

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our 1972 Biennial Meeting will be held near Poultney, Vermont, on Friday, August 11, Saturday, August 12, and Sunday, August 13. See Chapter News for our official invitation.

Full details about the meeting—place, activities, and accommodations will be given in the next Quarterly.

Correction: Your Editor deeply regrets that in typing the report of the Cooperstown Meeting for the last Quarterly, she carelessly omitted the name of Eleanor Trismen (Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen), former President of the Society, from the list of Board Members present. Her name was in the original pencil draft. Your Editor will try to check more carefully next time.

The results of the total Membership vote on changes in eligibility rules for new members was as follows:

	Members	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Associate</u>
Total ballots returned	59	7
All 4 questions voted "Yes"	49	4
All 4 questions voted "No"	1	-

The remaining 9 Regular and 3 Associate Members voted in a scattering of combinations - never more than 2 for any combination of questions.

Any member who wants a careful breakdown of the vote by combinations, plus anonymous comments from voting members, may have it by writing the Secretary-Editor.

By majority vote, the changes in eligibility rules have passed by a wide margin of those voting. Just over 30% of the total membership sent in ballots; 80.3% of those who voted said "Yes" on all 4 questions. Therefore the new eligibility rules are now legally a part of the National Society's By-Laws and are summarized below under Aims, Eligibility, etc. As a result of this vote, all present Associate Members who are probably though not proven descendants of Stukely Westcott, and all descendants of Stukely's nephews and of his sister, Rebecca (Westcott) Cooke, are now regular Members of the National Society and will be assigned new numbers accordingly. Parents of adopted children should be pleased that at long last their children are eligible for Associate Membership. It is a big step forward that now adopted children and stepchildren are no longer completely shut out if they wish to join the Society. As Associate Members they and their spouses will have all rights and privileges except the power to vote. Honorary and Life Memberships are left unchanged.

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

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Because these changes in eligibility rules were substituted during the Board Meeting for the original suggested change (which included changing the Society's name), the question of name change was not voted on by the Board or submitted to the Membership for their vote. Therefore the Society's name is still THE SOCIETY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS OF AMERICA.

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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.

All Regular and Associate Members must be at least 18 years old. Regular Members include:

- A. All Stukely Westcott proven descendants and their spouses;
- B. Stukely Westcott descendants probably, but not 100% proved, and spouses;
- C. Stukely Westcott descendants probably, but research incomplete, and spouses;
- D. Descendants of Rebecca (Westcott) Cooke, sister of Stukely Westcott and wife of Thomas Cooke, and spouses;
- E. Descendants of Stukely Westcott's nephews, and their spouses.

Associate Members include:

- A. Adopted children of Regular Members, and their spouses;
- B. Stepchildren of Regular Members, and their spouses;
- C. Proven descendants of brothers or sisters of Stukely's wife, Juliana (Marchant) Westcott, and their spouses.

Such Associate Membership shall enjoy all privileges of the Society, except the power to vote.

Honorary Members receive this distinction at the discretion of the Board of Directors because of outstanding contribution to the Society, and need no longer pay dues.

Life Members are so named at the discretion of the Board of Directors and need no longer pay dues. Life Membership shall be granted automatically to spouses of deceased past Presidents of the Society.

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

AIMS, ELIGIBILITY, ETC. (CONTINUED)

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:

Current Officers and Directors:

President - Mrs. Harold W. Wescott

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R.F.D. 2, Elliott, Iowa 51532

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Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, New Jersey

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, California

Mr. Leslie P. Westcott, Rhode Island

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CHAPTER NEWS - Vermont Chapter, #5

Vermont Chapter #5 is planning the National Reunion to be held near Poultney, Vermont, August 11-13. We extend a cordial invitation to all Cousins and friends to our gathering.

Complete plans will be announced in the Spring Quarterly. Save these dates.

