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## NATIONAL NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

# 223 Wayne Eldo Ebert 608 South Main St., Clarion, IA 50525	b. 17 Nov 1912
# 337 Henry Wilmarth Westcott, Jr. 102 Columbia Ave. Edgewood, RI 02905	b. July 1912
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# 644 Virgil C. Hill 27150 Shadel Rd. # 196, Sun City, CA 92381	b. 24 Mar 1910
# 790 Louie Westcott Brown 922 Main St., Caldwell, OH 43724	b. 15 Aug 1911

Editor's note: I apologize I left out one of the new members in the Apr. Quarterly

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### 1992 NATIONAL REUNION MASSENA, NEW YORK JULY 31 - AUGUST 1 AND 2

All meetings, registration, the hospitality room, the informal Friday night get together, the Saturday night banquet, and church Sunday will be held at  
Emmanuel Congregational UCC on 39 West Orvis Street, Massena.

Fri.am. - Board meeting - church  
Registration all day - church

Fri.eve - Informal get-together - church  
Bring pictures, musical instruments,  
anything you'd like to share

Sat am. - Business meeting/Memorial Service - church  
pm. - Tour of Power Dam

Sat.eve - Banquet - church

Sun. 9:30 am. - Church - Emmanuel Congregational UCC  
11:00 am. - Dutch Treat Brunch - Flanders Inn

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For those of you who are doing genealogy in New England I'd like to share with you a terrific source. A series of cemetery books is being researched and printed as an on going project by Mrs. Margaret Jenks. The current one in the works is Granville, New York which she hopes to finish this summer. Those presently available from the author/publisher are:

THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS HORTON  
OF MILTON AND REHOBOTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Volume I, Generations 1-6, listing the children of the 7th  
322 Pages, Illustrations, Maps, Fully Indexed

Volume II, Generations 7-12  
492 Pages, Illustrations, Fully Indexed

Volume III, Descendants of the Horton Daughters  
Part 1, Surnames A - L, 400 Pages, Indexed  
Part 2, Surnames M - Z, 400 Pages, Indexed

RUTLAND COUNTY, VERMONT CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

WELLS

39 Pages, 7 Cemeteries, 1750 Names, Maps, Indexed

POULTNEY

134 Pages, 13 Cemeteries, 7500 Names, Maps, Indexed

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS AND IRA

62 Pages, 4 Cemeteries, 2800 Names, Maps, Indexed

TINMOUTH

33 Pages, 8 Cemeteries, 1070 Names, Maps, Indexed

PAWLET

105 Pages, 7 Cemeteries, 5420 Names, Maps, Indexed

DANBY AND MT. TABOR

90 Pages, 19 Cemeteries, 4430 Names, Maps, Indexed

CASTLETON

104 Pages, 11 Cemeteries, 5280 Names, Maps, Indexed

FAIR HAVEN AND WEST HAVEN

225 Pages, 12 Cemeteries, 9850 Names, Maps, Indexed

WALLINGFORD AND MOUNT HOLLY

170+ Pages, 24 Cemeteries, Maps, Indexed

CLARENDON AND SHREWSBURY

145+ Pages, 23 Cemeteries, Maps, Indexed

CHITTENDEN, MENDON, PITTSFIELD AND SHERBURNE

100+ Pages, 25 Cemeteries, Maps, Indexed

PITTSFORD AND PROCTOR

200+ Pages, 9 Cemeteries, Maps, Indexed

Margaret R. Jenks  
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**CHAPTER NEWS**

Vermont Chapter save Saturday, August 29 for the annual picnic. Officers, Gloria Duprey, pres., Don Duprey, vice-pres., Phyllis Reed, secretary, Sonny Coltey, treas., will have the details out soon. Contact Phyllis Reed, Box 20 RT.1, Wells, Vt 645-0378

**FROM THE LETTER BOX**

From Sylvia and Verner Ramsing VA

Our three children have just been here to hold a marvelous 50th anniversary party for us. We have a new grandson James Westcott Huron. He and his folks and older brother, Scott, are in Salt Lake City now.

