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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS - Reunion at Griswold, Iowa

Our 1974, 20th Biennial Meeting, held in Griswold, Iowa, August 2-4, was, like the 1966 Meeting in Griswold, a tremendous success, and was noted as before for the warm, Western hospitality of the host chapter. We all had a wonderful time, and enjoyed the chance to meet again so many Iowa Cousins whom we had first met in 1966, at the first Biennial Meeting ever held as far West as Iowa.

The Executive Board met at 2:30 at the rural home, near Griswold, of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, where it had met in 1966. (Mrs. Harold (Dorothy) Purdue was our 2nd. last previous National President.) Six Board Members were present: Harold W. Westcott, National President; Bernice Smith (Mrs. Raymond W. Smith), Vice President; Edna J. Lewis (Mrs. Paul R. Lewis), Recording Secretary; Dorothea B. Cogswell, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Editor of Westcott Family Quarterly; Dorothy C. Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue), Board Member; Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Board Member.

The minutes of the 1972 Board Meeting were read and approved, with one minor correction.

Miss Dorothea Cogswell, Treasurer and Editor, gave a detailed cost accounting ^{quarterly} report on costs of the quarterly. Due to the steadily increasing costs for printing and mailing the quarterly, the Board members agreed to recommend to the Society at the Business Meeting that the Westcott Family Quarterly should be published twice yearly, in Spring and Fall, instead of quarterly, with a special Biennial Issue planned for early May in each Biennial Meeting year. This will make a total of five issues in each two year period. The Board also recommended that the name of the Quarterly be changed to "The Westcott Family Bulletin."

The Board explored ways to lessen the ever-increasing membership card cost. At the 1972 Business Meeting it had been voted ^{memberships} to send separate cards to all husband and wife members. Since then members have received new cards yearly after payment of dues. The current folding cards are of lasting quality. Board Members present agreed to recommend that: 1. The Society should return to issuing one "Mr. and Mrs." card to each married couple, but will honor special requests for separate cards; 2. Membership cards shall be issued once in a 5-year period, during which members shall keep their own dues payment records on the card's blank back. Replacement cards will be issued upon a member's request, during the 5-year period.

It was noted that Miss Cogswell carries a heavy burden in holding three time-consuming offices. The Board instructed the Nominating Committee to consider this when drawing up the new slate of officers.

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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Miss Cogswell suggested that a 3d copy of each Membership application would allow the National Historian a copy. The Board agreed to present this recommendation at the Biennial Business Meeting.

President Harold Wescott offered to investigate the possibility of using address sticker labels (typed with carbons) to paste on envelopes for Bulletin mailings.

The Board did not act on a suggestion to raise current dues.

President Harold Wescott appointed the following Board Members to the Nominating Committee: Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Calif.; Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, Iowa; Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, Conn.

Vermont Chapter members residing in Connecticut extended an invitation to the Westcott Family to meet at Riverton, Conn., for the 1976 Biennial Reunion.

The 1974 Executive Board Meeting adjourned at 5 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Perdue served hors d'oeuvres to their guests. The group car-pooled to "The Pines" in Atlantic, Iowa, where Board Members and their spouses enjoyed a delicious and bountiful dinner as guests of the Host Chapter. Board Members and their families (a total of 11) thoroughly enjoyed this Western hospitality.

Registration and an informal Reception at the Fellowship Room of the Griswold Church of Christ, Griswold, Iowa, began at 7:30 P.M. The minister, Rev. Don Gordon, welcomed us in a brief greeting. During the happy reunion of old friends and meeting with new Cousins, 32 signed the guest book. Mrs. Edith Sowers of Henderson, Iowa welcomed the group to the Mid-West. Announcements were made. Mrs. Mabel Wescott of Connecticut showed color slides of former National Reunions. Mrs. Harold Perdue accompanied her niece, who sang a solo, and also directed the Songfest. The harmony of the voices proved again that many Stukely Westcott Descendants are musically talented and enjoy singing together. Mrs. Ronald Burroughs, Mrs. Murray Smith, and Mrs. Marlin Perdue were charming hostesses, serving delicious refreshments from the attractive tea table. Cousins' ages ranged from our Vice-President's adorable little "not quite 3 years" granddaughter up to our kindly, gracious, oldest Cousin present, Mr. Warren De Voss of Griswold, 97 years old.

