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Reprints of the STUKELY WESTCOTT FAMILY Geneologies

Barbara Weber, Secretary of The Iowa Chapter, has been successful in arranging to have the family geneologies printed, altho the minimum quantity was not subscribed to. It is hoped that copies will be ready for mailing in about four to six weeks. Cousin Barbara and The Iowa Chapter, have the Society's grateful thanks for making printing possible. When it appeared that the minimum number of copies would not be ordered and printing abandoned, the Chapter made a mailing to over six hundred geneological libraries in hopes of soliciting more orders. Tho this brought only a limited response, the printer was contacted and he has agreed to print fewer copies.

From Mabel Wescott, in Florida, our SSWD Past President

First, I am enjoying the Family Quarterly. Thank you for your support during my term as President. The Board of Directors was very helpful. It was a privilege to serve as your President.

Since our Bennington gathering, I have been active in church and community work.

I was pleasantly surprised at the Vermont Rutland County Retired Teachers Association banquet to honor me for over three thousand hours of volunteer service for that group. I took part in several district meetings in preparation for the White House Conference, on Aging, to be held in Washington next year.

Before traveling to Florida in December, I attended our Vermont State Conference. I drove my car to Florida so I could visit some friends and relatives. My daughter, Wilma Avery, and Velma Reed are flying down the last of April. They will stay in Florida awhile and drive home with me. We will plan to stop at Stone Mountain and other places of interest on our way.

I hope you all kept well this winter. I know that it was a hard one even in New Jersey. I have enjoyed winter here but will be glad to get back to Vermont the first week in May.

In 1982, we are planning to attend our Westcott gathering in Virginia. Do hope we will see many cousins there.

From Elizabeth Wescott of Orange, New Jersey

I decided to send my check for a set of the Westcott Geneologies. I have often wanted to see these books. I doubt whether Mr. Whitman ever found the ancestry of my George Wescott who was a coppersmith of Philadelphia. He was a Loyalist and I have never been able to obtain a book on the "Loyalists of Philadelphia".

Last year, I typed up all my notes on my Wescott line, including wills, deeds and a resume of the line from my George Wescott through my sister's great-grandsons.

I made an original and two carbons of all of these notes, then sent the original to the D.A.R. Library, one carbon to the N. J. Historical Society and one to the State Library at Trenton, N. J. I also had zerox copies made of all of these notes and submitted them to the New England History and Geneological Society. There were 61 pages, so, with those I submitted to my D.A.R. Chapter Geneological Chairman, I obtained credit of 183 pages for my chapter. My D.A.R. Regent was most happy. In 1979, I received a credit of 344 pages.

The deeds were real lengthy as well as the will of Patience Wescott, wife of George. I have been the Chapter Chairman until last year when I felt it was too much for me as I am not too well. I am doing nicely but stay near home to avoid picking up a cold. I have a heart condition which I have to watch.

From David and Dorothy Westcott of Springfield, Ohio

A kind friend brought to my husband's attention a Volume of Ohio History which featured one of our Westcott ancestors who became famous in his own right as well as, due to the fact, that he engaged Frank Lloyd Wright to construct his home here in Springfield, Ohio.

David and I came to Springfield four years ago and were shown the Frank Lloyd Wright style house on the corner of High Street, never realizing that one of our cousins had lived there.

In regard to the Ohio History publication, we were fortunate in being able to obtain the last copy. It has a great deal of information in it. I am sending a very condensed version of the item, which is excerpted from Vol. 87/Summer 1978/number 3, Ohio History Magazine, published by the Ohio Historical Society.

"Whatever his motive, Springfield businessman and civic leader, Burton J. Westcott, was the only man in Ohio to seek Wright's services in the First Golden Age."

The Frank Lloyd Wright home he had built was started in the Autumn of 1907; in October the foundation was laid. Wright said of the home, 'this is a bungalow with college education'. Burton and his wife, Orpha, moved into the house in 1909 and paid \$15,000 for their large home.

Burton Westcott was born in Richmond, Indiana in 1868. In 1903 he migrated to Springfield, Ohio and was already a man of considerable wealth and importance. His father, John W. Westcott was founder and President of the Hoosier Drill Co., a Richmond-based firm noted for the production of farm implements.

