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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

The twenty-fourth SSWD Biennial Meeting was held in Charlottesville, Virginia, Friday, August 6 through Sunday, August 8, 1982, hosted by Dorothy Whitman Potter, daughter of the Society Founder, Frances (Fran) R. Morris, and her husband, Edmund (Ned) Whitman Morris.

The gathering started at the Holiday Inn, I-64 & 5th St. with the Board of Directors meeting at 8:30 a.m. and concluded at 1:30 p.m. Folks from all over were arriving and preparations were under way for the evening banquet. Everyone was meeting old family friends and making new ones. At 5:30 p.m. the banquet room was ready with the help of our hosts with beautiful flower bouquets gracing the red table cloths. Punch was on tap while everyone was coming in and introducing themselves and signing the guest book.

At 6:30 p.m. Pres. Pauline Clark called the meeting to order. Invocation was by Mabel Wescott, with special music by Wilma Avery and Velma Reed. At the conclusion of the music, Pauline asked that starting to the right, cousins should please fill their plates from the buffet table at the back of the room. The table was covered with hot barbecued spare ribs, southern fried chicken, salads, vegetables, potatoes, rolls, ice tea and coffee. After everyone had finished their meal, apple and cherry pie was served.

Officers present for the meeting were **President Mrs. Pauline Clark, Recording Secretary Mr. Sharon Coltey, Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Wilma Avery, Treasurer Mr. Paul Lewis, Registrar-Genealogist Mrs. Edna Lewis, Quarterly Publisher Mr. Edmund Morris, Directors Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Mrs. Mabel Wescott, and Mrs. Evelyn Hitchcock.**

At 7:30 p.m. Pres. Pauline Clark opened the business meeting asking for a standing round of applause for our hosts for the outstanding job they had done in preparing for the 24th Biennial gathering. Pauline then presented a gift to Edmund Morris.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" followed. Pauline asked that each one stand and give their name and where they lived. Several spend the winter months in Florida that live in northern states so claimed two states. There were 39 present and 15 states represented from coast to coast and border to border.

Mrs. Mabel Wescott read the memorial service which had been prepared by Chaplain Mrs. Eulalia Wescott who was unable to attend. Scripture was from Revelation, Chapter 21, verse 4. Edna Lewis read the Eulogy with the passing of member No. 94 Ellis Royden Wescott b. 30 Apr. 1901 d. 25 Apr. 1981; No. 145 Dorothy Westcott Demond b. 28 Mar. 1894 d. 22 Aug. 1981; No. 175 Col. Chester William Wescott b. 11 June 1910 d. 23 Apr. 1981; No. 185 Rachel Cidinna Wilkins Cottrell b. 22 Apr. 1897 d. 12 Sept. 1981; No. 271 Bryon Chapman Bussey b. 4 Jan. 1888 d. 3 Jan. 1981; No. 271 Elsie Blyth Slater Bussey b. 3 Jan. 1888 d. 1976; No. 367 Russell Beecher Westcott b. 17 Jun. 1903 d. 30 July 1981; No. 423 E. Lester Townsend b. 8 Feb. 1892 d. 15 Jan. 1982; No. 453 Ruth Lorraine Manchester Lundquist b. 20 Apr. 1903 d. 12 May 1981; No. 488 Frances Pickens Kuhn b. 29 Mar. 1913 d. 19 Aug. 1978; No. 628 Beatrice Swatzer Wescott b. 7 Jan. 1906 d. 21 July 1981; No. 664 Raymond Dean Gray, child enrolled 23 Aug. 1980, son of members No. 649, grandson of member No. 621 b. 22 Aug. 1977 d. 31 July 1981; Suzanne Elizabeth Wescott, granddaughter of Honorary member No. 379 b. 1960 d. 31 July 1980; No. 631 Carl Hartman b. 26 Dec. 1901 d. 13 Nov. 1981.

Wilma Avery sang "Beyond the Sunset" with Velma Reed on accompaniment. Prayer followed by Mabel Wescott.

Sharon Coltey read the minutes of the 23rd Biennial Business meeting 1980 held at Bennington, Vt. They were approved as read.

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

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Pauline asked for Corresponding Secretary's report which Wilma read as follows: 33 new regular members No. 666 - No. 698; four new associate members A66 - A68; 6 honorary membership certificates for 1981 and 9 honorary membership certificates for 1982 for members reaching their 80th birthday. Two new enrolled with one having passed away.