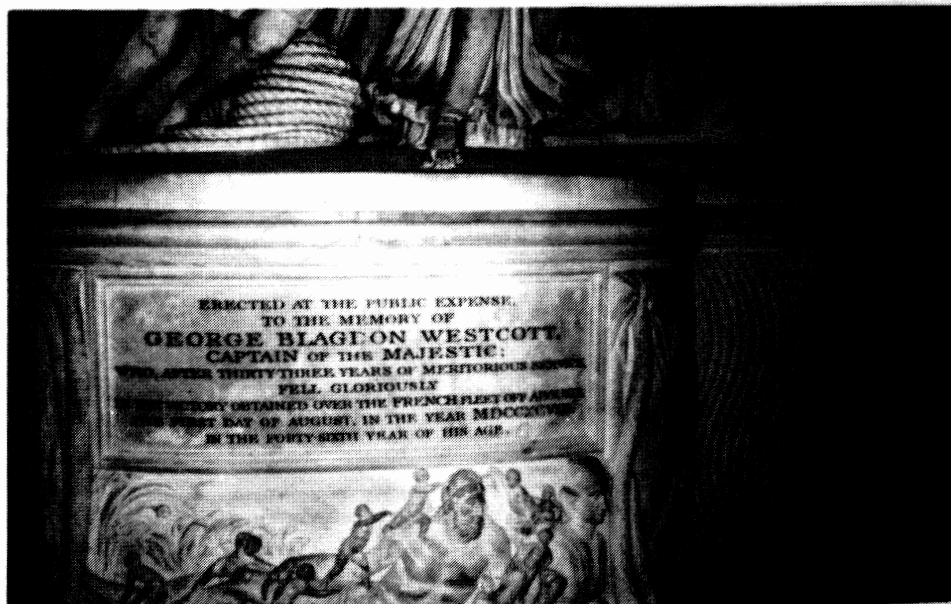
**DEATH**

Mary Coltey, b. 18 April 1915, in Middletown Springs, VT, daughter of Hudson and Francis Reed, died April 24, 1992. Married 1 Jan 1932, Floyd Coltey. She leaves two sons, Sharon, Georgia and Floyd, of NY, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

