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REPORT OF THE 1992 BIENNIAL REUNION

Over 73 cousins and their families gathered in Massena, New York July 31 - August 2 for the 29th biennial meeting of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, held at Emmanuel Congregational United Church of Christ hosted by Art and Barbara Westcott.

On a very wet Thursday afternoon the Board of Directors began arriving for the early Friday morning Board meeting. Registration continued all day Friday in the reception room where many exhibits were set up including material about the where to go for what in the Massena area, an extensive compilation of Society records, pictures, and memorabilia completed by President Betty Acker, and a review of the up-dating of family records underway by Genealogist, Edna J. Lewis. Helen and Wilmot Carter displayed there new book, MY STORY - OUR STORY, a copy of which has been presented to the Society.

Friday evening the family gathered for a musical guessing game and good home made cookies and punch.

Saturday after the business meeting / Memorial service, the group took a guided tour of the Moses Saunders Power Dam and Dwight D. Eisenhower Lock. Perfect timing by some of the group made it possible for them to see an ocean going vessel maneuver thru the lock.

The Women's Fellowship of the church served a magnificent banquet Saturday evening, followed by presentations of appreciation to outgoing officers. Special acknowledgment and thanks to Paul Lewis for the diligent handling of our finances as treasurer from 1978 to 1992. President, Betty Acker, "turned over the gavel" to incoming President, Ned Morris, who recognized the outstanding work done by Betty in organizing the society records in permanent book form. With heartfelt thanks, Betty was presented with a silver Revere bowl. President Morris also recognized past National President, Mabel Wescott, " Our group would not be here tonight in reunion, if it hadn't been for Mabel who held us together during the difficult period of her presidency."

Banquet speaker, Harriett Boots, of the local Mohawk Indian Nation spoke of the duties, knowledge, and wisdom she needs in her position as a Clan Mother. Having listened to the honors and awards during the evening, she could see we have many in our group with "much wisdom". She said Mabel L. Wescott seemed to be in the position of Clan Mother of our group and honored her with a special hand made Indian doll.

Sunday morning, the group gathered for church services at which cousin, Wilma W. Avery was soloist. Group pictures in the parking lot, lots of farewells, and a sumptuous brunch at the hotel closed the gathering.

Sincere thanks to Art and Barb Westcott for hosting, to George and Betty Westcott for the Westcott Beach foam cup holders, to Philip R. Westcott for the Westcott rulers.

BIENNIAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 29th biennial meeting of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America was called to order by president, Betty Acker, using the gavel made from the black walnut tree which stood in the back yard of the home of Niles Westcott, in Oaklawn, Rhode Island. (National treasurer 1934-1937)

The Society flag, which has flown over the United States Capital in Washington, DC, was used for the pledge of Allegiance.

Blessing was given by chaplain, George S. Westcott.

Messages were received from Alan Boerker, Eleanor Trismen, and Sylvia Ramsing.

Corresponding secretary, Merle Westcott, read the minutes of the 28th biennial meeting as prepared by recording secretary, Sharon Coltey. Approved by the membership.

Officers Reports

President Acker reported she has copied articles from past Quarterly's that have pertinent information to help the next president. She purchased a metal box with file folders to store this information. With the help of Edna J. Lewis and Pauline W. Dennis she has compiled lists of all past officers and members from the beginning of the Society. She arranged for a wreath to be placed on the Stukely Westcott Memorial in Rhode Island on Memorial Day. Robert Westcott and his wife, Beatrice, of North Kingstown did the honor and placed the wreath on the site and sent great pictures for our scrapbook.

Vice President Morris reported on the Scholarship Loan Fund, established by Dr. F. Howard Westcott. The current balance in the fund is \$3400. In the last two years two scholarships of \$1000 each have been granted. He reviewed the Scholarship Loan Policy and encouraged our qualified young people to apply for loans. He also reported some success in collecting outstanding monies. Income to the Fund in addition to interest is a monthly check from a member and occasional donations. Memorial donations are encouraged. He also reported that Society records have been recovered and are now available to the Society.

Corresponding Secretary Merle Westcott reported 52 new memberships were processed in the last two years and 16 members have become Life members.

