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IN 1935, IN CELEBRATION OF THE 300th YEAR OUR ANCESTORS LANDED IN AMERICA, A MOTORCADE LEFT PROVIDENCE FOR "OLD WARWICK" OR "SHAWOMET" AS THE INDIANS CALLED IT AND THE "HOUSE LOT" AND HOME OF STUKELY WESTCOTT, 1647-1677. HIS HOUSE STOOD ON THE OLD SHORE ROAD NEAR THE CORNER OF STONEY LANE. ON A HUGE BOULDER WEIGHING SEVERAL TONS, THE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY UNVEILED A HANDSOME BRONZE TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT. THE INSCRIPTION IS ON PAGE 48, VOL. II OF THE ROSCOE WHITMAN GENEALOGY BOOK.

MOST YEARS SINCE THE UNVEILING, A SOCIETY MEMBER HAS PLACED A WREATH ON THE SITE FOR MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE. THIS YEAR WAS NO EXCEPTION. OUR COUSIN, 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.

ROBERT ALSO ADVISED ME THAT THE ABANDONED SCHOOL BUILDING ON THE LOT WHERE OUR MEMORIAL IS LOCATED IS BEING TORN DOWN. I CONTACTED ANN GALLOGLY WHO WORKS FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SHE ASSURED ME THAT IF THE MONUMENT IS IN ANY DANGER SHE WILL LET ME KNOW. WHEN I VISIT RHODE ISLAND I WILL CHECK TO ASCERTAIN THE FUTURE OF THE LOT AND THE SAFETY OF OUR MEMORIAL. BETTY W. ACKER, HISTORIAN

WESTCOTT'S "HOUSE LOT" IN OLD WARWICK SECTION OF OLD WARWICK SAND IN RHODE ISLAND POND To PROVIDENCE OAKLAND BEACH SITE OF STONE HOUSE

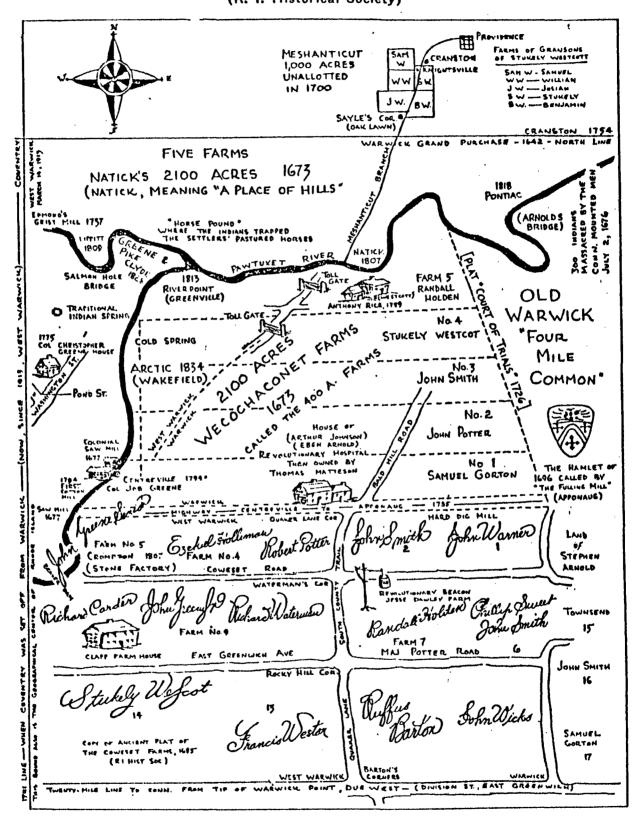
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Celebration of his arrival in New England

ANCIENT PLAT OF OLD WARWICK FARMS (R. I. Historical Society)



This map should be studied with the map in the Westcott Genealogy of 1932, page 22. East of the Townsend, Smith and Gorton farms, were the "Commons" and "House Lots" of the settlers. Farms of five of Westcott's grandsons, Samuel, William, Josiah, Stukely and Benjamin, are shown in the upper right-hand corner of the above map. Their farms were in Providence township until 1754, when the section was included in the new town of Cranston.

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Board Member Mazie Westcott Taylor "I worked as a deputy for 17 years at the Muskingum County Court House in Zanesville, Ohio. I retired in 1990. Don't let anyone tell you it slows down when you retire. It seems we are inclined just to extend ourselves a little further. I am active in church work at the Adamsville United Methodist Church. Serving as chairman of the Adult Outreach Committee and co-chairman of our Parsonage Fund. (We purchased a new parsonage three years ago and will have it paid off in 1993!)

l have also served as secretary of the Frank M. Ranbottom Chapter #473 OES for 5 years and was treasurer of our OES district last year.

