

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Your Editor does not yet know the exact weekend for the 1970 Biennial Meeting near Cooperstown, N.Y. It will probably be either July 24-26, or July 31-Aug. 2, or Aug. 14-16. The exact dates should be in the next Quarterly (which will probably be mailed late in January). Anyone who needs to know earlier for planning a vacation should write to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott, Box 95, Oxford, N.Y. 13830. They will have the latest information about the meeting.

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### CHAPTER NEWS - Iowa Chapter - #9

The Iowa Chapter held its 11th meeting June 8, 1969 at the American Legion Hall in Griswold, Iowa. There were 47 present - from Lake City, Council Bluffs, Boone, Battle Creek, Dubuque, Red Oak, Elliott, and Griswold, Iowa, also Omaha and Millard, Nebraska, and farthest of all, Mrs. Dorothy Collins of Scottsdale, Arizona. Before the business meeting, Mrs. Tom Williams and Sally Williams of Lake City entertained the group with guitar music and songs. Mrs. Edna Porter of Red Oak was re-elected president. Mrs. Robert Perdue of Elliott, vice-president. Mrs. Raymond Smith of Elliott, secretary. Laurence Lary of Griswold, treasurer. Mrs. Ronald Gladson of Atlantic, historian.

Mrs. Robert Perdue showed slides of previous reunions of both the Iowa Chapter and the National Society. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Perdue and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith spoke briefly of their trip to the 1968 Biennial Meeting of the National Society in Providence, R.I.

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### New York-New Jersey Chapter - #11

Official word has come that the New York-New Jersey Chapter - #11 has been accepted as our newest Chapter as of Aug. 16, 1969. All 3 former New York Chapters (Central New York - #1, Greater New York - #3, and Northers New York - #4) have been inactive for years. It seemed best to combine all New York State in one new Chapter, and also to include New Jersey, as Cousins living there never had their own Chapter, but usually attended New York Chapter meetings. The new Chapter will serve as host for our 1970 National Society Biennial Meeting, near Coperstown, N.Y.

Will any former officials of any New York Chapter who may have any New York Chapter records, especially names and addresses of Chapter members, please write to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott, Box 95, Oxford, N.Y. 13830. Many Cousins were members of New York Chapters but not of the National Society. They might like to join this new Chapter - but we have no way to reach them. If anyone knows of any

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

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such former members who might be interested, please send their names and addresses to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott (above).

The new Chapter held its first meeting when only one day old (and before it had received notification of its acceptance), at Bowman Lake, near Oxford, N.Y. The day was so hot, with thunderstorms threatened, that very few came. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott of Oxford, with their whole family, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dorfler (whose summer home is near Cooperstown) and some relatives, Mrs. John F. (Pauline) Clark of Baldwinsville and a friend, and Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell of Newton Highlands, Mass., National Secretary-Treasurer. After a delicious picnic lunch, plans were being made for the 1970 National Meeting when the promised thunderstorm suddenly zeroed in with scant warning, and within a few minutes the cars were negotiating the hilly, winding roads in a cloudburst enlivened by frequent thunderclaps. The Dorflers vanished, but the others went back to the Westcotts' trailer-home and continued the groundwork on plans for the 1970 meeting. On September 21 the Westcotts met the Dorflers at the Dorflers' summer home and completed the groundwork for the Biennial Meeting. The preliminary plans should be in the January Quarterly, with fuller details in later issues.

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NEW MEMBER

#570 - Miss Mary Belle Westcott  
4141 Wabash Ave., Hammond, Ind. 46327

We are very happy to welcome our new member, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Westcott of Hammond, Ind. She is a student at Purdue University, majoring in Pharmacy.

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BIRTHS

Renee Reed, born August, 1968, daughter of Robert and Roberta Reed and descendant of Hardie Paugh (brother of our member, Miss Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill.)

Gina Gronemeier, born August, 1968, daughter of Lyle and Judy Gronemeier, granddaughter of Mildred (Wrench) Gronemeier, and great-granddaughter of our late members, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wrench. Unfortunately she was born with a heart defect which could not be cured, and lived only a month. We offer sincere sympathy to her family.

