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### Reprints of the STUKELY WESTCOTT FAMILY Genealogies

Shipment of the genealogies has begun. Orders of the Deluxe Edition will be delayed, but Barbara Weber, Secretary of The Iowa Chapter tells us they will soon be on the way. When it was determined that it would cost an additional several hundred dollars for the printer to box and ship the books, Cousin Leroy Westcott volunteered to do the job and our thanks go to him! Barbara wishes to express her thanks to all of those who enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope with their order for it made notification so much easier.

### From Dr. F. Howard Westcott of California

The last two bulletins have been a pleasure, I have written to all of the California members encouraging them to send contributions to include future members. Several of them have answered me. I plan to visit with any body in this area.

As you probably know, by a previous bulletin, that Mabel Wescott and I were elected members to our States Conferences to prepare for the White House Conference to be held in Washington in November, 1981.

In Sacramento we had about 1000 elected delegates and 500 appointed ones. In three days we produced reams of paper work and about 100 resolutions on 18 different subjects. My interest of course was in the fields of Health (Mental, Physical and Nutritional). My special goal was to push for reduction in the terrific waste and duplication found in the Medicare/Medical and health care programs, due to overcharging of various services and duplication of tests etc.

I guess I'm not a good politician because I was not elected to go to Washington. There was a lot of juggling at the meeting. But - I do hope Mabel was chosen to go from Vermont.

I can say that I am very happy with the things that Reagon has done to date and hope that the trend continues until we see the end of this hard period of inflation and unemployment.

(The above letter was typed and Dr. Wescott asked to be forgiven for his mistakes. He has lost much of his vision due to a hemorrhage in his right eye in 1980 and another hemorrhage in his left eye in 1981)

### From Lynne Westcott of Sylvania, Ohio

I was so glad to get your (Eleanor Trismen) note and today the Westcott Quarterly. However, I feel a bit neglected that my name was left off the "Over-80 Golden Years" list, although two members of my family do appear. I was 88 last February.

I also had a note from Barbara Weber saying the Westcott books will be out soon. Our new Quarterly is such a pleasure. (Then speaking of Cousin Eleanor's family) I know Heather and Jenny are such a joy as my four great-grand daughters are to me.

### From Grace Paugh of DeLand, Illinois

I was glad to receive the new Quarterly in the old form. I hope you can keep it up. You know I've been under the weather for nearly seven years. I depend on my nephew, John Wrench, Jr. to do my shopping.

I appreciate the Society making me an honorary member, although I suspected that I wasn't included because I never got the letter answered. I hope I've been forgiven.

The Woman's Club also made me an honorary member.

My doctor has managed to keep my Parkinson Disease under control but the arthritis keeps me tied to the walker and wheelchair.

My sister, Alice, lost her husband, John Wrench in June of 1979 and my oldest niece died before that.

Note from Eleanor Trismen: When our Westcott Society met in Cleveland in 1950, our cousins enjoyed meeting both Grace and her sister, Alice. They were such good company.

#### From Cousin, Lester Wescott of Salamanca, New York

I am now 83, living alone and still working extra for a local super market.

On April 19, 1979 my dear wife, Irene Little Wescott passed away at the Olean General Hospital.

Then, on November 8, 1980, Suzanne E. Wescott, 20 year old daughter of my son, James R. Wescott, died in Tri-County Hospital at Gowanda, N. Y. Suzanne was top honor student in Gowanda High School in 1977 and at the time of her passing was a student at Fredonia College.

My son, Jim, is an engineer with A. T. & T. His one son, James Arthur is in the Air Force at George Airbase, California. His other son, Stephen P. graduated from Gowanda High School in 1980 and will enter Alfred University this September. Jim separated from his first wife, Diana Blank and he remarried Dorothy Morrison in March 1975. He and Dorothy have a daughter, Tracy Lynn, born August 26, 1976.

