

Pres.-Mrs. Betty Acker, Ohio  
Vice pres.-Mr. Edmund W. Morris, Virginia  
Record sec.-Mr. Sharon F. Colley, Georgia  
Corr. 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

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY  
Issued quarterly January, April, July, Oct  
Noting activities of the Society. Free  
to members, non-members \$5.00 yearly.  
Editor - Pauline W. Dennis  
1156 E. 8th St.  
Rifle, CO 81650

JULY 1991

KNOW YOUR KINDRED BETTER

Vol LVII no. 3

### NATIONAL NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT - BETTY W. ACKER

IN MARCH I WENT TO TOLEDO, OHIO WHERE I RECEIVED MY CERTIFICATE FOR "FIRST FAMILIES OF OHIO". THE REQUIREMENT WAS HAVING A PIONEER ANCESTOR IN OHIO BY 1820. CHRISTOPHEHR WESTCOTT MET THIS REQUIREMENT BY COMING FROM RHODE ISLAND IN 1816. IT WAS PRESENTED BY THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

IN APRIL I SPENT A MOST PLEASANT EVENING IN GREENSBORO, N.C. WITH ROBERT AND MARGE WESTCOTT. FOUR BOXES OF EARLY SOCIETY RECORDS WERE TURNED OVER TO ME AT THAT TIME. WHAT A WEALTH OF INFORMATION THEY CONTAIN!

FROM THE SALE OF THE 21 BOOKS THAT I HAD PRINTED OF DR. F. HOWARD WESTCOTT'S BOOKLET, "AN ENGLISH FAMILY'S EXODUS", I HAVE GIVEN A CHECK TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78.54. I HAVE NOW REPRINTED AND WE HAVE 18 LEFT TO SELL. THE PRICE IS \$8.00 WHICH INCLUDES THE POSTAGE.

JUNE 9th FOUND ME IN DES MOINES, IOWA TO ATTEND THE IOWA CHAPTER MEETING OF THE S.S.W.D.A. IT WAS A LONG DRIVE FOR ME, BUT REALLY ENJOYED BOTH THE LUNCHEON AND THE IOWA WESTCOTT COUSINS.

HISTORICAL WESTCOTT TOUR MAP OF RHODE ISLAND  
EARLIER THIS YEAR I SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO ALL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS AND SOCIETY MEMBERS IN RHODE ISLAND.

"SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR INFORMATION ON WHAT TO SEE THAT IS OF IMPORTANCE TO WESTCOTT COUSINS WHEN THEY ARE VISITING IN RHODE ISLAND. I HAD A FEW SUGGESTIONS SUCH AS THE STUKELY WESTCOTT MEMORIAL MARKER, THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE AND THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY WHICH HAS THE STUKELY WESTCOTT BIBLE IN A CASE.

I WOULD LIKE TO COMPILE ALL THE SITES AND INCLUDE THEM ON A MAP TO SUPPLY TO MEMBERS. I, MYSELF, FOUND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE PLACES OF INTEREST EVEN AFTER I GOT TO WARWICK.

POSSIBLY WE CAN HELP OTHERS BY COMBINING OUR INFORMATION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO ME WITH LOCATIONS AND ADDRESSES AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE."

EVERY REPLY THAT I RECEIVED THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A WORTHY PROJECT, BUT DETAILED INFORMATION IS LACKING. I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE LOCATIONS OF CEMETERIES WHERE EARLIER "COUSINS" ARE BURIED.

ONE SUGGESTION THAT I DID GET WAS TO LIST THE ADDRESSES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES IN THE AREA - THEY ALWAYS HAVE VALUABLE INFORMATION.

I AM ALSO IN CONTACT WITH A COUPLE OF THE OWNERS OF EARLY WESTCOTT HOMESTEADS. THESE COULD BE A POSSIBILITY, AT LEAST FOR A DRIVE-BY VIEW.

EXAMPLE: STUKELY WESTCOTT BIBLE  
PLACE: RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
121 HOPE STREET  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.  
PHONE FOR SOCIETY HOURS - 331-8575  
DIRECTIONS: FROM RT. 95 TAKE 195 EAST TO GANO ST. EXIT.  
RIGHT ON GANO ST. FOR 5 BLOCKS TO POWER ST.  
LEFT ONTO POWER ST. FOR 3 BLOCKS TO HOPE ST.  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS A LARGE BRICK BUILDING  
ON THE CORNER.  
ASK FOR THE REFERENCE DESK.

