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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Meeting of the SSWD Board of Directors

The Off-year Board of Directors Meeting of the National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America was called to order at 11:00 a.m., on August 27, 1983 at the Warwick Central Baptist Church in Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following board members were present:

President: Pauline Clark

Treasurer: Paul Lewis

Registrar-Genealogist: Edna Jay Lewis

Vice President: Allan Boerker

Corresponding Secretary: Wilma Avery

Recording Secretary: Evelyn P. Hitchcock

Board Members:

Edmund Morris

Virginia Sampson

Claudine Boerker - Representing the New Hampshire Chapter.

Also present:

Members: Fran Morris and Jean K. Brundage

Prayer was offered by Edna Jay Lewis in the absence of the chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the 24th Biennial Gathering of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants at Charlottesville, Virginia on August 6, 1982 were read. The following corrections were made.

1. Louise Harris not Dorothea B. Cogswell did the research of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Ruth W. Barnhardt is the daughter of Dr. F. Howard Westcott, but she is not his secretary.

It was reported that Dr. Howard Westcott's daughter, Marilyn Ryan, passed away in July, and a letter of condolence will be sent to him by Chaplain Verner Ramsing.

It was stated once again that death notices should be sent to the chaplain of the Society so that cards can be sent to the family, and a notice can be put in the quarterly.

It was suggested by Wilma Avery that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Biennial Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia in 1982 since everyone had a copy. One error was reported by Edna Lewis - the original art work of the Coat of Arms was furnished by Ned Morris rather than an original painting by Pauline Clark.

Discussion of Honorary Certificates granted Louise Harris and Dorothea Cogswell. Ned Morris suggested that Wilma Avery write Dorothea Cogswell and ask her for the details of her family's service to the Society of Stukely Westcott for an article to be published in the quarterly. Also an article of Louise Harris' family service should be put in the quarterly.

The Treasurers' Report was given by Paul Lewis - Checking Account Balance is \$543.97, (this includes \$136.20, Coat of Arms money). \$5.00 of this goes to Dr. Howard Westcott for the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

Sharon Coltey had guaranteed the \$500.00 for the cost of the Coat of Arms if needed. Wilma Avery and Paul Lewis have offered to share this guarantee if necessary.

Rev. David O'Brien, associate minister of the Warwick Central Baptist Church was introduced, and he stated he was happy to have us use their church for the Board Meeting. After he retired, a motion was made by Edna Lewis and seconded by Ned Morris that a donation of \$30.00 be given for the use of the church. Carried.

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

Treasurer
Cost of Arms

Registrar Edna Lewis reported that we now have 722 members, and she is working on several more applications.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Wilma W. Avery was given as follows:

Since 1982 - 22 new members (700-722)
1 associate member (23-24)

Seven Honorary Certificates for Life Membership, plus the two for Louise Harris and Dorothea Cogswell, have been issued (9 in all). Wilma read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Clifford Brown, one of the recipients.

Honorary

Edna Lewis asked the Board members permission to have a special book for recording the Honorary Certificates stating the names of the recipient, date joined Society, date given certificate and date of death. Motion for the special record book was made by Wilma Avery, seconded by Ned Morris. Carried.

Resolutions

Paul Lewis read a letter from R. K. Horst of Cornell University concerning Dr. Cynthia Westcott, a member of the Society, who passed away on March 26, 1983. She had donated her books and files to Cornell University. Mr. Horst had revised her 1979 Plant Handbook. He has taken an active roll in the organization of the Whetzel - Westcott Lectureship Series at Cornell University. They now have an endowment honoring Dr. Westcott for her work on plant disease.

A letter was read by President Clark from Dr. Howard Westcott concerning the negatives of the Westcott Genealogy Books. She also read a letter that Dr. Westcott had enclosed from Loren Killion, the immediate Past President from the Iowa Chapter. In the letter, the Iowa Chapter offered the negatives of these books to the National Society for future use in printing additional copies with the commitment of the Society that any profits derived from their use would go into the Scholarship Fund. The Iowa Chapter profit had gone into this fund.

