beardsley) Turner (Mrs. Raymond C. Turner), formerly of Oswego, N.Y., now of Mooresville, N.C., aged 92 in May, 1969; and Cousin Howard L. Westcott of Oswego, N.Y., who was 90 Dec. 26, 1968.

We are very proud of our Golden Honor Roll members. Does anyone know any more members who qualify?

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.

A HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!