#### From Jane E. Mouglan of South Grafton, Massachusetts

I want to inform you of the death of my father, Bryan Chapman Bussey on January 3, 1981. He was a few hours short of being 93. My mother passed away in 1976 and their loss is deeply felt. My father did so enjoy the Westcott Quarterly. Thank you for sending it to him.

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#### Notices of other deaths

Delbert Lindquist has sent word from Winter Park, Florida that his dear wife, Ruth, passed away on May 12, 1981. Ruth and Eleanor Trismen were second cousins, their grandfathers having been brothers.

Chester Wescott, 70, Retired Colonel U. S. Army Reserve, died April 23, 1981 at Whiting, N. J. He and his wife, Mildred Rich Wescott had moved from Dumont, N. J. where he had served on the Council from 1949-51 and was chairman of its Police Committee. He was a retired administrator at Rockland Community College, New York State. Besides his wife, Mildred, he is survived by a daughter, Judith (Wescott) Vogel of Newtown, Conn. and a son, Rich of Ocheytedan, Iowa, and four grandchildren.

Our Westcott Society wishes to express its sympathy to all of our cousins who have lost their loved ones.

#### News of Westcott Youth

Amy Lou Jay was a member of the Poultney Vermont High School graduating class 1981. She is the daughter of SSWDA members Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rollin Jay.

Donna Sue Reed received her Associate Science Degree from Southern Vermont College, Bennington, Vt., Class 1981. She is the daughter of SSWDA members Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reed and grand-daughter of Mrs. H. Phillips Wescott, (Mabel Wescott, President SSWDA 1978-80)

John A. Caruso graduated cum laude receiving an Engineering Degree with his major in Sound Recording Technology at Fredonia University, New York. He is the son of SSWDA members Mr. and Mrs. Richard Caruso, of Granville, N. Y.

From Dorothy Perdue, Griswold, Iowa

Cousin Dorothy, a member of the Board of Directors, SSWDA, has written that early this spring she and Harold flew to Europe with a tour conducted by son, Marlin and his wife, Marilyn. (Marlin is also a member of the SSWDA Board). They visited France, Germany, and Switzerland.

Other travelers

Edmund (Ned) Whitman Morris and wife, Fran, spent three weeks in March traveling throughout Italy. While there, they celebrated Fran's aunt's 99th. birthday, at the same time visiting with her other aunt who is 89.

From Paul R. Lewis, Treasurer SSWDA

I wish to thank all of the members of the Westcott Society who have paid their membership dues through 1981. Because of the increase in printing and postage it is imperative that dues are kept up to date if The Quarterly continues to reach all members on schedule.

To those of you who have not sent along your membership dues, I urge you to take care of this matter. If you have mislaid your dues envelope, or if you did not receive one in the January Quarterly, use a plain envelope and enclose what you think will cover your dues. We are keeping the membership at two dollars for each individual, and four dollars for each family membership, through 1982. The fiscal year closes in July and the by-laws read that members having been in arrears one and one-half years are to be dropped after being duly notified and not responding. We will try to make adjustments when hardship cases are brought to our attention. Also, keep in mind that membership dues are waived for all of our members eighty years old and over, but we do want to keep in touch so please keep sending along those notes that can be shared with your Westcott cousins. If anyone within our membership has passed the eighty year mark and has not received their honorary membership certificate, please notify me and I will have the registrar take care of it.

We do not want to drop any of our members for non-payment of dues, therefore I will hold the books open until September 1, 1981, to allow time for your response after you have received the July Quarterly.

A Very Special Letter from Fay E. Gray

Little Raymond Gray the son of Dean C. and Fay E. Gray and the grandson of Eulalia Wescott had a serious operation on June 10, 1981 at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire. The operation was for a cancerous brain tumor. After the operation one of his lungs collapsed. The lung has been fixed now and his breathing O. K. He also has a traceostomy and had another operation of being able to be fed through the stomach. He is on a slow gain. The doctor has said Raymond will need to have cobalt treatments for four weeks, but will be able to come home on weekends from the hospital.

