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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

The twenty-third biennial meeting of the Society was held August 22 - 24, 1980 in Bennington, Vermont with a meeting of the Board of Directors held Friday afternoon followed by a reception and Hobby Show that evening, where there was on display:

Genealogy material by Dorothy Cogswell who gave all of us an idea of what is composed in making out a family tree. Much of the material is copyrighted by her and shows that she has worked very hard in this field. We are certainly proud to have her as a member of our family.

Sharon Coltey had a collection of scoutmaster handbooks and Boy Scout handbooks; he reported that his collections contained many, many more items. He is looking for early editions, 1910 - 1945, Boy Scout and scoutmaster hand books. Sharon was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award by the Atlanta Area Council in February 1980.

Mrs. Arlene Coltey had several albums of pictures of other meetings, primarily of the Vermont Chapter which all enjoyed seeing and sharing.

Mrs. Eulalia Wescott presented her family pedigree album.

Mrs. Rita Sanders had a collection of old books which she explained is a wonderful hobby in searching for additions.

Mrs. Mabel Wescott had a collection of frogs (not real!). It seems that she just casually mentioned to one of her classes, when she was still teaching, that she collected them and now her house is filled with all types from throughout the world.

Mr. Paul Lewis had a very fine display of woodwork which included a lamp and table, bowls, spinning tops and a fine dulcimer. He gave an interesting talk on the types of wood he uses and where they are to be found.

Mrs. Edna Lewis shared with us samples of photography which is a hobby she greatly enjoys.

Mrs. Marion Dorfler had a display of her knitting: a table cloth and sweater, beautiful work and you know you could never purchase their equal.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott had part of his collection of stones and presented an example of how he makes a rough stone into a finished one for jewelry. He gave some locations where particular stones are available.

Jane Sanders showed pictures of some of her animal friends that she had framed and talked about them.

Mary Sanders said her hobby was singing and sang a religious song during the "sing along" time.

The gathering was brought to a close with the singing of "Bold Stukely Westcott" and some "sing alongs" which were led by Frankie and Velma Reed, and Sharon Coltey. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship.

s/ Sharon F. Coltey
Recording Secretary

THE 23RD. BIENNIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, August 23, 1980

The meeting was called to order by President Mabel Wescott at 10:30 A. M. and was opened by a prayer from our National Chaplain, Floied Coltey, Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag, and, Velma Reed led the singing of "God Bless America". There were forty-plus members in attendance.

President Mabel Wescott welcomed all members and friends and then read the list of officers and directors present. In addition, Chapter President Eulalia Westcott of New Hampshire was introduced, she presented a check from the chapter to Dr. F. Howard Westcott for the Scholarship Fund. President Rita Sanders of the Vermont Chapter gave a brief report of the Vermont meeting held a week earlier.

President Mabel Wescott thanked the Vermont Chapter for hosting the National Meeting. She then read the states that were represented at the meeting: New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, California, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Florida, Vermont and New York.

National Chaplain led the gathering in a memorial service by reading scriptures from the Bible. He then asked the members to stand while he read the names of those who had passed away since the 1978 meeting. *National Members:* Mrs. Laura Woods No. 372 January 23, 1979, Syracuse, New York; Pricilla Sharpe No. 476 February 4, 1980, Old Greenwich, Conn.; Rev. Henry Schooley No. 343 August 1, 1978; Dolly May Stone June 1979; Lloyd E. Garrison No. 90 November 3, 1978 Englewood, N. J.; Coleman C. Westcott No. 19 March 2, 1979 Fair Haven, Vt.; Minita W. Shrewsbury L144, June 1979 Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Clyde E. Hamilton February 7, 1980 Vero Beach, Fla.; Edmund Wescott L 563 August 6, 1978 Waukesha, Wisc.; William C. Driver No. 115 November 21, 1978 Pompano, Fla.; Ruby R. Anderson L 430 May 11, 1979 Westerly, R. I.; Harold W. Wescott Sr. No. 207 November 25, 1979 Poultney, Vt.; Oscar J. Campney, No. 494 August 25, 1980 Fort Ann, N. Y.; Ethel Place L 332 March 21, 1980 Warwick, R. I.; B. Gordon Wescott A 57 October 21, 1975; John A. Ellmauer No. 227 February 5, 1980; Ralph Demarest Trismen No. 309 October 24, 1979 River Edge, N. J.; Clyde Wescott May 11, 1979 Canaan, N. H.

