

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Happy Anniversary Rhode Island-350 years

Mrs. William C. Naughton III, President of Warwick Historical Society writes, " The Warwick Historical Society would like to preserve the original Warwick Charter which established a "civil government"(as opposed to church dominated). We have started a campaign to raise money to restore and encase the precious vellum document to preserve it for the next 350 years.

The Historical Society has contacted Warwick, England who will participate in the "Charter Campaign". This is an exciting concept... descendants of founders, residents of Warwick, our protector, Warwick England, all reaffirming the 1642 Charter ! "

Allan Boerker, President of Westcott Society reports action of our board. "Many of our members know that 1986 is the year of celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Rhode Island by Roger Williams, Stukely Westcott, and others. The City of Warwick is of special interest to us since this is the location where our ancestor, Stukely, settled.

We have learned through the Warwick Historical Society, that the original Charter of Warwick is in need of restoration and preservation. Since the year is 350, the original goal was \$350, estimating this as the cost of the project. Recently, Oscar Place, one of our SSWD members in Warwick, who is also a member of the Historical Society, reports it will cost close to \$600.

Many thoughts of how SSWD should participate have been under consideration, but in the final analysis, there was agreement on the fact that this type of contribution would be far superior to a speech, marching in a parade, or attending a banquet. With some generous individual help, our contribution will be significant, one of lasting recognition.

The SSWD Board unanimously voted to donate \$200 from our treasury. As a result of a conversation with Eulalia Wescott, a board member, we are opening our celebration to individual donations from our members, who will receive a small Westcott crest for each \$5.00 given. The deadline is December 1, 1985. Send your check made out to Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants to our treasurer:

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St. John Baptist Church
Yeovil, England



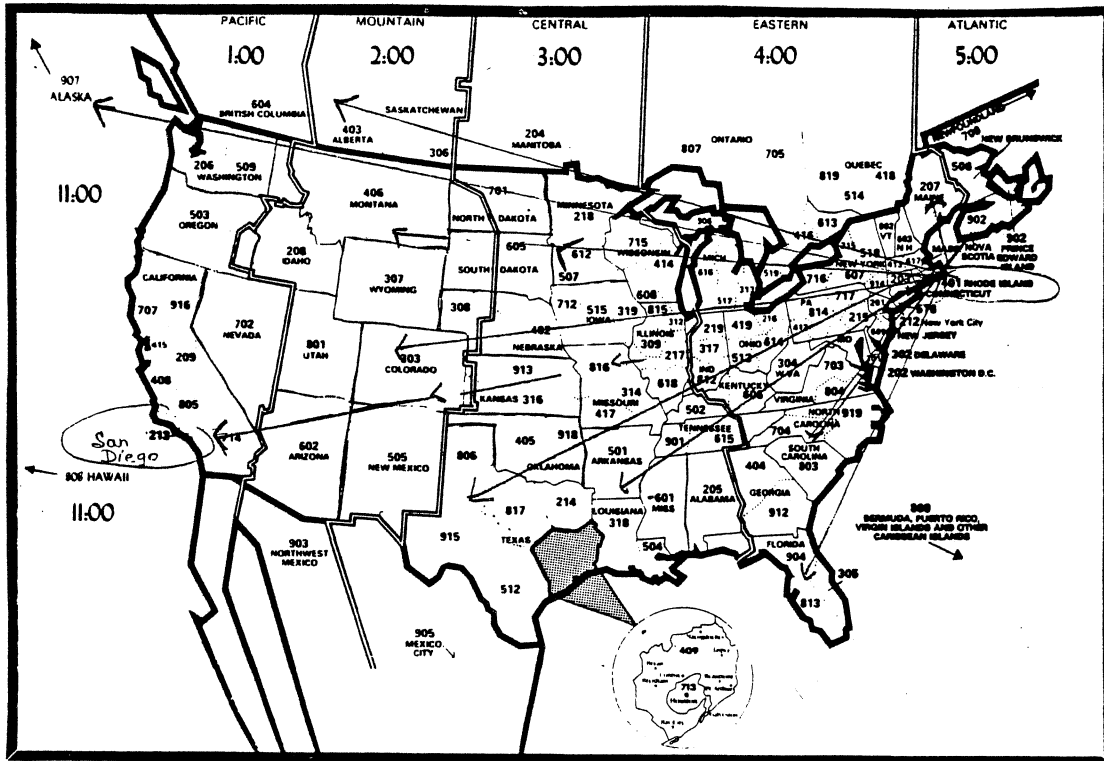
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* The ravages of time, the ruthless hand of man have caused the disappearance of these ancient landmarks

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By WARWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Stukely Westcott' family helped in the founding of Warwick, Rhode Island over 300 years ago. Now, descendants have scattered all across the USA.

Our last National meeting was in Rhode Island, our next will be in California !

How did we get from RI to CA ? Where did our fathers and grandfathers, and great grandfathers stop as they migrated from RI to the south,north and west ?And what happened to their families in this time ?