Raymond's Grammie, Eulalia Wescott is staying at the Hospital with Raymond. Please pray for the continuation of Raymond's recovery and God's strength to keep Grammie going. God has shown a miracle already.

Cards would be appreciated. They would love to hear from our Westcott cousins. The address is:

Raymond Gray  
c/o Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital  
Pediatric Ward  
Hanover, NH 03755

(Note: Those of us who attended the Bennington Meeting will recall young Raymond and his wonderful family. Let's all join in sending cards and messages.)

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### Vermont Chapter No. 5

The annual meeting of the chapter will be held the third Sunday in August. More than forty members of the National Society are members of the chapter and a great reunion is anticipated.

### Iowa Chapter No. 9

Approximately twenty-five members met the second Sunday in June for dinner in Webster City. Officers elected are:

Loren Killion - *President*  
LeRoy Westcott - *Vice-President*  
Barbara Weber - *Secretary*  
Murray Smith - *Treasurer*  
Marlin Perdue - *Chaplain*

### New Hampshire Chapter No. 12

Due to the illness of her grandson, Raymond Gray, President Eulalia Wescott has regretfully cancelled the annual meeting to have been held July 12th.

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The below story was written by J. Russell Bullock in his book entitled INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE AND TIMES OF STUKELEY WESTCOTE, with some of his descendants; printed in 1886 (50 original copies). Copied and typed in sections to be printed in the WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY, by Lorraine A. Carrington, descendant, for the reading enjoyment of all interested Westcott descendants.

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#### STUKELEY WESTCOTE

A Paper Read Before R. I. Veteran Citizens' Historical  
Association at Providence, April 5th, 1886

by Hon. J. Russell Bullock

My paper may be entitled "Some Incidents in the Life and Times of Stukeley Westcote," the first named of the twelve grantees in the Initial Deed of 1638 of Roger Williams to his associates.

Less known, perhaps, than some of his contemporaries, I know of no one of that goodly company, who, nearly two and a half centuries ago, under the leadership of Roger Williams, and sustained only by strong faith in a just and overruling Providence, reared on yonder hill-side their crude dwellings, and there laid the foundations of a free state, whose names are not worthy of honorable mention, and the record of whose lives should not be treasured as the most interesting chapter in Rhode Island's history.

What I have been able to gather, of one of these men, with some coincident events with which he was connected, I present.

The somewhat unusual name Stukeley is of Saxon derivation. In that tongue it was written Style, meaning stiff clay. It afterwards became Stucle, and finally as now, Stukeley.

Stukeley Westcote, originally Stukeley of Westcote, the surname being derived from the locality of the field or enclosure where his early ancestors dwelt, and the first of the line I am now tracing, was born in England in the year 1592, probably in the county Devon. He was received as an inhabitant and freeman of Salem, Mass., as early as the year 1636. He died at Portsmouth, on the island of Rhode Island, on one of the early days of the month of January, in the year 1676-7, aged about eighty-five years.

At the time of Westcote's arrival at Salem, he was about forty-four years of age, and his family numbered eight persons, thus showing that most of his children had been born previous to his departure from England. On the 25th day of October, in the year 1637, he had a house lot on one acre in that town allotted to him, as one of its inhabitants and freemen. This lot had for one of its boundaries the salt water or harbor, for on the 8th day of October, 1643, the proprietors granted to other parties all of the "waste" (unoccupied) lands lying between the lot of Hugh Laskin and Stukely Weskett down to the sea.

