

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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KNOW YOUR KINDRED BETTER

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I believe there has been a misunderstanding. It was voted at the Board Meeting in Bennington that the Editor was to be given a \$100 fund to pay the smaller expenses of publishing the Quarterly, such as stamps, supplies, emergency typing, etc.. This fund was to be reimbursed as the bills totaled more than \$50.

I found that it is no longer safe to mail the Quarterly 3rd class mail as some of the Quarterlies have not been delivered or returned to me. Due to this fact and the aforementioned misunderstanding I found it necessary to shorten the original Quarterly and just give you news of the Biennial Reunion in an effort to keep the postage for this Quarterly as near 15¢ each as possible. *Quarterly*

I sincerely hope things are straightened out soon so the Quarterly will again be back to normal and on schedule.

Our 22nd Biennial Reunion was held at the Paradise Motor Inn, Bennington, Vermont with 49 Cousins in attendance. *Constitution*

The Board met on Friday for an all day session. Revisions of the Constitution were discussed.

At the reception on Friday evening there was punch and cookies served. Everyone had a good visit, met new Cousins and had plenty of time to look over the scrap books and other material the Historian, Cousin Marge Westcott, had brought, also the Genealogies and pictures that Dorothy Potter donated to the Society. *Historian*

Saturday started with our Business Meeting at 10:30 AM, and went as follows:

The meeting was called to order by our Vice-President, Cousin Mabel Wescott, as our President, Cousin Marlin Perdue was unable to attend the reunion this year.

Cousin Howard Westcott led us in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of "Bold Stukely Westcott". The words to this song were written by Cousin Theodora Bates Cogswell, mother of Cousin Dorothea Cogswell our retiring Treasurer.

There were Cousins from California, Florida, New York, North Carolina, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Georgia, and Pennsylvania attending the reunion this year. Incidentally, we have National members in 32 states, and Washington, DC.

A very appropriate Memorial Service, prepared by our Chaplain, Cousin Louise Harris, who we regret was not able to attend this reunion, was read by our acting President, Cousin Mabel Wescott. Bible verses were from Psalm 121 and John 15:1-17 from the revised standard Version. The assembled Cousins stood in respectful silence as the names of the deceased were read. This was followed by a prayer. The hymn "How Great Thou Art" was sung beautifully by Cousin Velma Reed, joined by the Cousins on the chorus. We then stood for the benediction.

Letters were read from those that were not able to attend. There are Cousins in Rest Homes and nursing homes that would very much enjoy cards from the Cousins.

In October 1977 we welcomed chapter #12, a new chapter in New Hampshire. Our newest chapter reports they have 26 members. The oldest is 98, the youngest is Cousin Eulalia Wescott's grandson, 1 year old. The chapter is marking an older grave, that of Cousin Eulalia's husband's greatgrandfather.

Vermont chapter reports they have 76 members, the oldest, Cousin Rachel Cottrel, 81 years old, and the youngest, Cousin Terrell Washburn. Cousin Rita Saunders, president of the Vermont chapter presented a \$50 check from the Vermont chapter for the Westcott Scholarship Foundation.

Iowa reported that the chapter had intended to disband, but 4 new members from Kansas were interested.

The Registrar, Cousin Edna Lewis, reported that 26 Cousins have been lost by death, 1 has been reinstated, and we have 24 new members since the 21st Biennial in 1976.

Your Editor, Cousin Robert Westcott, reported that the Quarterly will again be published in January, April, July, and October of each year. The cut off dates for news material will be:

December 31 for January Quarterly
 March 31 for April Quarterly
 June 30 for July Quarterly
 September 31 for October Quarterly

Registrar Cousin Edna Lewis reported that Marlin Perdue will sponsor a proposed tour to England to trace our ancestors. The cost of a charter flight round trip by air will be between \$319 - \$359. Those who are interested let Cousin Edna Lewis know:

Mrs. Edna Lewis
 P O Box 58
 Riverton, CN 06065

Corresponding Secretary Cousin Wilma Avery reported that there have been 12 chapters chartered. Only 3 are active at the present time. Historian Cousin Marge Westcott is hoping that some of the inactive chapters can be reactivated.

It was voted that anyone who has to go to a nursing or retirement home be made an Honorary Life Member and will no longer pay dues.

Cousin Sharon Colty is collecting old Boy Scout Handbooks. He requests that if you want to get rid of any, send them to him:

Mr. Sharon Coltey
 5224 Woodland Dr.
 Lake City, GA 30252

The chairman of the nominating committee, Editor Cousin Robert Westcott, reported the following slate of officers:

President	Mabel Wescott, Bx 612, E. Poultney, VT 05741
Vice-President	Pauline Clark, 122 Floral Park, 1701 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209
Recording Sec'y	Sharon Coltey, 5224 Woodland Dr., Lake City, GA 30252
Corresponding Sec'y	Wilma Avery, 41 Davis Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Paul Lewis</u> , P O Box 58, Riverton, CN 06065
Registrar	Edna Lewis, P O Box 58, Riverton, CN 06065
Historian	Marge Westcott, Rt #1 Box 254-B, Climax, NC 27233
<u>Editor</u>	<u>Robert Westcott</u> , Rt #1 Box 254-B, Climax, NC 27233
Chaplain	Floyd Coltey, Goodman Rd., Fort Ann, NY 12827

This slate was approved. We would like to welcome the new officers and say to the retiring officers, President Marlin Perdue, Treasurer Dorothea Cogswell, Chaplain Louise Harris, Thank You for a job well done.