I'm sure that many of you have some interesting stories to tell, and perhaps letters to share that tell of this move. We want to hear about the informal, the daily living, the travel,the happenings, the decisions that were involved in this migration.

Therefore , the next two Quarterlies will feature your stories. Look up those old letters you have stored away. Write a narrative connecting any period of time from 350 years ago to the present based on your family experiences. Send it to the Editor . What do you remember about how your family got to Iowa, Vermont, North Carolina, Canada, or California ?Do you have some old maps that you could copy to include with your article ? Maybe you can find an old deed to a farm or business, receipts from purchase of a house, furniture, food supplies,tools and equipment. Pull out some of your favorite memory boxes, and share some of your family with others.

Send your articles to editor, Pauline W. Dennis
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Thank-you Warwick Historical Society for use of the map on p.2.Some of you will remember our tour in Warwick,using this as a guide.

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CHAPTER NEWS

For your information

Family reunion notices will be published in Yankee magazine when space permits. Send it early. Send your request on official family association letterhead to : "Family Reunion" , Yankee, Dublin, NH 03444. Be sure to specify the exact date, time, and location of the reunion. They request that you list a phone number of a contact person.

From Iowa Chapter # 9

The Iowa Chapter of Stulely Westcott Cousins held their Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9, 1985, at JL's Restaurant, Valley West Mall, Des Moines.

Twenty-three members and guests attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Paul Westcott from Ashtabula, Ohio, parents of one of our members, Mrs. Dick (Nancy) Bruckman. Paul advised that there are many Westcotts living in their area, and he suggested the possibility of a chapter being organized there. Of interest to our group was the fact that Paul's father assisted in obtaining information for the first publishing of the " Stukely Westcott History."

*Westcott
Cousins
Society
Reports* →
A business meeting followed our one o'clock dinner, and among the items discussed was the disposition of the printer's negatives of there printed Stukely Westcott volumes. The Iowa Chapter had previously offered them to the National Organization, but later decided they would rather defer mailing them until a firm commitment was made regarding their use. The members of our chapter who spent countless hours in the handling of the 1981 reprinting and distribution were reluctant to release the negatives without such a commitment. It was suggested that Edna Lewis be contacted and the "negative" issue be discussed with her. One of our members will be directed to follow on this.

An election of officers was held, and the following is the slate for 1985-86: President, Tracy Wescott; Vice-President, Valerie Bruckman; Secretary, Lorraine Killion; Treasurer, Murray Smith; Chaplain, Marlin Perdue.

A pleasant social hour followed, with plans for next year's meeting to be held again in the Des Moines area.

Lorraine Killion, Secretary
Iowa Chapter of Stukely Westcott Cousins

From New Hampshire Chapter

The New Hampshire Chapter Reunion was held in Rumney, New Hampshire on July 21, 1985. A business meeting followed the picnic.

Laura Sturtevant reports that Bernice Heman was presented with a money tree as the oldest one attending, at 92 years old. Four generations of the Heman family enjoyed taking many pictures of this exciting occasion.

Myrtle Cooper made a cake, decorated with the words " Wescott Reunion ", which was served with ice cream furnished by Eulalia Wescott.

From Vermont Chapter

The Vermont Chapter of Westcott descendants met at Lake Bomoseen State Park, on August 18, 1985, traditionally the closest Sunday to Bennington Battle Day. There were 72 cousins and guests present, including eight national officers.

Our national president, Allan Boerker, and wife, Claudine, board member; brought Eulalia Wescott, board member, and Arlene M. Dole as guests from the New Hampshire chapter. Other national officers present were vice-president, Mabel Wescott; corresponding secretary, Wilma W. Avery; treasurer, Paul Lewis; genealogist, Edna J. Lewis; editor, Pauline W. Dennis.

Fanny Reed, the oldest one attending, had four generations of family around her. A comment heard, " Why do you call her Aunt Fanny, she's my Grandma." The youngest babies were also some of the Reed families. Mabel L. Wescott was particularly excited, because all of her children were present with her, for the first time in many years, since they have scattered across the country.

During the business meeting, after the picnic, Phyllis W. Reed, was elected secretary to finish the 1985-86 term. Pearl J. Brown, historian, asked for newspaper articles about family members , so that she may keep the scrap books up to date. There was some discussion about preserving some of the old attendance lists and scrap books. Pearl was asked by the membership to continue her search for the best method ,and is to bill the society.

Since 1986 will be the 50th year since the original Wescott Reunion was held in Vermont, plans were discussed for a celebration at next years meeting. Both Fanny Reed and Mabel L. Wescott, in attendance this year, were at that first reunion when H. Phillips Wescott was elected president. The current president, Rita J. Sanders, asked that everyone send suggestions to her for special events to mark this 50th anniversary year. Her address- Box 53, Whiting VT 05778

FROM THE LETTER BOX

From Fern Westcott Peterson of California

In June, 1985, Fern traveled in Europe with her husband, Wesley, and his sister and brother -in -law. They had a real nice trip looking for cousins in Scotland and distant relatives in Sweden.