Pauline received a letter from Marion Dorfler explaining that she could not attend and Wilma received a letter from Eleanor Trismen on not being able to attend the gathering.

Pauline asked for Treasurer's report. Paul Lewis read his report with income of \$3,092.65, expenses of \$2,820.33. Balance in checking account of \$272.32, and in savings account \$309.74 for a total balance of \$582.06.

Pauline announced that the business meeting would conclude Sat. afternoon as the auditors, Mr. & Mrs. Bert Hoffman, had arrived this evening and had not gone over the treasurer's book and also the nominating committee had asked for more time to secure the necessary officers for the forthcoming two years.

Pauline asked for the Registrar-Genealogist report. Edna reported 39 new members including Associate Members and thanked everyone for sending her 'bits and pieces' of information which helps in connecting blood lines. She also reported on the Stukely Westcott marker in Warwick, R. I. and that Miss Ann Gallogly in the town office is overseeing the care of the marker. Edna also reported that chaplain Mrs. Eulalia Westcott had sent out 30 condolence cards.

Pauline asked Dr. Westcott to make two reports - - Scholarship Fund and reprints of SSWD Vol. No. 1 & 2. Dr. Westcott reported that the fund was in good condition with four participants having completed their education. There are at present six receiving help. An application for one is being processed. An amount of up to \$1,250.00 a year may be applied for, at 5% interest. The fund is not large enough to give each student \$1,250.00 a year but does the best he can with it and has not had to turn anyone down. For all new applications though, the repayment time period has been changed from ten years to five years, after completing college, so that more students can participate. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may do so and they do not have to wait till they have a large sum as a lot of small ones will serve the same purpose. Send contributions to Dr. F. Howard Westcott, 16673 San Salvador Ct., Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, Calif. No. 92128. Dr. Westcott also reported that some funds were put in short term high interest investments of 15%. None of the students having received help or are receiving help have dropped out of school.

Dr. Westcott being Chairman of the Nominating committee requested anyone that was interested in helping the society please let him know as a meeting only once every two years does not allow the committee time enough to know each individual and to approach the ones that would like to serve.

Dr. Westcott cautioned everyone about buying Genealogical books advertised through mail services as they more than likely contain only a telephone listing of your name with no genealogy connection. There were only two sets of hard bound copies left of the SSWD reprints in June when Iowa held their chapter meeting.

Pauline asked Edmund to give a report on the Quarterly and Edmund asked only that he was sending out a plea to all cousins to send information to the News Compiler, on deaths, weddings, births and anything that you would like your cousins to know.

Pauline announced that each chapter will be required to submit a name to serve on the Board that are not officers in their own chapter but a person that will help in getting news to the quarterly through the News Compiler and also strengthening the Society. They are appointed by Pauline for a two year term. She announced the appointment of two new board members - Virginia Sampson of N. H. and Pattie Rochette of Kan. Also she brought before the members the reactivation of old chapters such as New York-New Jersey, Northern N. Y. and others that have become inactive. Mr. Hoffman asked for a list of Florida Stukely Westcotts and that a possible corresponding chapter could be formed there. Edmund responded that he would supply names and addresses for those interested in either reactivating or starting new chapters. Pauline said the requirement for a new chapter was five registered national members. She also announced a new chapter and asked Wilma to read it. Wilma said that on Aug. 5, 1982 an application was submitted with the following names: No. 8 Dorothy W. Potter, No. 10 Edmund W. Morris, No. 219 Sylvia Martin Uthe-Ramsing, No. 654 Allan E. Boerker, No. 682 Joan-Harvey Morris Bentson and was signed by the President. The new chapter was Chapter 13 of Virginia.

Pauline brought before the members a coat of arms reproduced by her son from the original. The 8½ x 10 for \$3.00 and 4¼ x 5 free with the purchase of large one. New member gets one free. Information on availability of coat of arms will be published in an upcoming quarterly.

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Pauline announced the dues would be raised starting Jan. 1983. Dues for family, from \$4.00 to \$5.00, and for individual members from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Non members who receive Quarterly only, would be \$5.00.

Pauline asked the Nominating Committee to stand--Dr. Howard Westcott, Wilma Avery, and Fran Morris. Dr. Westcott will be leaving the board this year and Pauline appointed Evelyn Hitchcock to the committee.

Pauline announced that the next board meeting would be in early August 1983, in Rhode Island.