During the Reception, the Nominating Committee Members were quietly making contacts and both observing and talking with prospective candidates for office.

Saturday, August 3, the Stukely Westcott Descendants met at 10 A.M. at the Church of Christ in Griswold. There were 27 at the Memorial Service prepared by Louise Harris, National Chaplain, and read in her absence by Marlin Perdue, Iowa Chapter Chaplain.

Before the Business Meeting, the oldest member present, Mr. Warren De Voss of Griswold, recited "An Evening Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. Harold L. Perdue at the organ. Mrs. Hazel Perdue sang several pieces, accompanying herself on the auto-harp. This was followed by group singing and informal introduction by individuals, to get to know our Cousins better.

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Harold W. Wescott, with

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about 30 members present. The recording Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Auditors reported the Treasurer's books in order. Miss Cogswell, Treasurer, summarized her report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The membership voted approval of the Board's recommendations:

1. The name of The Westcott Family Quarterly shall be changed to "The Westcott Family Bulletin." A Spring and a Fall issue shall be printed each year, with a special Biennial Issue in early May of each Biennial Meeting year: a total of 5 issues in each 2-year period. Each issue shall not exceed 12 pages (10 pages preferred, to save printing costs), with material covering items of general and current interest to all Family members. *Quarterly*

2. Membership cards shall be issued with one "Mr. & Mrs." card per married couple, unless a couple requests individual cards. These cards will be expected to last 5 years, and will be issued only once during this time unless a member requests a replacement. Card's owners will be expected to keep an up-to-date record of dues payments on each card's blank back. Present owners of folding cards shall keep them throughout this 5-year period. *membership*

3. Applicants for Membership shall fill in and submit a 3d copy of the membership application, for the Historian's use.

Information on the foregoing changes will be published in The Westcott Family Bulletin.

In recognition of the dedicated service given by Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell as Editor of the Westcott Family Quarterly, as well as that of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, it was voted that a token gift of \$100 a year be given to her for each of the next 2 years: a total of \$200 between this date and the 1976 Biennial Meeting. *Harmony*

The Memorial Wreath was placed at the Stukely Westcott Plaque in Warwick, R.I. in 1973, by Miss Louise Harris of Rumford, R.I. No wreath was placed there in 1972, or in 1974. (Later she explained that the material of which the customary wreath had been made was no longer available.) *RI Hist*

Mrs. Paul R. Lewis showed a ceramic Plaque in color, bearing the Westcott Coat-of-Arms. It was designed and made by M./Sgt. John A. Williams and his wife, Judith (Caruso) Williams of Florida. Both are descendants of Stukely Westcott. They will make this Plaque available to Members who wish it, for a nominal fee. For the current (1976) price, write our Registrar: Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, P.O. Box 58, Riverton, Conn. 06065. *Plaque*

The Recording Secretary asks all Westcott Descendants to work at keeping an accurate record of family history for each member. Such records will be of great value to future generations, who will need to know correct dates, and correct spellings of names and places.

President Harold W. Wescott reported the invitation to the Society to hold the 1976 Biennial Meeting at Riverton, Conn. It was voted to accept this invitation.

A committee, consisting of Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Calif., Mr. Harold W. Wescott,

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Vt., and Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell, Mass., was appointed to study and update the Society's Constitution and By-Laws. They will try to have suggested changes ready to present at the 1976 Biennial Meeting.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the next 2 years. The vote was affirmative and unanimous.

President: Mr. Marlin E. Perdue, R.R.1, Griswold, IA 51535
 Vice President: Mrs. Raymond W. Smith, Rt.1, Box 21, Elliott, IA 51532
 Recording Secretary: Mrs. Pauline Clark, 71 Downer St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027
 Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. William P. Avery, 41 Davis Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201
 Treasurer and Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell, 83 Carver Rd., Newton Highlands, MA 02161
 Editor of Bulletin:
 Registrar: Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, P.O. Box 58, Riverton, CT 06065
 Historian: Mr. Robert A. Westcott, Rt.#1, Box 254-B, Climax, NC 27233
 Chaplain: Miss Louise Harris, 15 Jay St., Rumford, RI 02916

Directors: Mrs. Samuel Dorfler, NY Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, NJ
 Mr. William C. Driver, FL Mr. Harold W. Westcott, VT
 Miss Susan W. Handy, RI Dr. F. Howard Westcott, CA
 Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, IA
 Honorary Director: Mr. Leslie P. Westcott, FL

