

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

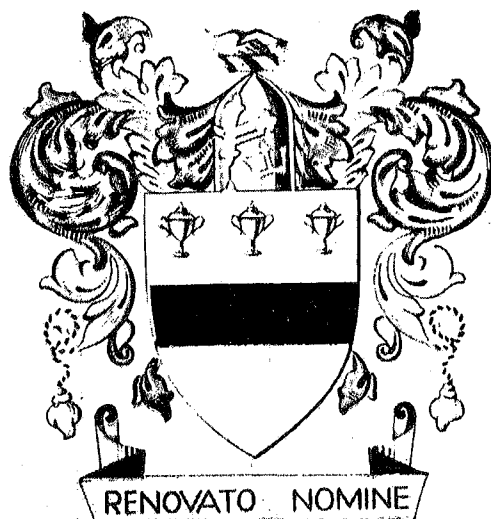
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Westcott

The Westcott Coat of Arms

The heraldic interpretation of the Coat of Arms granted to Guido Wescote in the year 1450 and used by the members of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, can better be understood by first reading the account of Thomas de Wescote, his pre-nuptial agreement with Elizabeth Littleton; who became his wife, and the evident determination of their second son Guido to perpetuate the family name. (W. G., p. 6).

The Arms reveal the ancient family in England as one of the nobility, and bear out the records handed down to posterity by Lord Burk, Lord Coke, Thomas de Wescote, Collins and others.

Royal blood is indicated in the Arms because of the tilted crown shown in the helmet. The helmet slightly at profile, indicates the Arms was granted to a Knight or Baronet. The robe or mantling around the helmet and shield, because its effect is ragged, indicates the first one to wear the Coat of Arms was a Battle Knight; also because the two uppermost corners of the mantling turn down, it indicates he was the King's bodyguard, whose members were allowed to keep the collars turned down in the presence of the King.

The three vessels or cups on the shield are apparently representative of the three brothers (Guido, Edmund and Nicholas), who retained the name Wescote, although their meaning is not quite clear in heraldic lore. They are possibly incense holders, each assuring light or heat in the perpetuation of the family name.

The red band across the shield indicates that Guido was accepted as the oldest son, since the older brother Thomas had abandoned the family by being baptised Littleton; in other words, the red band indicates the oldest son of the oldest son. The clasped hands issuing from clouds indicate friendliness or neighborliness and accepted with the motto, *Renovato nomine*, meaning the name renewed, indicates a rehabilitation of the family.

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

(1) Thomas and Elizabeth (Littleton) Wescote had four sons and four daughters: Thomas, Guedo, Edmond, Nicholas, Ann (who m-Thomas Porter, Esquire, of Barston, in Warwickshire), and three others. With the death of the second Baron Thomas de Littleton, the paternal line of his distinguished old family became extinct. To perpetuate the name and keep the family fortune intact, which appears to have been large, and included beside the Littleton, the Quartermine and Frankly estates, Elizabeth upon her betrothal to Thomas Wescote, entered into a pre-nuptial agreement whereby their first male issue should be called Thomas and be baptised in her surname, Littleton. When the son was born in 1402, this agreement was adhered to and the child in after years became Sir Thomas Littleton, a brilliant and distinguished barrister. However, it appears that the mother was not content to have only her eldest son bear her name, but also wished Guedo, Edmond and Nicholas to take her surname. She would not permit them to share equally with their brother Thomas in her estate, and so they retained the name of Wescote. This appears to have created something of a family discord which culminated in 1450 in Guedo, the second eldest son, registering his Coat of Arms with the motto: *Renovato nomine*, meaning the name renewed. The use of clasped hands issuing from clouds suggests the family discord. Thomas and Elizabeth settled on her estate at Frankly, where he served the office of escheator of Worcester under Henry VI in 1451. He died soon after, and his widow married second, Thomas Hewster, esquire, of Lichfield in Staffordshire. Guedo remained on the ancestral estates at Wescote, Edmond died unmarried, and Nicholas married Agnes, daughter and sole heir of Edmond Vernon of Staffordshire, and they were the ancestors of the Wescotes of that county. From them descended William Wescote of Hansaker in Staffordshire, whose daughter, Maud, married David Cawaden of a family dating back to Henry Mevesyn, "son probably of the Norman, being of sufficient age in 1100 to attest to the foundation grant of William Itzalam to the Abbey of Haghmon, in Shropshire." Through the Purefoy family, the Cawadens were related to the Wightman-Whitman line of the third known generation.