I have been doing some Home Care work the past 2 years, mainly friends of the family.

I plan to travel to Las Vegas, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington and on to Vancouver in September.

We always thoroughly enjoy the National Reunion. It will be here in Ohio in 1994. I hope to see you all there. "

FROM THE LETTER BOX

From Edna J. Lewis of Connecticut

"Paul has done a beautiful job on our <u>butternut</u> kitchen cabinets. Nearly all of the doors are finished and hung with black wrought iron hardwear. It really looks great. We are attending grand-daughter, Marieke's, graduation in Virginia next week."

From James and Stacy Mead SSWDA #834

Our son, Baily Cheyenne Mead, was born at Glens Falls Hospital, New York on April 16, 1993.

About Phillip Wescott of Connecticut

Taken from the Register Citizen, Torrington, CT., June 10, 1993. "At the annual Honors Reception awards at Naugatuck Valley Community-Technical College Phillip Wescott of Torrington received the Charles S. Ekstron Memorial Scholarship and the Computer-Aided Drafting/Design Engineering Technology Program Senior Achievement Award."

From Lynda D. McGuirk of Arizona

Kerry, our 13 year old daughter, has received a scholarship to attend a two week music camp at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona this summer. She is in the honor band playing the flute. Sister, Tarin, will fly to Colorado to attend Bible School with her grandmother, Pauline W. Dennis.

From Kathy D. Cartier of Arizona

Kendra, who will be in the 5th grade next year, will play her flute at music camp in Prescott, Arizona for a week this summer on scholarship. Matthew will be working on his pitching at YMCA camp.

From Janice Kinsell Moore of Florida

Please advise me of the procedure to become a subscriber to the Westcott Family Quarterly. My great-grandmother was Olive Westcott Blackman of New Jersey. My mother is Lura Edmonds Kinsell, daughter of Mabel Blackman Edmonds.

From Betty J. Hensley of Louisiana

I am interested in joining the Stukely Westcott Society. I am a descendant of Stukely Westcott through his son, Jeremiah, Josiah, Caleb, Gardiner, Gardiner II, Johnson, William Pratt, Mary Jane, who married J.C. Jacobs and was my paternal grandmother. They lived in Livingston Co. MO for many years before moving to Texhoma, OK where they both died and are buried

From David W. Wistal of Maryland

I'm interested in receiving information on the Stukely Westcott paper. My grandmother, Mrs. Earle Westcott, who has sinced passed away used to share her paper with me.

I also met a Lt. Col. P.R. Westcott of Virginia who is interested in receiving the news letter and information about your society.

GENEALOGICAL HELPS

The Everton Publishers, Inc Genealogical Center P.O. Box 368 Logan, Utah 84321 Announces special savings on helpful maps and large pedigree charts, 7 generation charts or 5 generation portrait charts.

They also have available an on-line computer Search of their "Roots "Cellar. Through this search you can make contact with others to find those searching the same family lines you are searching.

Dr. Lyle D. Wescott of Holly Springs, Mississippi writes, "I should point out that there is a genealogy forum on Compuserve, the on-line information service, where members exchange information about relatives. (The library files of the Genealogy Forum are filled with information from beginners guides, to forms, sources and genealogy bookstores and publishers.) To access that all you need is a computer, a modem and an account with Compuserve. For a free introductory membership you may call Compuserve's Telephone Sales and Inquiry Department at 1-800-848-8199 and ask for representative #194."

If you are using the PAF computer genealogy program you might want to join a Users group to share information and new programs. Editor, Pauline W. Dennis, belongs to the Colorado West PAFers. We meet once a month and share knowledge of the PAF program, speakers to help our family searches, and new shareware support programs for PAF. One of these new programs is GRAFTREE, it allows one to transfer data through their GRAFTBROWS program from the PAF database into a banner type chart. The FRU program is a utilities designed to help clean up data base files by changing the all capital letters you may have put in because its faster to the preferred first letter cap only - in about one second! No re-typing. It also works with Family Records data to print additional reports, make changes to the names and places throughout your database and convert your database to other formats for use in other programs.

If you can't find a Users group near you, consider joining the Silicon Valley-PAF-Users Group, 4417 Pitch Pine Ct., San Jose, CA 95136. Membership is \$ 15.00 annually per family. This entitles members to the PAFinder NEWSLETTER, published monthly. Many find the information in the newsletter is worth the membership even if they can't get to the meetings and classes in California.

There is a <u>Macintosh</u> PAF Utilities Program available. Send a formatted 800k diskette and self-addressed-stamped-envelope to Chris Miksanek, 190 Oakland Grove, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Editors note:

Please send information about your family, your projects, your history, your genealogical finds to me to share in our family

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