

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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of Stukely Westcott Descendants; mailed free to members, to non-members \$1.00 yearly

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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Twenty-fourth SSWD Biennial Meeting August 6-8, 1982, Charlottesville, Virginia

The headquarters hotel for the August Meeting will be Holiday Inn South, I-64 and 5th Street, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22901, telephone (804) 977-5100.

The Society has received the following group rates:

Single -	\$30.00/per day	}	Plus 6% tax
Double -	38.00/per day		
Triple -	44.00/per day		
Quad. -	50.00/per day		

There will be no charge for children under 18 in a room with parents.

The number of rooms is limited, therefore reservations must be made before July 1, 1982.

Contact: Miss Julie Von Herbulis

and request rooms reserved for Westcott Descendants. (Directors please note: rooms have been reserved for your Thursday, August 5th arrival).

THE PROGRAM

- Friday AM - Directors Meeting, 8:30 o'clock
Room reserved at Holiday Inn South
- PM - Arrival of those attending reunion with:
- 5:30 PM - Registration/Reception
- 6:30 PM - Business Meeting and Banquet
A buffet dinner will be served in the private dining room at Holiday Inn South, \$8.25/per person (tax and gratuity included)
- Saturday - "Mr. Jefferson's Country Tour"
- 8:00 AM - A chartered bus will call for the group at Holiday Inn South to visit:
- The Western Virginia Bicentennial Center
 - Monticello and Grounds
 - Ash Lawn and Grounds
 - Michie Tavern tour and Lunch
 - University of Virginia's Rotunda and Grounds
- 3:00 PM - Return to hotel
Special group prices have been obtained for the day's tour:
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| Adults - (12 & Up) | \$25.00 |
| Youths - (7 - 11) | 19.00 |
| Children - (6 & Under) | 10.00 |
- 5:00 PM - Family Picnic as guests of Ned & Fran Morris, and, Dorothy Potter, at their country home, PINK HILL, Crozet, Virginia (approximately 14 miles west of Charlottesville, off of I-64).
- Sunday AM - Church Services, to be announced
- PM - Buffet Brunch, Holiday Inn South, \$5.90/per person including tax and gratuity.

IMPORTANT: Please use the enclosed reservations forms and send them in before July 1, 1982.

Room Reservations: Miss Julie Von Herbulis
Holiday Inn South
I-64 and 5th Street
Charlottesville VA 22901

Indicate you are part of the Westcott Descendants Group

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

All Other Reservations: Edmund W. Morris
PINK HILL
Rural Route Two
Crozet, Virginia 22932

Cousins Ned, Fran and Dorothy look forward to welcoming you to Jefferson-country!

Wescott" Genealogical Data by Edward Judson Wescott, continued:

Refer to January 1982 Quarterly and
Vol I, p. 167 Westcott Genealogy,
Edwin J. Wescott, Jr. (8)

- IX - Spencer Thomas Wescott, son of Edwin J. Wescott, Jr., born Jersey City, N. J., on Oct. 3, 1869, d. Englewood, N. J., on Jan. 16, 1956. Spencer m. Grace Evelyn Hegeman who was born Highland, N. J. on Mar. 19, 1878, d. Englewood, N. J. on Nov. 16, 1953. Both are buried Brookside Cem., Englewood, N. J. Issue, 6 ch: Edward Judson^X, Harold Wm.^X, Raymond^X, George Spencer^X, Evelyn Louise^X, Ralph Hegeman^X. Spencer was a house painter and decorator by profession.
- X - Edward Judson Wescott, son of Spencer T. Wescott^{IX}, born Englewood, N. J., on Aug. 18, 1902, m. (1) Marjorie Regina Kingsley of Englewood on Jan. 25, 1930. Marjorie was b. Aug. 4, 1908 in Englewood, d. in Radio City Music Hall, N. Y. on Aug. 11, 1948. Marjorie is buried in Mount Carmel Cem., Tenafly, N. J. Issue: Margaret Mary^{XI}. Edward m. (2) Ann Walberga Fecnelm of Englewood, N. J. on July 23, 1949 who was born in Englewood, N. J. on Aug. 12, 1908. No issue by Ann. Edward resided in Englewood, N. J. until July 1949 when he moved to Bergenfield, N. J. Edward is an accountant and tax consultant by profession.
- XI - Margaret Mary Wescott, b. Holy Name Hosp., Teaneck, N. J., on Feb. 11, 1934; m. Thomas Anthony O'Brien of Teaneck, on Jan. 20, 1962, issue: 3 ch: Kathleen Ann, Joseph, Erin Mary. Margaret is a secretary by profession. Her husband is a Photo-offset printer by profession.
- XII - Kathleen Ann O'Brien, b Englewood, N. J. on Dec. 29, 1962. Graduated Wanaque High School, Wanaque, N. J. in June 1981. Presently considering entering college and is interested in modeling and doing television commercials.
- XII - Joseph O'Brien, b Englewood, N. J., on Aug. 23, 1966, d Sept. 18, 1970, buried in Brookside Cem., Englewood, N. J.
- XII - Erin Mary O'Brien, b Englewood, N. J. on Aug. 27, 1968. In 1982, resides Wanaque, N. J.