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NEW MEMBERS

#575 - Mr. & Mrs. Whitney M. Frost

1949 South Creek Rd., North Evans, N.Y. 14112

NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

- #576 - Mr. Charles J. Taylor  
4705 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, N.Y. 10471
- #577 - Mrs. Robert M. Edge  
28017 Indian Rock Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. 90274
- #578 - Mrs. Ronald H. Burroughs  
3526 South 82nd St., Apt. 8, Omaha, Neb. 68124

We are very happy to welcome our four new Members. Mrs. Frost is the daughter of our late Member, Mr. Leland A. Hazard, and Mrs. Burroughs is the daughter of our present Vice-President, Mrs. Raymond W. Smith of Elliott, Iowa, and the granddaughter of our Member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif.

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BIRTHS

Colleen Judith Brownell, born August, 1969, daughter of Capt. Richard S. and Jan Brownell, and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell of Deland, Florida.

Bryan Thomas Martin, born June, 1970, son of Col. James E. Martin and his wife, Barbara Romeyne (Brownell) Martin, and nephew of our member, Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell of Deland, Florida.

Catherine Ann Westcott, born Oct. 5, 1971, daughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Emory J. Westcott of Cresco, Iowa.

John T. Wescott IV, born Jan. 3, 1972, third child and first son of our members, Mr. John T. Wescott III and his wife, Beverly, of North Kingstown, R.I. (Their daughters are Julie Anne (age 12) and Kimberly Jane (age 10).) Little John T. IV is the great-great-grandson of the John T. Wescott who tended the lighthouse at Cape Hatteras, S.C., about 1880. He will be "putting to sea" for the first time this summer.

We are so happy to welcome all these little cousins into the family.

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MARRIAGES

Murray R. Smith, only son and oldest child of our Vice-President, Mrs. Raymond W. (Bernice C.) Smith of Elliott, Iowa, and grandson of our member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., was married March 14, 1971 to Connie Williams of Red Oak, Iowa. They are farming near his parents.

Miss Janis Colleen Smith, younger sister of Murray Smith above, was married May 22, 1971 to Douglas Ivie of Doraville, Georgia. He is still in college, and she is teaching in elementary school.

Miss Linda Perdue, daughter of Errol and Lola Perdue and granddaughter of our members, Robert and Hazel Perdue of Elliott, Iowa, was married May 30, 1971, to

## MARRIAGES (CONTINUED)

David Shields, in the Methodist Church in Griswold, Iowa. "It was a lovely wedding." She is a registered graduate nurse in the Neuro-Surgical Dept. of the University Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. He received his degree in May, 1971 from the University in Iowa City. They have an apartment in Iowa City, and he is now a Pre-Medical student at the University there.

Miss Carol Strong of India, granddaughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Gladson (Myrtle) of Atlantic, Iowa, was married July 24, 1971, to her teacher, Keith Cook, at the Baptist Church in Ames, Iowa. Both were 24 years old. She was given in marriage by her uncle, Douglas Provow. Her cousins, Susan and Cheryl Provow, were her attendants. The bridegroom's brothers served as best man and ushers. The bride and bridesmaids "made their own lovely dresses". The young couple have been living in a farmhouse near Greenfield, Iowa. He is teaching in Stanzel Christian High School (a parochial interdenominational high school), and she does office work. They hope sometime they can go to India.

Miss Judith Mary Ewart, daughter of Orville and Enid (Westcott) Ewart, and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Watson A. Westcott of Sutton West, Ontario, Canada, was married Oct. 23, 1971, to Roger Vinall, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Vinall (now of St. Petersburg, Fla., but until recently of Toronto, Canada), in Knox United Church, Sutton West, Ontario.

We wish many happy years of married life to all these young couples.

## DEATHS

James Beverley McPherson, husband of our member, Clara Alford (Westcott) McPherson of Rock Island, Ill., died in 1965. He was an industrial engineer with Deere & Co., Moline, Ill. He is survived by his widow and their only son, James Beverley McPherson, Jr., now of Cos Cob, Conn. He was eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Cincinnati, and the St. Nicholas Club of New York City. In all, his background contained "a vast amount of American history." He must have been deeply missed.