Treasurer Paul Lewis reported a balance of \$ 3804.70 on hand. Ned Morris and Mazie Taylor will audit the books.

Registrar Marcella Westcott presented a membership growth study from 1934 - 1992 (with the help of husband, Ralph) showing an increase in membership of 74 in the past 4 years.

Editor Pauline Dennis reports an average cost of \$.55 per copy using first class mail and limiting the size to 5 pages so that it can be covered by the \$.29 postage charge. Number of copies printed is up from 310 to 350.

Chaplain George Westcott reported 18 condolences sent out in the past 2 years.

Genealogist Edna Lewis reported progress on the update of volume III genealogy she is compiling. She has a good offer from a printer who handles only genealogy's, but does not believe it can be out this year. She asked that information regarding additions or corrections be sent to her.

Nominating Committee report was presented by Lewis Westcott in the absence of Chairman Sylvia Ramsing.

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The slate of officers was accepted as presented.

Newly appointed Board members are
Sylvia Utke-Ramsing, Virginia
Stewart Westcott, Washington
Mazie Taylor, Ohio

Art Westcott, New York
Edwin Heath, New Hampshire

New Business

A motion was made by Edna Lewis and seconded that dues notices be sent to members on a biennial basis, as our business is conducted biennially. It was brought out in discussion that our By-Laws state dues will be collected annually. A motion by Stewart Westcott to table the motion on the flour was seconded and passed. A motion was made by David Seyfarth and seconded that a committee of three members be appointed to review the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service was presented by Chaplain George Westcott and wife, Betty

" We present to you our deceased with reverence and full heart:

We have lost these members of the Frances and Hudson Reed family in the last 2 years;

Franklin P. Reed, East Poultney, Vermont, 1990

Robert Reed, Middletown Springs, Vermont, 1992

Mary Coltey, Hudson Falls, New York, 1992

David Roberts, husband of Sadie Reed, Whitehall, NY, 1991

In 1990 the following members have past away:

Earl Leroy Westcott, Moscow, Pennsylvania

Eldon R. Vasseller, Tavares, Florida

Mrs. Lyle D. Wescott, Florida

Mrs. Charles J. Westcott, Dunmore, Pennsylvania

Robert M. Westcott, Jr., Ottawa Lake, Michigan

In 1991:

Richard Carr, Tunbridge, Vermont

Mrs. Norman Westcott, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Walter Westcott, Oneonta, New York

In 1992:

Arthur K. Westcott, Mentor, Ohio

Samuel Dorfler, Holly Hill, Florida

Judith Kuhn, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Mrs. Fredrick B. Westcott, Aberdeen, Massachusetts

Virginia Mae Sampson, Penacook, New Hampshire

William Avery, former husband of Wilma Wescott Avery, New Jersey

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Mabel L. Wescott shared this appropriate poem with us at the banquet.

COUSINS

by W.G. Williams

4/5/92

There are kinfolk by the dozens;
Grandparents, sisters, aunts...
But when it comes to love 'tween cousins
No one else has the same chance...

To fit this special place "in heart"
That cousins seem to share;
For cousins sometimes see our faults
And just seem not to care...

That we are sometimes selfish
Or greedy...or just mean
For unlike home-bound sisters
Cousins may depart the scene...

To return when we are friendlier...
Feeling more at ease...
Their answer mostly will be "yes",
To our, "Forgive me, please."

Cousins have a special closeness---
Secrets often times are shared;
With knowledge that this confidence
Is safe, once souls are bared.

Cousins are so special.
They're close, then gone away.
We share anticipation
Of their "returning day".

To see each other rarely
Makes time together prime--
We don't sicken of each other--
We're not together all the time.

As the years upon our shoulders pile,
The distance seems to grow;
But miles and time don't blur a smile
Which so long we love and know.

Yes, we've kinfolk by the dozen
Of every mix and blend,
But a very special cousin
Is more...she is a friend.