Data from Carolyn Wescott Mientus of Pennsburg, Pa.: (Refer to p. 167, Vol. I, Westcott Genealogy)

- IX - ALVIN B. WESCOTT⁹, son of ALMON ALLAN WESCOTT & LOUISA HORTON, born 24 Aug. 1865 in Hartford, Conn.
married - ELIZABETH M. LILLIAN ARUNDEL, 26 November 1890 in Jersey City, N. J. by Pastor Edwin McMinn, Baptist Church
died - 6 Sept. 1933 Englewood, Bergen, N. J., he was 68 yrs. old. He was a retired post office clerk.
buried - 9 Sept. 1933, Tenafly, N. J., Mt. Carmel Cemetary
ELIZABETH M. LILLIAN ARUNDEL daughter of THOMAS ARUNDEL & ANNIE CASE
born - 5 January 1869 Ontario, Muskoka, Canada
died - 10 February 1938 Teaneck, Bergen, N. J.
buried - 14 February 1938 Mt. Carmel Cemetary

Their children are, all boys

1. - NELSON GEORGE WESCOTT¹⁰, born in Englewood, N. J., married to MAGGIE _____.
2. - MELVILLE H. WESCOTT D. D. S.¹⁰, born 13 Nov. 1893, Englewood, N. J., married to MARY MCGILL. He died 21 March 1963
3. - WARREN THOMAS WESCOTT¹⁰ born in Englewood, N. J., married to MARGARET BEST
4. - LEO WESCOTT¹⁰ born in Englewood, N. J.
- * 5. - ROBERT HYATT WESCOTT¹⁰, born 28 June 1905 in Englewood, N. J., married KATHRYN BRENNAN MARTLING 16 October 1926. He died 23 August 1954.

X - ROBERT HYATT WESCOTT¹⁰, son of ALVIN B. WESCOTT & ELIZ ARUNDEL. He was a mail carrier.

died - 23 Aug. 1954 in Oradell, N. J.

married - KATHRYN BRENNAN MARTLING, 16 Oct. 1926. Daughter of GREGORY P. MARTLING & MARY ANN BRENNAN

KATHRYN was born 23 April 1902 in Englewood, N. J.

died - 4 Dec. 1951, Hackensack, N. J.

Their children

- * 1. - NELSON GEORGE WESCOTT¹¹, born 22 July 1930 in Englewood, N. J. Married LILLIAN JANE ROLLER, 11 Aug. 1951. My father is a electrician.
- 2. - ROBERT HYATT WESCOTT JR.¹¹, born 8 Jan. 1935 in Englewood, N. J., married 8 Sept. 1956 to MARY MEZA. He died in the Vietnam War 29 April 1969.
- 3. - EDWARD PORTER WESCOTT¹¹, born 3 June 1936 in Englewood, N. J., married ANTOINETTE MARGARET DESANTIS, 22 Aug. 1959.
My mother LILLIAN JANE ROLLER WESCOTT is the daughter of GEORGE P. HENRY ROLLER & CATHERINE HANNAH CHAPPELL
born July 1, 1930 in Phila., Pa.