In case the following births have not been recorded in the past, the names are: (1) Lisa Tate, daughter of Michael and Lois Tate, granddaughter of Roberta Jane (Wrench) Tate, and great-granddaughter of our late members, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wrench; (2) Melinda Wrench, daughter of Robert Wrench, granddaughter of Hubert Maxwell Wrench, and great-granddaughter of our late members, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wrench.

Julia Anderson, born Sept. 10, 1969, daughter and first child of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Anderson of New Jersey, granddaughter and 14th grandchild of our member, Mrs. Ruby Parke Anderson of the Mill House, North Stonington, Conn.

We are glad to welcome our new little cousins.

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## MARRIAGE

Mr. Arthur K. Westcott, our member, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Westcott of Cleveland, Ohio, was married to Mrs. Hazel N. Cass of Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 8, 1969, in the Chasm Falls Methodist Church. Rev. Herman Grove officiated. Mr. Westcott's grandparents were among the original settlers and founders of the Church in that community. While in Chasm Falls, the couple were guests in the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cunningham, where a reception for 25 cousins and friends was held after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Westcott will live in Cleveland, Ohio, after a honeymoon in California.

We wish them every happiness.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Mary M. (Mulleedy) Westcott, wife of the late Ernest M. Westcott, died Jan. 13, 1963. She lived at 5 Lee St., Johnston, R.I. The funeral was from the Manning-Heffern Funeral Home, Pawtucket, R.I.

Mrs. Jeannette F. (Westcott) Ogg, in her 88th year, wife of the late Robert G. Ogg, died June 30, 1963. She was the mother of Hazel F. Ogg. The funeral was held at the Ray O. Page Funeral Home.

Your Editor regrets that the two preceding items had been mislaid and reached her only recently.

Nelson H. Wescott, aged 82, our member, died June 10, 1969, in the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Albany, N.Y. His home was in Glens Falls, N.Y. Funeral services were held on June 13 at the Carleton Funeral Home, Hudson Falls, N.Y. Interment was in the Glens Falls Cemetery. He was a member of Christ Church, Methodist, and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War I. He was born May 8, 1887, Smith's Basin, Washington Co., N.Y., son of James Henry and Mary (Minnie) Adeline (Martindale) Wescott. On Dec. 4, 1919 he married in Glens Falls Sophie Rotholz, born Nov. 22, 1881, daughter of Alexander Rotholz of Odessa, Russia. He survived her. They had no children. He is survived by his brother, John Wescott; two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Linendoll and Mrs. Ernest W. Tierney; two nieces, Mrs. June Hagen and Mrs. William Edwards; and one nephew, John Wescott, all of Glens Falls, N.Y. Cousins who remember him will regret his passing.

Charles H. Westcott, aged 84, our member, died Sept. 24, 1969, in Providence, R.I., son of Oren and Caroline Porter (Hapgood) Westcott of Providence. On Nov. 11, 1916 he married in Malden, Mass. Hazel Louise Nutter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Nutter. She was born Feb. 21, 1891, in Dexter, Maine, and died in Providence, Oct. 22, 1918. His funeral services were held at All Saints Memorial Church, Providence, Sept. 26, 1969. He is survived by his only son, Dr. Richard N. Westcott, our member, of East Cleveland, Ohio, and by a sister, Mrs. Richard S. Austin of Providence, R.I. Relatives and friends will regret his passing.

Mrs. Madeline H. (Goff) Westcott, wife of Kenneth E. Westcott, Sr. of Rehoboth, Mass., died Oct. 7, 1969. Funeral services were held from the Dagen Funeral Home, Taunton, Mass., Oct. 9, 1969. Interment was in the West Dighton, Mass. Cemetery. Relatives and friends will miss her.

## DEATHS (CONTINUED)

Mrs. Alice (Daniels) (Sargent) Andrews, aged 87, our member, died Oct. 13, 1969, at the Delhi Infirmary, Delhi, N.Y., where she had been a patient for the last few years. She was born Mar. 29, 1882, daughter of Daniel and Felora (Lyons) Daniels of Bloomfield, N.Y. In April, 1901, she married Jarvis B. Sargent of Oneonta, N.Y., our late member, son of Wellington and Cora L. (Westcott) Sargent of Oneonta. Jarvis Sargent was a farmer, and a former President of the Milford, N.Y. Chapter of Stukely Westcott Descendants (name changed later to Central N.Y. Chapter #1). After his death, his widow married Dr. Andrews. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John A. Ellmauer of Sidney, N.Y., our member, and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One granddaughter, Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield of Park Ridge, Ill., our member, wrote: "I shall miss her very much, and shall always remember the good times we had together." Cousins who remember her from early meetings will regret her passing.