On Saturday afternoon the Cousins very much enjoyed the tour of the Bennington Museum. One of America's outstanding regional museums. Exhibits include the largest collection of Bennington Pottery on public display, rare collections of American blown and pressed glass, a gallery of Grandma Moses paintings, and the Grandma Moses Schoolhouse Museum. Also notable examples of furniture, rare documents, historical costumes and uniforms, firearms and swords, toys and dolls. Early American household items, contemporary Vermont and other European paintings and sculptures, and the famous Bennington flag. We were very pleased to find in the museums special display room, a very fascinating Norman Rockwell Collection.

From there the Cousins moved on to the Bennington Monument. This monument is 306' tall and the top can be reached by an elevator, from the top of the monument you can see 3 states on a clear day. The monument was built in 1891 to commemorate the attack by America's General John Stark against General Burgoyne's troops during the Revolutionary War. The battle took place on August 16, 1772.

Interested
Honorary + Dues

At 7:30 the Cousins all met at the Paradise Motel Restaurant for a lovely banquet. Our guest of honor was Cousin Rachel Cottrell.

After the banquet Cousin Mabel Westcott and her daughter Cousin Velma Reed presented a very beautiful program titled "This is Your Land". It was done with slides and songs, the Cousins all greatly enjoyed it.

Sunday morning the Cousins all met at the 1st Baptist Church and attended morning service in a group. After church the Cousins enjoyed coffee and visiting with Cousins and members of the church in the Social room of the Church.

This concluded our 22nd Biennial Reunion at Bennington, Vermont. Some of the Cousins stayed on till Monday morning, while others left for home or to travel on vacation. All had a deep feeling of KNOWING THEIR KINDRED BETTER after spending the weekend together visiting and enjoying the activities.

GREETINGS:

Several Cousins have written to say they have happy memories of our Bennington meeting.

It was a pleasure to meet so many Cousins, renew friendship and welcome new members. Wasn't it good to have such a good attendance of young people who showed a real interest in the Westcott Society.

We missed some Cousins who are usually present. It was the first time in several years we had no one from our Iowa Chapter. We hope to see them next time.

Our new New Hampshire Chapter was well represented with 4 officers present.

We have several new members since the August meeting.

Our new Treasurer, Paul Lewis has been very busy receiving dues from many of you. We have a balance to work with, publish the Quarterly etc.

Our Scholarship Loan Fund is in the capable hands of F. Howard Westcott. If you wish to contribute to this or borrow from it contact Cousin Howard.

Keep well.

Happy Holidays,
Mabel Wescott, President

Your hosts for the Biennial Reunion in Vermont, Cousin Dorothea Cogswell, Cousin Marge Westcott, and Cousin Bob Westcott, would like to again thank Cousin Mabel Wescott for helping to locate the Paradise Motel and all the other help she gave us. We would also like to thank everyone that helped in any way.

We would like to thank Cousin Harold Wescott for donating the flowers for the banquet. Both the flowers for the banquet and the Memorial Service were used in the Church for Sunday Service. The flowers from the Memorial Service were sent to a shut in living in Bennington, and the flowers from the banquet were sent to Cousin Harold Wescott.

We were very pleased to see the younger people taking an interest in the Westcott Society and hope to see many more become active.

We were very proud to have as our guest of honor at the banquet Cousin Rachel Cottrell. Cousin Rachel was one of the early members of our Society. She helped Cousin Roscoe Whitman with his research and in 1939 took over the Historians office that Cousin Roscoe Whitman had held. She held this office until 1948 doing a great deal of research work for the Society. Cousin Rachel served as Recording Secretary from 1956 to 1958 and in 1956 prepared the program for the 11th Biennial Reunion in East Poultney, Vermont. We want to again thank you Cousin Rachel for the years of work and research you have done for us.

The following Treasurers report is exactly as I received it from Cousin Dorothea.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

EXPENSES

Dues and Contributions \$671.83
 Notepaper Sales 10.77
 Gift from former Pres.
 Howard Wescott of Vt.:
 Reunion Flowers and Cor-
 sage for Guest of Honor:
 Mrs. Rachel Cottrell 31.25
\$713.85
1,166.56
\$ 452.71

Printing \$466.84
 Office Expense plus Postage 229.14
 Phone Bills (1978 Reunion) 339.96
 Typewriter Repairs/Cleaning 20.00
 Paradise Inn: Punch and Cookies 91.90
 Name Badges (Reunion) 18.72
\$1,166.56

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gifts and Repayments \$ 515
 New Loans 1,000
\$ 485

The Scholarship Fund also received during our 1978 Reunion a very generous gift from former President Harold W. Wescott of Vermont. Two of the Society's Chapters also made much smaller gifts to this Fund. As all these went to the new Treasurer, his first report will give them.