Their children

- * 1. - CAROLYN WESCOTT¹², born 30 May 1952 in Phila., married to MICHAEL JAMES MIENTUS. We have a son Michael Jr.¹³, born 25 Aug. 1975
- 2. - NELSON GEORGE WESCOTT JR.¹², born 8 Oct. 1953 in Abington, Pa., married to DEBORAH ANN PEARSON, 28 June 1980
- 3. - WARREN THOMAS WESCOTT¹², born 23 Feb. 1955 in Abington, Pa.
- 4. - MELANIE WESCOTT¹², born 28 Sept 1958 in Phila., Pa., married to MARK EDWARD JONCAS, 23 May 1981.
- 5. - LISA WESCOTT¹², born 10 Jan. 1962 in Abington, Pa. Has a son BRANDON ROBERT¹³, born 25 Nov. 1980 in Phila., Pa.

Eulalia Wescott of Romney, N. H. also sends data:

In the Westcott Genealogy, Vol. II, p. 403, appendix H.H., the question asked, who was this Benedict Wescott? She thinks he was named after Benedict Arnold and that he was Stukely Westcott's¹ great-great grandson, Benedict Wescott.

- 1. - Stukely Westcott¹ married Juliana Marchant.
- 2. - son, Robert² married Catherine _____.
- 3. - grandson, Samuel³, born Sept. 15, 1674 (Robert's youngest child) in Warwick, died in New London, Conn. on Nov. 29, 1745, married first probably at Kingston, R. I. on May 20, 1712 Naomi Goff who was born at Wethersfield, Conn. on Oct. 1, 1692, daughter of Phillip and Naomi (Latumer) (Reynold) Goff. Samuel married 2nd Mary _____.

children by his first wife, Naomi:

- 1. Phoebe, born Apr. 18, 1717, m. Pardon Tabor.
- * 2. Robert⁴, born Mar. 11, 1718/9, m. Nov. 28, 1745 Esther Harris
- 3. Samuel, born Apr. 8, 1721, died Norwich, Conn. Aug. 29, 1750.
- 4. Dinah, born Sept. 19, 1723, m. Dec. 1743 Andrew Natron.
- 5. Benedict, born Mar. 19, 1725/26
- 6. Naomi, born Aug. 20, 1728, m. Samuel Tabor

child by second wife, Mary _____.

7. Mary

* Robert⁴ and Esther Harris's children:

- 1. William, born Aug. 31, 1746
- 2. Robert⁵
- 3. Lucretia, m. Mar. 9, 1775 William Miner

- * 4. Benedict Wescott⁵ (Vol. II, p. 403, Westcott Genealogy)
- 5. Jeremiah
- 6. Mary

om Cousin, Lenoried (Westcott) Smith III came the following letter dated March 1, 1982:

I just paid my 1982 Westcott Society dues and decided that this would be a good time to write a note for the Society Quarterly. I really enjoy the Quarterly and am very proud of our family and its part in history. The children, when they were in grammar school and doing the Revolutionary War were also proud to be able to report on being a relative to Gen. Benedict Arnold.

My husband, Oliver, died April 23, 1981 of brain tumors. He had been fighting tumors off and on for seven years - but the end was fairly quick.

My daughter, Virginia Blair Smith is a freshman at the University of Delaware, with a double major - Biology and Entomology. She hopes to be able to do research in Entomology when she is done.

My son, Oliver, 4th. is 16 and looking forward to college with a career in Chemical Engineering.

I am working as a chemist for an independent testing laboratory (Lancaster Laboratories). I truly enjoy the challenge it offers me.

My father, Paul Westcott, also of Millersville, fell recently and fractured his left ankle. He is not used to being quiet and is having a hard time adjusting to being slowed down. His usual big garden is too much for him to handle - so this year we are going to share my little garden.