Associate Members: Benjamin Twombly, New Hampshire; Edward Twombly, New Hampshire; Kent Wayne Perdue, September 9, 1979 age 30. He was a grandson of Ruth Perdue; Ruth Helen Collins Perdue, June 19, 1978, Griswold, Iowa; Ruby Goodwin, Ashland, N. H. October 22, 1979 in Hanover, N. H.; Linda Wagoner Pickens No. 275 October 23, 1978; and, Hilda Maynard. This was followed by a moment of silence and recitation of the "The Lord's Prayer".

Wilma Avery sang a selection with the words based on Revelation.

President Mabel asked for the reading of the minutes of the 1978 Business meeting. Sharon Coltey read the minutes and they were approved, corrected. Corresponding Secretary Wilma Avery gave her report; there were thirty regular new members and one associate. Letters received from cousins unable to attend the meeting were from: Eleanor Trismen, Robert F. Westcott of Chicago, Ill., Dorothy Perdue, Dorothy W. Hartman, and Bess Swigert. She also received letters in appreciation of honorary membership, the most recent being Janet D. Pelch, July 21, 1980.

Auditors Alice and Bert Hoffman reported that Treasurer Paul Lewis' accounts were accurate and in order.

Registrar Edna Lewis reported that we are receiving new members, especially young ones. While this requires a good deal of processing and sometimes research, she is delighted with the continued interest the applications represent.

President Mabel Wescott arranged for memorial flowers to be placed on Stukely Westcott's grave in Rhode Island and Edna Lewis explained the significance of this memorial.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott announced that Volume I and II of the Stukely Westcott genealogies could be available in loose leaf form. They must be ordered by the set.

(Editor's Note: Please see Iowa Chapter Report)

Nominating Chairman Robert Westcott announced the selection by the committee for officers for the coming year:

President - *Pauline Clark*
Vice President - *Floied Coltey*
Recording Secretary - *Sharon Coltey*

Chaplain - *Eulalia Wescott*
Registrar/Historian - *Edna Lewis*
Quarterly News Compiler - *Eleanor Trismen*
Quarterly Publisher - *Edmund W. Morris*
Corresponding Secretary - *Wilma Avery*
Treasurer - *Paul Lewis*

Mr. Edmund W. Morris, on behalf of his wife, Fran, and, mother Dorothy Whitman Potter, extended an invitation for the Society to celebrate its next biennial meeting in 1982 in Virginia; the motion was made and carried that the meeting will be held in the area of Charlottesville, Virginia.

President Mabel Wescott announced the places of interest to visit in the Bennington area. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the evening family banquet.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Pres. Mrs. Pauline Clark, 1701 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209
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Respectfully submitted,
s/Sharon Coltey
Recording Secretary

BIENNIAL DINNER AUGUST 23, 1980

President Mabel Wescott issued greetings on behalf of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America. The Vermont Chapter presented corsages and boutonnieres to Honory members and to the President.

Following dinner, President Wescott called the meeting to order to finish the business of the morning. Mr. Samuel Dorfler made a motion that the slate of officers nominated at the morning meeting be accepted. The motion was carried by an affirmative vote, at which time President Wescott presented a corsage to Pauline Clark and turned the president's gavel over to her.

Outgoing President Mabel Wescott dedicated a poem and presented the officers that worked with her, a memento in appreciation of the work that they had done during the past two years.

Dr. F. Howard Wescott, dressed in early American clothes, along with Pam Avery as supporting cast, presented a skit on what may have been a portrayal of Stukely's move of his family in the New World.

