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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MEMBERS WHO HAVE TURNED 80 IN 1990. THEY ARE ON THE SSWD ROLL AS HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS AND NEED NOT PAY DUES EACH YEAR.

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### NEW SSWD MEMBERS

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The address of these new Honorary Life members and new members is printed here so that you can drop them a note of personal greeting. We are proud to have 55-60 Honorary Life Members on our mailing list.

### WESTCOTT GENEALOGY - VOLUME # 3

" Members have been good about sending in update sheets for volume #3, but there is so much more to be collected. All descendants of Stukely ( and probable descendants) are eligible to be included in this edition. There is no charge involved for those included in the book of update ! After books are printed and ready for sale, anyone desiring a copy can purchase one at a fair price. Material will be accepted until the cut-off date, Dec 1990. I do appreciate and sincerely thank every "cousin" who has been in touch and sent info to me."

Edna J. Lewis  
Box 267  
Riverton, Ct 06065

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

1990 NATIONAL REUNION - NEW HAMPSHIRE - AUGUST 24,25,26

Site - Brick Tower Motel  
414 So. Main St.  
Concord, NH 03301  
Phone (603) 224-9565

Rates - Single-\$ 52.00, Double-\$ 58.00,  
extra person \$ 6.00 each, under 12-free  
Make reservations directly with the motel,  
at least 30 days in advance.  
Motor homes - no charge - camping nearby

Buffet, social, and officers  
meeting will be held at the motel  
Friday night and Sat. am.

Sat. noon : Cruise aboard the  
Mt. Washington, on Lake Winnepesaukee  
for 3 1/2 hours,  
group rates for 25 or more -  
adults \$ 11.00, children 5 -12 \$ 5.00  
under 5, free

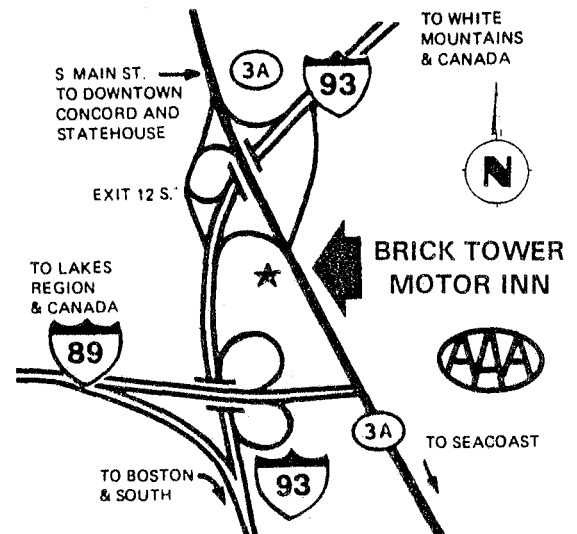
Sat. evening : Annual meeting,  
dinner and dance

Sunday : Continental breakfast  
and Church

# BRICK TOWER MOTOR INN

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(603) 224-9565

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A novelty "auction" is planned for Friday night. Donations of  
homemade items, like holders, mittens, pillowcases, doilies, aprons,  
anything that may be tucked in a suitcase to take home, will be  
appreciated. Everyone will be a winner.

If you have a musical talent, group talent, or a skit you'd like  
to add to the entertainment Friday night, we'd appreciate it. Let's  
make it a fun night.

Please, let us know if you are bringing your children so that we  
can plan activities.

Side trips you might want to plan on include: The new Christa  
McAuliffe Planetarium opening June 1; The State House will be open  
Friday, Aug. 24; Our newest and biggest shopping mall is about 2 miles  
from the motel; the most modern Psychiatric Hospital and most modern  
prison in the US are located here. We can make arrangements to see  
them if you notify us in advance.

Forms to make your reservations with us for the banquet, cruise  
and these side trips will be in the July Quarterly.

New Hampshire is a beautiful state, August is a nice month, and  
we've tried to make everything as economical and convenient as  
possible. We do sincerely want you to make this reunion.

Ed and Thelma Heath  
17 Cremin St.  
Concord, NH 03303

# HAROLD W. WESCOTT

## "A Good Man For The Community"

Harold was one of six children born to Rollin and Maryette (Phillips) Wescott in Wells, Vt. The year was 1904. His family, whose lineage was traced to the founding of Providence, Rhode Island in 1635, operated a cheese factory there as did his brother, Phillip, when he came to East Poultney.

