

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Cousin Marge Westcott checked accommodations in and around Cooperstown as of June 20. Mostly places were full, or quite a distance from Cooperstown. Prices seem much the same for all that still have rooms available.

Places still available:

1. Knotts Motel - Goodyear Lake (Rte. 28) Price: \$12 for 2. Phone: 432-9878
2. Russell's Redwood Motel - Colliersville, N.Y. Phone: 432-1291
3. Lorenzo's Homestead Restaurant & Motel, Colliersville, N.Y. Phone: 432-0971 (Marge knows nothing about this one.)

The above places are near Milford Center, where most of our events will be held. (Brookside Motel, on the former list, is full.)

4. The Glass Hat, Mt. Vision, N.Y. Phone: 432-1518
(Might be good, but quite a way to travel.)
5. Any of the motels listed on Rte. 80 would be good if they still have rooms, as they are near where the Smorgasbord will be held on Saturday.
6. The Sportsman's Tavern, Fly Creek (Rte. 28) Phone: 547-9877
(This should be a last resort, as the rooms are "nothing extra", though the food is said to be "marvelous.")

The places listed on Rte. 20 and at Canadarago Lake are definitely too far.

Tourist Homes, Cooperstown

- | | Phone |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Canyon Lodge, Canyon Road | 547-2471 |
| 2. Mrs. Kennington Clinton, 22 Glen Ave. | 547-8118 |
| 3. Lucy Cooke, 16 Chestnut St. | 547-8269 |
| 4. Mrs. Maynard Cross, 81 Lake Street | 547-2372 |
| 5. Mrs. Laverne Curtis, 88 Chestnut St. | 547-8302 |
| 6. Dimick's Tourist Home, 63 Chestnut St. | 547-8703 |
| 7. Mrs. Robert Hall, 7 Pine Boulevard | 547-9159 |
| 8. Hitching Post, 149 Main St. | 547-9131 |
| 9. Mrs. Edward Lindsay, 56 Chestnut St. | 547-9776 |
| 10. Lions Tourist Home, 64 Chestnut St. | 547-9021 |
| 11. Sara E. Lynch, 73 Fair St. | 547-9339 |

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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Tourist Homes, Cooperstown (continued)

| | Phone: |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| 12. Wilson McGown, Hoffman Lane | 547-8092 |
| 13. Mrs. Leonard Rayner, 6 Pine Boulevard | 547-2452 |
| 14. Mrs. J.H. VanCleeef, 4 Pine Boulevard | 547-8756 |
| 15. Mrs. J. Pijnenburg, 14 Walnut St. | 547-9310 |

Marge Westcott strongly advises anyone making last-minute plans to attend, to rent or borrow a camper. She is sure the people at Cooperstown Tent and Trailer Camp will be able to make room for them.

Program for the Biennial Meeting

- Friday 2 P.M. Board meeting, Milford Center Church, Milford Center, N.Y.
July 31
- 5 P.M. Dinner for Board Members and their families, Brooks Restaurant, Emmons, N.Y.
(Any Board Member whose family needs transportation to the dinner, please get in touch with Marge Westcott at Cooperstown Tent & Trailer Camp, Cooperstown, N.Y., where she will arrive Tues. July 28, and she will arrange transportation.)
- 7-9 P.M. Registration and informal reception, Milford Center Church, Milford Center, N.Y.
Scrap Books and Reference Books will be there for those who would like to look at them.
Slides of past meetings will also be there.
- Sat. 10 A.M. Milford Center Church, Milford Center, N.Y.
Aug. 1 Call to Order by National President - Mrs. Harold L. Perdue
Welcome - by Minister of Milford Center Church
Guest Speaker - Mr. Edwin Moore, Author, Columnist for ONEONTA STAR, Genealogist
Memorial Service - National Chaplain - Webb W. Wilder
Business Meeting
- 12 Noon Lunchjon at Milford Center Church
- Afternoon Individual Sightseeing
- 7 P.M. Smorgasbord - Hickory Grove Inn, Lake Road, Cooperstown, N.Y.
Adults - \$3.50, Children - \$2.50, plus 6% sales tax on the total, plus 15% of the total food cost (before sales tax) for the "gratuity". (See the Spring, 1970 Quarterly #143, p. 3, for full explanation of how to figure cost.)
Social Evening, with music and dancing