The dinner was brought to a close by Frankie and Velma Reed who sang "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You".

There were 64 members and guests in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
s/Sharon Coltey
Recording Secretary

A MESSAGE FROM PAULINE V. CLARK, PRESIDENT

As your new president, I wish to greet all of you, the members of our great Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America. Some of you, I know; others, I need to make your acquaintance. I wish to thank all of you for the lovely red and white carnation corsage which was presented to me at my installation.

I am so pleased with all the confidence expressed both at the business meeting and banquet and many thanks. I was overwhelmed with emotion at the banquet, that I could not adequately express my deep gratitude at the time. I will try, to the best of my ability, to serve you faithfully and conscientiously.

We had a great reunion August 22 - 24 at Bennington, Vermont. I'm sorry many of you were unable to attend. Many of our cousins brought samples of their hobbies. We have some very talented cousins.

I am hoping to be able to follow in the capable footsteps of our Past President, Mabel Wescott.

Some of you longtime members might remember my older half-sister, Lulu Bergen Fowler, who helped Roscoe Whitman when he was founding our Society. I still thank the Lord, that, upon my graduation from college in 1938, Lulu gave me my national membership.

With the help of our Heavenly Father, you very important members, my fellow officers, and our very distinguished Board Members, I hope to be able to realize a few of my dreams for our Society.

PRESIDENT'S WISH TO REVITALIZE THE CHAPTERS:

I would like to see some local chapters revitalized, and hopefully new ones formed. It takes five national members in a State to form a new chapter . . . Apply to our Corresponding Secretary:

Mrs. Wilma Avery, 41 Davis Avenue, Absecon, New Jersey 08201

In order to revitalize chapters which have disbanded, please contact:

Mr. Edmund W. Morris, PINK HILL, Rural Route two - Box 142, Crozet, Virginia 22932

Edmund has taken on the job of publishing the Society Quarterlies.

News and items for the Quarterly are being coordinated by, and, should be sent to:

Mrs. Ralph Trismen (Eleanor), 457 The Fenway, River Edge, New Jersey 07661

We will welcome news of our members and their families, including those attending school, those in the service, births, marriages, and deaths.

Any vital records will be welcome by our Registrar/Historian:

Mrs. Paul Lewis (Edna), P. O. Box 58, Riverton, Conn. 06065

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:

Do you know we have a great thing going in our Scholarship Foundation under the leadership of Dr. F. Howard Westcott? Five of our young cousins have been helped through college and another one is being processed. Where else can we borrow money for college at 5% interest, with the loan to be paid back, completed by ten years after graduation?

I know several individuals have contributed sizeable sums to this project. It is, to me, a humanitarian fund.

Also, the Vermont Chapter as well as the New Hampshire Chapter have donated. I'm not informed about the Iowa Chapter. Will someone let us know, through The Quarterly, if Iowa has contributed, because they should be given credit, if it is due.

When our yearly dues are paid, our members might add a donation for The Scholarship Fund. It all adds up and, with the rising cost of college education, every donation helps.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON MEMBERSHIP:

We hope that the younger members will take an active interest in finding more young cousins to join us.

Speaking of news, *Mrs. Carlton (Jeanette) Cook* has the lowest membership number *No. 4* of any of our present national members. The highest number is somewhere in the six hundreds.

Eulalia Westcott, the President of the New Hampshire, our newest chapter, tells me she insists that her members become national members. Her Chapter gives national membership to the parents of each new baby, so the child, upon coming of age, is all set up as a national member.

On going to the mailroom, I found application numbers 666 - 674 for me to sign, plus a note from Edna that there are five more "in the works". We are growing!

FROM PAULINE CLARK, PRESIDENT

When I attended the Women's luncheon at the New York State Fair, I heard an invocation which touched me deeply. I received permission to use it. It was written by Mary Stewart. It is being used as the Prayer for the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

- . "Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
- . Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.
- . May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.
- . May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.
- . Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
- . Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight-forward and unafraid.
- . Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that, in the big things of life, we are as one.
- . And, may we strive to touch and to know the great human heart of us all, Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind."