Summary
 The promotion of Mr. Leslie P. Westcott to Honorary Director merely takes from him any burden of feeling that he must express himself on all issues on which the Board is polled, if he should not feel well enough to do so. The Members agreed that the Society would be delighted to hear from him at any time, in person or by letter, on anything concerning the Society, and would give his opinions careful careful consideration. It is possible that the Constitution may be amended to state that any Director, upon reaching the age of 90, shall be promoted to Honorary Director at the next Biennial Meeting, and that the opinions of such Honorary Directors will always be welcome.

The Business Meeting adjourned at noon.

An informal lunch was served on the grounds of the SW Iowa Threshing Show and Antique Collection (3 miles West of Grant, Iowa) to those who had not stopped to eat on the way there.

The Westcott Cousins found many absorbingly interesting activities and antiques at the Show. Some even climbed onto the threshing wagon to watch more closely the old-fashioned threshing methods. Others spent much time in the large Quonset building, filled to overflowing with antiques of all sorts, large and small, used by Iowa's earliest settlers. Still others toured the grounds, observing (and keeping out of the way of) the great iron machines run by steam. Raymond Smith (husband of our Vice-President) and his son demonstrated the use of an antique drag-saw, powered by an early "one-lung" gasoline engine. Black walnut discs, newly cut from logs, of 6'4" diameter (including the bark) were given as souvenirs to all interested Cousins. (When dried carefully, such a disc can make an excellent hot-plate holder and an interesting conversation piece.) The afternoon passed quickly and pleasantly. Some Cousins had dreaded heat of over 100°, but the previous hot spell had broken shortly before we arrived. Saturday was really cool, a day for sweaters and coats. There

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were even a few tiny raindrops, which did not help to break Iowa's long drought.

The Biennial Steak Dinner was held at Nishna Valley Country Club at 7:30 P.M., with 50 Cousins present. The ladies in long gowns added a touch of glamor, and the Western windows framed a gorgeous sunset. The Iowa steak was, of course, perfect, as was the rest of the meal. Cousins from a distance had been made to feel thoroughly at home. We were all one big, friendly, happy family. Mrs. Hazel Perdue pleased us all by singing some of her lovely songs, accompanying herself on the auto-harp.

Our National President, Mr. Harold W. Westcott, gave us his greeting, which was very well expressed. Then came the surprise of the evening: Amos Westcott, son of the first Stukely Westcott! He told about their arrival in America, and about the trials of their journey from Salem, Mass. to Providence, R.I. to join their former Salem pastor, Roger Williams. His talk gave a real insight into the lives of our Westcott ancestors. At the end of the talk, he removed his peaked hat, wig and beard, and we all heartily applauded our own Dr. F. Howard Westcott.

On Sunday morning 47 Cousins gathered at the Church before the 10:45 Service. All received guest cards and were made welcome. We sat together as a family, except that several Cousins who lived near Griswold served as usual in their Home Church. Dorothy Perdue played the organ. Her son Marlin (our new National President) and his wife Marilyn sang in the choir. Audrey Williams of Lake City, Iowa sang a beautiful rendition of the 23d Psalm. Familiar faces were also seen among the Deacons and Ushers. Rev. Don Gordon gave an interesting sermon, and led the congregation in prayer for rain to end the drought that was killing the crops. The Westcott Cousins joined the Congregation in singing favorite hymns, and shared Communion with them.

After Church, the Cousins traveled to the Gold Crown Inn at Red Oak, Iowa, where they enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch. Some were able to stay for the Iowa Chapter's Annual Meeting at 2 P.M. Some National members who had to keep to their fixed travel schedules were forced to say hasty goodbyes. This caused confusion, because Iowa Members were trying to say goodbye to departing Cousins, while also trying to listen to the Iowa Chapter's Business Meeting. The National Society wishes to express its sincere regret for this confusion to Mrs. Edna Porter, President of Iowa Chapter #9.

