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### Twenty-fourth SSWD Biennial Meeting

Members of SSWD and their guests will gather in Charlottesville, Virginia the weekend of August 6th with a reception at the Holiday Inn South, Friday evening at 5:30. As a part of the banquet to follow, a Memorial Service, business meeting and election of officers will take place.

On Saturday morning, a conducted tour of "Mr. Jefferson Country" will be taken followed by a family picnic by the pool at PINK HILL, the home of Ned and Fran Morris, and, Ned's mother, Dorothy Potter, daughter of the SSWD founder, Roscoe Whitman.

On Sunday, the group will gather at The First Baptist Church, 735 Park Street, Charlottesville at 10:00 AM where they will be welcomed by Dr. H. Cowen Ellis, Minister. Following worship services, the group will join together at The Holiday Inn for a family brunch.

### From Dr. F. Howard Westcott came the following letter written on St. Patrick's Day in San Diego:

We are in our rainy season so it is a good morning to let you know our California news - not much new!

Julie is well settled and teaching for San Diego Elementary schools. She has a new part time - 3 days a week position. She will be working for a womans' sponsored, "Women for Trees" foundation. Her job will be teaching 2 6th grades in San Diego County the beauty, value and ecology of trees - a very interesting outlook.

It is my goal of keeping fit at 79. I now have a saddle horse - half Morgan and Arabian. Martha, Julie and I work her and ride every day so it is great family attraction.

Wife, Georgia is still active in Real Estate, things are picking up here especially new homes - but prices are so high \$150 - \$250,000 for an average size home. I don't understand who can buy.

I have asked daughter, Ruth, to relieve you (Eleanor Trismen) of your duties regarding the family Bulletin - and do hope she will accept.

I am looking forward to August and the Reunion and hope to see you. Give my best to Bruce and take good care of yourself.

### More on the life of Edward Judson Wescott X, son of Spencer Thomas Wescott IX (Refer to April 1982 Quarterly, p. 2)

"Edward was an accountant and Tax Consultant by profession and retired from all business activities in April 1976. He grew up in Englewood, N. J. As a boy he did the usual after school jobs, delivering papers etc. He left High School in his Junior year to enter the banking business with The Citizens-National Bank of Englewood, on Sept. 2, 1919. He next joined a newly formed bank, The Englewood Title Guarantee and Trust Co. of Englewood as Assistant Treasurer on Sept. 26, 1926. The depression of the 1930's took its toll of banks and the Englewood Title Guarantee and Trust Co., being a newly formed bank, fell prey to the times and closed on Mar. 1, 1934. There being some fifty or more closed banks in the State of New Jersey, Edward was engaged as a Special Assistant Deputy Commission of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey to help assist in the liquidation work. World War II being in progress and the work, about completed on the closed banks, Edward went with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Foreign Funds Control Division, which controlled the frozen assets of foreign nationals. As the war progressed, it took many of the personnel of banks and Edward left the Federal Reserve Bank and joined Bankers Trust Co. at No. 16 Wall Street, N. Y. as an auditor on Feb. 15, 1943. He was auditor at the, then called, "uptown offices", Fifth Ave., Park Ave., and Radio Center.

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

In 1948 Bankers Trust Company created a Travel Dept. and he was assigned as accountant to handle financial records. This assignment was held until he retired from the bank, a service record of twenty-one years and eleven months.

Edward was:

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Englewood, N. J.

A Notary Public from 3/27/30 - 3/27/45

Enlisted in the New Jersey State Guard on Sept. 8, 1941 as a corporal, Grade V, Company A, First Battalion, Infantry and was Honorably Discharged (by reason of expiration of term of service) on Sept. 7, 1943. At the time of his discharge was a Sergeant, Grade IV, Company A., 1st. Battalion, Infantry."

#### News from James R. Bentley of Louisville, Kentucky:

I have intended to write the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, but have not done so, until now.

My brother, George W. Bentley died 12 May 1981. Enclosed is an obituary I printed in the Kentucky Genealogist, Vol. 23, No. 3 (July/Sept. 1981). His obituary reads, "George W. Bentley was born 18 Jan. 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Francis Getty Bentley and Katharine Elizabeth (Wescott) Bentley. In 1941 his parents moved to Louisville, where he was raised, with the exception of four years spent in Houghton, Mich. where he attended grades two through five. After graduating from Eastern High School in Middletown, Ky. in 1958, he entered Rose Polytechnic Inst. in Terre Haute, Ind., where he joined Theta Xi fraternity. Following his marriage on 10 Mar. 1962 to Barbara Louise Preis of Louisville, he transferred to the Un. of Louisville where he received a B. S. degree in Physics. He worked for Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co. of Louisville at the time of his death, holding the position of research physicist.