Pauline presented Mrs. Mabel Wescott with a pillow as out going president with a picture of a frog. She presented Sharon Coltey with a note holder for his retirement from the board and Evelyn Hitchcock was presented a flower holder for her help for the last two years.

Wilma announced that a letter of gratitude was sent to Eleanor Trismen for her work on the Quarterly.

A question was asked on how many chapters the society had and Pauline turned it over to Wilma who read off the chapters as follows: No. 1 Central New York-Inactive, No. 2 Rhode Island-Inactive, No. 3 Greater New York-Inactive, No. 4 Northern New York-Inactive, No. 5 Vermont-Active, No. 6 Southern Michigan-Inactive, No. 7 Chicago Land-Inactive, No. 8 Abington, Pa.-Inactive, No. 9 Iowa-Active, No. 10 Cleveland, Ohio-Inactive, No. 11 New York-New Jersey-Inactive, No. 12 New Hampshire-Active, No. 13 Virginia-Active.

Mr. Edmund Morris made announcements concerning the following days activities. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Pauline called the business meeting back to order at 6:30 p.m. Sat. and asked for the auditors report. Mr. Bert Hoffman reported the Treasurer's report to be accurate. Pauline reappointed Mr. & Mrs. Bert Hoffman as Auditors for the next two years.

Pauline called on Dr. F. Howard Westcott to announce the new slate of officers. Dr. Westcott read the following names:

- President - Pauline Clark
- Vice President - Allan E. Boerker
- Recording Secretary - Evelyn P. Hitchcock
- Chaplain - Verner Utke-Ramsing
- Registrar/Genealogist - Edna Lewis
- Quarterly News Compiler - Ruth W. Barnhardt
- Quarterly Publisher - Edmund W. Morris
- Corresponding Secretary - Wilma W. Avery
- Treasurer - Paul R. Lewis

- Directors:
- Dr. F. Howard Westcott
  - Mrs. Marion Dorfler
  - Mrs. Mabel Wescott
  - Mrs. Dorothy Perdue
  - Mrs. Eleanor Trismen
  - Mrs. Pattie Rochette
  - Mrs. Virginia Sampson

President Pauline Clark passed the gavel to herself and a motion was made and seconded that since all business had been completed that the meeting be closed, which followed with an affirmative vote at 7:30 p.m.

The Saturday tour which required that you meet the bus at Holiday Inn at 8:00 a.m., meant that all 36 participants rise early for breakfast after a Friday evening of enjoyment. The day broke with the threat of rain but did not stop the cousins from visiting the home of Thomas Jefferson and walking the grounds. The rain caught us at the James Monroe home and grounds and from there we left for Michie Tavern where our meal had been arranged of Colonial fried chicken, home made biscuits, vegetables, coffee and tea. We then took a tour of the Tavern and Mill and an understanding of how our forefathers lived and entertained during the early 1700's. Having completed our meal and tour we then proceeded by bus to the University of Virginia which is located in downtown Charlottesville, where those that wanted to could go for a short tour of the University as inclement weather was still with us. Our guide, by the way, a young beautiful girl did an excellent job of answering the questions put to her by our cousins. We then left the University and returned to the Holiday Inn at 3:30 p.m. We thanked our bus driver and tour guide and prepared to leave for Pink

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Hill where Fran and Edmund were preparing for the family picnic. After arriving we found out that it had rained very hard out there and what had been planned for an outdoor picnic, was moved inside, for some 40 plus cousins. The rain had gone and the children and several adults enjoyed the outdoor swimming pool. Most of us spent the time getting to know our cousins better. At 5:00 p.m. we were advised that the food was ready and even though the rain had left we would be eating inside. Our hosts had really out done themselves! Fran said that George had done all the preparation but we found out that she had been up until 4:00 a.m. working on the picnic. Everything was delicious! This was followed with the singing of our SSWD song and the singing of Happy Birthday with cake for Mr. Allan Boerker and other cousins who had them coming up. We then departed the house to go outside, which had turned into a beautiful evening. The business meeting was concluded with a joyous applause to our hosts. Entertainment for the evening was supplied by Frankie and Velma Reed and Sharon Coltey with many enjoying and singing along. Gradually cousins left and headed home, to the hotel, or other accomodations. The next morning found many of the cousins still with us and attending church service at the First Baptist Church of Charlottesville with Pastor Dr. H. Cowen Ellis who welcomed all of us. After church we went back to the Holiday Inn and enjoyed a lovely breakfast cafeteria style. We once again bid farewell to our cousins as our 24th Biennial Gathering came to an end. For all of those who were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful experience. We hope that you all will make preparations to be with us for the celebration of our 50th Anniversary in August 1984.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sharon F. Coltey*