All for now, L. W. Smith of Millersville, Pa.

Our Associate Member, Dorothy Wescoat of Mays Landing, N. J. sends the following:

From an article in the Atlantic County Record as of July 9, 1981 - Dorothy Wescoat received the 1981 Cecelia Gaines Holland Award presented by the N. J. State Federation of Women's Clubs. The award is given to an individual who volunteers in community service and is nominated by her local women's club. Concerning the award, Cecelia Gaines Holland was active in civic work throughout New Jersey and maintained an enthusiastic interest in club work until her death in 1944. In her will she provided a heritage of presenting the award each year to a club woman who is active in volunteer work.

The Lenape Women's Club nominated Dorothy Wescoat and sent her resume' to the State Representatives. There are no names on the resumes so they do not know the person they are voting for. "The presentation was made at the annual convention in the Playboy Club in Great Gorge. With over 1000 members and guests, all dressed in their best 'bib and tucker', a splendid meal, an entrancing speech by Kitty Carlisle - the suspense of who would be the award winner was evident. What fun! I was pleased personally, of course, but so very happy that my beloved South Jersey was recognized (an unusual event these days, it would seem!)."

This is Dorothy's listing in the 5th Edition of Who's Who of Women: Dorothy Virginia Wescoat, b. Feb. 10, 1913 at Atlantic City, N. J.; Am. Red Cross worker; travel lecturer; A.B. Degree Mont Clair State Coll., 1933; Un. Pa., 1935-43; Shepherd Coll., 1950; Am. Institute 1962; Am. Red Cross courses; VA courses 1943-1977; appointments include Librarian, teacher Engl.; Pleasantville, N. J. 1933-43; Red Cross Hosp. worker, field director, various camps and VA Hospitals 1945-49; Cons. for Jr. Red Cross in chapters and schools in Virginia and W. Virginia 1949-51; Exec. Dir. Am. Red Cross at New London, Ct. 1951-54; teacher Englewood, N. J. High School 1954-56 and many more.

Dorothy's hobbies: Travel, Stamp Collecting, C. B. Radio and after dinner speaking

Congratulations Dear Dorothy!

New Members of SSWD

are pleased to welcome the following new members to The Society:

- No. 692 M/M Robert Dunbar MacDonald, 8132 Ames Way, Awada, CO 80003
- No. 693 Mrs. Berdene (Westcott) Thomas, 13081 Del Mont, 278-J, Seal Beach, CA 90740
- No. A-67 M/M William G. Wescott, 5 North Park, Batavia, NY 14020

Reinstated Members

- No. 9 James Radcliffe Morris IV c/o PINK HILL, Rural Route 2 Crozet, VA 22932

Golden Years Members

The following cousins are receiving Honorary Life Member Certificates for 1981 and 1982:

1981	1982
No. 35 Gwendolyn Westcott Jones	No. 190 Andrew C. Norwine
No. 94 Ellis Royden Westcott	No. 378 Laura Baldwin Simonds
No. 490 Georgia Pickens Erlenback	No. 54 Franklin Howard Westcott MD
No. 368 Mrs. Leland Franklin Ketcham	No. 64 Mrs. Samuel R. Westcott
No. 311 George A. Rouse	No. 115 Mrs. William C. Driver
No. 391 Arthur Keeler Westcott	No. 574 Edward Judson Wescott
	No. 272 Rosemary Wightman Wescott
	No. 608 Mrs. George W. Weston
	No. 309 Eleanor Wescott Trismen

Congratulations! How happy we are to welcome them to Life Membership in the Society.