AT THIS TIME, IT APPEARS THAT I MUST CONSIDER A TRIP TO RHODE ISLAND SINCE I WILL NEED TO VERIFY STATISTICS. BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU.

BETTY W. ACKER  
2145 RICHVALE RD  
NASHPORT, OH 43830

FROM BOARD MEMBER, ALLAN BOERKER

AS A RESULT OF THE MOTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE IN AUGUST, 1990, A NEW OFFICE OF HISTORIAN IS TO BE CREATED. BETTY ACKER WILL BE NOMINATED AND WILL PROBABLY ASSUME THE OFFICE OF HISTORIAN WHEN SHE LEAVES THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT IN THE SUMMER OF 1992.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY BETTY OF ANY WESTCOTT MATERIAL THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION. IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO GIVE UP THESE MATERIALS - JUST LET BETTY KNOW WHAT THERE IS AND WHO HAS IT. ON OCCASION WE MAY WISH TO DISPLAY SOME OF THESE ARTICLES AND DISCUSS THEIR HISTORY AT OUR BIENNIAL MEETINGS.

BETTY IS SETTING UP A FILE FOR ALL WESTCOTT INFORMATION. THE FILE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. A LIST OF ALL MEMBERS SINCE THE FOUNDING OF OUR ORGANIZATION.
2. A SET OF ALL QUARTERLIES.
3. A SET OF MINUTES OF ALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND THE SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETINGS.
4. KEEP A SCRAPBOOK OF PROGRAMS, BIENNIAL GATHERING REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MEMORABILIA.
5. KEEP A COPY OF ALL OFFICERS JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND DUTIES REQUIRED OF A DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD.
6. MAINTAIN ALL SOCIETY SCRAPBOOKS.
7. ORGANIZE ALL HISTORICAL DATA OF THE ORGANIZATION.

PLEASE SEND TO BETTY ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THESE ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE. IF NOT AN ORIGINAL, THEN SEND A COPY. THIS WILL GIVE BETTY A COMPLETE FILE ON ALL INFORMATION WE HAVE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS. THANK YOU,

*Allan E. Boerker*  
ALLAN E. BOERKER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
EVELYN HITCHCOCK  
SYLVIA RAMSING

## FROM THE LETTER BOX

### From Ned Morris of Virginia

Fran and I have settled in our new home and find it to be all we had hoped for and more. The complete sense of freedom to come and go is a major advantage aside from the guarantee of life - care.

Last month we went to Ohio for Alumni Day at Heidelberg ( we're in the 50 year reunion bracket ). We visited with Fran's mother who will celebrate her 96th birthday next month. She continues to live alone in the house Fran grew up in and drives her car on occasion.

Next month we will go to Memphis to visit friends and former business associates and in September sail on the QE-2 for about a month's tour of the continent.

### From Cynthia A. Westcott of Massachusetts

I have 2 new great-grandsons. Thomas Samuel Westcott born April 15, 1991 to David E. & Carmela Westcott. They live in Connecticut.

Jacob Daniel Milender born May 26, 1991 to Jeffrey & Stephanie Milender. They live in Concord, NH. This is Anne's first grandchild and she is thrilled. Her youngest, Kenneth Milender, married Nancy Igrailevitz on May 20, 1990. They live in Manchester, Connecticut.

Now I have 8 great grandsons and 3 great grand daughters, quite a family.

### From Avery's of New Jersey

William Kellogg Avery, son of William Avery and SSWDA member Wilma Westcott Avery, married Madeline Brown on Saturday, July 13, 1991. The wedding took place at the United Methodist Church in Absecon, New Jersey.

### Death of Helen Fuller Westcott

The death of Helen Elizabeth ( Fuller ) Westcott on June 7, 1991 was reported by Cynthia A. Westcott. She was the widow of Norman Marr Westcott SSWDA #102. Born May 14, 1903, she was 88 years of age, and had been ill for some time. She lived in Pawtucket, RI and was buried in Moschaseeck Cemetery, Central Falls, RI.