A motion was made by Ned Morris that a letter be sent to Mr. Killion thanking them for their generous offer, and accepting the negatives, stating that they should be sent to Edna Lewis.

Recess for lunch at 12:50 p.m., meeting resumed at 2:45 p.m.

Ned Morris has asked that he be replaced January 1st, as Editor of the quarterly. Also, a historian must be elected. The nominating committee was asked to give this their consideration. Ned explained in length the Editors' duties. Ruth Barnhardt who compiles the material for the quarterly will be contacted to see if she can handle the entire job. Edna Lewis was also asked if she could submit some names to the committee for consideration.

10 men

It was discussed to raise the application fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00. A motion was made by Ned Morris, seconded by Allan Boerker. Carried.

There was a lengthy and determined discussion concerning the repossession of property, records, files, etc., belonging to the National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants that is now in the home of Bob and Marge Westcott.

Ned Morris made a motion that President Pauline Clark contact Bob and Marge Westcott asking that a firm commitment as to the time, not to go beyond September 15, 1983, as to arrangements being made to recover **all** records, files, and all other property belonging to the Society in their possession.

It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that the official stationery of the Stukely Westcott Society has been reproduced for personal use.

With this in mind, personal stationery with the Westcott crest will be made available for the membership. Edna Lewis was asked to get prices from her printer and all orders are to be sent directed to the Treasurer.

The Biennial Gathering in 1984 in Warwick, Rhode Island was discussed. Pauline Clark reported she had checked with two churches in Warwick on holding activities in their churches. She said that Dr. Howard Westcott and Oscar Place had reserved 40 rooms at the Sheraton Inn for August 18 and 19, 1984, but it was felt that the Sheraton was too expensive for most of our members - double rooms being in the neighborhood of \$80.00 to \$100.00 a day.

Evelyn Hitchcock and Jean Brundage checked out the Rhode Island Inn. It seemed quite desirable, and the location is good - 2081 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island. At this inn, double rooms are \$48.00, at a lower rate if 20 rooms or more are reserved. The Inn is very nice, lovely dining room, and an outdoor pool. Sleeping rooms are fine. No charge for the meeting if held at time of dinner or close to it. Saturday afternoon activity such as a tour, was discussed as well as where to attend church on Sunday.

It was suggested that Oscar Place be contacted to be chairman and to go ahead and check out dates and other details for our gathering.

The President will put an article in the September quarterly in an attempt to find out about how many will attend the Warwick gathering.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ned Morris, seconded by several, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn P. Hitchcock
Recording Secretary

From Pauline Clark, President

Since the art work has been more complicated than expected in the Westcott Coat-of-Arms, members who have sent their money are asked to be patient. Pauline sends thanks for the good response.

The 1984 Reunion, the Society's 50th!, will be held on August 17-19th in Warwick, R.I. Mr. Oscar Place, 291 Chatham Ct., Warwick 02886 is setting up the ground work and would appreciate hearing from you if you plan to attend. The Rhode Island Inn in Warwick, is moderately priced, has good beds, delicious meals and an outdoor swimming pool. As usual registration and the reception will be on Friday, the business meeting Saturday morning, a tour Saturday afternoon and banquet in the evening and church attendance in a body on Sunday morning. Pauline is looking forward to seeing lots of you at the meeting. More information will be available in later quarterlies.

From Wilma Avery, Corresponding Secretary

More Honorary Certificates Awarded

An apology is in order for those of you waiting for the reproduction of the Coat-of-Arms. It is taking longer than we originally planned. We will get them to you as soon as possible. Thank you for waiting.

It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors that stationery with the Westcott Crest for personal use should be made available to members. Arrangements are being made to supply this and orders should be submitted to the Treasurer, Mr. Paul Lewis, Box 58, Riverton, Conn. 06065.