From Paul Lewis, SSWD Treasurer

I wish to thank the following members for their contributions to the General Fund, 1982:

No. 496	M/M Carlos R. Merrick
No. 96	M/M Paul Dana Westcott
No. 444	Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell
No. 609	M/M Lawrence W. Johnson
No. 183	M/M Robert W. Westcott
No. 10	M/M Edmund Whitman Morris
No. 424	M/M David L. Westcott
No. 592	Mr. George S. Westcott
No. 639	Ms. Lois R. Wescott
No. 439	M/M Oscar E. Place
No. 603	M/M William Westcott Hopkins
No. 127	M/M Bertram J. Hoffman
No. 657	M/M Allan E. Boerker

Also, thanks to the following for donations to the Westcott Scholarship Fund:

No. 623	M/M Calvin Hackeman
No. 318	M/M Paul R. Lewis
No. A-32	Miss Dorothy V. Wescoat

Paul says, "Dues have come in fairly well, but still a lot more to come. Please remember that it is important to send in any change of address notices: Ned Morris (Edmund W. Morris, PINK HILL, Rural Route Two, Crozet, Virginia 22932)

Also, please notify Edna Lewis SSWD Registrar/Historian of any deaths and births.

Deaths

We were greatly saddened to hear from his widow of the passing of Cousin E. Lester Townsend last January 15th. He was nearly 90 and married almost 68 years to Jennie. In 1980, they drove from their home in Oneonta to the gathering in Bennington.

Speaking for our Westcott Society, your Editor, Eleanor Trismen, wishes to express deep sympathy for cousins who have lost dear ones. We send get well wishes for those who have had mishaps during this past long, cold winter.

CHAPTER NEWS

REPORT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NO. 12

The Wescotts of New Hampshire are having their reunion on July 11, 1982 at the Rumney Baptist Church. Church services begin at 11 A.M. A pot luck dinner will be served at 12:45. A short meeting will follow with election of officers for the next two years. Everyone is asked to bring a casserole and salad. Instead of having a program there will be a table available so that members and friends may bring a sample of their hobby to be placed on the table. It can be crocheting, knitting, needlework, painting, scrapbooks, art of any kind, genealogy, history, photography, sample of cooking, and woodwork. You can browse around and see the handiwork of your Wescott cousins or you can visit and get reacquainted with relatives.

Notes from Eulalia:

Eulalia was so surprised that Cynthia Wescott's grandson lived here in Rumney. "He lives only a little way from me."

Mrs. Barbara Leville, National Member, married The Rev. Norman Norman on April 4, 1981 in Salem, N.H.

Mrs. Clyde (Maude) Wescott had the misfortune of falling and breaking some of her ribs. She lives with her daughter in Beebe River, N. H.

Chester and Ruth Wells of Bristol, N. H. are spending the winter at their Florida home (news as of January).

Paul Cooper had the misfortune of injuring his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Potter of Ashland, N. H. are now new members of the National Society and the N. H. Chapter. Bryan is a first cousin of Dean Gray, one of our National Members. Also a new member, Mr. Clyde King of Keene, N. H. a second cousin of Raymond Wescott, Eulalia's husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John and Mary Wescott of Contoocook, N. H. are proud grandparents of a baby girl, Andrea Marie, born Nov. 23, 1981. Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss is baby Andrea's great aunt.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Potter a baby girl, Corin Earlene on Nov. 16, 1981.

JULY QUARTERLY DEADLINE

PLEASE, send all reports/data/messages to be included in the next Quarterly to:

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

by June 15, 1982.

"The Life and Times of Stukeley Westcott", by the Hon. Bullock continued, kindly sent by Lorraine Carrington.