### From Sadie Reed Roberts of New York

### From the Carr Family of Vermont

The Granville Sentinel, Wednesday April 17, 1991-9

## GCS senior VanDetta heads to Yale

By Jennifer Lindgren

GCS Senior Dan VanDetta received word last week of his acceptance by Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, for the Fall 1991 semester.

Dan will enter Yale this fall as a member of the class of 1995. He plans to major in psychology. This week he is attending Future Freshman Days, an orientation program on the Yale campus.

Throughout his high school career, Dan has developed an impressive list of both academic and extra curricular credentials. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. For four years he has competed on the Math Team and was captain of the Answers Please Team for the past three years.

He has served on both the French and Spanish clubs, and has been an



active member of the Granville Leos, a service club sponsored by the Lions Club. He has represented GCS at All-County Band and Chorus festivals;

and last year was a delegate to Boys' State. Dan also served as an ambassador to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar at RPI in 1988. He represented New York State at National Youth Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., last December.

In addition to his academic endeavors, he has a number of athletic achievements to his credit. He is captain of both the Cross-Country and Wrestling Teams; he has also been on the track team for four years.

Of his acceptance at Yale, Dan said: "Yale was the ultimate goal for me. The Ivy League is the big leagues when it comes to education. All the hard work has paid off, I can't wait to get there!"

Dan is the son of Kathleen Roberts of Hampton, NY and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts also of Hampton.

### **Richard E. Carr**

TUNBRIDGE — A funeral service for Richard E. Carr, 60, who died Tuesday following a tractor accident on Hardscrabble, will be held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the Congregational Church. The Rev. David L. Wolfe, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, Mass.

He was born in Waterbury, Conn., June 1, 1930, son of Elmer L. and Ruth (Westcott) Carr.

He attended elementary school and high school in Thomaston, Conn., and later received his diploma.

Mr. Carr served from 1947 to 1968 in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict and Vietnam era in communications and retired as chief petty officer.

Since 1968 he operated the Smith farm on Whitney Hill.

Mr. Carr was a member of the Methodist Church in Thomaston. He was a member on two area bowling teams.

Survivors are two brothers, Phillips W. Carr and Clifford A. Carr, both of Bethel; a sister, Sylvia Mae Stukshis of Oakville, Conn.; an aunt; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by two brothers, his twin, Robert Carr in 1982, and Elmer Carr in 1987.

Friends may call Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Boardway and Cilley Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to First Branch Ambulance Service, care of Anne Pfarrer, Tunbridge 05077.

## Chapter News

### Ohio Chapter #15

The biennial reunion of Ohio Chapter #15 was held Sunday, June 23, 1991, at Armco Park in Zanesville, Ohio. The afternoon began with a bountiful picnic dinner. The program included the skit that had been presented at the National Reunion in 1990. Kaye Taylor Bednarczuk, daughter of Maizie Westcott Taylor, provided keyboard accompaniment for group singing. Several rounds of Bingo were played and small prizes awarded.

Plans for the 1993 Chapter #15 reunion were discussed.

Hostesses for the reunion were Louise Westcott Markwood of Columbus, and Lois Westcott Allen of Cambridge with assistance from Betty Westcott Acker of Zanesville.

### Iowa Chapter

A meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the Descendants of Stukely Westcott was held June 9, 1991, at the University Park Holiday Inn in Des Moines, IA. It was well attended with 19 present, including our National President, Betty Acker, of Ohio.

A luncheon was preceded by a get-acquainted period during which old friends could reminisce about the past successes of the Iowa Chapter, and the new members could enjoy meeting their cousins. We all thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with President Acker.

Following the luncheon and a challenging talk by Betty Acker, a business meeting was held. Most of the time was devoted to discussing possibilities for a new project which could be as successful as our last major project, the reprinting of the Westcot History and Genealogy books. We decided to take the first steps toward an attempt to contact ALL Westcott cousins in Iowa. After a year or so of preliminary effort, we'll see if this project is at all practical.

The meeting concluded with James Westcot, President of the Iowa Chapter, presenting a paper which was based on the Civil War Diary kept by his great grandfather, George Porter Westcot, Wisconsin 14th Infantry. The diary gave an vivid description of an infantryman's view of the Atlanta Campaign.

Attending the meeting were Betty Acker, Columbus, Ohio; Dick and Nancy Bruckman, Des Moines, IA; Val Bruckman, Anamosa, IA; Bill and Pearl Westcott Greif, Altoona, IA; Raymond and Berniece Smith, Elliott, IA; Murray, Connie and daughter Sarah Smith, Elliott, IA; LeRoy ("Wes") and Pat Westcott, Webster City, IA; Mark and Thelma Westcott, Waterloo, IA; Melvin and Mary Elizabeth Westcott, Iowa City, IA; and James and Helen Westcot, Cedar Rapids, IA.

### Vermont Chapter # 5

ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 17, 1991 SATURDAY

MODERN WOODMAN of AMERICA SHELTER

WELLS, VERMONT

11:30 am

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR LUNCH

CONTACT : Phyllis Reed, Sec.  
Wells, Vt. 645-0378



Helen Westcot, James Westcot,  
President Iowa Chapter, and  
Betty Acker, National President



## 1992 NATIONAL REUNION

July 7, 1991

HI and GREETINGS from the Home of the St. Lawrence Seaway at Massena, NY. Put on your calendar and plan on attending the next Westcott reunion July 31-August 2, 1992. On July 14, 1991 the Ackers, George Westcott's, Ed Heath's and Art Westcott and some of his family are starting to plan for this event. Any suggestions or thoughts you might have to help us would be appreciated and duly considered.

Now, where in heaven's name is Massena, NY? Get your map out and look at northern, and we do mean northern, NY along the St. Lawrence River. We are about 90 miles southwest of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Besides the St. Lawrence Seaway, fishing, scenery, and a great place to be, another "claim to fame" we often have in the winter time is the continental low temperature (like 45 below occasionally). Perhaps you've heard that on your national weather reports. Also, one of our church members told us we are exactly half-way between the equator and the North Pole.

Betty Acker suggested we tell you a little about ourselves - "we" being Art and Barb Westcott and Family, who will be the nucellus for planning this meeting.

Art's Mom and Dad, Arthur Jesse and Edith came to Massena in 1908 after they were married, to open a stationery store because there was talk of the Seaway going through and things were expected to "boom". Arthur Jesse died at the age of 76, May 23, 1954, only a few weeks after the bill was finally passed to establish the St. Lawrence Seaway. They started work shortly after that and the Seaway was opened in 1958. Edith lived until 1975 (she was 90), so she at least saw it all come to pass.

Art and Barb (a Massena native also) were married August 6, 1950 and have 5 children - Aaron Jeffrey 7-2-51; Judy 2-10-53; Eric 5-30-54 (born 1 week after grandfather passed away); Toby 3-20-57; and Bonnie 4-14-58. Art also has a sister and brother-in-law, Korleen W. and Keith McCullough who now live in Sebring, Florida.

Jeff, wife Kim, children Aaron 7 and Kate 6 live in Malta, NY; Judy (Fregoe), husband Dan, Jessy 6 and Nathan 5 live in Rotterdam, NY; Eric, wife Joan, Andrew (AJ) 3 and Elizabeth 2 months live in Massena; Toby, wife Joy, stepchildren Nathanael 7 and Abigail 5 live in Millburn, NJ and are expecting a new baby in mid-August; and Bonnie lives in Schenectady with 3 dogs, 3 birds, 1 rabbit, several guinea pigs and many fish.

As noted in the letter above, we had two special events in the last year and another one coming up. Toby and Joy Haskins were married September 1, 1990, joining Joy and her two children, Nathanael David and Abigail Joy to our family. Then on May 11, 1991, Elizabeth Leigh Westcott, daughter of Eric and Joan Westcott, arrived safe and sound.

Arthur and Edith attended the Tercentenary Celebration in Rhode Island in June 1935. Art and Barb and 4 of children went to the 1972 reunion in Poultney, VT. Then Art and Barb were able to be at Escondido, CA in 1986, Zanesville in 1988 but couldn't get to Concord in 1990 due to Toby and Joy's wedding in NJ on Sept. 1, 1990.

We are pleased to be hosting the '92 "Shindig" and hope a lot of you will be able to come. More details will be in the next few newsletters, so, be on the lookout!!

PS - Art is still in the store, though at this time hoping to sell, and Barb has just completed 20 years as part-time secretary of Emmanuel Congregational UCC in Massena.

Shalom -  
Art and Barb Westcott  
38 Marie Street  
Massena, New York 13662  
Phone 315-769-5043