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## NATIONAL NEWS

### MEET THE SOCIETY OFFICERS

# MERLE WESTCOTT, Corresponding Secretary

" My husband, Stew, and I attended our first SSWDA Reunion in Escondido, California in October, 1986. I became corresponding secretary in 1988 at the Reunion in Zanesville, Ohio and continue to serve in that capacity. Stew has been a board member for the same period.

We have lived on the North Olympic Peninsula of Washington State since our retirement in 1987. Our house and airplane hanger are on the Diamond Point airport which is 13 miles east of Sequim ( our post office address ). We look out over the Strait of Juan De Fuca. We have a 1953 " D " model Bonanza which we flew to the 1990 Reunion in New Hampshire ( as well as in 1986 )

Stew and I both hold office in the Grange. Since our local Grange membership is mostly made up of retirees, we are involved in many community service activities. Stew is chairman of the Scholarship committee which has raised money and awarded several scholarships.

Since retirement we also have taken square dance lessons and have a good time attending dances as well as continuing to take " plus " classes.

We also enjoy traveling. We spent a month, August 15 to Sept.12, this year in Australia. We went to Northern Queensland, The Northern Territory and areas around Sydney and Canberra. We are looking forward to the 1992 Reunion in Massena, New York.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

#### <u>Iowa chapter</u>

"The 33rd Annual Reunion of SSWDA was held June 9, 1991, at University Holiday Inn in West Des Moines. Eighteen members were present along with Betty Acker, National president. The slate of officers will remain the same, President, James Westcot; Secretary, Val Bruckman; Treasurer, Murray Smith; Chaplain, Marlin Perdue.

James Westcot gave a program about his great-grandfather, George Porter, who served in the Civil War. James shared excerpts from Grandfather Porter's Civil War diary

We will have another reunion in Des Moines on the second Sunday in June. Mark your calendar June 14th, 1992 right now. "

### FROM THE NATIONAL GENEALOGIST

SSWDA members who are descendants of Rollin Nicholas Wescott and Maryette Phillips will be glad to know that the line has now been proven.

Stukely b. England 1592 m Juliana Marchant Jeremiah b. England 1633-4 m Eleanor England Josiah b Rhode Island 1675 m Hannah Gardiner Nicholas, Sr. b Rhode Island 1702 m Sarah Nicholas, Jr. b Rhode Island 1736 m (name unknown) Nicholas III b Rhode Island 1774 m Abigail Nicholas IV b Clarendon Spa., VT 1799 m Phebe Hines(wife #2) Amos Martin b Pittsford, VT 1828 m Lucy Wheeler(wife #2) Rollin Nicholas b North Hoosick(White Creek)NY 1865 m Maryette Phillips Issue: Lucy, Frances, Ruth, Henry Phillips, Harold (2 dau. died in childhood)

Nicholas IV had a brother Job Prescott Wescott

## FROM THE LETTER BOX

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#### From Jim Westcot of Iowa

" It's been quite a summer for Helen and me. First, the Westcott Reunion in Des Moines, then my retirement on July 31st and all of the events that go with that step, and finally a wonderful trip to Switzerland. I'm just now starting to get accustomed to not going to work on Monday morning. To the question, " How do you like it ? ", I can truthfully answer, " I love it. "

#### From Ruth Barnhardt of North Carolina

" I thought you might like to see this story about our <u>grandson</u>, Michael Westcott Hefron (named after my father, Dr. F. Howard Westcott)." the news article from the Canton Citizen, MA May 2,1991 tells the story of Karen and Michael Hefron and son Michael, who at 2 years old is recovering from his <u>third heart surgery</u>.

"Tests revealed that Michael had been born with truncous arteriosis, a congenital heart defect which severely affects the hearts ability to properly oxygenate and pump blood to the body....Shortly after his second birthday, little Michael has amazingly rebounded and is recovering very well."

" Also, I'd like to announce the <u>birth</u> of his sister, Katherine MacFarland born May 17, 1991 in Boston."

### From Pearl Jay Brown of Vermont

" I'm doing much better now and have come a long with my recovery. ( from a stroke ) Now I'm able to walk with a cane or walker and am starting to do things with my hands. Hopefully I will be crocheting and knitting in another year.

I'd like to announce the <u>marriage of our daughter Wendy Marie</u>, to James R. Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Foley of Hancock, VT on Oct. 12, 1991."

#### From Barbara Westcott of New York

Our son, Toby, of Millburn, NJ announces the <u>birth</u> of their son, Tyler James Westcott, who arrived safe and sound on August 16, 1991.

