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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

### From Pauline Clark, SSWD President

During the holidays Pauline was sick but is feeling better now. She needs to know from the Iowa and Virginia chapters who they have chosen as liaison person from their chapters to the National Board of Directors. The next board meeting will be in Warwick, RI on August 26, 1983; details will come later. Also, Pauline expresses her appreciation for the confidence the members of the society have shown by their re-election of her as president.

### From Paul Lewis, SSWD Treasurer

Enclosed with this issue of The Quarterly is the annual dues notice and envelope. It will be greatly appreciated if everyone will mail in their dues promptly in order to assure continuation of The Quarterly, in particular, and the general running of The Society.

*Handwritten:* Paul  
J-24-83

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Iowa Chapter No. 9

The annual meeting of the Iowa Chapter of Westcott Cousins was held in Webster City, Iowa, on Sunday, June 13, 1982. Twenty members enjoyed a delicious noon dinner in a private dining room of the Second Street Emporium, an attractive downtown restaurant.

At the business meeting which followed, the slate of elected officers for 1982-83 remained the same, with one exception - - Cousin Barb Weber asked that she be relieved of her secretarial duties because of her involvement with a newly organized hospice program in Webster City. Appreciation was expressed to Barbara for her capable handling of the secretary's office for the past several years. Lorraine Killion, wife of President Loren Killion, was elected to replace Cousin Barb. Other officers are: LeRoy Westcott, Vice President; Murray Smith, Treasurer; Marlin Perdue, Chaplain.

Other business included a vote of appreciation to Cousins Barb Weber and Pat and LeRoy Westcott for their efforts in spearheading the printing and distribution of the Westcott genealogy reproductions. A total of 100 sets were printed, and all but two sets have been sent to various Westcott families throughout the country. The two sets will remain with the Iowa Chapter in the custody of the president.

A greeting card was signed by the members present and sent to Cousin Dorothy Perdue, who was absent because of illness.

A discussion was held regarding next year's meeting, with the decision reached to arrange for a meeting place in DesMoines, if possible. Area newspapers will carry prior announcements of the meeting time and place in an effort to encourage Iowa cousins to attend who may not be aware of our existence. Since our group is small, we would welcome new members.

The group adjourned to the home of Cousin Barb Weber and her husband, Bill, following the business meeting. Coffee, punch, bars, and a social hour were enjoyed by all. Several of the members then toured the McMurray Hatcheries, a nationally known distributor of fifty to sixty varieties of chickens. The McMurray Hatchery is unique, in that it is housed in two homes of the early 1900s vintage, and yet is conducting its business via the most modern of equipment - - computers included.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine Killion, Secretary

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

## Virginia Chapter No. 13

Hopefully, come spring, Virginia cousins will get organized and get together for their first meeting since the National Society meeting last summer.

A new descendant, Sara Whitman Morris was born September 23, 1982 in Seattle, Washington to Richard & Roxy Morris. Sara is the 11th great-great grandchild of Roscoe & Susan Whitman. Richard, the son of James Radcliffe Morris IV, son of Dorothy Whitman Morris Potter, daughter of Roscoe Leighton Whitman.

Sick list: Dorothy Whitman Potter has been seriously ill with emphysema. After being hospitalized in Charlottesville, she is now home in the care of private nurses, but, much improved and able to be "up and about".

### THE LETTER BOX

#### From Pauline Clark, Syracuse, NY

Christmas was spent at home with all 7 grandchildren. Her older son, Stan, wife Susan and their 3 children, Heather, Sean, and Jason drove from Pittsburg while Bruce and his wife Darlene and three children, Rick, Cindy and Tam were all home in Baldwinsville. Bruce's daughter Sandy flew in from Arlington, VA. Cindy will be trying out for Miss Teenage America in Corning, NY in April. Good Luck Cindy!

#### From Margaret Ebert (Mrs. Wayne), Clarion, Iowa

Her daughter, Barbara Johnson and she enjoyed thoroughly the reunion in Charlottesville and hope to attend the next one in Rhode Island. She enclosed a folder telling of her brother, Stanley Westcott's death on October 15, 1982 from a fast growing brain tumor. A memorial service in Sumner, Iowa was held October 23rd. He had served in the Navy during WW II and operated the Sumner Gun Shop. He was a longtime member of American Legion and life member of the National Rifle Association. Margaret enjoys The Quarterly and says she is currently serving as State Corresponding Secretary of the Iowa Chapter of the DAR and of the Colonial Dames, Iowa Society.

#### From Frank M. Schruis, Ashville, NY

Frank enclosed the obituary notice of his mother, Bernice Wescott Schuris; tho not a member of the society, she had attended two reunions with him. She had been a rural school teacher, attended Blockville United Methodist Church and was a member of the NY State Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons. Burial was in Clymer Cemetery, Clymer, NY.