1992
guests
Massena, NY

date	name	address
31 July 92	Stewart + Merle Westcott	297 MADRONA WAY SEQUIM, WA 98382
"	Betty + Clark Acken	also
"	Margie Fogler	6855 Linden Blvd Adelphi, Md 20682
"	Howard and Ruth O. Barry	130 Newburgh Pl. Danville Pa. 17821
"	Ralph + Margaret Venturi	7661 Shady Hill 134 Onus Ave. Albion, NY 10921
31 July 92	Wilma W. Avery	120 Avenue de la Sammation, NY 10924
31 July 92	George + Betty Westcott	Wayton, N.Y. 13624
31 July 92	Arlene M. Wescott Dale	5 Summers Ct. Brighton, N.H.
31 July 92	Laura Stuterman	Rt. 2, Box 190 Cassan, N.H.
31 July 92	Pauline + Chuck Dennis	456 E. 8th St. Bible, Colorado
31 July 92	Egle + Diana + Kerri Nathell	9235 1st Ave SE Adamsville, Ohio 43902
31 July 92	Charles W. Wescott	133 E. Curtis Ave Rutland, Vermont 057
31 July 92	JOHN WESTCOTT	1001 S.W. 5th St. WDC CITY, FL 33525
31 July 92	Don + Sue Wescott	38 Marie St. Massena, N.Y. 13662
31 July 92	Mabel Wescott	East LaPorte, N.Y. 13744
31 July 92	Laura + Nancy Westcott	Prairie Village KS 6620
31 July 92	Carter + Helen + John Westcott	Boynton Beach FL
31 July 92	Edith Babbitt	9857 Lyndale Kirkville, NY 13082
31 July 92	Arlene Pickens	215 Haha Cir Merritt IS FL 32952
31 July 92	Ed + Wendy Wescott	115 Pine Lane Northville, NY 12104
31 July 92	David + Jeanne Wescott	22 Beech Street Franklin MA 02051
31 July 92	Grace Westcott Deacon	44 Haven Ln Wendell, N.C. 27971
31 July 92	Don + Phyllis Reed	R.D. 1 Box 174A Parish, N.Y. 12131
31 July 92	Mary Cooper	112 Ray St. N. Tilmon, NY 13857
31 July 92	Raymond + Thia Westcott	Box 677 Crawville, NY 13061
31 July 92	Patricia + Trevor Wescott	236 Camden Rd Cazenovia, NY 13045
31 July 92	Lynne P. Hitchcock	5204 Shell Road Brookport, NY 14020
31 July 92	Frank + Brundage	18 Trajan St. Brookport, NY 14020
31 July 92	Ana Matteson	512 Viking Way Brookport, NY 14020
31 July 92	Donna + Jeffrey Wescott	57 Lincoln Pl. Frankport, NY 14150
31 July 92	Margaret + Phyllis	114 Edgewater Hill Walpole, NY 14150
31 July 92	Ed + Helen Wescott	17 Cornish St. Potsdam, NY 13683
31 July 92	Don + Judy + Joseph + Matthew Ingoe	1125 Trinity Ave. Potsdam, NY 13683
31 July 92	Neil + Susan + Ann + Donna	61, 250 Pentapoint Rd. Charlottesville, VA 229
1 Aug 92	Lynnda McQuirk Kerry + Tarin	4058 W. Dahlia Dr Phx Az 85029

When groups gathered for family pictures Mabel Wescott had not only her children and grandchildren, but great grandchildren around her.
 Of her five children four were able to attend the reunion. Velma was not able to attend.
 Wilma W. Avery of New Jersey .
 Charles Willard Wescott of Vermont.
 Pauline W. Dennis and her husband, Chuck, drove from Colorado.
 Lynda Mcguirk, their daughter, came from Arizona with her daughters, Kerry and Tarin.
 Phyllis W. Reed and husband, Don, came from Vermont.
 Donna Sue, their daughter, and her husband, Jeffrey Mayville, brought their children from Potsdam, NY.
 Great grand-daughter, Kerry McQuirk, who is 12 years old, going into junior high school, was overheard talking to President Betty Acker about the position of National President. She told Betty that some day she would like to be President.

