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A note from the National President

Once again, in Concord, New Hampshire in August, I was fortunate to be able to share a weekend with my Westcott "Cousins". A big "Thank you" from all of us to Ed and Thelma Heath and their great family for hosting a great reunion ! What a joy for me to renew acquaintances from 1986 in San Diego and Ohio in 1988. We had 13 states represented in Ohio and totalled 17 this year. Let's do even better in 1992 !

Barb and Art Westcott of Massena, New York have invited us to come and share their hospitality in 1992. So mark your calendar for 1992 to be in Massena. Hope to see you there, if not before.

Betty W. Acker, President S.S.W.D.A.

REPORT OF THE 1990 BIENNIAL REUNION

The 28th biennial meeting of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America was held in Concord, New Hampshire, August 24,25,26, 1990. It was the 56th anniversary of this society founded by Roscoe Whitman.

The Brick Tower motel at Interstate 89/93 served as headquarters for the reunion, which was hosted by Ed and Thelma Heath and their family; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Heath and Ed Heath, Jr. Mrs. Arlene Dole, president of the New Hampshire chapter, and her husband, Don, hosted several cousins at their home in Bristol and camp at Newfound Lake.

Thursday night was early check-in for those officers arriving for the Friday am. Board of Directors meeting. Registration from Thursday through Saturday reached a total of 90 people.

The cousins started gathering at 6pm Friday night at the Brick Tower dining room for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Elizabeth Heath, granddaughter of Ed and Thelma, entertained at the keyboard. At 7:30 president Mrs. Betty Acker welcomed all the cousins, and introduced Mr. Ken McDonnell, of the mayor's office, who welcomed us to Concord. Chaplain, George S. Westcott, gave the blessing and the cousins were ready to eat the hot and cold buffet catered by Tony Heath Catering Service. Lt.Col. Philip Whitman, master of ceremonies, conducted the cup auction of gifts brought by the cousins. Many were hand made like the family crest plaques, distinctive bed doll, fudge, knit hats, others were select gifts from the visitors home state. The luck of one New Hampshire cousin was incredible as she left with articles enough to start her own gift shop. (She also won the hand made quilt at the banquet !)

Following the drawing a skit was presented by the Ohio chapter depicting early emigration of Westcott descendants. The evening continued with music provided by Thelma Heath on the keyboard, George Rounds on banjo, and Sharon Coltey on guitar for listening pleasure of the 75 in attendance. This was followed by the showing of slides of past reunions by Mabel Wescott, Betty Acker, and Evelyn Hitchcock.

Saturday started as an overcast, rainy day which caught those camping, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Westcott, in a little wet and muddy ground, [flooded] But the intermittent showers were not enough to change the scheduled biennial meeting at the motel or the 3 1/2 hour trip on the Mt. Washington, a 1,250 passenger tour boat, on Lake Winnepesaukee. Some cousins went to the home of Philip Whitman on the shores of Winnepesaukee to watch as the group sailed past. The boat trip turned out to be wonderful as we watched the light clouds move across the mountains.

Soon the afternoon was gone and the banquet, catered by Tony Heath, at Sacred Heart Catholic church was under way. There were 17 states represented, Washington, Virginia, Ohio, Florida, Georgia, New Hampshire, Vermont, Colorado, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, Kansas, Massachusetts, Iowa, South Carolina, Maine, and the countries of Greece and Austria. Ned Morris introduced two young ladies on an exchange program from Austria, and Stewart Westcott had two grandchildren visiting from Greece.

Emcee for the evening, Edwin Heath, Jr., introduced president, Betty Acker, who presented our hosts, Ed and Thelma Heath with a token of appreciation for the excellent conference they set up for us. Blessing was given by chaplain, George S. Westcott. The main course of the evening was New Hampshire turkey and ham, with winter squash, lots of gravy and mashed potatoes served family style by the Heath family.

The program was opened by singing "We are Cousins All" led by Wilma Avery, Sharon Coltey, and Jeanne Seyfarth.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Lewis Westcott who gave a descriptive picture of his recent visit to England, which included time in Yeovil and St. John the Baptist Church, where Stukely Westcott married Julianna Marchant. Lewis has photographs of the original records to share with us. Write to him at 8121 Beverly Dr., Prairie Village, Kansas 66208

Other recent trips to England were shared by Allan Boerker and George Westcott who remembers a special plaque dedicated to Sir George Westcott.

"Bold Stukely Westcott" led by Wilma, Sharon, and Jeanne with Thelma Heath at the piano ended the formal part of the program.

Mrs. Mabel L. Westcott presented a special tribute to the memory of Dr. F. Howard Westcott (printed on page 4 of this issue). She described him as, "a loving, caring person who was interested in all of his Westcott cousins and enjoyed being with them." This tribute was closed by a "Prayer for All" written by Dr. Westcott in his book, "How You Can Live Healthy, Happy and Long", and a moving rendition of one of his favorite songs, "No Night There" by Mabel's daughter, Wilma Avery.

Edwin Heath, Jr. introduced the "Melody Men", a fine group of musicians who played music of the big bands as well as "The Chicken Dance" for the listening and dancing pleasure of the cousins. For some it was the first time in many years to be on the dance floor, for others, like the grandchildren of Ned and Fran Morris, and family of Mazie Taylor, it was a chance to show us all the latest steps.

Sunday we awoke to a glorious sun filled morning and again had doughnuts and coffee in the lobby. Thirty five cousins attended church together at the Wesley United Methodist church. After church many pictures were taken and farewells said until we meet again in 1992 in Massena, NY.

BIENNIAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 28th biennial meeting was called to order by President Betty Acker. The pledge of allegiance was led by recording secretary, Sharon Coltey, and blessing given by chaplain, George S. Westcott. President Acker expressed thanks to Ed and Thelma Heath for all their work in hosting this reunion.

Notes of greeting were received from Martha Hawley, CA, Ralph and Marcella Westcott, VA, Art and Barb Westcott, NY, Glenna Smith, OH, Marion and Sam Dorfler, NY, Floied and Ann Coltey, NY.

Minutes of the last biennial meeting were summarized by the secretary since copies were printed in the Quarterly for all members in 1988.

Officers reports:

Marcella Westcott, registrar, sent her report. In the past two years we have accepted 16 new members, with three more now pending.

Treasurer, Paul Lewis, reported \$ 2481.85 on hand as of July 30, 1990. The books were audited by Bert and Alice Hoffman

Corresponding secretary, Merle Westcott, has handled 29 pieces of correspondence. She has sent nine honorary certificates to members.

Ned Morris reported a balance of \$ 4145.00 in the Scholarship Loan Fund as of July 30, 1990. He has had 4 inquiries but no completed applications in the last two years. One member sends \$ 10.00 every month to the fund. Some donations have been made in memory of Dr. F. Howard Westcott. An applicant over eighteen must be a member of the Society, and those under eighteen belong through their family. A co-signer must also be a member in good standing and is obliged to pay off the loan in case of default.

Edna Lewis, genealogist reported that all 125 reprints of Whitman's Genealogy and Family History have been sold. She is working on volume III, an accumulation of 50 years of ancestry which will take time to compile.

Quarterly editor, Pauline W. Dennis, has a mailing list of 300 people which she has now put in a data bank in her new computer. Average cost over the last two years was \$.53 per copy, using first class mail and Xerox copies. A total of \$ 1297.65 for the two year period.

Barb and Art Westcott of Massena, New York have offered to host the 1992 biennial reunion. A motion was made and passed to accept this invitation.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors a motion was made and passed to increase the host expense allowance from \$ 150.00 to \$ 500.00.

Also upon recommendation of the board it was voted to increase the amount of money available through the scholarship loan fund from \$ 500 to \$1000.

Allan Boerker, chair of the nominating committee, presented the following:

President-	Mrs. Betty W. Acker, Ohio
Vice president-	Mr. Edmund W. Morris, Virginia
Recording sec.-	Mr. Sharon F. Coltey, Georgia
Correspond. sec.	Mrs. Merle Westcott, Washington
Treasurer-	Mr. Paul R. Lewis, Connecticut
Genealogist-	Mrs. Edna J. Lewis, Connecticut
Registrar-	Mrs. Marcella Westcott, Virginia
Chaplain-	Mr. George S. Westcott, Florida
News Editor-	Mrs. Pauline W. Dennis, Colorado

Board of Directors:

Past Pres: Mrs. Marion Dorfler, FL
Mrs. Eleanor Trisman, New Jersey
Mrs. Dorothy Perdue, Iowa
Mr. Marlin Perdue, Iowa
Mrs. Mabel L. Wescott, Vermont
Mr. Allan Boerker, New Hampshire/VA

Appointees: Mrs. Sylvia Utke-Ramsing, VA
Mrs. Ruth Barry, Pennsylvania
Mr. G. Philip Whitman, New Hampshire
Mr. Stewart Westcott, Washington
Mr. Edwin Heath, Sr., New Hampshire
Mrs. Mazie Taylor, Ohio

Memorial service was conducted by the chaplain, George S. Westcott.

Departed members since our last reunion :

Mr. Oscar Place, Rhode Island
Mr. W. Westcott Hopkins, New Jersey
Mr. Arthur L. Randall, Florida
Mrs. Charles S. Westcott, Jr., Ohio
Dr. F. Howard Westcott, California
Mrs. Dorothy Bayliss, NH
Mr. Nelson George Wescott, Sr, PA
Mrs. Irving Duane Wilson

Mr. Paul Sampson, Florida
Mr. Scot Smith, Florida
Mr. George Bolton, New York
Mr. Eldon R. Vosseller, Florida
Mr. Clarence Westcott, New York
Mrs. Clyde Ralph Wescott, NH
Dr. S.E. Parke, California

Special memories of these members were expressed by members present. A moment of silent prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer closed the service.

Memories of Dr. F. Howard Westcott

As presented by Mabel L. Wescott at the 1990 Reunion banquet

He was such a loving caring person who was interested in all of his Westcott cousins and enjoyed being with them.

His love for this organization and all it's members was deep in his heart from the time it was founded in January 1934 with 119 charter members. His number, 54, shows us he was a member from it's beginning.

He was president of the Greater New York chapter and served three terms as president of the National Society.

Serving on the board since his presidency, he attended most of the meetings and was helpful in many ways, from offering the opening prayer to giving helpful suggestions for programs, serving on committees and installing officers. Most of all he spent time getting acquainted with all of the Westcott cousins and enjoying being with them.

He wanted us to know and appreciate our Westcott history. At several of our meetings he dressed as Amos, Stukely's son, and told of the ocean voyage to Massachusetts, the wilderness journey and their life in the new country. He shared a chapter from his book, The English Exodus, at one of our meetings.

At our meeting in Milford Center, New York in 1970 he started the Westcott Scholarship Loan Fund which he administered until he turned it over to Ned in 1988. He was truly interested in our young people and encouraged them.

We had a hobby show in Bennington to get to know our members better. He showed us some of his collection of stones and explained how to make a rough stone into a finished one for jewelry. I have a bit of his work on display here tonight.

In Warwick, RI in 1984 he presented Edna Lewis with a Second Wind Award and inducted her into the Second Wind Hall of Fame because she continued to be productive beyond retirement age. She received her degree in Childhood Education, did some writing and is now updating our genealogy. I asked her to bring her certificate and her copy of Second Wind for you to see.

At the same meeting he presented Pauline Clark, Susan and Westcott Rochette and Mabel Wescott with gifts of his beautiful handcrafted jewelry.

In 1961 he became a member of Project Hope's first year with the Hospital Ship, "Hope". Georgia joined him in Vietnam and worked with him in Peru in 1963 and Nicaragua in 1965. He shared stories and slides from these experiences at many of our meetings.

He entertained us with stories of his flying and dancing experiences. He enjoyed our planned programs, especially the music. He thought the Westcott cousins were especially gifted with music ability.

He had a keen sense of humor. At our first Iowa reunion we had a bus trip to see the real Iowa. We visited a hog farm, an auction barn, where we saw a bull being auctioned, a beef cattle ranch, and visited a milking parlor on Marlin Perdue's modern dairy farm. We toured Yankee St. where the Westcott's settled when they first went west. Dr. Westcott and Susan Handy, our president, who was a fastidious lady, were in the seat ahead of me as we were returning to Griswold. I heard Susan say, "I hope, Howard, you have time to take a shower before dinner." He turned to her and said, "You don't smell so sweet yourself, cousin."

That evening we had a steak dinner at a Boy Scout Camp out in the country. As Dr. Westcott, neatly dressed, was giving his slide presentation, we had a very bad thunderstorm. The lights went out. We got back safely. Dr. Westcott showed his slides to the Sunday School children the next day. We were all in church, even the Lewis' whose tent had collapsed in the storm.

In 1986 he and Georgia and his family entertained us in Escondido, California. He thought that only a few would come so far, but we surprised him with a good turn out. We certainly enjoyed all the activities they planned for us: the guided tour behind the scenes at the Wild Animal Park, conducted by Julianna Westcott, the reception and dinner at the hotel with a variety show of singing and dancing by the Red Hot Mama's, a group of young mother's. He was so proud to introduce us to his family at the banquet. And to his church where we had lunch and attended the Sunday service.

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As we were saying our good-bys he had a phone call from his spiritual mentor, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who had persuaded him to write his book, How You can Live Healthy, Happy, and Long. He had just completed the book.

We missed him at our Ohio meeting. Sometime after that I received a letter from him telling of his life at the Club to which he had moved and his daily trips to visit Georgia at the convalescent home.

He closed by writing, "I'll see you at the next reunion if my candle doesn't flicker and go out."

We will miss him, but the light and the inspiration of over 50 years of devotion to the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America will long remain with us. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

I will close with, "My Prayer for All", from his book, then Wilma Avery will sing, "No Night There".

The registration list of 1990 SSWDA reunion in New Hampshire.

8-24-90	177 Morris Peter Heath	Franklin, N.H.
8-24-90	Thelma Fortwick	Washua, N.H.
8-24-90	AILENE RICHGEO	MERRITT IS. FL
8-24-90	Darlow & Ruth Westcott	COLO. SPARKS CO.
8-24-90	Fred & Alice H. Brown	Dunsmuir, CA
8-24-90	John & Georgina Westcott	Dixie City, FL
8/24/90	Paul & Edna Deane	Riverton, CT
8/24/90	Edmund & Betty Deane	Danville, Va. RD 2 Box 495 11821
8/24/90	Maggie Taylor	6025 Columbus, Columbus, Ohio 43203
8/24/90	Carl & Diana Hatfield-Kerrin	1225 Main Hope, Pe. Adamsville, OH 43003
8/24/90	Lynne & Richard	3204 Redwood Grandport, Va. 14420
8/24/90	Jana Mattison	57 Lincoln Place, Freeport, ME 04520
8-24-90	Stewart + Marie WESTCOTT	SEQUIM, WA
"	Sylvia + Verner Ramsing	ALEXANDRIA, Va
"	Betty + Chick Baker	Ohio
8-24-90	George + Betty Westcott	27 Liberty, Zb.
"	Mrs. + Mrs. Susan Gilroy	Zaki City, PA. 20260
"	NEO + FRAN MORRIS	CECOT, Va 22932
8-24-90	Don + Florence Dale	Briston, N.H. 03222
8-24-90	Madeline + Joseph	East Rockway, N.H. 03224
8-24-90	Claudia and Allen Benton	Bristol, N.H. 03222
8-24-90	Pauline + Chuck Dennis	Rifle, CO 81650
8-24-90	Wilma W. Leary	Albany, NY 08201
8-24-90	Edwin + Susan Westcott	Lawrence, N.H. 03303
8/24/90	Opal Kirk Reed	72 Summer St. Dublin, Jct. Me
8/25/90	Dora & Phyllis Reed	111 Ayer St. Walling, N.H. 03224
8/25/90	Mr + Mrs Tony Heath	Concord, NH
8/25/90	Wm + Mrs Muriel Heath	Franklin, N.H.
8/25/90	Ed Heath	Franklin, N.H.
8/25/90	Doris Deane	Franklin, N.H.
8-24-90	Lewis & Nancy Westcott	Prairie Village KS
8-24-90	DAVID & JEANNE SEYFARTH	FRANKLIN, MA
8-24-90	Bobby Papai'Onnony	10 YEARS KARYSTOS EVIA
8-24-90	ARITTI PAPAIDANNON	22 YEARS KARYSTOS EVIA
8-24-90	PAUL + MYRTLE COOPER	GRANT TOWN, N.H.
8/24/90	G. Philip Whitman	Box 132 Mirror Lake, N.H. 03225
8/24/90	Everett + Dorothy Heath	Danbury, N.H.
8/24/90	John + Rosemary	Alta
"	Cathleen Boudo	"
8/24/90	Sandra Sturton	Orange, N.H.
8/24/90	Marian Dodge	3rd of Co. N.H.
8/24/90	Kathy Merrill	Orange, N.H.
8/24/90	Anna Wiscott	Canaan, N.H.
8-24-90	JAMES (Jim) & HELEN WESTCOTT	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
8-24-90	Virginia Sampson	Port Rialto, FL
8-24-90	RALEIGH PICARD	TAMPA, FL
8-25-90	Dean + Fay Gray	Rumney, N.H. 03266
8-25-90	Joan + Tom Benton	Manchester, N.H.
8-25-90	Beta Benton	" "
8-25-90	Tommy Benton	" "
8-25-90	Sidney + Frances (Westcott) Paine	Concord, N.H.
8-25-90	Karen Weedon	Hooksett, NH
8-25-90	Kirt + Nancy Sampson + Boys	Laconia, NH
8/25/90	Norma P. (Greene) Gaboray	Middletown, N.Y.
8/25/90	Audrey Greene Sienko	North Myrtle Beach, SC
8-25-90	John A. Westcott	Dixie City, FL

Available to members:

Two maps of early Warwick, Rhode Island showing the 1673 plots of land, 1600, 1700, & 1800's landmarks and history plus the land owned by Stukely Westcott.

One is 17" x 23" and the other is 12" x 17" showing the Northeastern section. Originally printed in 1936 for the Rhode Island Tercentenary.

They are printed on antique looking paper and are suitable for framing. (I had mine plastic coated at the printers.) Cost is \$ 5.50 for both maps including postage. Make check payable to Betty W. Acker, 2145 Richvale Rd., Nashport, Ohio 43830