#### From Eleanor Trismen, River Edge, NJ

She had heard from Lorraine Carrington of Danby, VT that a son, Charles Dabney Carrington Jr. was born on August 11, 1982 and he will be called "Dabney".

#### From Ruth W. Barnhardt, Ashville, NC

A surprise celebration was held on January 1, 1983 to honor the 80th birthday of Dr. F. Howard Westcott. Twenty-one members of his family gathered in San Diego, California, the first time that number had ever been together. Family members and friends enjoyed brunch and birthday cake and recorded all the activities of the day on a video tape recorder so that the occasion can be remembered for years to come. Dr. Westcott was presented a photograph of his four daughters all dressed up as "Notorious Ladies" in old fashioned western costumes! Family members attending were: Marilyn "Marcie" W. Ryan, daughter from Fort Worth, Texas; Marcie's three sons - 1) Mark Melville, wife Katie and son Eric of San Bruno, Calif., 2) Keith W. Melville and wife Cheri of La Jolla, Calif., 3) Chris Melville of Santa Cruz (UCSC); Ruth W. and Luther Barnhardt, daughter and son-in-law from Ashville, NC and their 3 children 1) Lee Barnhardt and wife Joy of St. Paul, Minn.; 2) Karen Barnhardt of Roanoke, Va.; 3) Susan Barnhardt of Chapel Hill, NC (UNC); Martha W. and Thomas Hawley, daughter and son-in-law and their three sons, Tom IV, Stephen and Jonathon all of San Diego; and, Julianna M. Westcott, daughter and her two children, Noelle and Michael Graney all of San Diego.

A week earlier, on his birthday, December 26th, Dr. Westcott's friends from Rancho Bernardo and the Skate Club had an "Ice Skating Birthday Party" for him which drew attention of the San Diego T.V. station. A section of the evening news was devoted to telling "his story" of how to keep fit at 80 and have a service-filled and rewarding life.

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From Daphne M. Brownell, DeLand, Florida

It has been some time now since I have sent in a data sheet. I have been doing genealogy for the past twenty years and have been thinking what to do about the many records I have compiled. Came up with this idea and did something about it!

Summer 1981 I sent nearly 100 genealogical notebooks dealing with Allegany County, N.Y. history and family records to the Hinkle Memorial Library at Alfred State Agriculture and Technical College at Alfred, Allegany County, New York.

Summer 1982 I completed a History of my Barker and Related Families and sent a copy to the Hinkle Memorial Library. My late Grandmother, May Barker Akin, 1867-1943, came from the Steuben-Allegany County, N.Y. areas.

Summer 1982 I donated to the Genealogy Department of the DeLand Public Library almost 100 notebooks on Volusia County, Florida families, over 100 genealogy books for their collection, and 32 rolls of microfilm. And I still have more material to give them! A legal size four-drawer file was purchased and I gave them enough materials to fill two of the drawers right now.

In the past 12 years I have contributed over 800 pages of unpublished records for our DAR Chapter in DeLand which records were sent, copies for the State of Florida Depository Library and for the National DAR Library in Washington for researchers to use.

Since 1967 I have published the following books:

1. The Joseph Bledsoe Family of Allegany County, N.Y., 1967.
2. Ancestors and Descendants of Justus H. Akin of Rensselaer Co., New York, 1971.
3. Cemetery Inscriptions of Oakdale Cemetery, DeLand, Volusia Co., Florida, Vol. I., 1971.
4. Cemetery Inscriptions of West Volusia Co., Fla., Vol. II., 1972.
5. Cemetery Inscriptions of West Volusia Co., Fla., Vol. III., 1973.
6. Cemetery Inscriptions of East Volusia Co., Fla., Vol. IV., 1978.
7. Miscellaneous Records of Volusia Co., Florida, 1982.

I purchased the two-volume reprint of our Westcott Genealogy. This summer I purchased a copy of the DAR Library Catalog, Vol. I., which includes their holdings of genealogies.

I was very surprised to find no copy of our Westcott Genealogy in the DAR Library. Why not?

Many of our early Westcott men served in the American Revolution and we have been able to become Daughters of the DAR on their service records. Also many men are members of the SAR through our Westcott ancestors.

Would hope someone would see that the National Society of the DAR, 1776 D Street, Washington, D.C. 20006, receives a copy of our fine Westcott Genealogy for their library.

Hope that every one of you has a prosperous, healthy year in 1983!

Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell  
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DeLand, FL 32720

#### APRIL QUARTERLY DEADLINE

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

Ruth Barnhardt (Mrs. Luther)  
525 Sunset Drive  
Asheville, NC 28804

National Society Officers and Chapters please note: If the Quarterly is to be mailed on time, you should forward information to Ruth no later than May 15th. If you have nothing to report, send a note or post card indicating such is the case.