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Program for the Biennial Meeting (continued)

Sunday 10 A.M. Church Service, Milford Center Church, Milford Center, N.Y.
Aug. 2
After Service Tour of Milford Center Cemetery, where many Westcott Cousins are buried

The Milford Center Church has particularly requested that there should be no smoking or drinking on the Church premises. We are sure that all Members will understand, and will comply with this request.

Be sure, all who are coming to the Saturday Smorgasbord, that you get your reservations and checks off at once to: Mrs. Pauline V. Clark, 71 Downer St., Baldwinsville, N.Y. 13027. (See Saturday program above for cost.)

CHAPTER NEWS - New York-New Jersey Chapter #11

Cousin Marge Westcott has asked your Editor to say a very grateful "Thank-you!" from her to everyone who has donated to the new New York-New Jersey Chapter, and also to those who have helped with the Reference material. "It has all been so greatly appreciated." She is sorry she has not been able to thank each one, but hopes to see them in August and thank them all personally.

MARRIAGE

Laurance W. Wescott married in June, 1970, at Newport News, Va., Lynda Vassar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Vassar. The wedding was held at the West Hampton Baptist Church. It was notable because it was a triple wedding. Three sisters: Donna, 22, Lynda, 21, and Betty Jo Vassar, 20, were married in a single ceremony. Donna was married to Michael B. Crawford, and Betty Jo to William E. Duer. Mr. Vassar, a sheet-metal mechanic at the Newport News Shipyard, escorted his eldest daughter, Donna, down the aisle, while uncles escorted the other two brides. Each bride had her own matron of honor, but they shared 4 bridesmaids. The 4 remaining sisters of the brides (one already married) were among the attendants. A 13-year-old brother of the brides was a junior usher, and 5-year-old Mark Vassar, the youngest member of the family, was ring bearer. The wedding cake was triple-tiered, with bride and groom figures in each layer. Each couple was to cut one-third of the cake. We do not know the parents of Laurance W. Wescott, but hope that perhaps someone may tell us, and may give us his Westcott Line of Descent.

We wish all happiness to these three couples.

DEATH

Harold R. Westcott, aged 69, of Block Island, R.I., died May 2, 1970, at Memorial Hospital, New York City. He was born in Portsmouth, R.I., son of Mrs. Betsy (Harrington) Westcott of Tewksbury, Mass., and the late Joshua Westcott. He lived most of his life on Block Island, where he was a carpenter for many years. He served on the New Shoreham, Block Island Zoning Commission, and was the town's part-time

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building inspector. Since 1964 he was a member of the New Shoreham Town Council. He was a Mason, belonging to the Atlantic Masonic Lodge, and was affiliated with various Republican organizations. Funeral services were held on Block Island on May 7. Interment was in Island Cemetery, Block Island. He is survived by his mother, his wife, Mrs. Rena Mae (Acton) Westcott, a son, Robert Harold Westcott, a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Brown, both of Block Island, 3 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family. Although he was never a member, there is every probability that he was a descendant of Stukely Westcott. Perhaps someone who knows his line would send it to us.

NOTEPAPER

Packets of our coat-of-arms notepaper will be on sale at the Cooperstown Meeting. Each saran-wrapped packet of 25 coat-of-arms sheets and 25 plain envelopes will cost \$1.50. The white vellum, single-sheet paper is just under 5½"x7", with the Westcott coat-of-arms in red at the center top. This keeps the Westcott colors of red and silver. If you buy it at the Meeting, there is no charge for postage! It's a good chance to stock up for Christmas, birthdays, and graduations for your family, as well as for your own needs.