"The lives of the early settlers at Shawomet were full of eventful incident and hazard. No sooner had they completed the purchase of this territory of Myantonomy, the chief sachem, than their rights, alike of jurisdiction and of soil, were disputed by Massachusetts, by Plymouth Colony, and by the local under-sachem, Pomham, although this sachem was present and a witness to the deed of sale from Myantonomy. At the instigation of Massachusetts, Pomham, to overawe the settlers, built an earthen fort-work near the head of "Old Warwick Cove", the remains of which exist to this day. At the same time, as we have already seen, the authorities of that Colony sent there an armed force, who seized the cattle of the settlers, arrested and carried captive to Boston the principal men, tried, convicted and punished them, and upon their release forbade them to return to their home. Massachusetts went so far as to allot the lands of these settlers to others. Upon their release they took refuge at the island of Aquidneck, and the settlement at Warwick was for a time suspended. It was not until 1646, when Samuel Gorton returned from his mission to England, that they felt safe in going back to their former homes. They found Pomham and his tribe, now more hostile than ever, in possession of their fields, and seeking every occasion to seize their cattle, steal their goods, and entering their houses, insult the occupants. During this and through many subsequent years, the records of Warwick are full of precautionary measures adopted by the town to protect the property and lives of its inhabitants from the predatory Indians, who secretly haunted its shaded swamps and shores. But these determined men remained and suffered, for it was their only home. The year 1676, was the most eventful of all. After the great fight at the Great Swamp in South Kingston, on the 19th of December, 1675, the troops of the United Colonies returned to their homes, leaving the town of Warwick defenseless. The Indians, exasperated by defeat, again gathered in armed bands, and on the 16th day of March, 1676, swooped down upon this settlement, burning every house in it but one, and again scattered its inhabitants.

In this war, Stukeley Westcote's eldest son, Robert, was killed, and now homeless, his remaining sons, Amos and Jeremiah, fled to the island of Prudence, where in safety they could raise a crop for their support, and he, wifeless and at the age of eighty-four years, is driven for refuge to the island of Rhode Island.

At Portsmouth, on that island, on one of the early days of the month of January, 1677, at the home of his grandson, Caleb Arnold, the son of his daughter, Damaris, by her husband, Gov. Benedict Arnold, after a long life filled with many cares and trials, he sickened and died." (Note by Editor: Gov. Benedict Arnold, second generation, was the son of William Arnold I who came to America on the same ship with Stukeley Westcott in 1635. The Benedict Arnold of U. S. History was known as General Benedict Arnold, sixth generation in America. The given name, Benedict was carried on for a number of generations in the Arnold family.) "Stukeley's remains, borne by his sons across the Bay to its western shore, near to which the last thirty years of his life had been passed, were laid to rest beside those of his wife, in the first public burial ground of Warwick, adjoining his home lot and former residence. This ancient burial ground was near to and west from the present white or old Baptist church, and Mr. Amos Lockwood, a descendant in the seventh generation, living near, and now (1886) seventy-eight years of age well remembers when many tumuli, eroded by time and marked by rough and uninscribed headstones, told of the place where the an-

During his life Westcote conveyed to his sons by deeds of gift a considerable part of his landed estates. During his last illness, he prepared a will, of which the following is a copy:

"I, Stukely Westcott of Warwick in the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England, now residing in Portsmouth in Rhode Island aforesaid, being aged about eighty-five years, and in my right senses and perfect understanding and memory, doe make this my last will and testament, to the disposing of my estate which is as follows, to wit:

In the first place, I bequeath my body to the dust to be buried, and my soul unto God who gave it.

Item. I make ordaine and appoint my eldest son Amos Westcott my lawful and sole executor to see this my will performed, and also to pay and receive all debts as belonging to me.

Item. I give and bequeath to my said Executor all my movable Estate as cattell goods and chattels, and also my land lying in Potaomet Neck, and my meadow lying at Toskownk in the township of Warwick aforesaid. Also two-fourths of my land at Cowesit: all of which said lands together with all privileges there unto belonging or appertaining I give to him his heirs and assignees forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson Amos Westcott, my town lot in Warwick aforesaid which I formerly lived on, with orcharding fencing and all things there unto belonging: and also my thirty acres lot lying in Shawomet Neck, be it more or less. Also a six acre lot and a meadow lot lying in Shawomet aforesaid, and also my share of land lying in the south side of Patuxet River which I purchased together with Mr. Samuel Gorton, Mr. Holding, Mr. Collins and John Potter: all which aforesaid lands or parcels of lands with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances there unto belonging or in any wayes appertaining I doe give grant and confirm to my aforesaid grandson his heirs and assignees forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson Amos Stafford a fourth part of my lying in Cowesit which is to say, the fourth of the eleventh part of that purchase, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

In confirmation of all the above written presents, I set to my hand and seal this 12th day of January 1676/7."

