

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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DID YOU GET YOUR SUMMER-FALL, 1969 QUARTERLY #141?

If not, please notify your Editor promptly, so she will know how many to have reprinted, and to whom to send them. So far, at least 13 Cousins have not received this mailing, and nobody knows how many more copies the Postoffice has swallowed. An official investigation was started late in January, but nothing has come to light. The Quarterlies were late because it was a double mailing: an 8-page Quarterly plus 10 pages of Lines of Descent in family groups, taken from the 1st 50 members of the Society. This quite full write-up (from both volumes of the Genealogy, Mr. Whitman's Bulletins of the 1940s, and Members' applications) took much longer than expected. Only about half the first 50 members were covered, but "human interest" bits were included when known. This issue went into the mail December 16, and definitely reached Boston. Some copies reached their destinations. Your Editor would appreciate hearing also from any who did get this mailing - to try to establish a pattern. The Postoffice is much concerned, and has no idea what happened.

Please, all who did not get that Summer-Fall Quarterly, make a fuss at your local postoffice and try to determine if it reached there. The Postoffice Department says that might uncover a few lost copies.

NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our 1970 National Meeting will be held in Cooperstown, N.Y. on Friday, July 31, Saturday, August 1, and Sunday, August 2. Reservations should be made as soon as possible after this Quarterly reaches you, as there will be several other activities in Cooperstown at that time. Don't waste time trying for reservations at the Otesaga, where the Society has stayed before. They have a golf tournament that weekend and are already booked solid.

The two best hotel or motel accommodations are:

1. Cooper Inn, Chestnut St., Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. Has 38 rooms.
Rates: Single Room, private bath \$14-\$15 per day
Double " " " 18- 20 " "
2. Lake Front Motel, 10 Fair St., Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. Has 44 rooms.
Rates: Single Room \$18 per day
Double " 24 " "
Deluxe " 32 " "

If both places are full by the time you apply, use the enclosed Reservation Request for the Cooperstown Motel, Chestnut and Beaver Streets, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. This is a very small motel, but Mr. Albert O'Brien there has promised that

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if any members of our Society who identify themselves as Westcott Society members apply at his motel, he will see personally that they find suitable accommodations either there or at some other satisfactory hotel or motel in the vicinity. (By the way, all listed rates probably should have 5% sales tax added.)

All three of the above places have promised that Westcott Society Members who identify themselves as such when making reservations and on arrival will be given will be given rooms near together, to make it pleasanter and more convenient.

For those who want trailer and tent facilities, the Cooperstown Tent and Trailer Camp will be our official headquarters. They will reserve an area for our Westcott group - but to accommodate us as a group they need reservations early, if possible before May 1. In making reservations, be sure to send one night's rental. Also tell dates of arrival and approximate departure, whether you want electric hook-up, and that you are members of the Westcott group. They "have all the facilities you could want, along with boating, fishing, and swimming. For our younger members there is a playground, with animals and pony rides."

Rates: Nightly party of 4	\$2.50
Each additional member	.50 extra
(Children under 3 yrs. are free)	
Electric hook-up	.50 extra
Weekly (7 days) party of 4	\$15.00
Each additional weekly member	3.00 extra
(Children under 3 yrs. are free)	
Electric hook-up	3.00 extra

There are also 2 other trailer-and-tent campsites:

1. Fairy Springs Park, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. Small - no hook-ups.
2. Twin Spruce Trailer Park, Portlandville, N.Y. 13834. Full hook-ups.

And now for all younger Westcotts, here is a special invitation from Marge Westcott (Mrs. Robert A. Westcott), wife of our new Historian.

COME ON, YOUNG WESTCOTTS, AND BRING YOUR FAMILIES. WE HAVE 3 TEENAGERS AND A BABY 2 YEARS OLD WHO WOULD LIKE YOUR COMPANY."

They will be in their trailer at the Cooperstown Tent and Trailer Camp, waiting to greet you.

The program for the Meeting is still tentative, as arrangements are not yet complete. It will be announced in later Quarterlies. Meanwhile, do get your reservations mailed. Members of the Board must arrive before 2 P.M., Friday, July 31, for a very important meeting, to consider major changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. All other members should (as of now) be there by suppertime, Friday, July 31. Remember, reservations can be cancelled if necessary, but they are hard to get with little warning.

Our Historian, Robert A. Westcott, has a wonderful surprise for us. We now have our own American flag - and a very special flag, as it flew over the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on January 12, 1970, the 293d anniversary of the death of Stukely West-

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cott. It was a gift to our Society by the Federal Government at our Historian's request.