(2) Guedo Wescote of Wescote, b-1404, second son of Thomas and Elizabeth, as heir to his father's estate because of his elder brother being baptised in his mother's surname, retained the ancestral acres at Wescote. He married Alice, daughter of Sir Richard Granville of Gloucestershire, who was the son of William, of Bartholomew, second son of Sir Richard Grenville of Stow in Cornwall, whose wife was the daughter and heir of Bevil of Guarnack in Cornwall and who flourished late in the 13th century. To Guedo, the credit is due for reclaiming and perpetuating the family name and prestige since the confusion occasioned by the demands of his mother. From Guedo and Alice (Grenville) Wescote "descended the Wescotes of Devon and Somerset." They had but one son to whom they gave the name of the child's grandfather, Thomas.

Westcott History and Genealogy, p. 6

The Westcott Coat of Arms description printed on page 1 of this Quarterly is copied from the Book of Appendices to the History and Genealogy of Stukely Westcott, 1939.

To receive a color print of the crest suitable for framing send

Large- \$ 3.00 Small- \$ 1.00

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CLOSING THE
FAMILY
STUDY

The genealogical research of the general family, which has been in progress almost continuously since the Fall of 1930, will be concluded on this December 31st, 1935. However, family records bearing dates in 1935 or before, and not already compiled, will be received up to and inclusive of January 15th, 1936. The cooperation of every Westcott descendant is invited in this work that the history of the family may be extended as far as is possible. Hundreds of branching families have been added to the records for the book of appendices to the genealogy of 1932, but a great many more families remain unrecorded because information has not been made available. Many letters remain unanswered. Under the direction of E. Dwelly, esquire, of Hants, England, the research in that country is being carried forward in a desperate effort to determine beyond further questioning, the ancestry of Stukely Westcott. Whether this book of appendices can be published during the coming year, and thus creating another fitting memorial to our mutual ancestor to mark the 300th year of his coming to America, is a matter for further consideration. As the historian of the Society, I shall hope to continue the effort to trace the lineage of all member-descendants back to the Family Founder.--Roscoe L. Whitman, National Historian.

HISTORY and GENEALOGY

OF THE

ANCESTORS AND
SOME DESCENDANTS OF

Stukely Westcott

One of the Thirteen Original Proprietors
of Providence Plantation and the Colony of Rhode Island

WITH ESPECIAL MENTION OF
THE WESTCOTTS OF CHESHIRE,
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS,

AND

THE WESTCOTTS OF MILFORD,
OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

AND SOME OF THE ALLIED FAMILIES

Incorporating, and Extending, the Research of
the late Hon. J. Russell Bullock of Bristol, R. I.

BY

ROSCOE L. WHITMAN

1932

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BOOK OF APPENDICES

TO THE

HISTORY and GENEALOGY

OF THE

ANCESTORS AND
SOME DESCENDANTS OF

Stukely Westcott

1592—1677

PUBLISHED IN 1932

BY

ROSCOE L. WHITMAN

1939

These two volumes by Roscoe Whitman will be reprinted soon, thanks to the cooperation of the Iowa Chapter and the National Association. It will be published in the loose leaf binder form similar to the last printing, and cost in the neighborhood of \$ 30.00 a set.

We must give the printer a count of the number of volumes needed SOON. Send your reservation to

Edna J. Lewis
Box 267
Riverton, CT 06065

The first Wescott Reunion, 1936. Sept. 1936

East Poutney

Mary Ette Wescott
 2) Edna Day
 3) Mr. Hudson Reed
 4) Frances Reed
 5) Robert
 6) Ruth
 7) Sadie
 8) Frank
 9) Phillip Wescott
 10) Mable Wescott
 11) Wilma Wescott
 12) Harold Wescott
 13) Colman Wescott
 14) Alice Eastman
 15) Mrs. Mary Catty
 16) Deborah

Those Present at
 Poutney Wescott
 1) Edna Reed
 2) Frances
 3) Harold
 4) Caroline
 5) Margaret
 6) Morris Reed
 7) Pauline W
 8) Eugene W
 9) Willard W
 10) Cora W
 11) Harold Jr
 12) Ralph E.
 13) David Catty Jr
 14) David Roberts, Mrs. Essel
 15) David Roberts, Mrs. Essel

Sept. 1936

Nathan Wilkins - Hoosick Falls
 Rachel Wilkins
 L. D. Baker - Ho. Hoosick
 Mrs. L. D. Baker
 Kenneth Baker - Eagle Bridge
 Mrs. Kenneth Baker
 Mr. Leslie Mason - Ho. Bennington Vt.
 Mrs. Leslie Mason
 Benjamin Baker - Ho. Hoosick
 Dorothy Baker
 Frank Baker - Bennington Vt.
 Mrs. Frank Baker
 Edward Baker - Mrs. Daniel Parker
 Raymond Baker - Mrs. William Hoffman
 Jean Baker - Mrs. William Hoffman
 Dorothy Baker - Mrs. William Hoffman Jr.
 Janet Baker - Dorothy Parker
 Margaret Baker - Daniel Parker
 Arthur Wescott
 Mrs. Arthur Wescott

Descendants of Nicholas & Phoebe Wescott

The first annual meeting was held at Lake St. Catharine on Sunday Sept. 13, 1936.

The following officers were selected:
 Pres. Phillip Wescott from East Poutney
 Vice Pres. L. D. Baker of North Hoosick, N. Y.
 Sec. Frank H. Baker of Bennington, Vt.
 Treas. Nathan Wilkins of Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
 Walter Hoffman, L. D. Baker & Nathan Wilkins were appointed to inquire about the cost of two tablets to be erected, in memory of the ancestors for whom the society is named.

It was also voted to hold a reunion each year, at the same place, on the following Sunday, after Labor Day, 1937, at the same cottage if possible. There were 68 present and also a card was received.

Vermont Chapter 5

Vermont Chapter 5 held their regular reunion August 17, 1986, for pot luck, swimming, fellowship. A second gathering was held September 13, 1986 at Lake St. Catherine in honor of the 50th year of organized reunions. Some of the same people attended this 1986 outing that were listed in this original record by Mary Ette Wescott in 1936. Does anyone recognize the hand writing of the secretaries notes?

Ohio chapter #15 is using this membership card in their drive for new members. Our newest chapter is doing well.

Please send news of your chapter to the editor. Iowa ? California ? New York ? What is the latest of your chapter ?



OHIO CHAPTER #15
OF
THE SOCIETY OF
STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS

MEMBER

FROM THE LETTER BOX

Lois Wescott of Boulder, Colorado writes

" I would like to share the following information with descendants of Wm. Wescott (Jeremiah, Stukely). From a bible record in an unpublished manuscript in our Boulder Genealogical library, Wm m Abigail Gardiner(Nicholas, Geo) 20 Nov 1712. This means that she was a 2nd wife and step- mother to children Wm, Ezekial, Joseph, Bethiah, Zurial, Peleg, and Stukely. The Westcott genealogy has only that Wm m Abigail Gardiner. It would be nice if somebody knows the name of Wm's first wife. I would like to attend the San Diego meeting, but am budgeting to help my daughter through law school. "

Sonny and Ann Coltey and Sharon and Arlene Coltey

Found some interesting grave stones at a very difficult to find cemetery in Hubbardton, Rutland County, Vermont. Called Pleasant View Cemetery by some and Lakeview Cemetery by others, it is located at Hortonia Rd. and State Route 30 at Hubbardton Gulf in back of the Town barn. One has to walk through the road equipment there at the barn to get to the cemetery.

Oliver Westcot
b. 5 Sept 1835
d. 5 Oct 1895
G.A.R. Co. B 10th N.Y.H. A.
wife Mary Stevens
b. 19 Oct 1848

at the same cemetery but not same plot is
Susan E. Peters w/o Oliver Westcot
d. 2 Apr 1886 age 42 yrs.

see p.178 Volume II Westcott Genealogies - Oliver
Oliver had three wives, Ann 1st
Susan 2nd wife, and Mary 3rd

Robert Westcott of Westcott Associates, Chicago

" I am the son of Edgar Cecil Westcott(and Lois G. Strongman) who was the son of John Westcott(and Alice Winter) both of Holywell Lake, near Wellington England. My four sons are Mark A. (Novi, Michigan), Robert, Jr. (Nashville, Tennessee), Douglas K. (Wilmette, Illinois), and Craig M.(Chicago, Illinois).