Harold came to Poultney in 1926 and went to work for Williams Chevrolet as a mechanic, a skilled one by all accounts.

Harold opened his own garage in November of 1929. He later expanded his operation by purchasing and tearing down one of the old Borden Milk plant buildings and reconstructing it in the back of the garage. It is now used for storage.

With his wife, the former Elrena Kelley (1906-1987) of Middletown Springs, Vt. and their two children, Correne and Bud (Harold, Jr.), the family lived above the Chrysler-Plymouth Dealership for the first years. In the late 1940's they purchased the Federal home on the old line between East and West Poultney.

With the help of his wife, the family prospered, acquiring several properties in Poultney, Middletown Springs and Hampton, NY, both commercial and rural, including the Pontiac Garage in Poultney Village.

Harold held the first bus contract for the Poultney School system, using his mechanics for drivers. He operated on a very close margin, trying not to overcharge for the service. He often drove a spectator bus to games himself charging only for gas, not his time. This was his contribution to the athletic programs of the Poultney schools.

He was a tireless worker for the Methodist Church, toiling in any capacity which was needed including reconditioning items donated for the Church's annual auction. A dedicated member of the Poultney Rotary Club and its community projects, he was an avid volunteer for committees for Poultney's annual Halloween party for the Poultney youths, the annual chicken barbecue and the yearly block dance. In connection with Rotary he became a Paul Harris Fellow.

Before home freezers were in common use, Harold was instrumental in establishing the Poultney Freeze Locker Co-op, several times using his own money to bail it out of financial difficulty.

He eventually purchased the building and leased it for a grocery store only to have it gutted by a fire in 1959. But he was not one to be defeated and rebuilt the interior cement block building. He sold it to the Clarks in July 1979.

A sportsman, Harold loved to hunt, sometimes "just taking his gun for a walk" through the farm land and woods of his hunting camp in Middletown Springs. A member of the Poultney Fish and Game Club, he helped to build the Poultney Valley Club, the original Fish and Game Club building co-owned with the Poultney Grange. He was also one of the founders of the Poultney Development Corporation.

He was a Justice of the Peace but usually declined to marry couples because his personal belief was that a marriage should be performed by a man of God. However he did work in local government on the Board of Civil Authority.

Harold spearheaded the Poultney fund raising drive for the new Rutland Regional Medical Hospital constructed on Allen Street in Rutland. He was also one of the founders of the Poultney Development Corporation.

When time permitted, Harold enjoyed working the land, raising his own berries and vegetables as well as caring for his property holdings, many times doing his own carpentry, plumbing and repair work. His cleaning of a septic system was the most aromatic occupation he ever held, according to his family who was gathered and waiting dinner for him one Thanksgiving Day.

He also cared about the general state of the environment as evidenced by his annual participation in Green Up Day, when he did his part collecting roadside litter.

Many charities benefited from his generosity as well as countless individuals who received his quiet help. He never made a show of his giving, believing that you did for others because you wanted to.

He passed from this life in 1979 and was laid to rest in the Middletown Springs Cemetery.

"Titles on tombs are vainly spent a man's good name is his best monument."

FROM THE LETTER BOX

From Edna J. Lewis -Connecticut

" We are very pleased by the response of cousins who have ordered the reprint of Whitman's Westcott Genealogy volume I and II. As of this date we have FOUR (4) sets left. The income from the last four sets will be earmarked for the College Loan Fund." So, if you want a copy of I and II, you need to contact Edna soon.

From Malcolm R. Westcott of North York, Canada

In the January Quarterly, your list of lost members included my brother, Charles J. Westcott, Jr. He died in November 1984, and his widow, Elizabeth F. Westcott now lives at 998 Bent Road, Hatfield, PA, 19440. There are five children and ( I think) five grandchildren.

I am the author of a recently published book as per the enclosed flyer.

**The Psychology of  
Human Freedom**  
A Human Science Perspective and  
Critique

by M.R. Westcott  
1988. Approx. 3 figs., 226 pp.  
Softcover \$34.00  
ISBN 96809-1

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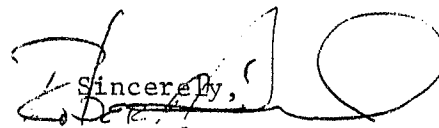
From Phyllis Reed - Vermont

Melanie Reed was a contestant in the Miss T.E.E.N. ( teens encouraging excellence nationally) in Barre, Vt recently. Melanie was chosen 2nd runner-up and Miss Congeniality, she also received a top award for the community service category. She is a Granville, NY high school senior, and the daughter of Don and Phyllis Reed of Wells, Vt and granddaughter of Mabel Wescott of East Poultney, VT. ( Taken from the Lakes Region FreePress; Oct, 1989.).