Our Historian and his wife, Bob and Marge Westcott, are not only keeping the Society's Scrapbooks, but are also compiling two new reference collections for the use of all Members. One will contain all the Quarterlies, plus summaries of all Biennial Meetings. The other will have the Articles of Organization, original Constitution and By-Laws with their amendments, list of Chapters, chronological list of all past and present members, mailing list, Westcott songs and poems, Westcott Histories, and Genealogical Bulletins and special articles.

We can be very proud of our new Historian and his wife! In view of all this material they are getting together for the use of the Society's Members, wouldn't they be the logical ones to keep the Society's Archives: early records, including minutes of all meetings, Secretaries' reports, Treasurers' reports, old mailing lists, etc.? Let's vote on it at Cooperstown.

 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 \$1.00 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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West. Scrapbook

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NEW MEMBERS

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1665 Valley Road, Millington, N.J. 07946

#A-59 - Mrs. Aileen Smock DeLong

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We are so happy to welcome our two new members.

DEATHS

Mrs. Velma Belle (Collins) Gammell, aged 83, widow of George Gammell and older sister of our National President, Mrs. Harold L. (Dorothy) Perdue of Griswold, Iowa, died Aug. 24, 1969, in El Monte, Calif. She had been ill for months. She had been a widow for 36 years and had been living near a son until her illness forced her to go into a nursing home. She was born Dec. 27, 1885, second daughter of Nathan Smith

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and Emma Jane Hurlbert. Cousin Dorothy Perdue and her two Iowa sisters, Mrs. Robert H. Perdue of Elliott and Mrs. Claude H. Perdue of Griswold, flew to California for the funeral. We send our sincere sympathy to her family, but realize that in this case she had a merciful release from an illness which for weeks had not even let her recognize her nearest relatives.

Dr. Helen Merwin Wiestling, aged 78, our member, died Apr. 28, 1969. She was born Dec. 5, 1890, in Wheeling, W.Va., daughter of Joshua Martin and Nellie Virginia (Merwin) Wiestling. She grew up in Wheeling, got her A.B. at West Virginia University, and taught for several years. She then went to Boston University School of Medicine, had her internship at the old Homeopathic Hospital in Boston, then a residency at the hospital for contagious diseases at Worcester, Mass., and spent about seven years as resident physician at the Framingham, Mass. Reformatory for Women. Then she went to the Northampton, Mass. State Hospital and again studied in Boston and at the New York Psychiatric Institute. After passing her specialty examinations, she became director of the Out-Patient Clinic and of work done in this field in various Western Mass. schools until 1949. She then returned to Wheeling, W.Va., got a position with the local out-patient clinic of the V.A., and was in 1967 their Senior Medical Officer and Staff Psychiatrist. She had already by the Spring of 1967 had one postponement of her retirement date and expected another shortly. She was in excellent health through 1968 and thoroughly enjoyed her work. She was a very capable, vividly alive person, and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Harriet N. (Westcott) Zacharias, aged 76, our member, wife of Harrie A. Zacharias of Chenango Forks, N.Y., died Dec. 11, 1969. She was born July 15, 1893, at Yostville, Pa., daughter of George Washington Westcott and his 2d wife, Celia Ann Shoemaker. She was a member of the Castle Creek United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star 680, Johnson City, N.Y. Funeral services were held at the Ernest H. Parsons Funeral Home in Binghamton, N.Y., with her own pastor officiating. Interment was in Kattelville Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, one daughter (Mrs. Marion Dodge of Utica, N.Y.), a brother (Gideon Westcott of Moosic, Pa.), and one sister (Mrs. Rebecca Benjamin of Daleville, Pa.) (Another brother, Charles E. Westcott, one of our former members, died June 11, 1968. His death was recorded in the Spring, 1969 Quarterly.) She was a fine person, and will be missed by everyone.

William Graham Wescott, aged 67, of Manteo, N.C., died Dec. 12, 1969 in his home. He was a son of Obediah Jennings and Mrs. Alethia (Ward) Wescott of Manteo, and the husband of Mrs. Iva Dean (Twiford) Wescott. He was a 25-year retired Coast Guard veteran. Funeral services were held Dec. 14 in Twiford Funeral Home. Interment was in Manteo Cemetery. Besides his wife, he is survived by 3 sons, William James Wescott of Camden, N.C., David Pearsall Wescott of Newport News, and Robert Graham Wescott of Bowling Green, Ky.; a brother, Carlyle Wescott of Manteo; 2 sisters, Mrs. Lena Pearsall and Mrs. Mary Davis Johnson of Raleigh; and 4 grandchildren. He was never a member of our Society, and apparently belonged to the North Carolina branch of the Westcott family.