Robert Noah Griswold, aged 81, husband of our member, Bessie Downer (Westcott) Griswold of North Sacramento, Calif., died Jan. 9, 1971. He was born June 30, 1889. They were married Jan. 8, 1921. His widow still lives in their home of some 43 years, which holds so many loving memories. Their son, Westcott Griswold, lives in San Diego, Calif.

Clinton Paul Erlenbach, aged 67, husband of our member, Georgia Pickens (Ellis) Erlenbach of Ghent, N.Y., died Jan. 10, 1971. He was born Feb. 11, 1903, son of Clinton and Margaret (Kinney) Erlenbach of East Syracuse, N.Y. They were married Oct. 9, 1928. He is survived by his widow. Those who remember him will regret his passing.

Mrs. Richard Bement Kershaw (Dorothy Stafford (Morey) Kershaw), aged 67, our member, died of a heart attack at her home in New Rochelle, N.Y., April 5, 1971, following almost a year of cancer treatments. She was born June 7, 1903, in New York City, daughter of James Webster and Florence Bessie (Stafford) Morey. They

## DEATHS (CONTINUED)

moved to New Rochelle in 1906. On June 3, 1925, she married Richard Bement Kershaw. They lived in New Rochelle, with a summer home in Old Lyme, Conn. She was descended from many old New England families, and was especially proud to belong to our Society. She served for about 40 years as registrar and membership chairman of the New Rochelle Chapter of the DAR, and was a former vice-regent. She had been for many years an officer of St. Paul's Guild, and was a past president of the Colburn Home Junior Auxiliary and the Junior Section of the Women's Club of New Rochelle. She is survived by her husband. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Raymond C. Turner (Grace Eliza (Beardsley) Turner), aged 93, our member, died April 20, 1971, in Sparta, N.C. She was born May 13, 1877 in Sandy Creek, Oswego County, N.Y., daughter of our late member, Anson Francis Beardsley. On Oct. 9, 1900, she married Raymond Comstock Turner, D.D.S., who died July 11, 1943. They had no children, but they took into their Oswego, N.Y. home a young girl from North Carolina while she "was in school" there. She wrote "They were a second father and mother to me." In August, 1967, when Mrs. Turner's health had failed so that she could no longer live alone, she went to North Carolina to live with this almost-daughter and her husband, Rev. Ray S. Cody, a Methodist minister, who had formerly served in the Northern N.Y. Conference. They had always kept in touch with each other and visited each other often. Mrs. Cody wrote: "Up to 13 days before her passing, when we had to put her in the hospital, due to a stroke, she was up and around the house and came to the table for all meals. She was a very remarkable person, and we are so fortunate to have shared so many years of her life, and to have been able to love and care for her during her last years. Our lives have been greatly enriched spiritually by her life." She will be greatly missed.

Fred A. Paugh, aged 91, first cousin of our member, Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill., died in July, 1971, in Glendale, Calif., the day after his 91st birthday. He was the son of Jasper Paugh, brother of Tilson Smith Paugh, who was Cousin Grace Paugh's father. His relatives and friends will miss him.

Mrs. Winfield Scott (Blanche Angeline (Howard) Scott), aged 81, our member, of Cranston, R.I., was fatally stricken Nov. 6, 1971, while serving as chairman of a meeting of the Roger Williams Family Association at the Sprague Mansion, Cranston. She was born April 25, 1890 in Malden, Mass., daughter of Charles William and Ella Elizabeth (Williams) Howard. On Oct. 20, 1916, she married Winfield Scott, whom she survived. The funeral service was held at the Sprague Funeral Home, Malden, Mass., followed by cremation. She had lived in Rhode Island 18 years. She was a member of the R.I. Independence Chapter, DAR; the Society of Mayflower Descendants; the Daughters of Founders and Patriots; the Daughters of American Colonists; the Pilgrim John Howland Society; the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, and its R.I. Chapter; and the Cranston, R.I. and Western R.I. Historical Societies. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch of Auburn, Wash., a brother, Charles H. Howard of Malden, Mass., and a granddaughter. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Frank Nelson Westcott (Emma (Miller) Westcott), aged 86, widow of our late member, Frank Nelson Westcott, whose death was announced in the last Quarterly, died Jan. 16, 1972. She was born Oct. 28, 1885, daughter of Christian and Kaziah (Hanes) Miller of Williamsburg, Canada. She was married Mar. 5, 1908. After her husband's death on Jan. 24, 1970, she continued to live in her own