#### From Wilma Avery of New Jersey

Our daughter, <u>Patti, married</u> Hudson Vanderhoff, of Somers Point, NJ on February 18th, 1991. They are living with me at present. We now have an addition to our family -Hudson Leroy Vanderhoff <u>born</u> Nov. 15, 1991 at the Mainland Branch of Atlantic City Medical Center in Pomona, NJ. 8 lbs 11 oz and doing well.

#### From Patricia Adkins Rochette, mother of Westcott Rochette.

Westcott is attending Swathmore college, and is fluent in five languages.

### Re: Frances Ann Westcott Wilson (1869-1938)

The lovely Vistorian house which was built for her as a bride in 1896 is being converted into their County Museum in Hopkinton, Deleware County, Iowa.

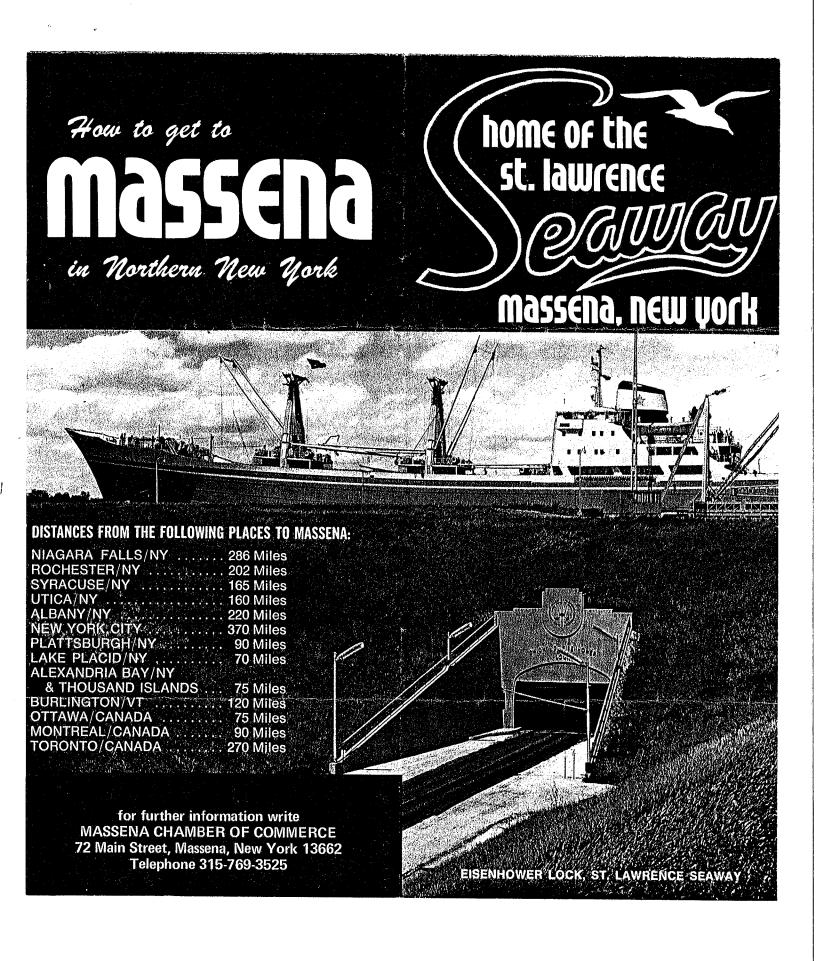
#### **DEATHS**

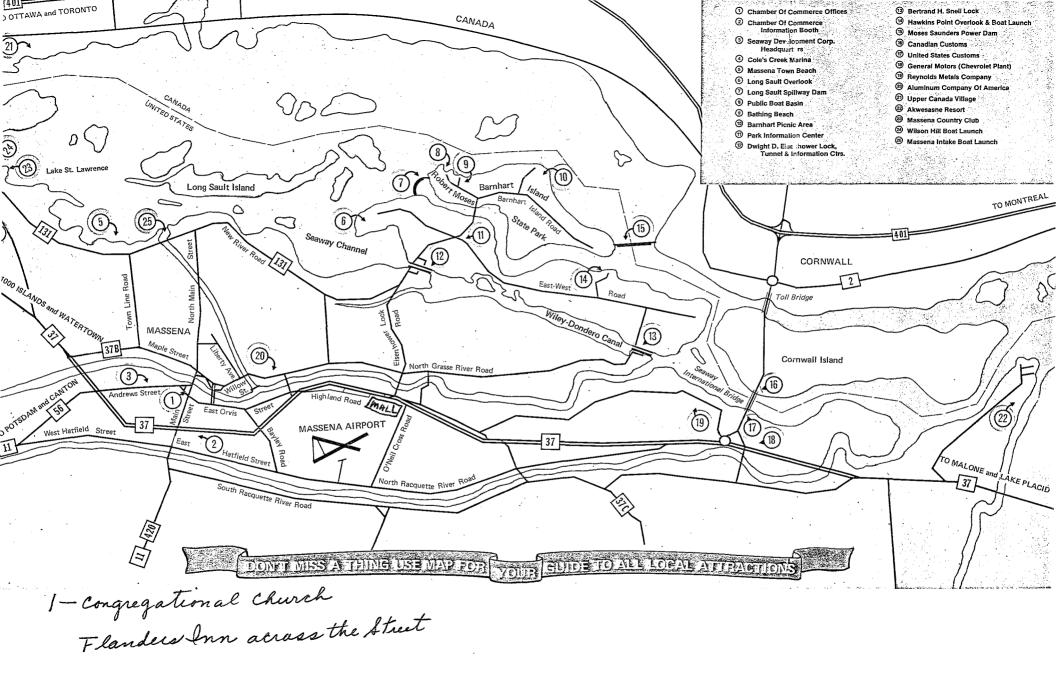
Arthur K. Westcott died Jan. 9, 1992 in Mentor, Ohio. SSWDA member # 391. He is survived by his wife, Hazel.

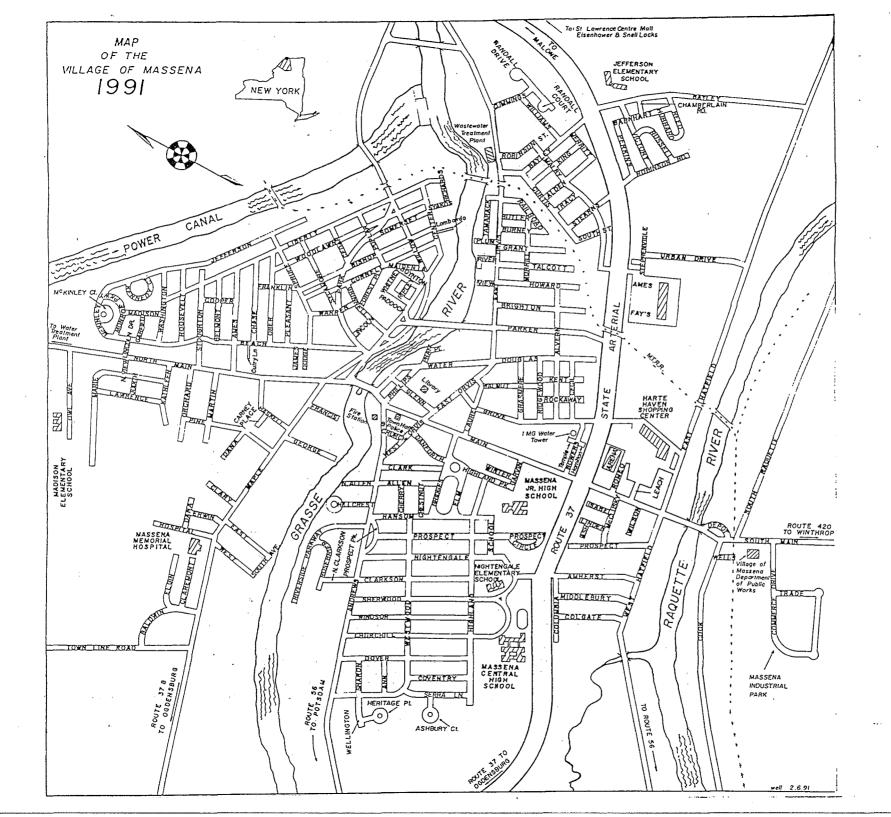
<u>Claribel (Nisley) Wescott Linder, died</u> Oct. 1, 1991 at her home in Schenectady, NY. Her first husband, Howard Wescott, died in 1959. She is mother of SSWDA member, Fredrick Wescott of KY.

If anyone has a Westcott Genealogy by Whitman they are willing to sell, contact an officer. Constant requests to buy one are coming in from new members.

## DUES NOTICES ARE INSERTED IN THIS ISSUE WRITE YOUR CHECK TODAY SO YOU WON'T FORGET !







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