This will was never executed. His grandson, Caleb Arnold, son of his daughter Damaris, being present, dissuaded him from signing it until his sons, who were then upon the neighboring island of Prudence, could be sent for, but before they could reach he was "not able to sign thereunto".

A short time after his death, his sons Amos and Jeremiah, by petition desired the town "Council to settle the Estate of their father, who died without his will being signed or sealed". Whereupon the Town Council, first stating that they are informed that "he spake somewhat as in addition to his will which was not committed to writing, and for as much as by reason of the late unhappy warres the counsel have been put by that they could no sooner affect the same", nevertheless deeming it their duty to "perfect the sayd will", they then proceed to make a will for him by which they give to his son Amos "All the goodes chattells moveables and lands" not otherwise therein disposed of, and make him the executor to receive and pay all debts; to Jeremiah they give all of the lands his father had deeded to him in his lifetime; also the estate John Bennett had deeded to Westcote; also the share of meadow bought of "Peeter Buzicot" on the south side of the brook that runs out of the "grate pond", and one share of "meddowes at Potowomut laying above the rocky nooke, only we apointe him to pay 3 pounds country pay to his brother Amos", to Damaris Arnold, his daughter, 20 shillings in silver to be laid out in "a piece of plate"; to Mercy Stafford, his daughter, "the bed in her hands with the furniture and such other of the goods mentioned in the inventory to bee in her hands", provided the executor is to be "freed from any other payment concerning his fathers keepinge or funerall to her husband or her", to "Robert Westcotes eldest sonn Zerobabell, is given one fourth part of the farm at Weequichaconuke"; to Amos Stafford, "sonn" of his daughter Mercy, is given a "fowerth part" of his grandfather's share in the township of "Coweaset"; to Amos Westcotes sonn of Amos his grandfather Stukeley Westcotts town lott and comanidg". After his fathers dicease", and one fourth part of his grandfathers farm at "Weequisaconet" when he comes of age of "twenty one years". This will is dated 1677, January 11th and is signed and sealed by John Green, assistant, Samuel Gorton, assistant, Randall Houldon, Thomas Green and Benjamin Barton, they then being the Town Council of Warwick.

It appears that after the death of Stukeley Westcote's wife, his son Amos went with his family to live at the homestead of his father, and took care of him until the latter was driven away by the Indians to Portsmouth, where he died. This was probably the reason why Westcote, by his unexecuted will, gave this homestead estate to his grandson, Amos, junior, the eldest son of his son Amos, and why the Town Council in the will they made gave the same estate to Amos, senior, for life, and upon his death to Amos, junior, in fee. Amos, the son, died prior to 1688, having on the 23rd day of January, 1685-6, deeded all of his estate to his wife, Deborah; and on the 18th day of May, 1688, his son, Amos, junior, who seems not to have been a very thrifty young man, borrows of his step-mother, Deborah, £ 3, for a term of three years, giving her for the use of it a life estate in the homestead farm, and agrees further that if he did not pay his step-mother this loan when due, she should have the Estate in fee forever. Amos, junior, died in 1692 without paying the £ 3, and Deborah remained in possession and claimed the Estate.

In the meantime, Zerobabel Westcote, who resided in "Kingstowne" and who was the eldest son of the deceased Robert, who was the eldest son of Stukeley, became of age, and taking legal advice is informed of the English law of primogeniture, as well as of the invalidity of the unsigned will of his grandfather, and also of the invalidity of the will made by the Town Council. Whereupon Zerobabel, in November 1697, brings an action of "detainure" as it is called, against Deborah to recover possession of the homestead estate of his grandfather, Stukeley, and after two trials at law, recovers judgement for possession. The situation of Deborah, the widow of Amos, now becoming precarious, she summons to her aid her father, Samuel Stafford, and her step-son, Abraham Lockwood. Stafford and Lockwood petition the Town Council in Deborah's behalf to establish the unexecuted will of Stukeley Westcote, for if this can be established, it was thought the title to the Estate in question would be vested in Amos, junior, through whom she claimed her title."

(To Be Continued)