Stationery

New Members:

A Hearty Welcome to the following members:

- No. 711 Noel Christopher Melville, Suisun, CA
- No. 712 Karen Sampson Weeden (Mrs. John J.), Hooksett, NH
- No. 713 Mark Elmer & Kathryn Cole Sampson, Penacook, NH
- No. 714 Ralph L. & JoAnne Griffin Picard, Tampa, FL
- No. 715 Dana M. & Jean Peake Matteson, Freeport, NY
- No. 716 Timothy M. & Cheryl M. Connolly, Lemoore, CA
- No. 717 Kirt Douglas & Nancy Hodgson Sampson, Concord, NH
- No. 718 Willeen W. Weberg, Bellevue, WA
- No. 719 Connie Brostrom Swagger (Mrs. Dennis), Giantsburg, WI
- No. 694 Jerome R. Wallace, Santa Ana, CA
- No. 695 Geoffrey A. Plazer, Glen Mills, PA
- No. 696 Howard J. Finley, Weedsport, NY
- No. 697 Ralph T. Westcott, Clifton, NJ
- No. 698 Catherine H. Rounds, St. Petersburg, FL
- No. 699 Ruth W. Barnhardt, Asheville, NC

Scholarship Fund - Treasurer Howard Westcott

We are grateful for the generous response to our depleted fund. Gifts have been received from:

Dorothy Potter	New Hampshire Chapter
Vermont Chapter	Laura Sturversant
Dorothy Westcoat	Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Westcott
Mrs. John Clarke	Eleanor Trisman
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lewis	Iowa Chapter from sale of books
Ruth Barnhardt	Lyle Wescott
Lysle & Verner Ramsing	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dorfler

I would like to encourage more members to follow the example of Lyle Wescott, giving whatever you can spare each month or two. You don't need to wait until you can send a large amount, send me whatever you can at anytime.

Notices of Deaths:

George S. Wescott, 74, of Cresskill, New Jersey, died July 20, 1983. He retired in 1969, after 43 years of service with the New York Life Insurance Company of New York, where he was an Assistant Treasurer when he retired. He was a member of the SSWD No. 573 and also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Englewood, New Jersey. Surviving are his wife, Christine Cummings Wescott; a son, George Jr. of Deerfield Beach, Florida; two brothers, Edward J. of Bergenfield, New Jersey and Ralph H. of Newport Beach, California; a sister, Evelyn Garrison of Englewood, New Jersey and two grandchildren. A daughter, Marilyn Wescott Smith, died in 1967.

Marilyn Westcott Ryan (No. 589) succumbed to systemic cancer on July 8, 1983. She is survived by three sons, Mark, Keith and Christopher Melville; Mark's son, Eric; three sisters, Ruth Barnhardt, Martha Hawley and Julianna Westcott (Graney) as well as her father, F. Howard Westcott. Her husband, Capt. Gerald Ryan, of Fort Worth, Texas had her remains from cremation interred at the Arlington National Cemetery, VA where a memorial service was held and the rest of the family had a service for her at Martha's home on July 17th. Marilyn was active in the Women's Center of Tarrant Co. (Rape Crisis Center and Parenting Guidance Program) and other activities even through the last 2 years of treatment for her illness. No one ever heard her complain and her beautiful blythe spirit will be a fond memory to all who knew her and loved her so much.

Honorary Certificates:

We have discovered another "Golden 80". An Honorary Certificate has been sent to member No. 353, Mrs. Irvin Duane Wilson, 1730 Bristol Drive, Apt. 2, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. Mrs. Wilson is Grandmother of Suzy and Westcott Rochette of Chanute, Kansas.

At the Biennial meeting in Virginia, 1982, it was voted to honor two of our hardworking former officers with this certificate.

No. 444 Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell, 83 Carver Road, Newton Highlands, Mass. 02161

Dorothea was elected Secretary - Treasurer at the August meeting in Boston in 1962. She was to have an assistant, Joye Satterfield, but Joye was transferred to Chicago shortly after this. Dorothea also became Editor of the Quarterly with the March 1963 edition. She then served in those three capacities until she was relieved of the Editorship with the Summer 1976 issue. She continued as treasurer until Paul Lewis was elected in 1978.