For the entire Biennial Meeting there were 54 Members and guests present, including the Minister, Rev. Don Gordon, who joined us only briefly. Iowa naturally had by far the largest number: 36; Nebraska came 2d with 4; Connecticut and Vermont tied for 3d place with 3 each; California and New York had 2 each; and Arizona, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Texas had 1 apiece. Those traveling the furthest were Dr. F. Howard Westcott and Mrs. Elva Crum, both from California. Next was Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell, from near Boston, Mass. The youngest present was 2-year-old Jenifer Ellen Burroughs of Griswold, granddaughter of our Vice-President; the oldest was Mr. Warren De Voss, 97, of Griswold, formerly of Elliott, Iowa.

The 20th Biennial Meeting, Aug. 2, 3, and 4, 1974, hosted by Iowa Chapter #9, at Griswold, Iowa, will be remembered by all Cousins present as one of our most memorable.

Cousin Harold W. Westcott of Vermont wrote the following statement as retiring National President:

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"As Retiring President of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, I feel that it was a great honor and a privilege to serve two terms (four years.) I wish to thank all the officers and members for their help. Without that, I could not have made it. I feel we have made some progress; and I hope all members will give our new President their full support. Marlin Perdue is a fine fellow, and I think he will make a good President."

HAROLD W. WESCOTT

Cousin Marlin Perdue, our new National President, sent the following greeting to the National Society:

"I would like to thank everyone who attended the Stukely Westcott Reunion in Iowa for making it a success. It was nice to renew acquaintances and to meet new Cousins for the first time.

'It is an honor to serve as National President for the next two years.

"We are hoping that much interest will be shown by the active members, and that many more Cousins will be persuaded to join our ranks.

"I am sure many of us are hoping to make the meeting in Connecticut during our nation's Bicentennial Celebration the biggest one."

MARLIN PERDUE

1976 Biennial Reunion at Riverton, Conn.

The 21st Biennial Meeting of the Westcott Family will be held on Friday, Aug. 6, Saturday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 8, in Riverton, Conn., and in the neighboring town of Winsted. This is in Northwest Connecticut. Winsted is at the junction of U.S. Rt. 44 (from Hartford) and Scenic Rt. 8 (North and South through Western Conn. and Mass.) Riverton is 4 miles from Winsted on Conn. Scenic Rt. 20, which joins Rt. 8 2 miles North of Winsted. Rt. 20 is also reached by U.S. Rt. 202 South from Exit 3 of the Mass. Turnpike, or from North-South Interstate Rt. 91.

Cousins traveling by plane should fly to Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, Conn., which serves this area. Buses travel to Hartford from all points; some go to Winsted. Check your travel agency for planes or buses.

Planes and buses will be met by pre-arrangement. If you will need a lift, write early enough to Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, P.O. Box 58, Riverton, Conn. 06065, telling when and where you will arrive. Ask your travel agency or Mrs. Paul R. Lewis for data if you plan to rent a car.

Rooms in private homes, used by college students during term time, will be available for Westcotts at \$5 per person per night. Some have double beds, some twin beds, some are single rooms. Usually 2 bedrooms share a bath between. None share baths with the family. Write Cousin Edna Lewis what accommodations you want, and she will try to find the right room for you.

Cousins with campers or tents should write at once to Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, so she can reserve your place in the small camping grounds with facilities.

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Two motels, The Alcove and The Hillside, are located in New Hartford on U.S. Rt. 44, about 8 miles SE of Riverton and Winsted. Rates are: \$16 for room with 1 double bed; \$17 for twin beds; \$18 for 2 double beds. Add 7% sales tax. Prices are subject to change for the Bicentennial Season.

The Society has reserved 5 double rooms at Old Riverton Inn, Route 20, with priority for Board Members if they wish them. Rates are \$8.50 plus 7% tax per person, breakfast included. To reserve any of these rooms, send \$10 per person and give exact dates of arrival and departure.

The First Church of Winsted, 95 North Main St., will host both the Friday evening Registration and Reception and most of the other events. It is on Rt. 8 North, near Northwestern Conn. Community College (which is at the intersection of Rts. 44 and 8.)

Friday, August 6

3:00 P.M. Board Meeting at Old Riverton Inn.

5:30 P.M. "Dutch Treat" dinner at the Inn for the Board will follow the Board Meeting. Board Members' families may share this "Dutch Treat" dinner. After the dinner, Board Members and their families will drive to Winsted to join the other Westcott Cousins for the Friday evening Registration and informal Reception.

7:00 P.M. Registration and Reception for all members and their families and guests in the First Church of Winsted's "Gathering Room" for "an evening of friendship."

