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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration

The twenty-fifth Biennial Gathering was held in Warwick, Rhode Island August 17-19, 1984.

The first event of our gathering was the meeting of the S.S.W.D.A. Board in the Conference Room of Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge at 10:00 a.m. on August 17th. There were twelve Board Members present to make plans and suggestions for the organization.

The afternoon was spent in greeting cousins as they arrived and registered, visiting and enjoying the swimming pool.

The Evening Reception was held in the Gold Room of the Motor Lodge. Everyone had a chance to renew acquaintances, and to meet cousins for whom this was a first National meeting. Our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Place, planned the gathering and provided punch and cookies. Sharon Coltey entertained with his guitar and we had the opportunity to sing some good old songs and hymns. Mary Sanders pleased us with a beautiful solo. There is great harmony when Westcotts get together.

Business Meeting. August 18, 1984.

The meeting was called to order at the Hillsgrove Methodist Church after the Flag Salute and the invocation President Clark welcomed members and guests.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Verner Utke-Ramsing, Chaplain.

Bernice Westcott Schruis
Cynthia Westcott
Clifford Westcott
George Westcott
Marilyn Westcott Ryan
George W. Bentley
Mrs. Emily Bergeren

Mrs. Allan F. Westcott
Robert Allen Carr
Elizabeth McMinn Swigert
Mildred Rich Westcott
Walter E. Hughes
Mrs. Francis W. Wescott

Treasurer's Report.

Paul Lewis, Treasurer, reported that income was \$3,613.30 and that the debits are \$3,051.98, leaving a balance of \$561.32 in the checking account. The auditors, Alice and Bert Hoffman accepted the report.

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Registrar/Genealogist, Edna Lewis, read the names of the new Honorary Life Members:

- #102 - Helen Westcott (Mrs. Norman Mar), Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
- #412 - Mrs. Albert Westcott Driver, Fairfield, Connecticut.
- #453 - Delbert F. Lundquist, Winter Park, Florida.
- #535 - Harold George Bruce, Arlington, Massachusetts.
- #539 - Helen Steere Brown (Mrs. Clifford Westcott), Providence, R.I.
- #696 - Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Finley, Weedsport, New York.
- # 94 - Mrs. Ellis Rayden Westcott, Seekonk, Massachusetts.
- #190 - Mary Alice Westcott Narwine, Holmdel, New Jersey.
- #204 - Homer Davenport Roberts, Boonton, New Jersey.
- #374 - Susan Elmina Robinson, Friendship, New York.
- #508 - Mrs. Glen Packer, Portlandville, New York.
- #353 - Mrs. Irvin Duane Wilson, Dubuque, Iowa.
- #444 - Mrs. Dorothea B. Cogswell, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.
- #505 - Miss Louise Harris, Rumford, Rhode Island.

Edna continued her report by adding that a total of forty-two new memberships have been recorded.

Chaplain's Report.

Chaplain Verner Utke-Ramsing requests notification of a family death for his records and to be printed in the Quarterly.

Scholarship Report.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott reported he has given loans to five students recently. Two other students are repaying their loans and five have finished paying for their loans. At this conference \$290.00 was given to him by those attending, bringing the fund to approximately \$2,000.00.

Mary Sanders, who sang at the Memorial Service, is now attending the University of Vermont as a recipient of this scholarship fund.

Correspondence.

Greetings were received from Eleanor Trismen, Dorothy Perdue and Ned Morris, who were unable to attend the meeting.

Dr. Westcott invited us to hold the 1986 gathering in San Diego and that invitation was accepted.

Motion was carried that dues be raised for individual members to \$5.00 and family dues to \$7.00 effective January 1, 1985.

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The business meeting was adjourned and lunch was served by the ladies of the Hillsgrove Church afterwards.

Saturday Buffet Dinner.

President Clark introduced Mr. and Mrs. Gallogly. Mrs. Gallogly, our appointed agent, has placed flowers and shrubs on the Stukely Westcott Memorial for us. She read and presented a proclamation by Mayor Welsh of Warwick, proclaiming August 18th as Stukely Westcott Day.

The officers and Board Members who were seated at the head of the table were introduced by President Clark:

Ruth Barnhardt
Dr. F. Howard Westcott
Paul and Edna Lewis
Allan Boerker
Wilma Avery

Pauline Clark
Verner Utke-Ramsing
Mabel Wescott
Marion Dorfler

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Place were recognized for their work in helping to organize our visit here in Warwick, which included their donation of punch and cookies at the Friday night reception and arranging for the bus and tour guide for our Heritage Tour.

Slate of Officers.