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familiar home, with its many pleasant memories. They had no children. Those who remember her from the early years, when her husband was the first president of the Northern N.Y. Chapter #4 of our Society, will regret her passing.

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SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND

*Scholarship*

The feelings of many members about the Scholarship Loan Fund are summarized perfectly in the following note from Cousin James R. Bentley of Jeffersontown, Ky.:

Dr. Howard Westcott certainly deserves the greatest thanks of the Society for his extremely generous gift to establish the family scholarship fund. It will be a great boon to many Westcott young people in these days of enormous cost for higher education. I'm sure it will be used regularly with gratitude. It's one of the most productive, useful, and positive moves ever made by a family society that I know of. We really ought to honor him in some way to show our gratitude for his thoughtful generosity."

The Fund accumulates in its own savings bank account, called STUKELY WESTCOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND. It earns interest from day of deposit to day of withdrawal, provided the balance is \$10 or more. This interest is compounded daily and is payable the first Monday in January, April, July and October. As of January 10, 1972, this account earned interest at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % (the highest rate then allowed by law for accounts withdrawable without a waiting period).

Contributions to this Fund may be made in any amount from \$5 up. Remember, this Fund is to help our own kin to get a good education. Dr. F. Howard Westcott, its founder, hopes that enough money may be contributed by many people so that in time the Fund may be able to loan up to \$1,250 per year for 4 years - and perhaps up to \$2,500 depending on the number of applicants. Contributions to the Fund may be sent either to the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell (see list of officers for address), or to Dr. F. Howard Westcott, 16673 San Salvador Court, Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, Calif. 92128. Dr. Westcott can give any further information desired about the Fund.

Terms of Fund Loans: Loans of up to \$1,250 per year for four years may be applied for. Amounts received are interest free during school attendance. Interest at 5% begins the July 1st following graduation or discontinuance, except for illness, at the school for which the loan was made. Repayment of loan will begin twelve (12) months after graduation or discontinuance at school. Full repayment will be expected by the tenth (10th) year after graduation or discontinuance at school and/or as rapidly as reasonably possible. Returned principal and interest of such loans will be used for future loans.

In case the Fund goes unused for 24 months and further need for it does not exist, the balance of money in the Fund will be redistributed to the original donors in proportion to the amounts given.

Please, those who can afford to give to the Fund, do give what you can.

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## COAT-OF-ARMS "PATCHES"

*Stationery  
Production*

Our Historian, Robert A. Westcott, and his wife, Marge, have asked your Editor to explain that there was a very long delay in receiving the Westcott 4"x4" coat-of-arms "patches". They were to be shipped from California by Feb. 9. They arrived in North Carolina the 2d week of March - but the wrong color! The colors had been specified as red and silver, with silver shield. They came with a silver helmet topping the gold shield. They have been returned to be redone. The money sent by those who have already ordered is in a special savings account until the right "patches" come. Orders will then be filled promptly. Any additional orders for 4"x4" silver-and-red embroidered cloth Westcott coat-of-arms "patches", or for the remaining 3"x4" gold-red-and-pink "patches" we all wore proudly at the Coopers-town reunion, should be sent to: Mr. Robert A. Westcott, P.O. Box 57, Randleman, N.C. 27317. The larger ones (silver) will sell for \$3 plus a small postage-handling fee. The smaller ones (gold), on hand now, are \$2 each while they last. There will be no more small gold ones, so send orders for them quickly.