From Robert D. Hill, 4417 Edinbrook Terrace, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Seeking information on MIRANDA M. WESCOTT b-4 Nov 1824 Erie County, NY. She married Rev. Elisha J. McClelland in 1841 in Niagara County, NY or Knox County, Ohio. Were her parents Harden & Diantha Wescott of Alden/Marilla, Erie, NY? Harden was born @ 1799 in Otsego Co, Ny and Diantha born @ 1801 in Oneida Co, NY. They had a son named Theodore born @ 1839 in Alden, NY. Miranda died in Monona, Clayton, Iowa on 26 Oct 1913. Her second marriage was to Timothy Stiles in 1878.

Thank you....

Sincerely,  


Robert D. Hill

From John Wescott, Sr. Hagerstown, Maryland

John's son, Peter, spent time in Africa with the Peace Corp. He was featured in an article, Just folks, recalling his experiences in Malawi, Africa. Peter Wescott lived in Mzuzu, a town of 20,000 people and traveled to villages by motorcycle or Jeep to help build rural access roads. He was charged with designing the roads, getting materials, working with the foreman and actually teaching the villagers how to construct the roads.

When his Peace Corp contract was terminated, Peter spent time in Kenya and Botswana where he worked on housing development.

VITAL STATISTICS

Pamela Wescott Avery Schaeffer and husband, Chuck, of Mays Landing, NJ, have a baby girl, Sarah, born July 9, 1989. She's doing very well and keeping her parents very busy. Maternal grandmother is Wilma Wescott Avery of Port Republic, NJ.

Dan Lewis married Dr. Maren Dietz of Germany in Weinheim, Germany, 28 April 1989. Maren has now closed her office to take a year's leave to care for their baby Kathrin Elena. Dan is a civilian employee of the USA government in Germany. Fraternal grandparents, Paul and Edna Lewis, had a chance to visit the new family, when Dan had major surgery. They report the baby is a darling and all is well.

Oscar Eugene Place

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of my husband, Oscar Eugene Place on Oct. 29, 1989. My husband was born Feb. 1, 1914. After military service in WW II from 1941 to 1945, he lived in Massachusetts until 1950 when he returned to Warwick, RI, where he lived until his death.

His mother was Ethel Westcott Place, who was a member of SSWD before her death in 1980 at the age of 89 years. She lived in Warwick, RI, the home of Stukely Westcott, all her life.

He is survived by his wife, Helen K. a son, Philip Westcott Place, and two grandchildren. Sincerely, Helen K. Place, 291 Chatham Ct, Warwick, RI 02886

William Westcott Hopkins

William Westcott Hopkins, of 36 Maple Ave., Little Silver, NJ, died on August 15, 1989. It was his express wish that the Society be notified.

Born on March 19, 1906 son of Harold N. and Elizabeth Lent Hopkins, he married Marion Harder in December, 1933.

He is survived by his wife, Marion; daughter, Jane Malinda (Hopkins) Finn of Howell, NJ; and two sons, Stephen Westcott Hopkins of North Carolina; and Mark Leland Hopkins of Long Valley, NJ; 9 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

From Betty Acker Ohio-

Those who attended our gathering in Ohio in 1988 had the opportunity to meet my mother, Helen (Keyes) Westcott. She became bedfast early in 1989 and died Dec. 13th. My father, Charles S. Westcott, died in 1970. During their 49 years of marriage, they had two enduring interests: gardening and fishing - and of course the close contact with their daughter and granddaughter over the years.

After 40 years of teaching my father wrote:

Within a teacher's treasure chest  
A host of pleasant mem'ries rest,  
Of voices, laughs, a smiling face,  
Of blackboards, desks, a distant place:

But nothing there surpasses this  
For everlasting, perfect bliss:  
A father offering his hand,  
Who says, "My boy thinks you are grand".

Today people are still saying to me, "Charlie was my favorite teacher."  
I miss them both very much.