In 1896, he founded the Westcott Carriage Company, which enabled him to combine his business acumen with his love for horses.

After graduation from Depauw and Swarthmore, young Burton Westcott took an active part in both businesses, eventually rising to the rank of Treasurer with the Hoosier Drill Co., and later, in 1903, becoming Treasurer of that firm's successor, the American Seeding Machine Co., a corporation based in Springfield and created by the merger of Hoosier, Champion and others.

Undoubtedly, Burton Westcott is best remembered as a manufacturer of automobiles. For a number of years he had tried unsuccessfully to interest his father in expanding to the manufacture of motor cars, and finally in 1916 he decided to bring the Westcott Motor Company to Springfield, even as the Westcott Carriage Company continued in Richmond as a separate enterprise.

The newly formed Springfield firm manufactured a luxury touring car that enjoyed a brief popularity after the first World War. Indeed, few automobiles could rival the Westcott Touring car in its splendor and craftsmanship. Full-page ads such as appeared in the October 9, 1920 Saturday Evening Post indicates that the car boasted a nationwide following. Hand assembled from parts manufactured elsewhere, the 'Westcott' was produced on Warder Street, in Springfield.

As a civic and political leader of Springfield, Burton Westcott appears to have been extremely popular and successful. An early member of the Springfield Country Club, he was also a director of the Lagonda National Bank. He served on the Springfield City Commission from 1914 to 1922. He was elected President of the City Commission in 1921 which was the equivalent to the position of Mayor.

The closing line of the article says, "The unusual aesthetic tastes and uncommon daring of Burton and Orpha Westcott have given Ohio one of its most compelling reminders of the genius of America's greatest twentieth-century architect, Frank Lloyd Wright."

Burton and Orpha had two children, John and Jeanne.

A footnote by Mrs. John Westcott, daughter-in-law, says she provided the information to the author. Another footnote refers to John Westcott, as a Chicago architect. "In April 1923, Orpha died suddenly in Philadelphia. The Westcott car company failed and Burton's health began to fail. He died in his home in 1926."

From Your Editor, Eleanor Trismen

Westcott family stories such as the foregoing make an interesting Quarterly and are greatly enjoyed. If you have "a bit of family lore", please send it to: Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, NJ 07661

From Treasurer, Paul R. Lewis

Grateful thanks to all who have mailed in their dues. If someone did not receive a Dues Notice, please contact Paul at Box 58, Riverton, Conn 06065

MEMORIAL TO STUKELY WESTCOTT:

Arrangements have been made by Edna Lewis, SSWD Registrar/Historian for the annual placement of a memorial wreath in Warwick at the bronze tablet placed by the members of the Society in June 1935 at the "house lot" and home of Stukely Westcott.

NEW MEMBERS:

With great pleasure we welcome the following new members:

- No. 642 Dr. Sonny Elizabeth Parke, Vina, California
- No. 643 Mrs. Dorothy W. Kirley, Kewanee, Illinois
- No. 644 Mr. & Mrs. Virgil C. Hill, Sun City, California
- No. 645 Mr. & Mrs. Nelson George Wescott Sr., Doylestown, Pennsylvania
- No. 646 Mrs. Carolyn W. Mientus, Pennsburg, Pennsylvania
- No. 647 Mrs. Lorraine A. Haskins, Wallingford, Vermont
- No. 648 Mrs. Mary W. Padden, Tacoma, Washington
- No. 649 Mr. & Mrs. Dean C. Gray, Rumney, New Hampshire
- No. 650 Mrs. Rena Gray, Ashland, New Hampshire
- No. 651 Mr. Milton Twombly, Jr., Bradford, Massachusetts
- No. 652 Mr. & Mrs. Milton Twombly, Sr., Bradford, Massachusetts
- No. 653 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Kimball, Plymouth, New Hampshire
- No. 654 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Edwin Boerker, Manassas, Virginia
- No. 655 Sgt. & Mrs. Gary L. Reed, Wells, Vermont
- No. 656 Mr. & Mrs. Leonard R. Westcott, Bradenton, Florida
- No. 657 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Mason Ross, Tuscon, Arizona
- No. 658 Mr. & Mrs. Rockwell Westcott, Longmont, Colorado
- No. 659 Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Forde, Whalan, Minnesota
- No. 660 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Robin Westcott, Albert Lea, Minnesota
- No. 661 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Clark, Sr., Raymond, New Hampshire
- No. 662 Mr. & Mrs. Loren Killion, Fergus Falls, Minnesota
- No. 663 Miss Patricia V. Avery, Absecon, New Jersey
- No. 666 Mr. & Mrs. Sidner E. Pease, Franklin, New Hampshire
- No. 667 Mr. William C. Wescott, Salisbury, New Hampshire
- No. 668 Mr. & Mrs. Paul R. Sampson, Penacook, New Hampshire
- No. 669 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Corneau, Bristol, New Hampshire
- No. 670 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin H. Heath, Concord, New Hampshire
- No. 671 Mrs. Barbara E. Leville, Methuen, Massachusetts
- No. 672 Mrs. Pamela Field, Bristol, New Hampshire
- No. 673 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Baker, Chelsea, Massachusetts
- No. 674 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Neal Whiting, Manlius, New York
- No. 675 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Grover Mault, Brockport, New York
- No. 676 Mr. & Mrs. Bruce A. Westcott, Montpelier, Vermont
- No. 677 Mr. & Mrs. Haven E. Hall, Surry, New Hampshire
- No. 678 Mr. & Mrs. William A. Weber, Webster City, Iowa
- No. A-65 Mr. Eben W. Keyes II, New York, New York
- No. 680 Mrs. Jean Frazier (Kuhn) Brundage, Brockport, New York
- No. 681 Dr. Jerald Pickens Kuhn, Eden, New York
- No. 682 Dr. & Mrs. Thomas G. Bentson, Jr., Charlottesville, Virginia
- No. 683 Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Phelps, Laconia, New Hampshire
- No. 684 Mrs. Lelia Wescott Browning, Dalton, Pennsylvania

THE GOLDEN YEARS MEMBERS:

At the 1978 SSWD Board of Directors Meeting in Bennington, Vermont, it was voted to recognize senior members, those who have celebrated their eightieth birthday, and to waive annual membership dues. Our National Registrar/Historian, Edna Lewis, designed a certificate which is sent to these wonderful cousins:

- No. 8 Dorothy Whitman Potter, Crozet, Virginia
- No. 64 Samuel R. Westcott, Willimstown, Massachusetts
- No. 253 Ruth Wescott Carr Smith, Tunbridge, Vermont
- No. 238 Earl Leroy Wescott, Scranton, Pennsylvania
- No. 412 Albert Westcott Driver, Fairfield, Connecticut
- No. 321 Mrs. Frederic H. Pelck, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
- No. 94 Ellis R. Westcott, Seekonk, Massachusetts
- No. 35 Miss Gwendolyn Westcott Jones, New York, New York
- No. 311 Mr. George A. Rouse, Mentor, Ohio
- No. 391 Mr. Arthur K. Westcott, Mentor, Ohio
- No. 368 Mrs. Leland F. Ketcham, Bennington, Vermont
- No. 490 Mrs. Paul C. Erlenbach, Southbury, Connecticut

A SPECIAL LETTER FROM A VERY SPECIAL COUSIN:

The following letter was written in long-hand by Elizabeth McMinn Allport Swigert, born October 28, 1882, and sent to Cousin Mabel Wescott:

Holy Family Manor
Bethlehem, Pa., 18018
April 6, 1980

Dear Cousin Mabel Wescott:

Did I write and thank you? Yes, I did. I've just found a long rambling something that did not get mailed, so here is a second try. My daughter-in-law, Dorothy Allport, and I were so pleased to get the Quarterly and know the Association had not completely fallen apart. She answered a letter from someone ? and told of Mr. Swigert's death - and did not report her own husband's passing, George H. Allport. A victim of heart illness. He was interested in the family stories.