## CONTRIBUTIONS?

This is dues time again for those who have not already paid their dues for 1972. As this is the year of our Biennial Meeting, the National Society must pay \$100 this Spring from its treasury to our host Chapter - Vermont. Dues alone, without contributions, would not be enough to pay this amount every other year and still keep the Quarterly coming to you, at today's increased postage, plus increased costs of paper, envelopes, and mimeographing. So you can see why any small contributions would be greatly appreciated.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF JUSTUS H. AKIN OF RENSSELAER COUNTY, N.Y., compiled by Cousin Daphne M. Brownell, is now printed and for sale at \$20 a copy, post-paid. It has 256 pages, is 8½x10 3/4", has wine morocco-finish cover with gold-leaf lettering. It contains census and tombstone material, wills, probate records, newspaper obits, primary source material, including new earlier data to 1662; skeleton outline of Akin families to Justus H. (1797-1867), including wills of John, David, and James Akin; full records of Justus H., wife, and 15 children to present, including many related families. States include R.I., Mass., N.Y., Pa., Mich., Iowa, Minn., Kansas. This is a limited edition, sold "first-come-first-served". It was 8 years in preparation. If you want it - don't wait.

Our Registrar, Louise Harris, is listed in (1) Vols. 19-20 of CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS - Detroit; (2) DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHY, London - Vols. VI, VII, VIII, IX, with three certificates of merit. (Material is filed in Trinity College of Music Library); (3) FOREMOST WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS, Vol. 1 - N.Y.; (4) WRITERS DIRECTORY, 1971-1973, London. In 1970 she was elected a member of the International Platform Association. In April, 1971, she was elected a Life Fellow of the Intercontinental Biographical Association, with full privileges, passport, and diploma registered in the United Kingdom. Her article on the Gaspee was published with her picture in the April-June issue of their magazine. Their headquarters is at Dartmouth, Devonshire, England, the Mayflower's port. She says: "My material is filed in the Old Museum in Dartmouth. This gives



ITEMS OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)

me the letters F.I.B.A. after my name." She is listed in their 2000 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT - 1971, Vol. III, with diploma. (Her material is filed in the Old Museum.) Your Editor can say only that while we never thought of Louise as an "Ugly Duckling", we had no idea she would become such a magnificent Swan! We hope she can join us in Poultney and tell us all about her triumphs. We are very proud of her!

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LETTERS

Mrs. Frederic H. Pelck of Oconomowoc, Wis., our member, took a 2-week trip last Fall to Conn., N.Y., and Mass. to visit relatives. She visited widely and hopes to return in 1972. We hope she'll join us in Poultney.

Cousin Marge Westcott of Randleman, N.C., our Historian's wife, has had bad back trouble since her Nancy and she were in an auto accident last Fall, Nancy has been hospitalized twice lately (once for a ruptured appendix), and little Bonnie has had throat infections all winter. We hope they'll soon be well.

Cousin Bernice Smith (Mrs. Raymond W. Smith) of Elliott, Iowa, our Vice-President, writes that Ronald H. Burroughs, husband of her daughter Sheryl (our new member), is a Sergeant at Offut Air Force Base, near their Omaha home.

Cousin Betty Schooley's husband, Rev. Henry H. Schooley, is better. They both enjoy Penney Farms, Fla., and hope to join us at Poultney in August.

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REMINDERS

1. Can you spare a contribution for the Stukely Westcott Memorial Scholarship Loan Fund to help our Cousins get a higher education?
2. Can you spare a small contribution for the Society's expenses?
3. Wouldn't you like an embroidered Westcott coat-of-arms "patch" with silver or gold shield for jacket or blazer for your young folks?
4. Remember: Friday, Aug. 11-Sunday, Aug. 13- be at Poultney, Vermont.
5. If you are an Akin descendant, would you like the new Akin book?
6. Send address changes promptly. Missing Quarterlies will be replaced.
7. Send items for the Quarterly, and always put on your Zip Code.
8. Keep trying to get new members.

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A HAPPY EASTER!

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