## NOTEPAPER

Cousins wishing to buy coat-of-arms notepaper in packets of 25 single sheets with 25 plain envelopes @ \$1.50 per packet plus mailing cost should write the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor: Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell, 83 Carver Rd., Newton Highlands, Mass. 02161. These packets will also be sold at the Biennial Meeting in 1970.

## GENEALOGY NEEDED FOR NEW HISTORIAN

Is there any member who owns but almost never uses Vols. I and II of Mr. Whitman's Genealogy, and who has no interested younger generation to want it in the future, who would be willing to donate these volumes to the Society for the use of the Historian, and of future officers while they hold office? The Historian does not live near any library which has the Genealogy.

The Society owns only one copy of each Volume, and these have been in constant, necessary use by one officer for years. The Society should feel free to elect anyone to any office without having to ask: "Do you own the Genealogy or live near a library which has it?" We need a total of 4 copies of each volume, for President, Registrar, Corresponding Secretary, and Historian. As we already have one copy of each volume, we need 3 more copies of each.

Whenever some of the officers already have genealogies of their own, the temporarily "extra" copies could, if the President approves, be loaned to Members for periods of not over 2 months, on payment of a small fee.

Can anyone help? Remember, only 200 copies of Vol. I and 100 of Vol. II were printed. As we have over 220 active members, there will never be enough for all.

## MISSING APPLICATIONS

Your Secretary-Editor, after careful search through both volumes of the Genealogy, has been able to reconstruct many missing applications which (as the old records prove) were never filed. Eight applications are still missing, and your Editor does not know where to look for the lines of descent of these former members. Here is the list of missing members, with the little information which is known about them. Addresses are as of their dates of becoming members.

## MISSING APPLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Please, everyone, read this list carefully. If you recognize any name as sister, brother, aunt, uncle, or cousin, please write your Editor, tell your relationship to the missing person, and give the names that will connect that person with your own Westcott line.

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| # 76 - Mr. & Mrs. E.H, Westcott<br>228 Walnut St., Dunelle, N.J.         | Joined 1934. Still members 1937.                 |
| # 83 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Westcott<br>Box 111, Apponaug, R.I.         | Dropped 1936 for non-payment of dues.            |
| #106 - Mr. & Mrs. William R. Morrison<br>600 Lenox Ave., Westfield, N.J. | Had not paid 1937 dues.                          |
| #116 - Mr. & Mrs. George H. Westcott<br>Amsterdam, N.Y.                  | Still members 1937.                              |
| #157 - Mr. Henry Westcott Walker<br>Upland, Calif.                       | Dropped 1936 for non-payment of dues.            |
| #159 - Dr. John S. Kenyon<br>Hiram, Ohio                                 | Dropped 1936 for non-payment of dues.            |
| #A-1 - Miss Edith S. Arnold<br>250 Park Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.            | Resigned Dec. 31, 1944. Was dau. of #A-2, below. |
| #A-2 - Mr. Elisha Stephen Arnold<br>6 Helen St., Plattsburg, N.Y.        | Died June 25, 1936. (Was 91 in 1934.)            |

#A-1 and #A-2 were Arnold descendants, probably with no Westcott connection. They were friends of Mr. Whitman, who had a special ruling passed by the Board to let them be admitted as Associate Members. Your Secretary-Editor would like to know their line of descent to complete the records.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Now ready for ordering: a new edition of MOLLY'S BABY, by C.A. Stephens, @ \$4.75; also new: THE STAR OF THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, by Louise Harris, @ \$4.25. Ready Dec. 15: a new edition of UNDER THE SEA IN THE SALVADOR, by C.A. Stephens, @ \$4.75. Still available, by Louise Harris: A COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF C.A. STEPHENS, @ \$3.50; "NONE BUT THE BEST", @ \$4.95; A CHUCKLE AND A LAUGH, @ \$4.25. Order from Brown University Store, Providence, R.I. 02912.