President - Allan Boerker, R.F.D. 1, Box 217, Bristol, NH 03222
Vice President - Mabel Wescott, East Poultney, Vermont 05741
Corresponding Secretary - Wilma Avery, 41 Davis Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201
Recording Secretary - Sharon Coltey, 5224 Woodland Dr., Marrow, GA 30260
Treasurer - Paul Lewis, Box 58, Riverton, Connecticut 06065
Registrar/Genealogist - Edna Lewis, Box 58, Riverton, Connecticut 06065
Chaplain - Verner Utke-Ramsing, 637 Oakland Terrace, Alexandria, VA 22302
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Cousins Traveled From Many States:

Fifteen states were represented at our banquet:

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| New York - 5 | Vermont - 3 | New Hampshire - 9 |
| North Carolina - 3 | Virginia - 4 | Iowa - 2 |
| Connecticut - 6 | Arizona - 2 | California - 3 |
| Georgia - 2 | New Jersey - 7 | Pennsylvania - 2 |
| Massachusetts - 3 | Kansas - 2 | Rhode Island - 5. |

There were ten members who claim Florida as a second home.

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Second Wind Awarded Edna J. Lewis

A certificate was presented to Edna J. Lewis by Dr. F. Howard Westcott which recognizes her as a member of the Second Wind Hall of Fame in Henderson, North Carolina. This award is given to those, who after retiring, have caught a second wind and begun a second career. Edna finished her degree in Younger Childhood Education this year. A copy of Second Wind, written by Phillip J. Kelley, founder and president of the Second Wind Hall of Fame was presented to Edna along with the certificate.

More Presentations at the Banquet

Dr. Westcott also presented gifts of his beautiful hand crafted jewelry to Pauline Clark, Mabel Westcott, Susan Rochette, and Westcott Rochette.

Irene and Eldon Vasseller were recognized on the event of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

President Clark presented gifts to the out-going officers and board members, and turned the gavel over to Alan Boerker, president elect.

The Statue of Liberty restoration fund totaled \$107.00. This sum, collected from those attending the conference, will be forwarded to the fund.

The last items of business for the 1984 gathering, included the appointment, by Alan Boerker, of board members Sharon Coltey, Eulalia Westcott, and Virginia Sampson; and re-appointment of auditors, the Hoffmans.

The 25th biennial meeting closed with a prayer by Verner Utke-Ramsing.

Sunday Morning Service

Thirty of the Westcott clan gathered with others at the Hillsgrove Methodist Church for Sunday morning services. Helen Hawksley, minister for the day, preached an inspiring sermon entitled, It's All Right. After many favorite hymns, Mrs. Hawksley shared some history of the Westcott family as it pertains to this historic church. Phoebe Westcott, wife of a direct descendant of Stukely Westcott, started a Sunday School in the small village of Hills Grove in 1879. Classes were held in the school house which was also used as the Town Hall and community meeting place. This Sunday School led to the formation of Hills Grove Methodist Episcopal Church in 1884, now the Hillsgrove United Methodist Church.

Ethel Westcott Place, granddaughter of Phoebe, and mother of Oscar, was the organist at this church for more than 65 years.

PLAN NOW FOR THE NEXT GATHERING IN CALIFORNIA IN 1986

A Note from the Editor

Those of you who attended the business meeting, will remember that we voted to no longer go to the expense of having our Quarterly printed, nor would we send it in envelopes as first class mail. You will note that though this is not printed it is sent first class because it turned out to be more expensive for a third class permit when it will only be used for one time in 1984. Therefore, we will start third class in 1985.

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An Introduction to the New President of SSWD

Since the family motto is, "Know Your Kindred Better", it seems fitting to share some personal background of the man who will be the leader for the next two years, Alan Broerker. Alan was born in New York City on August 6, 1915. He was raised in Kingston, NY, graduated from Kingston high school and went on to Dartmouth. After teaching in high school in Amherst, NH, he was in the US Army Medical Corps, and later was commissioned in the US Army Air Corps Reserve. In 1942 he married Claudine A. Braley. They served in Newfoundland, Bangor, and Presque Isle before returning to civilian life and teaching. Alan returned to school at Harvard and finished his Masters Degree in 1956 at the University of Hartford. He taught in New Hampshire, Maine, and Conn., as well as holding the position of Director of Guidance in Cheshire, before retiring to Manassas, VA in 1972. This was retirement from teaching, however, because he continued to work in banking until 1977.

Alan and Claudine have one daughter, Betty Ann Guerreri, who is married to Carl N. Guerreri, founder and president of Electronic Warfare Association of Vienna.

Alan says, "Our four grand children, Cindy, Lisa, Linda, and Chris are a source of much enjoyment for us now, and we spend much time with them." The Broerkers spend winters in VA and summers in NH.

The Letter Box

From Pam Avery, Westcott Loan Student

Pam Avery, one of the 12 students who have been helped by the Westcott Scholarship Fund has recently finished extended work at the University of Grenoble, France. Dr. Westcott shares part of a letter from her in appreciation of the help she received from this fund.

" Dear Dr. Westcott,

July 13, 1984

I'm sorry it took me almost eight years to pay off my scholarship loan. I was in France in school for the past three years, returning in December. I do not have a full time job, but by working in my dad's insurance office I have been able to save enough to pay off my balance.

I hope another cousin will be able to take advantage of a Westcott loan. The money certainly helped me to achieve my Bachelors Degree, and the 10 year plan allowed me to continue my education in France. I have a Masters in Economics and French from the University of Grenoble, and it has been a real experience.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to further my education.

Your friend, Pam Avery

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Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible.