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KNOW YOUR KINDRED BETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

WHEN OUR SOCIETY MET IN OHIO IN THE FALL OF 1988, MANY COMMENTED THAT WE NEED TO GET MORE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE BIENNIAL MEETINGS AND I CHOSE TO MAKE THIS A "PET" PROJECT OF MINE. SO MUCH TO MY DISMAY, AS I WAS READING THE MINUTES OF PAST GATHERINGS, I FOUND THAT IN 1950 "THERE WAS DISCUSSION TO SOME LENGTH OF WAYS AND MEANS TO INTEREST YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE HISTORY OF THE FAMILY AND ITS ACTIVITIES". A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO PROMOTE THE IDEA. SORRY, BUT NO PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE WAS FOUND. SO, NOW IT'S UP TO US! THE FOLLOWING IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUBLISHED IN OUR QUARTERLY ABOUT YOUNG FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPECTING TO ATTEND NEW HAMPSHIRE IN 1990.

Betty H. Acker

HELLO FROM THE HATFIELDS IN MUSKINGUM COUNTY, ZANESVILLE, OHIO. YES, ONE OF YOUR WESTCOTT COUSINS MARRIED ONE OF THOSE "HATFIELD & McCOY" DESCENDENTS FROM KENTUCKY. EARL AND I (DIANE TAYLOR HATFIELD) HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR NEARLY 21 YEARS. HAS IT REALLY BEEN THAT LONG? WELL, PATRICK IS EIGHTEEN AND HAS MOVED TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED BY REITER DAIRY. PAT HAS BEEN IN 4-H FOR TEN YEARS. WADE STEPHEN IS SIXTEEN AND IS A FRESHMAN AT TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. WADE IS A SEVEN YEAR 4-H MEMBER AND A MEMBER OF THE FFA. HE ALSO OWNS AND OPERATES HIS OWN FENCING BUSINESS. KERRI LYNN WILL SOON BE TWELVE YEARS OLD. SHE AND HER BROTHERS HAVE STEERS FOR THEIR 4-H PROJECTS AND YES, HER STEER IS MUCH BIGGER THAN SHE IS, ALMOST 1200 POUNDS BIGGER! KERRI ENJOYS PLAYING BASKETBALL IN THE WINTER AND SOFTBALL IN THE SUMMER. EARL WORKS FOR OWENS-BROCKWAY AND FARMS. AS FOR MYSELF... I'M NOT EMPLOYED. IN MY SPARE TIME, I VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL AND CHURCH, AND I PRIDE MYSELF IN BEING ONE OF THE BEST GO-FORS IN THE COUNTY. (MEANS WHATEVER IS NEEDED ON THE FARM, I GO FOR IT!) WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE ADAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE WAY HE HAS BLESSED OUR LIVES TOGETHER AND OUR FAMILY. WE ENJOY CAMPING, WORKING AND JUST BEING TOGETHER. OUR FAMILY SO ENJOYED HOSTING AND MEETING OUR NEWLY FOUND FRIENDS AND COUSINS LAST OCTOBER! WE ARE PLANNING OUR VACATION AND LOOKING FORWARD TO RENEWING ACQUAINTANCES AND FRIENDSHIPS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE IN 1990. THANKS TO FIVE YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE GRANDPARENTS IN VIRGINIA, KERRI HAS THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE ALREADY MAPPED OUT. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 1990!

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

CHAPTER NEWS

Vermont chapter #5 voted at last year's picnic to hold the 1989 picnic at Lake Bomoseen State park the 1st Sunday after Labor Day, that will be Sept. 10. The park is on the west side of the lake.

Church in East Poultney before the picnic. Bring a dish to share and your bathing suit and horseshoes; and your musical instrument (which in some cases will be your voice).

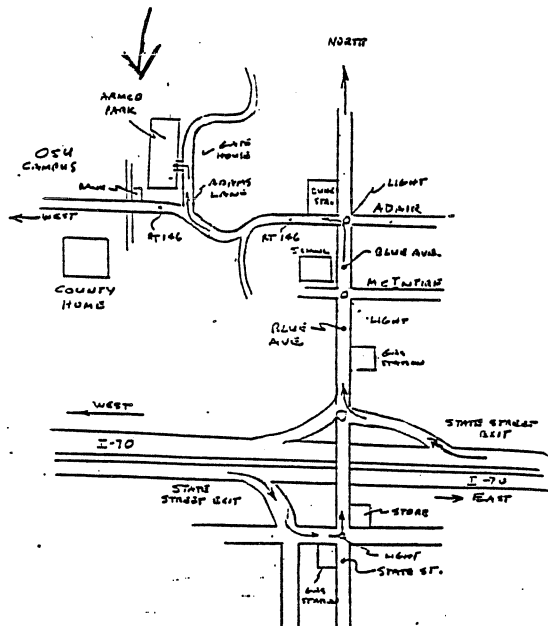
Contact person- Pres., Rita Jay Sanders, Box 32A, RFD 1, Whiting, VT 05778 - or Sec., Phyllis Wescott Reed, Wells, VT 645-0378

New Hampshire # 12 will have their picnic the last Sunday in July, July 30. This chapter has accepted the responsibility of hosting the 1990 National Reunion, chairman Ed Heath. At the picnic there will be some planning for this exciting event as well as the sharing of food and fun.

Contact for more details- Dean Gray, Box 64, Rumney, NH 03266 phone 603-786-9751

Ohio chapter # 15

THE OHIO WESTCOTT REUNION
JULY 16th, 1989
ARMCO PARK, ZANESVILLE
12:00 NOON till ?



SWIMMING
TENNIS
HORSE SHOES
SHUFFLE BOARD
PLAYGROUND EQUIP.

WE WILL BE IN THE
"LITTLE BARN" - ASK
THE GUARD AT THE GATE
HOUSE FOR DIRECTIONS.
YOU MUST TELL THE
GUARD "WESTCOTT REUNION"

WE'LL EAT ABOUT 1:00 -
BRING POT LUCK!

REUNION COMMITTEE:
MAZIE TAYLOR & FAMILY

National News

With regret, the president, Betty Acker, has accepted the resignation of Mabel L. Wescott as Recording Secretary due to health problems.

Sharon Coltey has accepted the responsibility of completing the term of office.

Westcotts in History

(Editor's note)

This information is in answer to a request from one of our members. Material is taken from volumes I and II of the Whitman genealogy. Westcotts in History page 404, appendix B, page 408, and book II pp.308, 311

Edward Noyes Westcott, author of "David Harum," was a son of Dr. Amos Westcott, a prominent dentist of Syracuse, N. Y., of which city he was mayor during the Rebellion. After equipping himself, Edward became a banker and built up an excellent business. Then a series of adversities wiped out his business and broke his health. Previous to this, he had been captain of a Syracuse militia company, and while staging an exhibition drill at the old Weiting opera house, fell into the orchestra pit, landing on the back of his head, from which injury he never fully recovered. It was while recuperating from the breakdown occasioned by the failure of his business, at a camp in the Adirondacks, that he began to write "David Harum." He practically completed the novel while in Italy in the Winter of 1895-6. It was declined by many leading publishers, but when issued in the Autumn of 1898, following the death of the author, became at once a success, reaching a sale of 40,000 copies in a little more than a year. The human nature of the book is its strong characteristic. It is a faithful portrayal of certain phases of life in central New York in the late 1890s, and its humor is undeniable. (For his ancestry, see Appendix "B,"

IV—Amos Westcott, b-Cranston tp., R. I., then tp. Providence, 1722; d-Killingly, Conn., Jan. 3, 1806; m-ab. 1748, Mary —, who d-Killingly, ae. 85 years. Soon after their marriage, they settled on a farm in Scituate tp., R. I., where they are of record in 1752. Soon following this year, they sold out and removed to a farm in Johnston tp., which farm they sold in 1773. In 1795, in Cranston tp., he made a deed in which he mentions his son Reuben. At this time, he was seventy-three years of age, and went to live with their son Amos, then in Killingly, where he and Mary are bur. Issue, 6 chn.: Reuben, Abraham, Cynthia, Amos, Mehitable, Mary.

V—Reuben Westcott (see W. G., pp. 407-8-9), b-Cranston tp., ab. 1750; m-by Elder Elisha Greene, Feb. 21, 1773, ³Hannah ("Nabby") Greene, b-Nov. 16, 1754, d-Fairfield, Conn., 1802, dau. Elder Elisha Greene, b-1728 (⁴Elisha, Sr., ³James, ²James, "Surgeon" ¹John Greene of Providence and Warwick), and his wife, Hannah Gorton, dau. Edward and Hannah (Mattheson) Gorton and granddaughter of Samuel Gorton, one of the "Proprietors" of Shawomet (Warwick), 1642. Reuben is called "the gunsmith of Cranston." However, at the time of his marriage, he is recorded as "of Pomfret, Conn.," as mentioned in deed. An old family record states that "Grandfather's father (who would have been this Reuben) was a gunsmith by trade. He was very ingenious. Where he lived, he rigged up a shop, bored out logs to make a pipe to carry water to an over-shot wheel; rigged up boring bars and lathes to turn out gun barrels. He once made a very fine rifle, the stock inlaid with silver, and sold it for \$100.00. Later on, he built a flour mill and ran it for a number of years. He contracted asthma from working in this mill and finally died of it. His first name was Reuben." Being about twenty-five years of age when the Revolution broke out and a gunsmith, he no doubt rendered important service to the troops, but no such record has been found. Issue, 13 chn.: Gorton, Cynthia, Mary, Reuben, Jr., Dexter, James, Suky, Abigail, Mary (again), Penelope, Marsena, Suky (again), Arthur.

VI—Gorton Westcott, b-Cranston tp., Sept. 3, 1773, d-Truxton, Cortland County, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1847; m(1)-ab. 1799, Waity Knight of Cranston, b-Aug. 24, 1779, d-Apr. 22, 1822, dau. Christopher and Waity (Potter) Knight of Cranston, Christopher prob. desc. first Richard Knight; m(2)-June 8, 1823, Elizabeth Hull, b-Aug. 22, 1781. He and Waity lived in Foster tp. until 1809 when they settled on a tract of land nr. Newport, Herkimer County, N. Y. This farm which they bought in 1813, was on the highway "leading from the village of Newport to the town of Norway, containing 51 acres and a half and two-tenths part of an acre." It was part of lot number 53 in the second allotment "of the Royal grant." This farm Gorton and Waity sold May 7, 1817, for \$1,400, to Ezra Pearce, and that fall, removed to Truxton, where Waity died five years later (1822), eighteen days following the birth of a dau. Diana. Issue, 16 chn.: Gorton, Eliza, Owen, Emily, Polly, George, Henry, Gardner, Edwin, Cynthia, Amos, Waity, Marsena, Diana, Lucinda, Charles.

VII—Amos Westcott, b-Newport, Herkimer County, N. Y., Apr. 20, 1815, d-Syracuse, N. Y., July 6, 1873; m(1)-Truxton, N. Y., Clarissa Babcock, who d-1856; m(2)-1857, Harriet Nash. He was a dentist by profession; founded and first president of the N. Y. State Dental Society. During the Rebellion, he was mayor of Syracuse. Issue, 5 chn.: Watts, Edward, Clara, Frank, Margaret.

VIII—Watts Westcott, d-1848.

VIII—Edward Noyes Westcott, b-Sept. 27, 1846, d-Mar. 31, 1898; m-Cazenovia, N. Y., June 11, 1874, Jane Dones, b-Dec. 7, 1843, d-June 6, 1890. He was an influential banker and citizen, and captain of the local militia. He satisfied a hobby by writing the novel, "David Harum," which became extremely popular in the late 19th century. (See W. G., p. 404.) Issue, 3 chn.: Harold, Violet, Philip.

IX—Harold Westcott, b-Mar. 29, 1875, d-1905.

IX—Violet Westcott, b-July 31, 1878, d-1918; m-Victor Morawetz, b-1859, d-May 18, 1938. He became a millionaire corporation lawyer in New York. On the train Violet was expected to arrive in Syracuse to visit friends, her remains were carried, she having died suddenly in New York.

IX—Philip Noyes Westcott, b-Apr. 23, 1884, d-June 22, 1926; unkn.

From Lewis O. Westcott of Prairie Village, Kansas

MY TRIP TO THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By Lewis O. Westcott

Being a member of the Association of Transportation Practitioners (formerly the I.C.C. Practitioners), I was invited to join a Transportation Law Delegation through the People to People Citizens Ambassador Program for a trip to the Peoples Republic of China.

The delegation was made up of four lawyers, one of whom had been the owner of a truck line, and one a former I.C.C. Commissioner; five transportation consultants, and one retired traffic manager of a family owned truck line, and four were corporate traffic management and distribution executives. Geographically they were from AR, CA, DC, HI, KS, MA, MN, NJ, TX, WA, and Saudi Arabia.

I left home in Prairie Village, KS on Monday March 28, 1988 for Seattle where I was met at the airport by my brother Stew, and his wife Merky who live at Diamond Point on the Olympic Peninsula overlooking the Straits of Juan de Fuca. This is the entrance to the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma, and the Bremerton shipyards. Stew has a Beech Bonanza and has a hangar next to his house. The streets serve as taxi ways, and there is a hard surfaced runway at Diamond Point. They were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on the 28th, and their married children joined in the celebration. On March 31st, Stew flew me over to Boeing in Seattle where he rented a car and drove me around the old World Fair grounds, dropping me off at the Four Seasons Olympic hotel for the reception and banquet.

We lost a day crossing the International Date Line east to west, so it was April 2nd when we arrived in Japan. Our evening dinner was typical Japanese food with raw fish and all, with chop sticks yet, in the Japanese dining room of the Narita International Hotel where we were staying. The security at the Narita International airport was tighter than that at a U. S. SAC base, with guards in guard towers every little ways equipped with machine guns and automatic weapons, and a high chain link fence with electric barbed wire at the top, surrounding the airport.

Japan is a very modern, clean and beautiful country, what little we saw of it, and the people are very friendly and polite. It is expensive due to the rate of exchange of the currencies. However their products are of high quality, as most Americans can vouch for having bought many various things of Japanese manufacture in the U. S. They also drive on the left side of the road.

We arrived in Beijing on April 3rd and were there until April 8th. We had four professional meetings with the Chinese transportation and law delegations where we exchanged information on transportation and law. We also visited the Great Wall, The Forbidden City, and the Summer Palace, Beijing is a pretty city, and clean. There is much building going on and many new hotels. Of course Beijing is the capital city of the PRC. Tourism is getting to be big business in China, and there are many People to People delegations that go there to give the Chinese input as to various systems we use in the U. S. We met two People to People groups while we were there.

There are over a billion people in China, and most of them ride bicycles, or walk. There are many cars, trucks, and buses, but they are all state owned. There are no privately owned automobiles in China. Many Chinese live in apartments, some in individual houses, but those are not like our single family dwellings, but are more communal type and are where the very poor live. Apartments are being built all over in the cities, and that is where most of the Chinese will be housed. Again these are state owned.

We had two guides who were also interpreters who accompanied us during our entire stay in China. One we called Gracie, who was planning to attend law school next year, and the other guide was Rose, who is a lawyer. They had never been to the other cities in China that we were to visit, nor had either of them ever been in an airplane. I am sure that it was also somewhat of a treat for them. We also had local English speaking guides in each city that knew the cities. Norris, our local guide in Chengdu had studied in the U. S. and was very good, and was our interpreter for our professional meetings there as some of the meetings were somewhat technical.

On April 8th we flew to Xi'An southwest of Beijing. We were in Xi'An until Tuesday April 12th. We had only one professional meeting with the Chinese while we were in Xi'An. One of the most interesting things we saw in all of China was the Museum of Qin Pottery Figures which is terra cotta warriors and horses, several hundred of them who were buried with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Another point of interest in Xi'An was the Banpo Museum which is the site of a clan commune dating back some 6000 years.

On the Tuesday evening, April 12th, we flew to Chengdu which is about 1 1/2 hour flight by turboprop southwest of Xi'An. Chengdu is a pretty city and clean too. There were palm trees growing there, and could be considered to be sub-tropical.

We had four professional meetings in Chengdu relating to transportation and law.

On Monday April 18th we flew by turboprop to Guangzhou which is southeast of Chengdu, and just north of Hong Kong.

At our request, we did get to see a railroad freight yard here. It was very interesting as the rail transportation, both passenger and freight, is the most advanced form of transportation in China. However, because they have an abundance of coal, they still manufacture and use steam locomotives almost exclusively.

On the morning of Thursday April 21st, we departed Hong Kong for home, I arrived in KC on schedule. Mark, Nancy, and Dane were there to meet me, which really made my homecoming. It was great to be home again. Reflecting back on the trip, I found both the Japanese and the Chinese to be very friendly, and very polite. Japan is very progressive and is a world leader in industry. China realizes that there is much to learn, and accomplish to advance industrially and to raise the standard of living for their huge population. But the first giant step is being taken, and that is the fact that they realize their shortcomings, and their need to advance. And they are really trying hard to better themselves. They will succeed!

HELP- Lost Members

At the National Reunion in Ohio 1988, the SSWD Board voted to publish the list of missing and inactive members in the Quarterly. Can you help with updated information ,new address, change of name, or suggest someone who might know ?

Inactive members need only pay dues for the current year to be reinstated ! Contact Paul Lewis,Box 267, Riverton, Conn.,06065

A-12 M/M Phillip Audet,7 Pine St, Keene, NH 03431
673 M/M Jack Baker, 44 Beacon St, Chelsea, Mass. 02150
550 Miss Patricia W.Bentley, 73 1/2 Oak St. Plattsburg,NY 12901
358 Miss Grace E. Bennett, B-15 Highland Farms,Black Mt.,NC 28711
477 M/M Tevis Baker,610 W.Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen,ND 21001
A-53 M/M Vane Q. Bates,Jr.,6830 South Elizabeth Cr.,Littleton,CO 80120
551 M/M George W.Bentley,1217 Harmony Ln,Apt 60,Jeffersonville,IN 47130
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578 M/M Ronald H.Burroughs,Box 144,Griswold,Iowa 51535
586 Mr. Richard E. Carr ,Rt.1, Tunbridge,Vt 05077
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661 M/M Richard Clark,1118 West Lakewood Dr,Zephyrhills,FL 33599
A-63 Miss Julie Castor,Bartlett's Traylor Park,Winchester,NH 03470

Looking for Ancestors

Maryette Phillips,who married Rollin Nicholas Wescott,was the daughter of Henry Clay Phillips and Sylvia Reid.

I am trying to trace the families of both Phillips and Reid. Does anyone have information on Charles Phillips(father of Henry Clay), born in Forestville,NY 16 Oct 1809.,parents,place of death,burial ?

Sylvia A.Reid,father Ephraim M. Reid,mother Miriam L.Andrews. I need information on Ephraim's father and grandfather. John Mitchell Reid,Jr.is said to " Drown at sea when youngest child was 9." Need birth date,place,marriage date(wife,Ann Elizabeth Bishop) residence, burial,death registered where ? And John Mitchell Reid,Sr. ? Said to have gone down with his ship on Lake Champlain in the Revolutionary War. From Scotland. Birth date, place, wife,any other children,register of death where; residence,any leads.

Send any information to Pauline W. Dennis,1156 East 8th,Rifle,CO81650

Deaths

Ellen Kelley,mother of Elerena,Kelley Wescott died May 8,1989 at her home in Poultney, Vermont. She was mother-in-law of Harold W. Wescott, past National President ,and grandmother of SSWD members Harold Wescott,Jr. and Correne W. Minthorn,who officiated as chaplain with Rev. Townley at the funeral service.

Mrs. Kelley had the honor of being the keeper of the Poultney Historical Society's pewter-headed cane, distinguishing her as the eldest citizen of Poultney. She would have been 103 on May 12.

Mr. Paul R. Sampson died 01 January 1989. He is survived by his wife SSWD member, Virginia ,of Port Richey, Florida. Their two sons, Kirt,and Mark live in New Hampshire with their families.

Please send notice of birth,death,marriage,happy events,other events, to the editor so I can print it to share with family members.

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