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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

National Reunion, October 3,4,5,1986

The National meeting and Gathering of the Stukely Westcott descendants will be held October 3,4,5, at the Escondido Hotel, just north of San Diego, California. The Board will meet on Friday, followed by a reception for all cousins Friday evening.

The San Diego area has many interesting places to visit, tours will be planned around: San Diego Zoo, Wild Park, Sea World, San Diego Harbor, Trolley ride to Tijuana, Balboa Park's museums, Hall of Science.

Saturday evening will start with a social hour, then our banquet, and program. Remember Dr. Westcott promised at the Warwick meeting two years ago, that if we would come to California we would have dancing at our banquet. So pack your dancing shoes.

We will attend church on Sunday at the Dutch Reformed Church in Escondido. This church is one of Dr. Peale's group.

More of the details will be printed in the April Quarterly, along with registration information. Dr. F. Howard Westcott has reserved a group of rooms for us, and is working on the program with the officers.

So, put these dates on your calendar, save your money, (how about a money raising project in your chapter to help send your key people) and talk to you travel agent about getting to San Diego.

FAMILIES MOVE FROM WARWICK TOWARD CALIFORNIA

Cousin, Eleanor Trismen, wrote, "I thought this section of an old Quarterly might be a good introduction to individual stories."

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EARLY WESTCOTT HISTORY---(Continued from March Quarterly)

"The first migrations from the homeland in Rhode Island were to Connecticut during the middle of the 18th century. However, the great spread of the family did not begin until, during and soon after the Revolution. It was then that many descendants in the fifth and sixth generations settled in western Massachusetts, Vermont, throughout the east, east-central and north section of New York and North-eastern Pennsylvania. Gardiner Westcott was the first to carry the family name west of the Hudson River, when in 1793, he settled near what is now North Utica, New York. Benjamin and James Westcott settled in Milford Township, Otsego County, New York, two years later. Several grandchildren of William and Eleanor (Westcott) Stone settled about Abington in north-eastern Pennsylvania just before the close of the 18th century. However, in 1789, Benedict A. Robinson, a descendant, pushed on westward to Ontario County and settled in that part which is now Yates County, New York. These migrants were all with large families. Some of the lateral families were the Angells, Arnolds, Bartons, Eatons, Greenes, Hazards, Munfords, Perrys, Rاندalls, Staffords and Wightmans."

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(Whitman .231)

This was written by Christopher's
 wife Mary G. or Polly as she was called.
 Betty W. Acker copied it from the
 original to show the family cross country

Thank-you, Betty W. Acker, for sharing this personal family event.
 I hope the typed copy of this document helps to understand the dates
 and places of Christopher Westcott and wife, Polly, from Warwick to Ohio
 in 1816.

some "Wescotts" to California via Wis. & Nebr.

The Westcott Descendants in America were true Pioneers. I, myself, delight in wide, open spaces.

I'll write about my immediate branch. My Stukely⁵ Westcott "went up Country" from Rhode Island to Cheshire, Mass. One of his sons, Arnold⁶ Wescott (he dropped the middle "t") settled in Berlin, New York. He and wife, Elizabeth Smith had fifteen children, my great-grandfather, Rial⁷ being their thirteenth child. A cousin, Mamie Rew, had the list of the fifteen children and she made a note that Elizabeth was 57 years of age when she bore her fifteenth child. Rial⁷ moved on across New York State to Alfred. He and his wife, Mercy Nichols Shaw had seven boys - no girls.

Samuel⁸ and George⁸ stayed in elegany County, N. Y.

My grand father, Anthony A.⁸ Wescott went slightly west into the hills of Chautauqua

Eleanor Trisman sent this letter to tell about her immediate family and their migration from Rhode Island to New York, then via Wisconsin and Nebraska to California.

Thank-you Eleanor

(Editor's note) -

I find it fascinating that we can now reproduce the original hand writing to preserve the character and personality of the original document. And at the same time change the size of the original in seconds by pushing a button and paying \$.15, to allow three pages to fit on this one.

County, N.Y. Anthony's wife was Sarah Mann Bentley, who was a Descendant of George Soule of the Mayflower, 1620.

The three remaining brothers were Pioneers in the middle west. In 1844 John Varnum Wescott settled near Edgerton, Wis. Then Franklyn Rial⁸ and Oscar Ubertus⁸ followed their brother, John. Franklyn settled near Edgerton but later Oscar moved on to Grand Island, Nebraska.

In the early days, of course, there were no good "across Country" roads. The story about Franklyn, who stayed with his brother, John, until his house was built, then he sent word back to Alfred, N.Y. for his wife and family. They traveled via boat on the Great Lakes west to join Franklyn in Wisconsin.

Oscar's daughter, Chloe married Charles B. Canfield, the oil magnate of California. They lived in Los Angeles, and are now deceased.

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The latter four brothers had descendants who moved to California.