I will strive to keep this prayer in mind at all times. I am here to serve you, the members, but cannot do much without your help and prayers. (Every week I see prayers, from a prayer circle in my church, answered.)

I will be glad to hear from you at any time. If you have a question you want answered, it will be turned over to the proper authority, if, I am unable to help you.

I hope some of you who couldn't come to the reunion in Vermont this year will be able to meet with us in Charlottesville, Virginia in 1982.

Yours in working for a closely-knit Society,

Pauline V. Clark, President
1701 State Fair Boulevard Lot 122
Syracuse, New York 13209

CHAPTER NEWS

IMPORTANT! FROM BARBARA WEBER, Secretary, THE IOWA CHAPTER

Dear Cousins:

The Iowa Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants is planning to reprint both volumes (1932 - 1939) of the Westcott Geneology by Rosecoe L. Whitman.

There will be two price ranges to consider and different advantages to owning each.

First: A standard set (two books), suede-like, three ring, spiral notebooks. This set will be functional, having a wide margin for notes or additions. There will also be a few blank sheets to fill in appropriate areas. The cost of this set is \$33.50 which includes shipping costs.

Second: Deluxe set (two books), a prideful addition to any library. These books are hard bound and will have "Stukely Westcott", Vol. I and Vol. II printed on the ends. The cost of this set is \$51.00 which also includes shipping.

Both sets will be approximately 9 x 7 inches, printed on smooth quality paper, about 500 pages per book. Color and final detail will be left to the committee's good taste.

To insure printing it will be necessary for you to pre-order and pre-pay by December 10, 1980. In case of insufficient interest, your checks and money orders will be returned. Any orders received after December 10th. will cost \$40.00 for the Standard set and \$60.00 for the deluxe set.

Make checks and money orders payable to: *The Westcott Book Fund*
and send to: The Westcott Book Fund, Barbara Weber, 631 Boone Street, Webster City, Iowa 50595
Also, be sure to print your return address.

REPORT OF VERMONT CHAPTER NO. 5:

The annual reunion of the Vermont Chapter No. 5 of the Stukely Westcott Descendants of America was held August 17, 1980 at Middletown Springs, Vt.

We were graced with beautiful sunny weather as we picnicked in the lovely green valley at the Wescott farm. The business meeting was lead by President Rita Sanders with a moment of silent prayer for deceased cousins, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the singing of "Bold Stukely Westcott" by all. Frank Reed accompanied on guitar.

Forty three were in attendance. This number was smaller than usual due to the recent loss of cousin, Oscar Campney, who with his wife, Myrtle, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren swelled our number each year to twice this amount. We look forward to having Myrtle and children with us next year. Several other cousins missed coming due to earlier commitments.

The oldest cousin attending was *Ruth Ketcham* from Bennington, Vt. She is 78 years of age. The youngest was Tabitha Rivers, 2 years old, the daughter of Audie and Cindy Jay Rivers.

After lunch and business meeting, games were played by all. Group singing with guitar accompanied by Jay, Sharon and Floyd Colty, rounded out a great day.

A committee was appointed to choose a place for the 1981 gathering for the Vermont Chapter.

Wedding: Bonnie Jay, daughter of Charles and Lila Jay will be married October 11, 1980 to Gary Benson. The wedding will take place at the historic Baptist Church at East Poltney, Vt. This is also the date of Charles and Lila's anniversary.

Dear Cousins:

May I take this time to thank all who made the Bennington National Reunion one of the best my family and I have attended.

It is a real pleasure to meet new found cousins, renew friendships with previously found ones, and I, for one always find out more fascinating things about our heritage at each gathering.

We look forward to the 1982 National Reunion in Virginia. May the coming Holidays be blessed with health and happiness for everyone.