The news is that Mark is to be married May 3, 1987 to Marcie Grameno of Plymouth, Michigan."

Congratulations to Dorothy Wescoat of Mays Landing. She has been asked to update her biography for inclusion in the 1987 edition of the World's Who's Who of Women.

Her lifetime service to humanity through the American Red Cross as both a volunteer and career worker is the principal reason for her being so honored.

Many local people may remember that Dorothy was chosen by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs to receive the Cecilia Gaines Holland Award in 1982 as the outstanding lifetime volunteer in the state. She was nominated by the Lenape Club and was the first South Jersey lady to win the coveted honor.

See, nice things happen to good people.

Dorothy also sent a notice about concert pianist, Mark Westcott, who has been named as the NCNB Artist-in-Residence under a program announced by the NCNB National Bank of Florida. Groups in Florida who would be interested in scheduling a possible event involving NCNB Artist-in-Residence should contact the NCNB executive in their city or call Shelby Graham at (704) 374-8359.

A great chance to hear this pianist who is one of the most rapidly rising young pianist on the international music scene.

Mrs. Glenn Packer from Portlandville, NY wrote

I would like to attend the Westcott Biennial Gathering in California but it is impossible. It is too far away and I am too old(94) but will be interested to hear about it."

(Editor note- Perhaps some of you who were able to go to California would write to Mrs. Packer and share your experience with her. Write to some of the other Honorary Life members while you're at it.)

Mrs. Berdene Thomas, another Life member, moved to Arizona.

" I formerly lived in Seal Beach, CA. My new address is 1617 N. Camilla Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716 " Welcome to AZ.

Virginia L. Westcott(Mrs. George P) also moved to Arizona from Pawtucket, RI.

Dr. F. Howard Westcott of California

" All the Westcott's at the reunion wanted to know when my new book will be out. The date is set for about January 15, 1987."

***How You
Can Live
Healthy,
Happy
and
Long!***

by

**F. Howard
Westcott**

M.D., F.A.C.P.
Medical Physician on
Hospital Ship HOPE

In my book, "How You Can Live Healthy, Happy and Long!" will be found specific knowledge that, if followed, will save millions of lives every year. Your human body, mind and spirit is the crowning glory of God's creative genius and you should spare no effort to make and keep them perfect. My greatest reward will be to have you benefit from my life's work and love for my fellow humans.

—Howard

ILLNESS

Ruth W. Carr Smith is in a convalescent home in Vermont. Send her a card at Room 172, Rowan Court Nursing Home, Prospect St., Barre, VT 05641

Frank Reed is convalescing in Florida after a bout with cancer of the mouth and a heart attack.

Georgia (Mrs. F. Howard) Westcott is at home working to regain some of the control lost when a stroke left some left paralysis. With a long period of therapy the prognosis is good.

DEATHS

Alice A. Eastman

SALEM, N.Y. — Alice A. Eastman, 73, died Friday morning at the Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge after a short illness.

Mrs. Eastman was born in Granville on Feb. 14, 1913, daughter of Hudson and Frances (Westcott) Reed.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon Eastman of Salem; two sons, Ralph Eastman of Salem and Richard Eastman of Glens Falls; two daughters, Roxanne Boisclair and Rosemary Morrison, both of Salem; three brothers, Robert Reed of Middletown Springs, Vt., Franklin Reed of Poultney, Vt., and Morris Reed of Salem; three sisters, Margaret Mars of Pawlet, Vt., Mary Coltey of Hudson Falls and Sadie Roberts of Hampton; 19 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Robert M. King Funeral Home in Granville. Burial will be in the Mettowee Valley Cemetery in Pawlet.

Friends may call Saturday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary McClellan Building Fund, Cambridge 12816; or the Salem Rescue Squad, Salem 12865.

Mr. Leonard R. Westcott, SSWD #656, passed away 20 Nov., 1986 in a hospital in Bradenton, Florida. Cards should go to his wife, Mrs. Lula Westcott.

Robin I. Gemmell, 27, died from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. Husband of Ann Reed, son-in-law of member Bob Reed of Middletown Springs, VT.

FROM THE EDITOR

Dues notices are enclosed. If you send your check right now you won't forget to do it!

Corrections- I apologize. In the Biennial conference report I left out- Vermont

Wilma W. Avery, Sec. was present at the business meeting.

Oscar Place was appointed to the Board of Directors.