FROM THE DESK OF THE NEW HISTORIAN: I NOW FIND MYSELF A "PAST PRESIDENT" AND I WISH TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY FOR MAKING THE PAST FOUR YEARS SO PLEASANT FOR ME. AS HISTORIAN I HOPE THAT I CAN PRESENT ARTICLES OF INTEREST FOR ALL. BUT I MUST ADMIT TO OMITTING SOMETHING AT THE BANQUET IN MASSENA - I FORGOT TO THANK GEORGE AND BETTY WESTCOTT FOR SO THOUGHTFULLY PURCHASING AND DONATING THE COLD DRINK HOLDERS FROM WESTCOTT BEACH. IN ALL THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE I NOT ONLY DID NOT THANK THEM, BUT DID NOT GIVE THEM ANY CREDIT. PLEASE FORGIVE ME, COUSINS!
 BETTY W. ACKER

CREST STATIONARY FOR SALE: IN YEARS PAST, OUR SOCIETY HAS OFFERED STATIONARY FOR SALE TO MEMBERS AND IT IS AGAIN AVAILABLE. PACKETS INCLUDE 20 NOTES W/CREST, 20 LETTERHEADS w/CREST, 12 BLANK SHEETS AND 40 ENVELOPES. IT IS A VERY LIGHT GREY PAPER WITH RED WESTCOTT CREST. THE COST IS \$6.50 PER PACKET, WHICH INCLUDES \$1.50 FOR SHIPPING. ORDER FROM BETTY W. ACKER, 2145 RICHVALE RD, NASHPORT, OH 43830.

GIFT OF EARLY GROUP PICTURES: TWO PICTURES WERE GIVEN TO OUR SOCIETY BY SYLVIA UTKE-RAMSING, ONE THE WESTCOTT REUNION HELD AT MILFORD CENTER, NEW YORK, AUG. 1, 1931 AND THE OTHER ONE IS OF THE REUNION HELD AT PROVIDENCE, R.I. OCT. 21, 1933. THEY ARE NOW PROTECTED BY 1/16" LEXAN AND CAN BE SEEN AT OUR NEXT BIENNIAL GATHERING. THE PICTURES CAME TO SYLVIA FROM HER UNCLE

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September 23, 1992

Hi Cousins:

Without the impetus of the biennial gathering of the Descendants of Stukely Westcott, I doubt if most of those of us who descended from Orville Westcott (my grandfather) would have seen one another this year. Thanks to the Society, 17 of us were able to get together at the same place at the same time. Some of us hadn't seen each other in over 50 years and most of us don't get to see each other very often.

Orville Westcott (1862 - 1925) and Belle Brown had 9 children, two of whom were Sidney, a charter member of the Society, and Ora Westcott Blair, one of six sisters. Of Sidney's 10 children, six attended the reunion:

Lewis and wife Nancy Sue from Prairie Village, Kansas
(a suburb of Kansas City);
Stewart and wife Merle from Sequim, Washington (near Port
Angeles) Board Member and Corresponding Secretary
respectively;
Grace (Westcott) Drennen of Wendell, North Carolina and
Sidney's only daughter;
Mary Cooper, Grace's daughter of Ilion, New York;
John from Dade City, Florida (whose wife Georgine is too
ill to travel);
David (Seyfarth) and wife Jeanne (who was adopted
by the Seyfarths as an infant after our mother died and
who "found" his brothers and sister after he grew up --
but that's another story) from Franklin, Massachusetts;
Byron and wife Chris from Erieville, New York, the ("baby"
of the family);
Ray and wife Marlene from Cazenovia, New York; Byron and
Chris's son; with their two boys, Travis and Trevor.

In addition to all of these brothers and sister and their families, Ora's daughter, Edith Babbitt from Kirkville, New York and her daughter, Ailene Picheco from Merritt Island, Florida attended. Grandpa Orville was well-represented at the 1992 meeting of the Society.

For many of us who hadn't seen one another for a long time, it was hard to hold back the tears when we did meet. There were lots of hugs and kisses and reminiscing and catching up to do with each other, as well as with all the other cousins who also attended. Our group of 17 was a sizeable contingent and we're looking forward to the next meeting of the Society when maybe our "bunch" will be even bigger -- we hope.

Thanks, cousins, for being the catalyst for getting us together.

- Stew Westcott