George was a member of the Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, Kentucky Society of Mayflower Descendants by virtue of descent in double lines from John Alden, Richard Warren, William Mullins and a single line from Elder William Brewster. While he took no particular concern in ancestry, he was aware that his family on both sides was settled early in New England. --- His own interests were predominantly scientific and forward - looking, though he endured his brother James's antiquarian curiosities with forbearance.

George is survived by his wife, Barbara, daughters, Alison Redding Bentley, a sophomore at Indiana State Un. and Lisa Jennings Bentley, a freshman at Purdue, his parents, a sister Patricia Wescott Bentley of Plattsburgh, N. Y. and a brother James R. Bentley of Louisville, Ky."

#### From James R. Bentley who sent a nice article about his sister, Patricia Wescott Bentley.

Patricia is head of the technical services at the Benjamin F. Feinberg Library at the Plattsburgh, N. Y. State Un. College campus, a facility with a user population of between 8,000 and 9,000 people.

Miss Bentley has all the credentials associated with the modern professional librarian. - - - A Master's Degree in Library science from the Un. of Kentucky helped win a post at the Un. of Cincinnati Medical Center Library, where she served before coming to Plattsburgh in Feb. 1977. - - - -

She said, "Almost to a person we tend not to want to get into a specific area. We have a broad range of interests. As new things develop, we tend to be current and topical".

In her 12th year on the job, Bentley has helped to pioneer the new image in a profession once noted for long, boring hours in underground archive dungeons.

She is responsible for coordinating purchases of library materials, building up collections through purchases and gifts and seeing that they are catalogued properly.

#### Also, The Historical Interests of James R. Bentley of Louisville, Ky.

I have been a member since around 1958 or so, since my mother was a Wescott. I am still Secretary and Curator of Manuscripts at the Filson Club. Since 1979 I have also been editor and publisher of the Kentucky Genealogist, which is the oldest genealogical journal for Kentucky, founded in 1959. I was just reelected Governor of the Kentucky Society of Mayflower Descendants for a third term, and remain Registrar of the Kentucky Society SAR, also the same job for the Kentucky Society of Colonial Wars.

Later in May, I am speaking at the National Genealogical Society's 2nd. Conference of the States at Indianapolis. Last year I spoke to genealogical groups at Dallas, Chicago and St. Louis on Kentucky research.

I am also revising the chapter on Kentucky for the 2nd. edition of Genealogical Research Methods and Sources published by the American Society of Genealogists.

James says, "It's always good to see the Westcott Society Newsletter and to know that the Westcotts are staying actively interested in the family history.

Note from Editor: After reading James R. Bentley's activities how welcome it would be for more cousins to write the Editor and let her know about his or her interests in life!

A suggestion to be brought up at the August, 1982 gathering of the Westcott Clan:

From Associate Member No. A-66, Gladys Soracchi of Columbia, Conn.

In the many years since the publication and 1939 revision of Roscoe Whitman's work surely much additional data has accumulated. While I realize that another work of that caliber would certainly demand the time, dedication and financing might be out of the question in 1982, I suggest that today's copy-making facilities are so available and inexpensive that there might be a way to make more recent information obtainable to those who are interested.

Each person with information (data) to submit would need only to type or write it on standard 8½ x 11 paper. These could be copied, 'as is' and sold very inexpensively to any who ordered and paid in advance.

I would be very interested in a query section, in the Bulletin. My suggestion is to have a form sent to all members to bring the data up to date.

Obituary: Sent by SSWD Historian/Registrar Edna J. Lewis

Mr. Carl Hartman passed away on November 13, 1981.

He was member no. 631. His wife, Dorothy Hartman has changed her address since Carl passed away. She now lives at Route 1, Box 90 - A, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501.

Any cousin, who has a few moments, please write to her.

The Society sends deepest sympathy to the families of George W. Bentley and Carl Hartman.

Note from Editor, Eleanor L. Trismen

It is with deep regret that I will have to relinquish my duty as the Westcott Society Editor of the Quarterly or Bulletin. It is time for another cousin to take over since my 80th birthday is coming along in August. I have enjoyed serving our Family Society for many years in various duties.

Love to all of you

Sincerely

Eleanor L. Trismen

CHAPTER NEWS

No reports from established chapters.

VIRGINIA

National Members of SSWD in Virginia have submitted their application for a Chapter Charter and hope to formalize their activities at the biennial meeting of the Society in Charlottesville.

OCTOBER QUARTERLY DEADLINE

Please forward all data/reports to Eleanor Trismen by September 15, 1982. Altho Cousin Eleanor will not continue as Editor, she will forward the material to the new appointee.