10:00 P.M. Church closing hour.

Saturday, August 7

10:00 A.M. First Church of Winsted. Meeting opens with greetings from Vermont Chapter #5, followed by recognition of Officers and Board Members of the National Society, and special music from Iowa Chapter #9. This will be followed by the Memorial Service, designed and led by Louise Harris, Chaplain.

10:45 A.M. Biennial Business Meeting.

1:00 P.M. Luncheon: Individual's choice at any of several small, nearby restaurants (from Host Committee's recommended list.)

2:00 P.M. Bicentennial Celebration. All Westcott Descendants are requested to wear Colonial dress. There will be guided tours of Colonial Homes and Historical Buildings, with special emphasis on the Churches of Winsted, Riverton, and nearby villages.

7:00 P.M. Saturday Evening Banquet in diningroom of First Church of Winsted. Toastmaster: Marlin Perdue, National President. Program of the Evening: Colonial Heritage.

Sunday, August 8

9:30 A.M. Family assembles in Gathering Room at First Church of Winsted.

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9:55 A.M. Family moves in a body to Sanctuary to join Congregation in Sunday Service.

1:30 P.M. Chicken Barbecue for Westcotts and Guests at the Old Congregational Church in Riverton, Conn.

Adjournment of 1976 Biennial Meeting.

All Westcott descendants and their families are urged to come, including Westcott descendants who are not at present Members of the National Society.

RESERVATIONS FOR ROOMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT ONCE, BEFORE MAY 1, 1976.

Reservations for Saturday's Banquet and Sunday's Chicken Barbecue are also requested at once.

Prices: Saturday: Banquet	Adults: \$4.50; Children: \$2.25
Sunday: Chicken Barbecue	" 2.50; " 1.25

Please make checks payable to Mrs. Paul R. Lewis and send them to her at P.O. Box 58, Riverton, Conn. 06065.

Please come, everyone!

CHAPTER NEWS: Vermont Chapter #5.

The 35th meeting of Vermont Chapter #5 was held Aug. 18, 1974, at Harold Westcott's farm. After an enjoyable picnic lunch, the business meeting was opened at 3:10 P.M. by Floied Coltey, Jr., Chapter President, with a silent prayer for deceased members Edward Jay and Arch Drake, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. It was voted to pay current bills from the \$62.80 cash balance on hand.

Reports of the National Society's Biennial Meeting in Iowa were made by Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Westcott, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, and Mrs. Velma Jean Reed, all of whom had represented Vermont Chapter #5 at the 1974 National Society's Iowa Meeting. It was hoped that many members of Vermont Chapter #5 would be able to attend the 1976 National Society Meeting in Connecticut.

At this point the meeting moved indoors, fleeing from a fast-moving thunder-shower. It resumed at 3:40.

Pearl Brown, Corresponding Secretary, read letters from absent members. It was agreed that she should ask members to attend if possible.

It was reported that flowers had been placed in the East Poultney Baptist Church in memory of those who had died during the year. A committee was named to decide time, place, and entertainment for the 1975 Chapter Meeting. It was voted to send flowers to Mrs. Hudson Reed.

About 75 direct Westcott descendants were present. The largest family attending

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was the 16-member Myrtle Champney family. The oldest present was Ruth Carr, at 73; the youngest: Harold Wescott III, 15 months. Mabel Wescott, from Connecticut, traveled the farthest.

Slides of the Iowa trip were shown; they proved most interesting.

President Floied Coltey, Jr. ended the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Iowa Chapter #9

The 1974 business meeting of Iowa Chapter #9 was held at the Gold Crown Inn, Red Oak, Iowa, Sunday, Aug. 4, immediately following the delicious buffet luncheon shared with the National Society members. Mrs. Edna Porter, Chapter President, presided. The following Chapter officers were elected: Mrs. Harold Perdue, President; Mrs. Edna Porter, Vice-President; Mrs. Raymond Smith, Secretary; Mrs. Ed Kolb, Treasurer; Mrs. Maurice Maxwell, Historian; Marlin Perdue, Chaplain.