Mrs. Margaret (Westcott) Foster, aged 82, our former member, died Dec. 16, 1969, in Providence, R.I., where she was a lifelong resident. Her late husband, Ralph L. Foster, had died in 1955. She was born in Providence Oct. 17, 1887, a daughter of the late Oren and Caroline (Hapgood) Westcott. Funeral services were held Dec. 19

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at St. Martin's Church. Interment was in the Swan Point Cemetery. She is survived by a son, Ralph L. Foster, Jr., of Darien, Conn.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Margaret S. Brown of Westport, Conn. and Mrs. Elizabeth Ten Haagen of Glenhead, Long Island; a sister, Mrs. Richard S. Austin of Providence, our member; 7 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. (A brother, Charles H. Westcott, our member, died Sept. 24, 1969. His death was recorded in the Summer-Fall, 1969 Quarterly.) Her family and friends will miss her.

Mrs. Clarys Edna (Westcott) Miller, aged 76, our member, died Jan. 8, 1970, at her home in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born Jan. 5, 1894, in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, older daughter of Morgan Taylor and Hattie Elizabeth (Obley) Westcott. Her late husband, W.E. Miller, served in the Air Force during World War I. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was active in church work. They had no children. Those who knew her will regret her passing.

CONTRIBUTIONS?

Again it is dues time for those who have not already paid for 1970. This Spring the National Society must pay \$100 from its treasury to the new New York-New Jersey Chapter, which has invited us to hold the Biennial Meeting at Cooperstown, N.Y. This amount must be paid to the host Chapter before each Biennial Meeting. Also your Editor has no idea how many copies of the 18-page Summer-Fall 1969 Quarterly were swallowed by the Postoffice and must be replaced. The postage alone for 240 copies @ 10¢ a copy was \$24. When you add the costs of reprinting a probably large number of copies, plus cost of envelopes and more postage, you can see why any small contributions would be much appreciated.

WANTED: LIVING DESCENDANT OF GEORGE OTIS EVANS, LINCOLN EVANS, OR MAURICE EVANS

We want a descendant of Otis Westcott to read a long poem written for his golden wedding anniversary at Milford Center, N.Y., in 1876. His youngest daughter, Emily Susan Westcott, who married Dr. Thomas Evans of Milford, N.Y., was the only one to carry his line down to 1932. We don't know the names of those descendants. Will anyone knowing the name and address of any descendant of Emily's 3 sons please send that name and address promptly to your Editor?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Now ready: UNDER THE SEA IN THE SALVADOR, by C.A. Stephens - a new edition @ \$4.75. Cousin Louise Harris, our Registrar, writes: "Uncle Jarve is a delightful character, full of capers." It sound like a delightful birthday or graduation gift, especially for the 12-15 age group.

Cousin Webb W. Wilder, our National Chaplain and President of the R.I. Chapter of Stukely Westcott Descendants, is to be in charge of programs for the Sons of the American Revolution. He has been serving for the past two years as Governor of the R.I. Chapter of Mayflower Descendants. Your Editor learned this at the reception

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given the Mass. Chapter of Mayflower Descendants by the British Tourist Authority to meet the Mayor and Mayoress of Boston, England, Alderman and Mrs. G.G.A. Whitehead. Cousin Webb Wilder, Cousin Katharine Bruce (Mrs. Harold G. Bruce of Milton, Mass.), and your Editor had their own small Westcott get-together at the delightful reception.

LETTERS

Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue) of Griswold, Iowa, our National President, had a short Florida vacation with her husband in September. They planned a longer one in February-March. In the early winter she cracked a rib coasting with her grandchildren. We trust the Florida sun helped to heal it nicely.

Cousin Louise Harris, our Registrar, writes that her books about C.A. Stephens and the Youth's Companion are becoming known. In preparation is. C.A. STEPHENS LOCKS AT NORWAY (Maine). More power to her!

Cousin Ruby (Parke) Anderson of N.Stonington, Conn. found last year that she belonged to 33 Societies and held office in most! Can any other Member equal that? She is gradually resigning.

Cousin Edith M. Bennett (Mrs. B.Floyd Bennett) of Sarasota, Fla. still enjoys "the memories of the last Meeting".

JUNIOR NEWS

Miss Margene Perdue, daughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Marlin E. Perdue of Griswold, Iowa and granddaughter of our National President and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, was given a D.A.R. membership by her grandmother on her recent 18th birthday. She was to enter college in Milligan, Tenn. in January. We wish her interesting courses, good marks, and happy college years.

REMINDERS

1. Please write your Editor soon whether or not you got Quarterly #141.
 2. Send items for the Quarterly, and always put on your Zip Code.
 3. Send address changes promptly. Missing Quarterlies will be replaced.
 4. Can you spare a Genealogy for our new Historian, Robert A. Westcott, Box 95, Oxford, N.Y. 13830?
 5. Keep trying to get new members.
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