QUERY

Mrs. Aileen (Smock) DeLong, Arlington, Iowa 50606, one of our newest members, needs help to prove authenticity of a family legend. As a child she was told she was related to Commo. Oliver Hazard Perry, but she cannot yet prove this. She has their Westcott (Westcoatt) Bible (nearly 200 years old). The first entry: "Mark Westcoatt b.27 Dec. 1775 (or 6), son of Isra Westcoatt". No dates, wife, or location for Isra. Another Bible says that Mark Westcoatt (1775-1853) m. Anna Wood (birthdate and place unknown), who died, like Mark, in 1853. Below the first entry, written very small, is the name Sarah Sutton. Legend says that Oliver Perry Westcoatt, son of Mark and Anna, b. March 1, 1814, was named by Commo. Oliver Hazard Perry during his travels after his victory on Lake Erie, when he stopped to see his sister. Mrs. DeLong cannot prove any of this. Her grandmother, Mary Charlotte Westcoatt, was very proud of the Perry name, and two aunts who died within the last two years claimed that Commo. Oliver Hazard Perry was this grandmother's great-uncle. Could this be true? How? Could he have been an uncle-by-marriage, or a cousin or cousin by marriage called "Uncle"? Does anyone know anything about this family, or any possible brothers or sisters of Oliver Hazard Westcoatt (whose family name is now spelled Westcott)? If so, please write Mrs. DeLong, whose name and address are given above.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Cousin Edmund L. Wescott of Waukesha, Wis., our member, Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, was given a testimonial dinner in his honor late last Fall by the Department of Wisconsin, United Spanish War Veterans and Auxiliary. Over 200 guests (members of the U.S.W.V., Auxiliary, Sons of 1898, Daughters of 1898, family, friends, state and city of Waukesha officials, and members of allied

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veterans' organizations) were welcomed to the dinner by the state commander and the department president. At the age of 90 (he became 91 on April 2, 1970) he was the oldest Wisconsin State worker in the Wisconsin employment service. He has always been very alert and active, with a good memory. When asked how he accounted for living so long and staying so capable, he replied: "Just got the right genes, I guess." He did - he's a true Westcott! (Your Editor regrets that this item was crowded out until now by too much National Society News and the deaths of less hardy members.)

Roger Williams Family Association has sent your Editor their bulletins for Fall 1969 and Spring 1970. It is interesting that Roger Williams, whom Stukely Westcott joined in Providence and who had previously been Stukely's pastor in Salem, Mass. before banishment, was the first person to put the true ideal of complete religious freedom into practice, with no interference by the state.

LETTERS

Cousin Myrtle Gladson (Mrs. Ronald Gladson) of Atlantic, Iowa, has sent the National Society some papers and letters from the early days of our Society, some of which were not even in the Society's records! These previously unknown records have been put in their proper places to complete the official files. There are also some duplicate copies of very old Quarterlies, which will replace missing numbers in the files of some Genealogical Societies. Newspaper clippings of early Westcott reunions and a 1926 letter to her aunt will also prove of great interest. We thank Cousin Myrtle Gladson very much for her thoughtful gift.

Her Christmas letter told how they had "Christmas deer in our fields and in the Turkey Creek timber. One came into the barnyard to eat salt from the block Ronald has for his cattle. Their numbers have increased greatly in recent years. They are corn-fed, so the meat is more succulent than with ordinary wild deer." She greatly enjoys her "talking-books". The blood clot behind her bad eye may be slightly better than last year, but she cannot use that eye. Her "good" eye "went black but then improved. I do not see as well as I did." They are now in their 43d year on their farm. "Ronald makes hay for his cattle but does not raise corn any more."

Their 21-year-old granddaughter in India, Carol Strong, wants to come to the U.S. for schooling. "She studies by herself, but needs a high-school diploma and hopes to take some nursing courses, as they need that help very much at their Mission. Although she is a citizen of the U.S., she has never been here. There is some difficulty about India's giving her permission to return home to the Mission." She sold a description of Tanakpur, her home town in India, to CAPPER'S WEEKLY for \$5. "She was thrilled that she herself could earn a little of her fare."