Sincerely,
s/Rita Sanders, President

REPORT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER No. 12:

The third annual reunion of the Wescotts of New Hampshire was held at the Rumney Baptist Church and Vestry on July 13, 1980. Forty seven members attended. A delicious pot luck dinner was served in the church Vestry followed by a meeting conducted by President Eulalia Wescott. The slate of officers for the following two years is: Eulalia Wescott, President; Mrytle Cooper, Vice-chairman; Fay Gray, Secretary and Recording Secretary; Dorothy Bayliss, Treasurer; Paul Cooper, Chaplain, and, Dean Gray, Historian.

The oldest member present was cousin Bernice Herman, age 93. The youngest was Anita Gray, age 10 months, daughter of Dean and Fay Gray.

It was voted to send Dr. F. Howard Westcott \$15.00 to the Scholarship Fund. President Eulalia Wescott gave a summary of Stukely Westcott and his life; also, a brief summary of the Town of Romney by showing slides. The meeting was closed by Fay Gray singing, "Old New Hampshire". The next meeting will be held July 11, 1981 at the Bristol, New Hampshire Baptist Church.

Eleven New Hampshire Wescotts attended the 23rd. Biennial Meeting of the SSWD on August 22, 23, 24th. 1980 at The Paradise Motel in Bennington, Vt. Those attending were Mrs. Eulalia Wescott, Dean and Fay Gray and their children, Raymond and Anita of Rumney, N. H., Mrs. Laura Sturtevant of Orange, N. H., Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss of Plymouth, N. H., M/M Sidney Pease of Franklin, N. H., and, M/M Paul Sampson, also of Franklin, N. H.

Eulalia Wescott had the honor of being elected to the office of National Chaplain.

All had a nice time, only came home tired.

We are looking forward to the 1982 Biennial meeting at Charlottesville, Virginia .

Wedding: Floyd Hackeman and Ellen Hoyt were married on August 24, 1980. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Leslie Hackeman of Danbury, N. H. and Mrs. Mrytle Cooper of Grayton, N. H. The bride is the daughter of M/M Oscar Hoyt of Enfield, N. H. Calvin Hackeman, Floyd's brother, attended from Manassas, Virginia. All of us congratulated Floyd and Ellen on their marriage.

News of Cousins: Bernice Heman from Pittsburg, Florida, spent the summer with relatives in New Hampshire. M/M Paul Cooper are busy adding a new kitchen to their house in Grayton. Mrs. Laura Sturtevant had the misfortune of falling at her home. She broke her ankle and will be in a cast for at least six weeks. Our thoughts are with her.

Notice: Please report any deaths to: Mrs. Eulalia Wescott, Box 64, Rumney, N. H. 03266 so she can send a sympathy card to the family.

Sincerely,
s/Eulalia Wescott, President

A MESSAGE FROM EDNA JAY LEWIS, Registrar/Historian

Rachel (Wilkins) Cottrell had the misfortune of breaking her hip on September 13. I talked with Wilma Eddy who keeps in touch with Rachel. She told me that all seems to be going well for Rachel. The nurses get her up to walk now and her progress is good. She will be able to use a walker in a skilled-care nursing home after leaving the hospital. On our way back to Connecticut from Vermont, we called on her and took her some cookies and souvenirs of the Vermont gathering. She was so pleased with the corsage we had planned to give her in Bennington. She went outside for pictures wearing the corsage. Rachel will be in the hospital for awhile. Cousins could send cards to her:

Mrs. Rachel W. Cottrell, c/o Mary McClellon Hospital, Cambridge, New York 12816

A SEARCH FOR MARTIN AND MARY (HAWTHORNE) WESTCOTT

We need additional information concerning Martin Westcott, probably of New York State in the early 1800's. His wife was Mary Hawthorne whose data is also needed. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Westcott, born August 18, 1840, at Herkimer, New York, married Amos John Thomas, born January 8, 1834 at Herkimer, also. They were married September 18, 1857 at Genoa, Wisconsin. Both died at Clear Lake,