Your Editor has all but the Bibliography and can guarantee that they are really interesting, especially to anyone who grew up "living for" the day the next issue of the YOUTH'S COMPANION was due. "NONE BUT THE BEST" tells the story of three pioneers: the YOUTH'S COMPANION itself, and the two men who made it great - Daniel Sharp Ford and C.A. Stephens. The book's title was the motto for the YOUTH'S COMPANION. A CHUCKLE AND A LAUGH tells how Cousin Louise Harris, our Registrar, "came to do the C.A. STEPHENS COLLECTION". Her newest book, THE STAR OF THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, is

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about C.A. Stephens, his writings, and his family. It too is highly interesting. The new edition of MOLLY'S BABY, by C.A. Stephens, is completely charming - a perfect book for the younger teens, both boys and girls. UNDER THE SEA IN THE SALVADOR was photographed directly from the original YOUTH'S COMPANION serial and made into book form with original illustrations. Cousin Louise Harris "decorated the blank spaces caused by cut-out of unwanted material." It sounds fascinating.

A newspaper clipping saved by Mrs. Robert A. Westcott of Oxford, N.Y., wife of our new Historian, dated early in January, 1965, stated that Jan. 12, 1850, a meeting of stockholders at Westcott's Hotel in Norwich, N.Y. named chairman, president, treasurer, secretary, and directors for a road company to build the "Norwich and Oxford Plank Road". The "necessary amount" of stock had already been subscribed. (It would be interesting to know what a "Plank Road" was.)

A legend of Hatch Lake, West Eaton, N.Y. tells that Oliver Westcott and his wife settled near the lake shore. He worked for farmers who were also early settlers, and apprenticed himself to a tanner as well, to learn that trade. One day in early spring, little Stephen, the oldest boy, invited his next younger sister, Elizabeth, on a boat ride on the lake - in their mother's wooden washtub! By the time their mother discovered them, the tub was near the middle of the half-mile-wide lake. She rushed frantically around the lake through the reeds and brush, and grabbed them to safety as they landed. This story has become a local legend. History records that Stephen so loved the water that at 15 he became a sailor. He was away many years, spending much time in the Sandwich Islands. In Honolulu he married an Hawaiian girl named Lillian, a devout Christian and the adopted daughter of King Kamehameha III. His line was Stephen (8), Oliver (7), Oliver (6), George (5), George (4), Jeremiah, Jr. (3), Jeremiah (2), Stukely (1).

An article in the Detroit Free Press, Sept. 20, 1969, about using the J.W. Westcott II (Detroit's mailboat) to scatter the ashes of Albert Bradley on the river he loved, recalls that this floating postoffice (the only one in the U.S.) was named for John Ward Westcott, father of our members, Cousin Mary Louise Westcott and Cousin Etta Schumacher, both of Ann Arbor, Mich. He and his boat were written up in the Quarterlies for March, 1951 and March, 1954.

The Herb Society of America held on July 1, 1969, a reception and preview (by invitation) of their Summer exhibition in honor of their National President, Miss Susan W. Handy (twice our Westcott Society's National President), at the Old Slater Mill Museum, Pawtucket, R.I. Your Editor was present and saw, in addition to Cousin Susan Handy, Cousin Leslie Westcott and Cousin Adah Austin (Mrs. Richard S. Austin) of our National Society. Cousin Susan Handy was presented with (1) a certificate of Honorary Membership in the Herb Society; (2) a silver pin of an indigo blossom "that could not fade"; (3) by the New England unit of the Herb Society, a bee skep (the traditional conical woven beehive); (4) a poem written especially for her and read by the National Herb Society's Recording Secretary. It was a very impressive and delightful affair. The refreshments were, appropriately, herb punch and herb-flavored cookies, etc. The whole upper floor of the Old Slater Mill Museum was devoted to the Herb Society's very interesting exhibit, showing not only the herbs, but also how they can be used in many ways, including fabric-dyeing. A leaflet describing Summer lectures and demonstrations said: "Sponsored by The Herb Society of America, this

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unique educational project is literally a salute to the Society and its distinguished president, Miss Susan W. Handy of Manville, Rhode Island. An herb garden containing a wide variety of herbs, numerous educational exhibits and seven lectures have been planned for the summer season." Cousin Susan Handy herself was to take part in the Aug. 13 talk on "Scented Geraniums".