No. 505 Miss Louise Harris, 15 Jay Street, Rumford, R. I. 02916

Louise was elected Registrar at the same August 1962 meeting in Boston. She continued to serve in this capacity until Edna Lewis was elected at the August 1974 meeting in Iowa. She also served as Acting Chaplain in 1972. Louise was elected Chaplain in 1974 and served in that position until 1978.

Both Louise and Dorothea had many other activities outside the Westcott family during their service to us and we are happy to give them these honorary certificates for jobs very well done.

CHAPTER NEWS

Vermont Chapter No. 5

The 43rd Annual Reunion at Bomoseen State Park, Aug. 14th, was attended by 70 members. Oldest member was Fannie Reed (85 yrs.) and the youngest was Tonya Rivers (5 weeks). Folks traveling the furthest were Pauline and Charles Dennis from Arizona. Three sets of twins were also in attendance. Birth: Erin Louise Reed - June 23, 1983, daughter of William and Kathy Reed and great granddaughter of Frances Reed. Graduate: Darryl Cotley, son of Floied and Ann Cotley, graduated from Ft. Ann Central School where he was a member of National Honor Society, Math league, basketball and baseball teams and yearbook staff. He received outstanding student award for April and the Army's National Scholar-Athlete Award. In September, he will enter Adirondack Community College for computer science course.

THE LETTER BOX

Wilma Avery - Absecon, N. J.

Her oldest son, Robert, married Nina Demitruk on May 14th and his two girls, Jessica 8 and Julie 5, were part of the wedding. Bill and Wilma spent a few days with friends on their sailboat in the Chesapeake and hope to spend a week in Maine later. Wilma is now president of the local United Methodist Women.

Marion Dorfler - Milford, N. Y.

Daughter, Melayn is an assistant Professor and head of the Serials Dept. in the Library of Clarion Penna. State University. This small friendly town is quite a change from her previous locale in Baltimore.

Dana Matteson - Freeport, N. Y.

WESTCOTT - PICKENS REUNION

Emily Westcott, seven generations descended from Stukely Westcott, married Charles Pickens on 12-25-1869 in Oswego, New York. They had seven children during the years 1870 to 1892.

Sixty of the over 225 descendents of Emily and Charles gathered in a union of heritage on August 7, 1983, at the creekside home of Evelyn Pickens Hitchcock in Brockport, New York. Evelyn, a granddaughter of Emily and Charles and a long-time member of the Society, researched the current lines and whereabouts of the family members. As initiator of the gathering, she was a gracious hostess, helping the cousins of diverse backgrounds recognize their common heritage. Name tags were given to each present, color coded by generation for Westcott descendents, and a special color tag for friends and consorts.

Cousins from as far away as Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Gloversville, New York, from ages seven months to seventy years, enjoyed milling on the lawn as punch and appetizers were served. Younger and older alike waded in the brook, took interest in the nearly 150 pictures of past generations and their homes arranged on the walls of Evelyn's home, and traced their place in line on a twelve-foot long family tree detailing the position of each descendent.

A grand buffet of family-prepared dishes filled everyone with a variety of delightful tastes. Group pictures followed before the sun set on this special summer's day. Copies of the family tree were handed out to each family, with many expressing interest in a more detailed knowledge of their cousins newly met and those yet to meet. A number of applications to the Society were accepted.

The rewards of maintaining close ties within the family branch were evident. Each generation gathering knowledge and spirit from previous generations serves to help define our self-worth, and to focus on the importance of those to follow.

Connie Swagger - Grantsburg, WI

I have been doing research on my family lines - Walton-Wescott for a few years now. During the last year or so I have been involved in a project looking at back issues of an area newspaper.