Sharon Coltey  
Recording Secretary

#### MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING THE MEETING:

Cousins and guests from fifteen states gathered for the reunion and included were three generations represented by three families, and, two generations represented by four families:

Pauline Clark - Syracuse, New York  
M/M Sharon Coltey - Lake City, Georgia  
M/M Carmen Cario - Titusville, Florida  
M/M Paul Sampson - Penacook, New Hampshire  
M/M Sidney Pease - West Franklin, New Hampshire  
Mrs. Christeen Adkins - Marlow, Oklahoma  
Mrs. Pattie Rochette - Chanute, Kansas  
Suzy Rochette - Chanute, Kansas  
Westcott Rochette - Chanute, Kansas  
M/M Allan Boerker - Manassas, Virginia  
M/M Franklin Reed - East Poultney, Vermont  
Dr. F. Howard Westcott - San Diego, California  
Mrs. Luther Barnhardt - Ashville, North Carolina  
Mrs. Wilma Wescott Avery - Absecon, New Jersey  
M/M Edmund W. Morris - Crozet, Virginia  
Dorothy Whitman Potter - Crozet, Virginia  
Margaret Randolph Morris - Brooklyn, New York

Charles N. Dorr - Brooklyn, New York  
Gertrude Beattie - Latham, New York  
M/M Bert Hoffman - Hackensack, New Jersey  
Irene Brown - Baldwinsville, New York  
Sharyn Brown - Baldwinsville, New York  
Dorothy W. Bump - Balwinsville, New York  
Margaret Ebert - Clarion, Iowa  
Barbara Johnson - Altoona, Pennsylvania  
Dorothy Wescott Hartman - Hutchinson, Kansas  
Mabel L. Wescott - East Poultney, Vermont  
M/M Paul R. Lewis - Riverton, Connecticut  
Mrs. Jean Brundage - Brockport, New York  
Mrs. Evelyn P. Hitchcock - Brockport, New York  
Mrs. L. A. Anderson - Glenwood City, Wisconsin  
Brent Anderson - Glenwood City, Wisconsin  
M/M Veron Utke-Ramsing - Alexandria, Virginia

#### STUKELY WESTCOTT MEMORIAL MARKER AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

Through the efforts of the registrar it was possible to make contact with Miss Ann Gallogly, 100 Peabody Drive, Warwick, RI 02889, who has been most helpful in caring for the Westcott Marker. The town offices of Warwick are located at 1515 West Shore Road, at the same site as the Westcott Marker. Miss Gallogly ordered a memorial wreath and placed it at the base of the boulder holding the bronze Westcott plaque in May 1981. Money was sent to her by the treas., amt. \$22.50. In May 1982 Miss Gallogly was able to have 4 red azalea bushes planted at the base of the Marker at a cost to the Society of \$25.00. She sent pictures with her reports each year. The Stukely Westcott Memorial Marker means a great deal to the people of Warwick, RI. Mayor Joseph Walsh is very proud to claim Stukely Westcott as an original proprietor of his town of Warwick.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Corresponding Secretary, Wilma Avery, reported to the Board (and it merits special attention to all SSWD members and their families) that a new group has been formed or is forming, called "The Westcott Descendants". The Board noted that this group or groups has no association with the original Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America founded in 1934.

## THE LETTER BOX

### From Eleanor Trismen, River Edge, New Jersey

On August 2nd, her 80th birthday, the celebration included lovely red roses and dinner with her son, Bruce and his daughters, Heather and Jennifer. "Happy Birthday" was sung by the restaurant staff and she was presented with a cake, card and gift. Later in August, she attended the play, "Woman of the Year".

### From Dorothy Allport, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

On October 28, 1982 her mother-in-law, Elizabeth McMinn Allport Swigert will be 100 years old. She is the widow of William H. Allport and William E. Swigert. She has two grandchildren, Susan Allport Schneider and LTC George H. Allport, Jr. and four great-grandchildren, Dorothy Rose, George, William, William Allport and Walter G. M. Schneider III.