Westcote was a member of the church at Salem of which Roger Williams had recently been the pastor. Fully sympathizing with him in the opinions: first, that the members of the Salem church should make public confession of their wrong in having formerly communed with the church of England; second, that the civil magistrate had no lawful authority or right to take cognizance of or punish any person for his religious belief,—Westcote was, with Richard Waterman, Thomas Olney and Francis Weston, on the 12th day of March, 1638, ordered by the "General Court" to remove out of the jurisdiction of "The Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay", and to remove his family therefrom before the sitting of the next "General Court." In the language of the tribunals of that day in that Province, the "great censure" was passed upon him for "heresy." At the same time notice was sent by Hugh Peter to the church at Dorchester of the excommunication of Westcote and of his wife, to prevent them from being received into membership there.

Following the example of his friend and former pastor, Roger Williams, who had two years earlier, accompanied by William Harris, John Smith, the miller, Thomas Angell and Francis Wickes, the two latter then being quite young men, and joined soon after by Joshua Verin, even before they had crossed over from the Seekonk side, Westcote at once left Salem and traversing the "wilderness," as Roger Williams had called it, then lying between Salem and Providence, arrived at the latter place early in the spring of 1638. Before Westcote's arrival, Williams had already by his kind treatment of the Narragansetts procured two deeds of gift, the one in 1636, the other in 1638, from their two chief Sachems, Canonibus and Miantinomi, of all that territory extending northwardly, north-westwardly and westwardly, inland twenty miles, and lying between the rivers Pawtucket, now Blackstone, on the east, and the Pawtuxet on the south and south-west. This territory now forms the greater part of the County of Providence.

On the 8th day of the 8th month, 1638, which would be October, Roger Williams freely admitted "twelve loving friends and neighbors," viz., Stukely Westcote, William Arnold, Thomas James, Robert Coles, John Greene, John Throckmorton, William Harris, William Carpenter, Thomas Olney, Francis Weston, Richard Waterman and Ezekiel Holiman, into equal ownership with himself of so much of the lands above named as he had first acquired in 1636, the same being the lands laying between the rivers Moshashuck and Wanasquatucket. Soon afterwards "others desired to take shelter here", and among the earliest of these were Chad. Brown, William Field, Thomas Harris, William Wickenden, Benedict Arnold, Robert Williams, Richard Scott, William Reynolds, John Field, John Warner, Thomas Hopkins and Joshua Winsor. And it was agreed by Roger Williams and his original associates that the persons last named, with such others as they and the original associates might thereafter be willing to receive into their fellowship and society, and to a communion of interest in their lands should pay thirty shillings each, of which £ 30 should go to Roger Williams as a "loving consideration and gratuity" for his "great charge and travel" in procuring these lands as "a place of succor for the distressed."

In the grant by Roger Williams to his twelve original associates, Stukeley Westcote is the first one named.

When the whole number of settlers, including the original thirteen and four females, viz., the widows Sayer, Tiler and Reeve and Alice Daniels, had reached fifty-two, they made a first division between them of a portion of the lands upon which the city of Providence and its immediate suburbs are now located, mutually assigning to each to hold in severalty a "Home Lot," so called, and an outlying six acre lot. These "home lots" were intended to contain in quantity about five acres, and extended from North and South Main Streets eastward to a line now the line of Hope Street. The "home lot" allotted to Westcote lay between a home lot belonging to Richard Waterman on the north and one owned by Robert Williams on the south. A careful examination of the early records, and especially of the deeds of adjacent home lots from William Reynolds to Robert Williams, bearing the date the 27th of the 11th month., 1644, and from Hugh Buet or Bewitt to Richard Waterman, and to the town, bearing the same date, leads to the belief that Stukeley Westcote's home lot was located upon the block bounded by Waterman Street on the north and College Street on the south, and nearly in the center of that block, and extending from North Main Street eastwardly to Hope Street.

On the 10th day of the 12th mo., 1649, Westcote having the previous year removed to Warwick, sold his six acre lot to Thomas Olney. On the 12th day of the 3rd mo., 1652, he also disposed of his "home lot" to Samuel Bennett.

To Be Continued  
Lorraine A. Carrington