NEW MEMBERS

- #594: Mr. Arthur Paul Beyers, 211 Village Circle, San Antonio, TX 78232
- #595: Mr. & Mrs. Harold W. Wescott, Jr., RFD#2, Poultney, VT 05764
- #596: Miss Pamela Wescott Avery, 41 Davis Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201
- #597: Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Dennis, 1201 W. Hazelwood, Phoenix, AZ 85013
- #598: Miss Lynda Dennis, 1201 W. Hazelwood, Phoenix, AZ 85013
- #599: Miss Kathleen Dennis, 1201 W. Hazelwood, Phoenix, AZ 85013
- #600: Mr. & Mrs. John Pincheon, 48 Grand Blvd., So. Glens Falls, NY 12801
- #601: Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Jay, East Poultney, VT 05741
- #602: Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Avery, 41 Davis Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201
- #603: Mr. W. Westcott Hopkins, 36 Maple Ave., Little Silver, NJ 07739
- #604: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Allen Greene, P.O. Box 137, E. Greenwich, RI 02818
- #605: Mr. Jeffrey Dale Mercer, 811 E. Phoenix, Grand Island, NB 68801
- #606: Mr. Mark L. Melville, 6502 Edmonton Ave., San Diego, CA 92122
- #607: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Proctor Graney, 54 E. Como, Columbus, OH 43202
- #608: Mr. & Mrs. George W. Weston, 338 Spruce St., Aurora, IL 60506

We are so glad to welcome so many new Cousins to our National Society. The New Members list will be printed in the future in the above condensed format, to save space and printing cost, and to leave more room for interesting news. The underlinings show that Mr. or Mrs. is the Westcott descendant; Miss is a descendant.

AN EXPLANATION

Your Editor did not have vital information for the Bulletin till almost Thanksgiving, 1974. No Bulletin could then have been mailed before Dec. 9. One Quarterly mailed then had lost one-third of the mailing (replaced later.) Therefore I planned to write the Bulletin in January, 1975. Then my builder said he could insulate my unfinished attic between two big jobs if I cleared it in 10 days. I had almost no help and worked till exhaustion daily, but cleared most of it. When the men left each day, I moved things into the finished area. When carrying everything back upstairs, I had more help, but had to do all arranging and sorting myself. Then came

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Federal and State Income Tax returns. In late April I took a \$100, 5-day-2-evenings Genealogical Seminar at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. It was tiring, but worth it. After a Parke Society Board meeting that weekend in Conn., I had to do postponed chores.

In June I caught a bad virus (including probable "strep throat.") Penecillin cured me, but I have tired too easily since then.

In July the museum which owns our family portrait by Copley needed a list of former owners, with dates and human interest bits, for a write-up to be printed before September, when the portrait would go on special exhibit. It was interesting but tiring research. I kept fighting undue fatigue and sleepiness.

My annual checkup (early September) showed my hemoglobin only 11 grams, "enough to make anyone feel tired." Throughout Fall and Winter I was exhausted after each small effort. In early February I got severe intestinal flu, lasting 6 weeks, including 3 relapses. On March 23 my oral surgeon dug the last of the infection out of my gums at the base of my teeth, swabbed on antibiotic, and gave me some to apply there twice daily. I have felt well since, and have enjoyed writing this Bulletin.

I have cut off this Bulletin at 10 pages, to get it done and out as soon as possible, not to lose your chance to get room or camping reservations for our August Biennial Meeting. The omitted features will be picked up in the next issue, which I hope will be in late June, with news update about our August Reunion.

REMINDERS

1. Write at once for room or camping reservations to Mrs. Paul R. Lewis, P.O.Box 58, Riverton, Conn. 06065, to join us in Conn. Aug. 6, 7, and 8, 1976.
2. Check your travel agent at once if coming by plane or bus; ask your agent or Mrs. Lewis for data if you plan to rent a car after plane or bus.
3. If you need a lift from plane or bus, write Mrs. Lewis early enough to be met.
4. Send checks soon to Mrs. Lewis for Saturday's Banquet and Sunday's Chicken Barbecue.
5. Board Members: Plan to attend Board Meeting, 3:00 P.M. Friday, Aug. 6, Old Riverton Inn. Board Members' families may join them at "Dutch Treat" Dinner, 5:30 P.M., Old Riverton Inn. All others will meet them at First Church of Winsted, 7:00 P.M.
6. Please send dues promptly, to pay the printer.
7. Send address changes promptly, with new Zip Code. Postoffices now throw out forwarding addresses after only one year.

JOIN US IN AUGUST