Cousin Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif. wrote in April that she had recently returned from another "lovely trip" to Michigan (for her son's 25th wedding anniversary) and to Iowa, where she spent six happy weeks with her daughter and son-in-law. She doubts if she will be able to get to the Cooperstown Meeting. All who met her at the Iowa and R.I. Meetings will miss her - but nobody would want her to get over-tired. Her daughter and son-in-law, Cousins Bernice and Raymond Smith of Elliott, Iowa, were planning to come to Cooperstown.

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Our National President, Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue of Griswold, Iowa) had the honor of acting as D.A.R. State Librarian pro tem, at the State Conference at Des Moines in late March, as the former State Librarian had to move to California before Christmas. She is to be the D.A.R. State Pianist for the next two years - a real honor - but is getting through in May as Regent for her Chapter.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott fears that he cannot get to Cooperstown, but "will try". He is "flying my new Beech Muskateer all over California." He is "as usual very busy. At present I am in charge of Kiwanis 'Operation Drug Alert' for our San Diego school district and spend many hours lecturing to schools and parent groups - also educational seminars, and attending Juvenile Court seminars for arrested juveniles. I have just (in April) completed my own short biographical story of my 40 years as a country doctor in New York City, called MY LIFE AND TIMES. I'll add it to TRUDIE, MY LOVE (the story of Gertrude), and put them in book form with my other works of poetry and short stories in the near future. I have time now to do all the things I could not do while a practising physician." More power to him - and we all hope he can get to Cooperstown!

Mrs. Charles J. Westcott of Dunmore, Pa. has sent some news about her sons (who are also our members) and their families. "Charles J. Westcott, Jr., with his wife Liz and their 5 children (Lindsey, Laurie, Charles F., Cameron, and Christian) have moved to Warrington, Pa. Charles is now Chief Scout Executive of the Buck's County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The headquarters of the Scout Council are in Doylestown, Pa. Dr. Malcolm R. Westcott, his wife Maureen Page, and their 2 sons (Terence and Andrew) have moved to Canada. He resigned at Vassar College and accepted a teaching professorship at York University in Toronto. Page (his wife) does research at the University of Toronto. She received her Doctorate from Yale in December, 1969."

Cousin Cynthia Westcott, the "plant doctor", was to speak to the Wyoming Valley Garden Club in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. early in May. Mrs. Charles J. Westcott was invited by Cousin Elsie Weaver to meet and have lunch with Cousin Cynthia Westcott that day. We are sure that all three had a lovely time.

Cousin Louise Harris, our very fine Registrar, was the victim of a serious auto accident this Spring. She writes: "The devil in the form of a speed-happy woman driver smashed in the whole left side of my new car (9 days old) and put a big hole clear through to the rear seat. Not satisfied, she pushed me around through a 90° angle. Then she tried desperately to start her own car, to move it before the police came. She never came to me or spoke to me. I had a severe head injury. The doctors are amazed that I don't have a broken neck, to say nothing of a skull fracture. It is lucky that I had cut my hair shortly before the accident. If I had still had braids around my head, the hairpins would have been driven into my scalp". She is better, but will not be well enough to go to Cooperstown. "My head still bothers me," and doing things is an effort. "I have not yet had any day as full as those would be." She is deeply disappointed. We shall miss her, but it is far more important for her health to keep on improving, than to go at the risk of a set-back. We all extend our sincere sympathy for all she has had to endure.

Cousin Edith Marshment (Mrs. Harold T.P. Marshment) of Waukegan, Ill., whom we

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so enjoyed having with us at the R.I. Meeting in 1968 was in the hospital with pneumonia in March for over three weeks. In April she felt somewhat depressed at not having made a complete recovery. This always takes time. We trust that by now she feels much more like herself.