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This action of the Town Council upon this petition is best stated in the words of the decree itself. It reads as follows: "Wee the Towne Counsell of Warwick being assembled the 15th of February 1694 at the house of Capt. Peter Greene, upon the application by petition presented unto us by Samuel Stafford and Abraham Lockwood, in behalf of the widow Deborah Westcot, concerning a controversle raised concerning the Estate of Mr. Stukely Westcott late of Warwick deceased, which Estate the aforesaid widow hath been peaceably possessed on several years past, and to make the mather more plainly apeare before the Counsell have produced the last will and testament of the said Stukely Westcott deceased as being proved by three positive testimonies taken before Major John Greene Deputy Governor the first of November 1695."

"Whereupon the present Town Counsell saw cause to peruse what hath bin done by the former Counsell in the year 1677, January the eleventh, and upon examination of the mather do find that the Counsell then through a misunderstanding being ignorant of the law of England that approves of a will so made and witnesses thereto, although a person be disabled to sign and seal thereunto shall be effectual, and also wee being better informed, that the Town Counsell have not power to dispose of lands in case a person had died intestate. But the Counsell taking the matter into their serious consideration concerning the written will bearing date January 12, 1674 and atested before the Deputy Gov. John Greene, the first of November 1695 by three witnesses, we cannot but declare our opinions that it is sufficient probation thereof."

The tenor of this decree, in language not only quaint, but somewhat involved and ambiguous, recites: that more than a year before its date oral testimony had been taken before Deputy Gov. John Greene to prove this unsigned will, and then proceeds to overrule the action of the Town Council of Jan. 1677, in language anything but complimentary to the legal knowledge of this latter's body, and in effect establishes the unexecuted will as a valid will, and this, too, after more than twenty years had passed since it was first prepared for signature. This last decree, however, does not seem to have stayed the hand of the Sheriff, armed as he was with a writ from a higher court ordering him to put Deborah out of the possession and Zorobabel into possession of the disputed estate. Deborah therefore next applies to the General Assembly for relief, styling it a "Court of Chancery or Conscience". In her petition for relief from this judgement of court, which is addressed "To the Honored Governo' Deputie Governo' Assistants and Deputies of his Majesties Collony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations sitting in a Generall Asembly at Warwick October 27th, 1697", and which she terms "The Humble Petition and complaint of Deborah Westcote of Warwick Widow", she represents:

"That whereas my father in law Stukely Westcote toward the latter end of his life by reason of age and weaknesse of body atending, was very much disabled to take care of himself or his affaires of his house, and therefore was willing his son Amos (my late husband) should continue with him in his old age which accordingly was done for many years; many expressions at sundry times spoken which divers neighbors are not ignorant of, that his son Amos should enjoy after him the greatest part of what himself was possest of, which did also appear that he so determined by his written will though it wanted sighning and seale thereunto. And we peacably were possessed of what the ancient gentlemen bestowed on us and enjoyed the same without molestation, we also were ingadged in payment of debts, which we were diligent to performe as we had ability, yet not withstanding of Cate Zorobabel Westcote hath fomented an action of detainure which hath bin brought to a triall at the comon law once and againe which hath carried against yo' petitioner, which brings a saying to mind that extream right may be extreame wrong, for if your petitioner should be disposest of that meanes of livlyhood which she at present enjoyed it must be of necessity her utter ruination, yo' poore petitioner not being able otherwise to raise meanes to provide for herselfe and especially such as one as of necessity and depend upon her (note: this refers to her step-son Solomon, who was retarded from birth) which hath caused this apeale to this honoured Assembly Court of Chancery or Conscience for reliefe in this case.

Yo' petitioner doth most humbly pray, earnestly request and supplicate this hono' assembly that you will please to take this matter into yo' serious consideration, that your poore petitioner may be the object of your compassion so farre that the extremity of law may be abated execution stopped and yo' petitioner continued in her possession being her proven right, and yo' petitioner shall ever pray, etc."

What action, if any, was taken by the General Assembly upon this petition, doth not appear, as no records of that session are to be found, either in the town of Warwick or in the office of the Secretary of State. The fact, however, that Zorobabel subsequently conveyed the Stukely Westcote homestead place to his brother Robert, who on the 14th day of June 1708, sold it to Moses Lippitt (of John, of John) the ancestor of all of that name in Rhode Island, in whose possession and in the possession of whose descendants it remained until a comparatively recent period, shows that what Deborah in her petition calls "extreme right", meaning thereby probably the strict rules of the law, prevailed in the end over all of the equities so forcibly presented in her petition to the General Assembly.

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Dues

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.

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