The E. D. Eichelbergers lived in San Mateo
The Phillip Knobel " " Los Angeles
The Peter Petersons " " Pasadena
The Norman Harps " " Los Angeles
The Wallace B. Howlands " " Oakland
The S. Spauldings " " Beverly Hills
+ Santa Barbara

and
the before mentioned

Charles B. Canfield " " Los Angeles

Waping you have a
Very Happy Holiday.

Cousin, Eleanor Trisman

Why and How we came to California - F. Howard Westcott

In early November of '67, I was advised to leave the cold climate of the East coast for reasons of health. I was disabled to practice medicine, and needed warmth to avoid respiratory infections.

I knew Florida from spending several winter vacations there, and we found Colorado climate even worse. I went to visit Marilyn in Chula Vista to recuperate, and we decided then that California was the place to live. We looked at Rancho Bernardo and knew that was the place for us. We looked at houses and knew what we wanted before going back to New Jersey. When our Realtor called us and had just the kind of a house that we wanted we bought it by phone. I was flying my Muskateer airplane at that time. We flew to California after selling our homes and cars and slept on the floor with some of Marilyn's spare bedding for a few nights before our furniture arrived, and became acquainted with our new environment.

Since then I have flown back to N.Y. for the Cooperstown Westcott reunion and explored the west by plane. When those Westcotts who come to the reunion in '86 see this beautiful area, they will understand why we are so happy here. We are looking forward to a goodly number of the Stukely Westcott descendants to visit San Diego.

Until then

Adious!

Cousin Howard and Georgia

Thank-you to all of you who shared personal family history for this issue of the Quarterly. As we plan our 1986 gathering in California, perhaps more of you will send information about your relocation from the East coast to the West. I am planning at least two pages in the April edition for family memories. Editor PWD

CHAPTER NEWS

From Alan Boerker- Virginia

We had a mine-reunion here in Virginia for VA Chapter members. An informal gathering at the home of Sylvia and Verner Ramsing in Alexandria, VA, on October 19th, 1985. Amy and Calvin Hackeman and their son, Peter, also attended. Ned and Fran Morris were unable to attend. We had a wonderful visit, and lunch provided by Sylvia.

Warwick Restoration of Charter

From Alan Boerker- Thank-you to all the individuals who contributed to the restoration and preservation of the original Warwick charter. As of January we have contributed \$ 400 to this cause. The Society gave \$200 and individuals have donated another \$200.

FROM THE LETTER BOX

Dorothy Perdue fell and broke her hip last fall. You may send her a card in care of the Griswold Care Center, Griswold, Iowa.

From Mrs. Phil Carr, Bethel, Vermont, " Wanted to let you know that our granddaughter, Nicki, is doing fine now. She got her cast off the middle part of September." Those of you who attended the Vermont picnic will remember her as the little girl with a full body cast. A grave stone fell on her when she was helping her grandparents in the cemetery.

From Raymond Smith's-Arizona Snow Birds

They are glad to be back in sunny Arizona for the winter, but miss their friends, the Perdues, who have not been able to come to AZ the last few years. The Smiths dropped in on the Dennis family, and quickly became involved in helping put out the newsletter. Thank-you.

From Mabel L. Wescott- Vermont

Mabel has just passed out the certificates of completion for a course she taught in drivers education. 55 Alive-Mature Driving Course, sponsored by AARP and the National Retired Teachers, is the first nationally sponsored program geared to update driver knowledge and skill.

She is also involved in RSVP. Her project this year is tutoring 6th grade pupils in math.

Weddings

*Sheena J. Williamson
and
Dr. Lyle D. Wescott, Jr.
have the pleasure of announcing their marriage
aboard the sternwheeler, The Belle Carol on
Friday, September twenty-seventh
nineteen hundred and eighty-five
Memphis, Tennessee*

Births

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

THE BIRTH OF

WILLIAM ROBERT STEPHAN

AT 7:18 A.M. ON DECEMBER 23, 1985

6 POUNDS, 12 OUNCES

CALVIN, AMY AND PETER HACKEMAN

Deaths

Delbert F. Lundquist, Winter Park, Florida, died April 18, 1985. His daughter, Bette Boston, wrote, " He would have been proud and pleased to see his name on the list of newly announced Life members of the Stukely Westcott Society. Thank-you for so honoring him. My mother was Ruth Lorraine Manchester Lunquist, who died on May 12, 1981.

Myrtle J. Campney, Hudson Falls, New York was buried November 30, 1985 Born April 23, 1915, the daughter of Lucy Wescott and Frank Jay. She married Oscar Campney in 1935. She was a member of SSWD.

Dues notices

Dues notices have been included in this news letter. Please return with your check now, before you forget. Notice that our treasurer, Paul Lewis has a change of address- BOX 267, Riverton, CT.

If some of you wonder why you didn't get a copy of this Quarterly and had to read it at your relatives house, maybe it's because you forgot to pay your dues. Get in touch with the treasurer now and see what you must do to be reinstated.

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