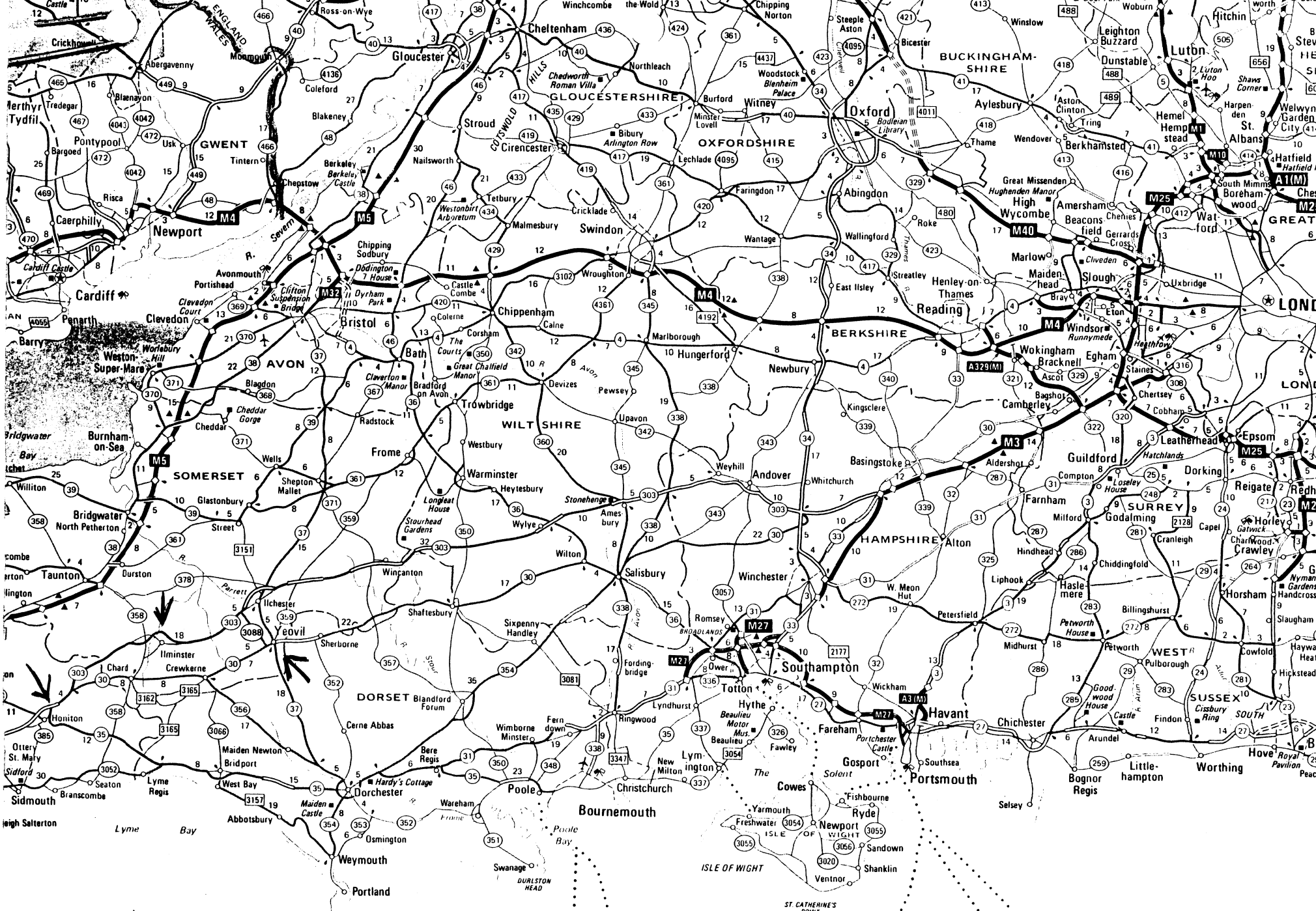
CAPTAIN GEORGE BLAGDON WESTCOTT MONUMENT - LONDON

AFTER CORRESPONDING WITH OUR COUSIN LYLE D. WESCOTT, JR OF MISSISSIPPI REGARDING THE STATUE OF GEORGE BLAGDON WESTCOTT IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL IN LONDON, (REFER TO HIS LETTER ON PAGE 4 OF THE APRIL 1991 QUARTERLY) I REALIZED THAT IT WOULD BE TIMELY TO REPRINT THE INFORMATION, SINCE OUR QUARTERLY CARRIED AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE STATUE IN THE DECEMBER 1935 ISSUE.

IN THE SOUTH AISLE OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON, AMONG OTHER MEMORIALS TO ENGLAND'S DISTINGUISHED SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN, STANDS A MONUMENT TO CAPTAIN GEORGE BLAGDON WESTCOTT (1745-1798), WHO DIED WHILE IN COMMAND OF ONE OF ADMIRAL NELSON'S SHIPS AT THE GREAT SEA BATTLE OF THE NILE. MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN THE WRITER CAME UNEXPECTEDLY UPON THIS MEMORIAL, HE FELT A THRILL OF PRIDE IN THE FAMILY NAME, AND ALSO A VAGUE CURIOSITY AS TO THE POSSIBLE KINSHIP BETWEEN THIS BRITISH SAILOR AND OUR OWN ANCESTORS WHO CAME OVERSEAS A CENTURY BEFORE. THANKS TO THE PRESENT REKINDLING OF INTEREST IN OUR FAMILY HISTORY, THIS CURIOSITY MAY AT LAST BE PARTLY SATISFIED. FROM THE RESEARCHES OF OUR ABLE HISTORIAN WE KNOW DEFINITELY THE COUNTY (SOMERSET) AND THE TOWN (YEOVIL) FROM WHICH STUKELY WESTCOTT CAME. AT THE SAME TIME WE MAY NOTE THAT CAPTAIN WESTCOTT'S MIDDLE NAME IS BLAGDON, WHICH IS THE NAME OF A HAMLET IN SOMERSET, NOT TWENTY MILES NORTH OF YEOVIL, AND THAT HIS FAMILY LIVED AT HONITON, A VILLAGE ON THE OTTER RIVER AN EQUAL DISTANCE WESTWARD. SURELY, THEN, THE CAPTAIN WAS OF THE SAME SOMERSET WESTCOTTS FROM WHOM OUR OWN FAMILY IS DERIVED. BRITISH BIOGRAPHIES STATE THAT GEORGE WESTCOTT WAS THE SON OF A BAKER AT HONITON, ENTERED THE NAVY AS MASTER'S MATE, AND ROSE BY MERIT TO POST-CAPTAIN AND ONE OF NELSON'S "BAND OF BROTHERS". ADMIRAL NELSON VISITED THE FAMILY IN 1801. "AT HONITON", HE WRITES, "I VISITED CAPTAIN WESTCOTT'S MOTHER -- POOR THING, EXCEPT FOR THE BOUNTY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND LLOYD'S, IN VERY LOW CIRCUMSTANCES. THE BROTHER IS A TAILER, BUT HAD THEY BEEN CHIMNEY-SWEEPERS IT WAS MY DUTY TO SHOW THEM RESPECT." NELSON PRESENTED TO THE CAPTAIN'S WIDOW HIS OWN MEDAL AWARDED FOR THE VICTORY OF THE NILE. IN AMERICA TODAY WE SHALL PERHAPS THINK LESS OF THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF THIS SAILOR HERO AND MORE OF THE FACT THAT HE ROSE BY HIS OWN ABILITIES AND DIED WORTHILY IN HIS COUNTRY'S CAUSE. -- Written by Dr. Allan F. Westcott, Past National President.