### From Polly Todd Bender, Ann Arbor, Michigan

As a senior citizen she likes to work teaching genealogy and doing personal research with the local genealogical Society. She would like to have a Society Directory so that she could correspond with members since she assumes there is no Westcott Chapter in Michigan. (Editor's note: Chapter No. 6 Southern Michigan is inactive at this time)

### From Cynthia Westcott, Seekonk, Massachusetts

On June 26, 1982, her grandson, Peter W. Westcott married Mary Patricia Ross, daughter of Douglas and Mary Ross of Norwood, Mass. He works for RCA and they will live in Billeria, Mass. Another grandson, Kenneth Westcott Milener has returned from a year at the University of Alaska and graduated from Tufts University in May. Cousin Cynthia is interested in obtaining a copy of the reprint of the Westcott Genealogy. (Editor's Note: there were only two hard bound copies of the SSWD reprints in June when the Iowa Chapter had their meeting.)

### From Ned and Fran Morris, Crozet, Virginia

Again, thanks to everyone who journeyed to Jeffersonland for the reunion in August; it was wonderful having you with us. Later that month, we flew to Rome en route to Rapallo, Italy where we spent a week visiting with Fran's 100 and 90 year old aunts. From there, we took the train to Zurich and joined a great Swiss/Alpine tour. While we were gone, mother, Dorothy Potter, "picked up a bug", did not respond to antibiotics and after our return, became increasingly weak, ending up in the hospital for ten days. After numerous tests, treatment, we are happy to say she is once again home, feeling better than ever! One of her Potter great-granddaughters was married in August.

### From Paul D. Westcott, Millersville, Pennsylvania

After spending three months in a cast recovering from a broken ankle, he is back to his usual activities. They decided not to plant a large garden this year, but took on a new venture as carpenter in building a tool shed. He is still active with his hobby of repairing and rebuilding bicycles and is in charge of keeping good repair the 60 ten speed bicycles at the Millersville State College Bike Room. He enclosed two clippings: one from the Sunday "Parade" Magazine (7/25/82) about the "Tree that Ate Roger Williams" and one from his daughter, Eleanor (Mrs. Richard Bartley) about Wendell Westcott, a piano and carillon teacher at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. Westcott's carillon music, ringing from the Beaumont Tower, is a school tradition dating back to the fall of 1947.

From William Avery, Absecon, New Jersey

They have two weddings to which to look forward. Their oldest son, Robert P. has been engaged to Miss Nina Demitruk since last December. He has two daughters from his first marriage, Jessica 7 and Julie 4. Both Bob and Nina work in our shore Agency Insurance business. Their son, Bill is engaged to Joan Lynch from Rhode Island. Joan is a dietetic technician at a Rehabilitation hospital while Bill is acting Captain of our commercial clam boat, 65' "Miss Franchoise". Their eldest daughter, Pam, has been working two jobs this summer to earn money to get back to school at the University of Grenoble, France, where she is working on a Masters Degree. The youngest daughter, Patti, will be taking courses at a local state college and working part-time in the office. She hopes to row with their crew team. Wilma and Bill enjoyed a week's sailing trip on the Chesapeake in September.

CHAPTER NEWS

REPORT OF VERMONT CHAPTER NO. 5

Eight members represented the Vermont Chapter at the National Biennial reunion in Virginia. They were: Mabel Wescott, Frank and Velma Reed, Paul and Edna Lewis, Sharon and Arlene Coltey, and Wilma Avery. The chapter held their reunion at the Pittsford Recreational Park on August 15th. The youngest member was Kasandra Horner, 11 months, daughter of Susan Reed Horner. Oldest member attending was Mabel Wescott. Folks traveling the furthest were Sharon and Arlene Coltey from Forest Park, Georgia.

**Family News:** Sherry Reed and Gary Jones were married on May 22nd in Middletown Springs, Vermont. She is the daughter of Bob and Dot Reed, and granddaughter of Frances Reed. Mary Sanders daughter of M/M Morris Sanders graduated in June from Otter Valley Union High School. M/M Gerald Jay were honored with a surprise 25th Anniversary celebration on August 4th.

**Sick List:** Doris Caruso is making a great recovery from open heart surgery and would appreciate hearing from her Westcott kin. Her address: Mrs. Richard Caruso, 21 Church Street, Granville, NY 12832. Frances Reed is still a patient at Beverly Manor Nursing Home, Rutland, VT. 05701 and would enjoy hearing from everyone. She will celebrate her 85th. birthday on September 30th. She has 12 children, 40 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren!

JANUARY 1983 QUARTERLY DEADLINE

It will be a new year - HAPPY HOLIDAYS - Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year to one and all!

PLEASE send your reports, letters, data for the January Quarterly by December 15th to:

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