Are you a member of the Hugh Stone family as I am? My grandfather, Ira Blanchard Stone, who was 70 when I was born, talked a lot about the old days - when I was a child and I still love the subject - He is listed in the Genealogy, my mother was his youngest daughter, Francis Adelin Stone McMinn.

I am probably the oldest living member, 97 last October 28. I have a second cousin, Jessie Mallkewo Avery, one year younger - living in Albuquerque, N. M., with her daughter and grand-daughter who is also interested in family altho she will have no great-grands.

Jessie and I grew up in Carbondale, Pa. Our great grand parents, Welcome Makepeace Stone and Susan Hudson Stone, were married just in time to join in an immigration of Westcotts and South to Pa. in 1807. They settled in an area called Abington, and multiplied. Jessie and I have combined our memories and have written the story of the development of the area and family. If you are interested I can write it out for you this way which I can read if necessary. Jessie has even less sight than I. She is badly crippled with arthritis, but at least uses talking books (the underlined sentences are hand printed in the original letter)

Now I do say Thank You for the Coat of Arms (Certificate), and my wishes that you may enjoy your presidency and that the Quarterly may come some more. Dorothy Allport will send the dues. Just now she is out of town. Oh, she has a daughter, Susan Jean Allport Schneider, a teacher of Art in Kingstown College and a son, Major George Hobart Allport, at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Such a beautiful Easter Day.

May you have a good year.

Sincerely,
s/Bess Allport Swigert

Note from Edna Jay Lewis, SSWD Registrar/Historian

Mrs. Swigert's grandmother was Content Ryon Stone, b. 8 July 1816 d. 26 April 1851. Mrs. Swigert ("Bess") married (1) 18 August 1909 William Henderson Allport, issue George H., (2) 1961 William E. Swigert - d. 1 March 1976.

Son George Allport married Dorothy Dahlin b. 12 December 1917, m. 11 June 1938. Issue: Susan Jean Allport b. 25 March 1939 and George Hobart Allport II b. 16 January 1943

Welcome Makepeace and Susan (Hudson) Stone married 19 February 1807 in Rhode Island and migrated to Abington with Westcott cousins.

CHAPTER NEWS

REPORT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NO. 12

The New Hampshire Chapter announces its annual meeting to be held on July 12, 1981 at the Baptist Church in Bristol, New Hampshire. After the church service a smorgasboard dinner will be served in the church dining room, followed by a short business meeting and a social time of visiting with cousins.

At the Chapter Board meeting, instead of having a program, we ask anyone who wishes to do so to bring something for the display table. Your hobby may be knitting, sewing, needlework, crocheting, geneology, music, etc. Please put your name on each article. The committee is Mrs. Florence Pease, Mrs. Virginia Sampson, Mrs. Laura Sturtevant, and Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss. If there are any questions contact Mrs. Eulalia Wescott, Box 64, Rumney, NH 03266 or phone 1-603-786-9751.

Inquiry: (from New Hampshire Chapter President, Eulalia Wescott)

Does anyone know anything about Thankful Wescott who married on May 21, 1763 in Freetown, Mass. a Mr. Zuriel Haskell, son of Josiah and Sarah (Braley) Haskell? Zuriel bought land in Grafton, N.H. on October 19, 1778. Did this Thankful (Wescott) Haskell have a daughter named Thankful who married Daniel Reynolds? Also, was Thankful (Wescott) Haskell the daughter of Benjamin Wescott who was in Grafton, N. H. in 1779? Kindly send any information to Eulalia Wescott, Box 64, Rumney, N. H. 03266.

Illness: Speedy recovery to:

Francis Warren Wescott who underwent surgery last summer.

Virginia (Mrs. Paul) Sampson underwent a serious operation last November. She is recuperating in Florida and will return home in April.

Bernice Heman is still at her niece's home. Her niece is Laura Sturtevant. Bernice has had the flu twice this winter. She was 88 years of age on January 5th.

Laura Sturtevant who had such a time with her ankle is getting out a little and can drive her car if she doesn't go more than a mile from her home.

JULY QUARTERLY DEADLINE

Please send all reports/data to be included in the next Quarterly to:

Eleanor (Mrs. Ralph) Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, NJ 07661 by June 15, 1981.