They had a couple of days to spend in the area of Yeovil, England, the home Parish of Stukely Westcott, but could not find a place to stay because of so many tourists. Therefore, they were not able to get to Taunton where the records are kept and to do research in Ilminster. (As background- St. John the Baptist Church in Yeovil is, according to records, where Stukely Westcott married Julianna Marchant. They remained in the Yeovil Parish of Somerset until their departure for the New World in 1635.)

" We spent about 45 minutes with Rector Patrick Blake, of St. John Baptist Church. The church is having some work done on it but it's grounds are beautiful and the tulips were all in bloom. I took a lot of pictures of the church, Lectern, Font, Rector, also a picture of an old picture of the church when there was a school attached."

Thank-you, Fern, for the picture on page 2 of this Quarterly.

From Bert and Alice Hoffman in Florida

"On our vacation up north, we took a trip by boat up into Saguenay River country in Canada. We had a very enjoyable time, and even saw some Beluga whales and humpback whales in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Rivers Bay area. The trip ended up via Erie Canal and Hudson River to trip origin in Rhode Island.

We had been "snow birds" during the winter in Florida, but since Nov. 1984 are now permanent Florida residents."

Their address is 1305 Bunker Hill Dr. Daytona Beach, FL 32019

From Mabel L. Wescott in Vermont

" When I gave my grandson, Keith Reed, a Westcott Coat of Arms, he wanted an explanation of the symbols and colors, so I made a copy of that section in the Genealogy for him. What do you think of putting an explanation in the bulletin ? Or having some printed to be given with the purchase of the Coat of Arms ?"

(Editor-What do you think ? Write it down and send it to me?)

From Edna J. Lewis in Connecticut

" Our son, Dan, was here to help on our new building during his six week visit. Before he returned to Germany, he went with us to Virginia when we drove the grand-children home after spending most of August with us.

My sister, Doris, is pleased to have sons, John and Frank living at home. John is very busy with his band and a courier day job. After seven years with Salesian Order, Frank is well trained for his work as counselor to Youthful Offenders Program in New York state prison system.

Her husband, Jiggy, assisted his priest with a tour group to the Holy Land this summer- a very exciting experience, he will remember his travels, " Where Jesus walked."

We left our little house at Colebrook Lake on July 1st, when Paul retired. Our address remains the same, although our property has crossed Colebrook line into Barkhamsted-Taylor Rd., off Rt # 20 between Riverton and Winsted."

From Eleanor Trismen in New Jersey

My son, Bruce, has recently taken a job as Director of Internal Auditing with Liz Claiborne, couturiere. He is following in his father, Ralph's footsteps, who was in accounting with Royal Exchange, the British firm. "

Treasurer, Paul Lewis writes

" The treasurer has sent a check for \$200.00 to the Warwick Historical Society. Also have received \$10.00 from the NH Chapter, \$10.00 from Virginia Sampson, \$25.00 from Wilma Avery for the restoration of the Warwick Charter.

I have sent \$ 53.00 to F. Howard Westcott for the Scholarship Fund."

Weddings

Kalvin Lawrence Jay (SSWD member) exchanged marriage vows with Candy Sue Clarkson on Saturday, March 9, 1985. The wedding was held at the Poultney Baptist Church, Poultney, Vermont. The reception followed at the Poultney Valley Grange Hall.

Karen Westcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Westcott of Rexford, NY and David Lautenschlager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lautenschlager of Ocean City, were married June 29 in Scotia, NY.

Births

Kate Adele Westcott, born July 15, 1985 in Niskayuna, New York, weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. She joins brother Aaron Jason, 18 months, as the children of Aaron Jeffrey and Kimberly Ann Compton Westcott. Grandparents are Barbara and Arthur Westcott of Massena, New York.

Deaths

Edward J. Wescott, 83, of Bergenfield, New Jersey, died October 5, 1985. Before retiring in 1964, he worked in the public relations department at Bankers Trust in New York City. Surviving are his wife, Ann Fehelm; a daughter Margaret O'Brien of Wanaque; a brother, Ralph, of Newport Beach, California; a sister, Evelyn Garrison, of Ringwood, and two granddaughters. Edward was a Life Member of SSWD.

Mrs. Carl F. Westcott (Ferne), passed away at her home in St. Paul, Nebraska, on April 16, 1985. She was 86 on March 20th and still working part-time in an insurance office and driving her own car.

Her step daughter, Evelyn W. Wier, who reported her death for our Quarterly, pointed out a mistake in the April issue. Ferne's birth year should have read 1899, not 1895 as it was listed.

Harry Corneau of Bristol New Hampshire, died March 13, 1985, because of a heart condition. He is survived by his wife, Marion.

From the Editor--- Things to do

Send dues to Paul Lewis.

Enclose a donation to the Warwick Charter fund. (see page 1)

Order a Coat of Arms for family gifts from Paul.

Send news you would like to see printed to the editor.

Send a short story of your family, and make copies of interesting documents as they migrated from descendant in RI. (see p.3)

Talk to your travel agent about tickets to San Diego next fall.

Think San Diego in 1986-Think National Westcott Gathering.