PICTURE PRESENTED BY WILMA AVERY. HISTORIAN REFERRED TO IN THE ARTICLE IS ROSCOE WHITMAN. BETTY W. ACKER - 1991



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To Chesham (Fr.)  
To Jersey & Jersey (Fr.) (Summer Only)  
To St. Helier (Fr.)  
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New member Mildred June Westcott Hogan, sent this article as it appeared in the Detroit Free Press about the interesting family business.

## RIDING THE DETROIT RIVER

THE DETROIT FREE PRESS  
MAY 7, 1992

# Firm plays fetch with lake freighters

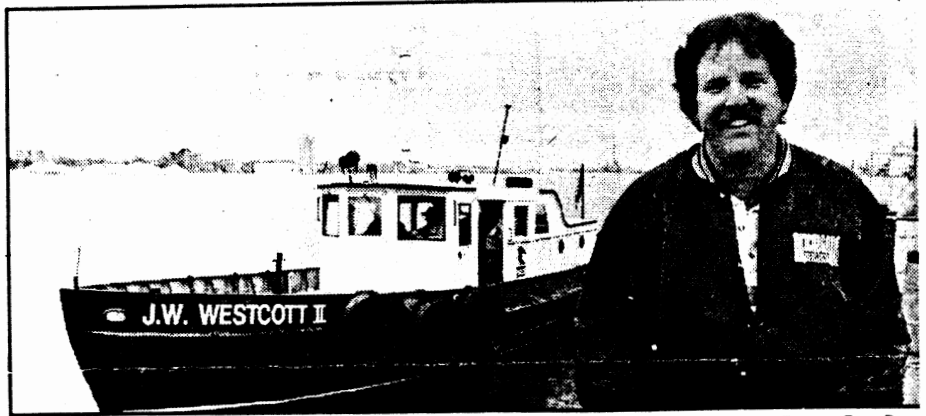
BY BARRY ROHAN  
Free Press Business Writer

One overcast day recently the J.W. Westcott II — a 46-foot seagoing valet — chugged out into the Detroit River to greet the 730-foot Canadian lake boat Tadoussac. The two boats moving together in full stride suggested a pilot fish sidling up to a whale.

While torrents of water rushed between the two hulls, crewmen aboard the Canadian boat lowered a long plastic bucket attached to a rope and received in return two large mailbags.

Thus began one of the first trips of the 118th season for the J.W. Westcott Co., one of the most unusual employers on the river. The company's little boat is the mail carrier and all-purpose gofer for Great Lakes freighters passing through Detroit.

"The trip out is always a thrill," says James Hogan, 36, who grew up in the business and is the company's general manager and a great-grandson of its founder. "I don't care how many times you do it, it gives



MARY SCHROEDER/Detroit Free Press

James Hogan grew up in the business and is J.W. Westcott Co.'s general manager and a great-grandson of its founder.

you the kind of feeling you might get on a roller coaster, especially on a rough day."

The business was started in 1874 by retired Great Lakes shipmaster John Ward Westcott to provide badly needed ship-to-

shore communication in the days before radio.

The firm has 10 full-time and 10 part-

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### J.W. WESTCOTT CO.

The 118-year-old company was started by retired Great Lakes shipmaster John Ward Westcott to provide ship-to-shore communications in pre-radio days. Its 46-foot J.W. Westcott II delivers mail and other goodies to Great Lakes freighters passing through Detroit.



MARTHA THIERRY/Detroit Free Press

## Firm delivers for freighters

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time employees who work around the clock, seven days a week, between about April 1 and Dec. 20. It has survived and prospered by expanding its services to the ships, which now not only have radios but cellular telephones and fax machines.

"We are an extension out over the water of the Postal Service, United Parcel, Federal Express, all the com-

mon carriers," Hogan says.

They are also an extension of the grocery store, the newspaper vendor, the laundry, the lumberyard, the machine shop and even the pizza parlor.

In a deft move last fall that still evokes obvious pride, the company delivered two pizzas-to-go to the crewmen of an approaching freighter within an hour after they called in the order.

Carl Westcott of New York has suggested an article be published in the Quarterly about computer genealogy. Any one who is using a program to store, organize, print family records, please send information to the editor so that I can share it with other members.