Your Editor is now the proud possessor of a large mahogany desk (66"x 34"), with a file drawer for Westcott Applications notebooks, etc., and plenty of room to spread out papers. After years of working on two card-tables, with inadequate near storage space, this is wonderful! The desk was a gift from a neighbor, and had belonged to her father, a C.P.A. An accountant's large desk will be perfect for spreading out genealogical papers. Also, with room for "a place for everything", it will be easier to keep "everything in its place".

Cousin Patricia Wescott Bentley of Jeffersontown, Ky. received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky in December, 1969 and is now Coordinator of the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Library in Cincinnati, Ohio. There are three coordinators - one in Louisville, one in Lexington, Ky., and one in Cincinnati. We congratulate her most heartily.

Cousin James R. Bentley, her brother, was elected in April as Registrar of the Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The following week he became Historian of the Kentucky Society of Mayflower Descendants. At the same time he was in process of joining the Kentucky Society of Colonial Wars. On April 24 he was to serve as Chairman for the afternoon session of a Symposium on Archives in Louisville for archivists and librarians from Kentucky and Indiana. It obviously runs in the Bentley family! Again, heartiest congratulations!

GOLDEN HONOR ROLL

Cousin Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, R.I. joined our Golden Honor Roll June 2, 1970, his 90th birthday. He is the younger brother of our present oldest known member, Cousin Harrison Russell Westcott of New Haven, Conn. Our full list of Golden Honor Roll members follows:

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| Harrison R. Westcott | New Haven, Conn. | 94 - Apr. 24, 1970 |
| Grace (Beardsley) Turner (Mrs. Raymond C.) | Mooresville, N.C. | 93 - May 13, 1970 |
| Ellen (Hoffman) Witzel (Mrs. Harry E.) | Manlius, N.Y. | 92 - May 24, 1970 |
| Howard L. Westcott | Oswego, N.Y. | 91 - Dec. 26, 1969 |
| Edmund L. Wescott | Waukesha, Wis. | 91 - Apr. 2, 1970 |
| Mary Louise Westcott | Ann Arbor, Mich. | 90 - Sept. 26, 1969 |
| Leslie P. Westcott | Providence, R.I. | 90 - June 2, 1970 |

We are very proud to have so many Golden Honor Roll members.

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Your Editor had hoped to have the replacement for this missing number sent out before now to all who did not receive the original (unless they said not to send it.)

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Unfortunately your Editor's next-door neighbor and good friend has had to have two major operations recently and must have a third in August. She has no family and not too many friends, and her courage has needed a lot of "shoring up" to keep her from "getting the jitters" so badly she would cancel everything. Her other friends are now helping to keep her mind off herself, but it has taken much time from Westcott work. Your Editor now hopes to get out the replacement soon after Labor Day.

REMINDERS

1. If you are making last-minute plans for Cooperstown, start looking for reservations at once. Perhaps you should rent or borrow a camper or tent and get in touch with the Cooperstown Tent & Trailer Camp at once.
2. Board members needing transportation Friday afternoon for their families, notify Marge Westcott at Cooperstown Tent & Trailer Camp, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326 Tuesday, July 28 through Friday morning, after that at Board Meeting.
3. Please remember the Milford Center Church's request: No smoking or drinking on Church premises.
4. Send Pauline Clark the check for Smorgasbord cost at once, if you have not yet done so.
5. If you did get the Summer-Fall Quarterly #141 and have not yet told your Editor, please do so promptly, to avoid cost of duplicating.
6. New home address for our Historian: Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Westcott, Rte. 3, Box 522, New Salem Road, Randleman, N.C. 27317. (He has changed his job.)
7. Send address changes promptly. Missing Quarterlies will be replaced.
8. Can anyone answer Mrs. DeLong's Query?
9. Save postage on coat-of-arms notepaper. Stock up at Cooperstown.
10. Send items for the Quarterly, and always put on your Zip Code.
11. Keep trying to get new members.

A HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!