My gr. grandmother's name was Cynthia R. Wescott Walton. She was born in N.Y. and she married Oliver J. Walton. In 1855, they moved their family to Rock Creek, Minn. During their stay, Cynthia had a brother-Ira L. Wescott who also lived in that area. One of Ira's children-Clara married an G.G. Albrecht. At one time Mr. Albrecht was employed out in Minot, N. Dakota. Before they left, Clara's parents had a family reunion. The newspaper had listed the family as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Ira L. Wescott, Mrs. J. Warner, Mrs. G. G. Albrecht, Mrs. J. Tate, Mrs. A. T. Pirchard, Miss Annie Wescott, Mrs. M. G. Radant, Misses Allie & Lois Wescott. This reunion took place in March or April of 1905 in the Rock Creek, Minn. area.

It also stated that "It was a remarkable coincidence in connection with the reunion was the fact that the family had never before been all together at one time or place, as the oldest children had all left home before the younger ones were born".

Is there any way of finding relatives of these people? The Albrecht's later moved out to Oakland, Cal. from N.D. in 1914, when Mr. Albrecht had gone into a different business. They had 2 children that I know of-Clyde and Ione.

I will leave it up to your discretion about this information. Please let me know if I can be of any help.

I will try to get together all the "society items" and send them to you.

Eleanor Trisman - River Edge, N. J.

Son Bruce and his two teenage daughters, Heather and Jennifer, are living with Eleanor so you can see life is a busy one. The girls go to the same high school where Heather is a Senior and Jennifer a Sophomore. Heather will be the school mascot of the football team. She drives now and Bruce presented her with a Dodge Charger so she willingly goes on shopping trips.

George L. White - Las Vegas, Nevada

Genealogy Notes - George Loyal Wright, son of Charles Ludwig Wright and Helvetia Guadalupe Capucetti, born April 30, 1921 married to Denza Aiken, daughter of Denyel Nelson Aiken and Sophia Rees, born Dec. 23, 1929.

1. Son - David George Wright, born July 9, 1959 married Kay Peterson - Sept. 19, 1981, gave birth to son, Nathan David born May 19, 1983. (David served 2 years Argentina Mission for Mormon Church)
2. Daughter - Georgeann Wright, born Oct. 24, 1960 (served 18 mo. on mission in Columbus, O. for Mormon Church)
3. Daughter - Rosalyn Wright, born April 9, 1963 (will graduate from Graphics School this fall and is engaged to be married next spring to young man on Mission)
4. Daughter - Judy Wright, born May 4, 1965 (going to interior school in Salt Lake City, will marry after boy friend returns from mission work)
5. Daughter - Barbara Wright, born June 8, 1968 (is busy piano lessons, dancing, etc.)

The Cupid Wedding Chapel is available free to any Westcott cousin (Couple would have to pay minister, flowers, photos, etc.). It is located at 1515 Las Vegas Blvd., So. Las Vegas, Nevada 89105

Howard Westcott - San Diego, Calif.

A three week trip to Alaska with grandson, Tom Hawley, was most enjoyable. They were on the Rhapsody Cruiser along with a square dance group and had a wonderful week on the Pacific coast to Ketchikan, Juneau, Glacier Bay and Sitka.

Willeen Weberg - Bellevue, WA

My great grandfather was Hamilton H. Westcott, born 1829, died 1912, wife Hannah Murry, both buried in Milford Center Cemetary. My grandfather was Daniel H. Westcott, born Sept. 18, 1851 in New York state. He died in Ellensburg, Washington. I am the daughter of the only son of his second marriage to Josephine Walker. During my grandfather's lifetime he must have exchanged letters and pictures with his family. I wish to contact anyone having old letters or pictures of any member of my grandfather's family. My great grandfather was one of six children, my grandfather one of eight children. There must be material out there somewhere. With our modern copy machines it is possible to copy photographs as well as old letters without such valuable material leaving our hands. I don't expect originals. Write to Willeen Weberg, 5914 123rd Ave. S. E., Bellevue, Washington 98006