Checks totaling well over \$400 were not deposited before they would have "bounced" because of "late date deposit." The retired Treasurer had expected to return these checks to their writers (asking for updated checks to be sent the new Treasurer) as her final duty. However, the Board delegated this to the new Treasurer. He wrote recently that most of these new checks have come. The retired Treasurer has guaranteed to "make good" any checks not replaced, so the Society will not lose.

Checks totaling \$501.12 have been sent the new Treasurer, more than canceling the temporary general deficit of \$452.71. Also a check for \$297.55 has gone to Dr. F. Howard Westcott, the Scholarship Fund Balance. He will now take charge of this Fund, and has said that he plans to make it a real Foundation. The retired Treasurer gave him at his request her only list of undeposited checks, so cannot give their total or divide it between general Society receipts and Scholarship Fund repayments.

The retired Treasurer, to help the Society meet costs of the 1978 reunion, returned before leaving office the remaining gifts she had received from the Society by vote of the membership during her years in office, as well as paying all her own very heavy phone bills (over \$200 to over \$300 a month) and other expenses of completely arranging a Reunion in two different places, both distant.

As a final, personal note: I have really enjoyed being an officer of our Society, and shall miss the Board Meetings. However, as the new Historian of the Adam Hawkes Family Association (which could find nobody else qualified to do both the routine work and the necessary massive research required of the Historian), as copy Editor of the Parke Society's News Letter, and Recording Secretary of my DAR Chapter, I shall still be extremely busy. I hope to attend several more Reunions before old age "grounds" me.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothea B. Cogswell, Treasurer (Retired)

Treasurer

Scholarship

Dr. F. Howard Westcott has taken over the Scholarship Fund and all payments, contributions, and inquires should be sent to:

Dr. F. Howard Westcott
16673 San Salvador Court
Rancho Bernardo
San Diego, CA 92128

Dr. Howard reports that there is \$1837.50 in the Scholarship Fund to date. Cousin Harold Westcott donated \$1,000.00, the Vermont Chapter donated \$50 and payments have come in on loans. *Scholarship*

Dr. Howard will welcome any contribution you wish to make.

With regret, two of our treasured national officers found it necessary to resign this year. *Resignations*

Cousin Dorothea Cogswell who in 1962 took on 3 offices in the Society, that of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor and did a very remarkable job at all three until in 1974 due to poor health she found it necessary to give up the Corresponding Secretary's office, which Cousin Wilma Avery took over. Then in 1976 due to poor health and other conflicting interests Cousin Dorothea found it necessary to give up the Editors office and Cousin Robert Westcott took this office. Now in 1978 Cousin Dorothea has given up the last office she held, that of Treasurer, this office is now being filled by Cousin Paul Lewis. Cousin Dorothea was begged to take the Historians office for another family association she belongs to as they very desperately needed her abounding knowledge to help them with their research. She realized she could not handle this new office, her other interests, and the Treasurers office for our Society, so with much regret she found it necessary to resign as our Treasurer. Cousin Dorothea has contributed a great deal of research and devoted many hours to the Society. She will still be available to give us any help she can and we hope to see her at many more reunions.

The other treasured officer to leave us is Cousin Louise Harris. In 1962 she took the Registrars office. In 1972 she added the office of acting Chaplain to her schedule. We were very disappointed when in 1974 Cousin Louise decided to give up the Registrars office in which she had done such a marvelous job and contributed so much to the Society, however, she did stay on as our wonderful Chaplain. Cousin Edna Lewis took over the Registrars office at this time. This year Cousin Louise felt it was time for someone else to take the Chaplains office and Cousin Sharon Coltey is the new Chaplain. As you all know Cousin Louise is a famous research writer and we will be watching for her books. ✓

Our Historian Cousin Marge Westcott would again like to thank Cousin Dorothy Potter, Cousin Roscoe Whitmans daughter, for the set of Genealogies that were Cousin Roscoe Whitmans and the pictures she gave the Society. The Genealogies contain written corrections in the margins that Cousin Roscoe made and will be greatly treasured by Cousin Marge and the Society. *Society Property*

Cousin Marge Westcott our Historian is keeper of all artifacts pertaining to the Society and will welcome anything the Cousins would like to send her.

Would you like to reactivate an old Chapter or start a new Chapter. If you are interested and want more information contact:

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ATTENTION COUSINS

In an effort to create more interest and participation, your Editor, as Chairman of the nominating committee, would like to know if any Cousins have any special interests, hobbies, or skills. I would like to compile a special file for the Society to aid in future selection of nominees for office. Please understand, each individual would be asked personally, before you are nominated, for your acceptance to be nominated. Please send your information to the Editor. This information will be available to all future nominating committees.

Robert A. Westcott Editor

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Would you please send the names and addresses of Cousins in rest homes or hospitals to your Editor.

To those we love and see each day
And other loved ones far away
To all good friends whose friendship means so much
And those with whom we're somehow out of touch
We would like to wish you

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

BOB MARGE BONNIE

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