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## LETTERS

Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue of Griswold, Iowa, our National President) had "a busy summer as usual", with involvement in clubs, Church affairs, etc., including grandchildren. The last week of July she and her husband went to Northern Minnesota "and fished a few days on an island". It was 3 miles by boat to get there, so "we were isolated for a few days." In mid-August she was planning a school class reunion (their first). She and her husband were planning to fly to Florida the second week of September "for a few days of fun in the sun." Around Griswold a terrible hailstorm in July broke all the windows on the north side of their Church, along with many others in town. The Perdues escaped the broken windows, but had some crop damage, like everyone else. But plenty of rain made the crops recover quite well by mid-August.

Cousin Marge Westcott (Mrs. Robert A. Westcott of Oxford, N.Y.) wants to know if anyone knows more than the names of the descendants of John Searle, Jr. and Pearl Angier (d. 1932), dau. Drusilla Lewis (b. Mar. 28, 1833, Essex Co., N.Y., d. Calif. Jan. 9, 1930, m. Feb. 1, 1855, Perrin Angier). Sons of John and Pearl (Angier) Searle, Jr. were Jack and James. Were these their complete names? Did James have the first name of Henry? Does anyone know whom they married and the names of their children? (Address under NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS if you have information on this.)

Cousin Marge also wrote that they vacationed in Vermont last Summer and enjoyed seeing the Barre, Vt. granite mines. She is working as a 4H assistant with the girls this year - in a new club. Both Marge and Bob are bowling in leagues this winter, and are working on Genealogy in addition to the Westcott work. They are busy.

Cousin Louise Harris is just recovering from major mouth surgery, and is hoping to avoid sinus complications. As she is allergic to most drugs, surgery is a real problem. We hope she recovers soon - in time to enjoy Christmas.

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## JUNIOR NEWS

Cynthia Satterfield, daughter of our member, Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield, graduated from high school in June and as a graduation gift was "pinned" by a West Point student with whom she has been going. He is now in his 2d year at West Point. She worked as a Y.M.C.A. day camp counselor last summer, earning for college, which she started this fall. (Your Editor has heard that she is very happy there.)

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## GOLDEN HONOR ROLL

Cousin Mary Louise Westcott of Ann Arbor, Mich. joined our Golden Honor Roll of

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active members Sept. 26, 1969, her 90th birthday. She is our fifth known Golden Honor Roll member.

Cousin Lena L. Munson of Canandaigua, N.Y., the oldest known member of our National Society, had her 98th birthday Oct. 2, 1969. Our other Golden Honor Roll members are: Cousin Grace Eliza (Beardsley) Turner (Mrs. Raymond C. Turner), formerly of Oswego, N.Y., now of Mooresville, N.C., now 92; Cousin Howard L. Westcott of Oswego, N.Y., who will be 91 Dec. 26, 1969; Cousin Edmund L. Westcott of Waukesha, Wis., who has been 90 since last April.

We are very proud to have 5 Golden Honor Roll members. Does anyone know any more members who qualify?

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A THANK-YOU

Your Editor says a very sincere "thank-you": first to Cousins Marge and Bob Westcott for the wonderful weekend spent so largely with them and their very enjoyable, friendly young family; second to the Samuel R. Westcotts of South Williamstown, Mass. the Leland Ketchams of Bennington, Vt., and Mrs. Edward Payson Simonds of North Bennington, Vt. for welcoming her so cordially. All Cousins may be amused to learn that on your Editor's weekend at the Governor McCullough Mansion, North Bennington (with other Parke Society members), the Mansion was changing furnaces, and that icy September weekend there was only downstairs fireplace heat. Your Editor piled her Fall coat, wool robe, and wool dress on the bed, tucked a rolled sweater at her back, and a fast-cooling heating pad (cord too short) on her stomach. She felt like a pupa in a chrysalis, but slept well. (If she ever returns, she'll go prepared!)

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REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly, and always put your Zip Code on.
  2. Send address changes promptly. Missing Quarterlies will be replaced.
  3. 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.
  4. Do write the Robert A. Westcotts with any N.Y. Chapter information - also if you can spare a Genealogy for him or for other Westcott officers.
  5. Does anyone know anything about James Searle, Jr.?
  6. Wouldn't you like a book by or about C.A. Stephens?
  7. Keep trying to get new members.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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