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NATIONAL NEWS

Iowa to Host National Convention in 1996

At the biennial meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 11, 1994 the membership voted to host the 1996 Reunion. The dates will be July 26-28, 1996. The Ohio group is really excited and hope many of you will come out to the Midwest. Put the dates on your calendar now. Watch for details in future newsletters.

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IMPROVED FARM IMPLEMENTS.

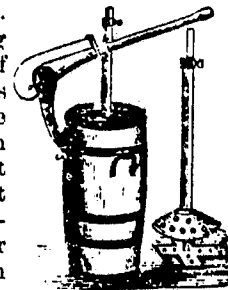
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required to churn ten gallons of cream with such a churn than with the old-fashioned dash churn, as the paddles are forced under the cream and throw it upward into the air. The crank may be turned either way when churning. Another important point is, every part may be cleaned with facility.

WESTCOTT'S IMPROVED DASH CHURN.

As many dairymen will not use any churn but one that operates on the dash principle, I herewith give a brief description and illustration of the best improvement in the dash churn that can be found in the country.

The illustration furnishes a correct idea of the churn. The dash is operated by a horizontal lever. A stiff spring is secured to the short end of the lever for the purpose of lifting the dasher after it has been forced downward, thus relieving the operator of the fatigue caused by lifting the dasher. Every one who is accustomed to use a dash churn understands that lifting the dasher constitutes the most laborious part of churning with a churn of this kind. It is true that more force is required to press the dasher downward, as the spring operates as a hindrance when the lever is descending. But it must be borne in mind that a person can press a lever downwards against a strong resistance with much less fatigue than he can lift a weight equal to the strength of a spring that will hold or lift a given weight or pressure.



At the right hand of the illustration the dasher is represented, having an adjustable flange-dasher, which may be moved up and down on the standard by means of a screw, the thread of which is cut in the standard and in the centre hole of the adjustable dasher. Many dairymen, who thought there could not be an improvement in the old dash churn, have accepted this churn as superior to any other.

H. P. Westcott & Co., Seneca Falls, New York, is the inventor and manufacturer.

Can anyone identify this H.P. Westcott Co. ?

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SOCIETY HISTORIAN:

I HAD TWO PEOPLE CONTACT ME ABOUT THE "DID YOU EVER WONDER" ARTICLE. VERNER UTKE-RAMSING TELLS ME THAT HIS WIFE, SYLVIA, WAS BURIED AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. HE ADVISES THAT THERE ARE 18 WESTCOTTS BURIED THERE. I'M HOPING THAT HE CAN GET ME THE COMPLETE LIST OF 18.

ALSO COUSIN DEBORAH OKEL OF DECATUR, GA. NOTICED THAT THE DATE I GAVE (Oct. 1861) WAS SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM AS THE FIRST PRISONERS WERE AT ANDERSONVILLE IN FEB. 1864. BY MAY, THE NUMBERS HAD REACHED 15,000.

THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 22 FOUND ME FLYING TO WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND TO ATTEND THE FALL MEETING OF "THE ORDER OF THE FIRST FAMILIES OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, 1636-1647". IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL FALL DAY AND WE TOURED TWO VERY EARLY GREENE HOMES. THEN THE GROUP PLACED WREATHS ON THE GRAVES OF SURGEON JOHN GREENE, SAMUEL GORTON AND STUKELY WESTCOTT. ANY DESCENDANT OF STUKELY WESTCOTT IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN.

BETTY W. ACKER

From Lawrence Westcott Johnson of California

Perhaps you may already have become aware of an interesting article about a prominent relative of ours by Bil Gilbert, with charming illustrations by Arthur Shilstone, on pages 24-35 of the January 1995 issue of *Smithsonian Magazine*. It tells the story of Oliver Hazard Perry and the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

If you may wish to mention this article in a forthcoming issue of the Quarterly, you might also point out that there is a full-scale biography of Perry called "*We Have Met the Enemy*," by Richard Dillon, published by McGraw-Hill in 1978.

Some final words on the Perry clan: During the Carter administration, William J. Perry, the present Secretary of Defense, held a DOD position a few levels down from his present one. He was then a Deputy Assistant Secretary for something-or-other, and he was occasionally mentioned in the news and every now and then he got his picture in the paper. One such picture showed him standing by a statue of Oliver Hazard Perry, and its caption stated that WJP was a distant cousin of OHP. I've been following Bill Perry's career with interest, as he and I were roommates at Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie-Mellon University) back in 1946. If that caption was right, our relationship as fraternity brothers was supplemented by an unrealized kinship as descendants of Stukeley Westcott.

L.W.J.

Lawrence W. Johnson

Oliver Hazard Perry descends from Damaris, 1st child of Stukely. For more information about this Westcott relationship see Whitman Vol.I, pp 130-133 Penelope Arnold # III married George Hazard. "Matthew, brother of Oliver, also stands distinguished in naval history." And Vol.I, pp 385-386 Part IV Allied Families.

In answer to queries about Juliana Marchant this is taken from Whitman Volume II p. 7.

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Marriage of Stukely Westcott in 1619.

Continued research has, however, definitely located Stukely Westcott in Ilminster, Somerset, in the Autumn of 1619, at which time he was about twenty-seven years of age. This was sixteen years before he came to New England. He was married Oct. 5, 1619, to Juliana Marchant (e). The marriage is recorded in the parish register of the ancient St. John the Baptist Church at Yeovil in Somerset; also the baptism of their two oldest children. The records read:

"Stucklie Westcott of Ilminster, and Julian Marchant of Yeovil, married 5 October, 1619." (Julian; now Juliana, Julia Ann or Julia.)

"Damaris, daughter of Stuckeley Westcott, baptised 27 January, 1621."

"Samuel, son of Stuckeley Westcott, baptised 3 March, 1623."

Juliana Marchant was the daughter of John Marchant, who was bapt. at Yeovil, Aug. 8, 1571, and granddaughter of John Marchant and his wife, Eva Cominge, who were married at Yeovil on July 18, 1568. John, Sr., d-1593. The Marchant family in Yeovil, according to the register, is as old as the register itself, which dates from the year 1563. Burke's "General Armory" records two families of Marchants entitled to bear Arms: (1) "Azure, a hare rampant, or, between three mullets." The residence or county is not given. (2) "or, three anchors sable"; that is, a gold shield with three black anchors. This Coat of Arms is ascribed to Marchant family in Devonshire and plainly indicates they were sea-faring people, having probably received the grant of Arms for some valiant deed on the seas.

It may be noted that in the old register the surname is spelled Westcott in each instance, as Stukely Westcott spelled his name after coming to New England, while his Christian name is spelled "Stucklie" and "Stuckley," derivations undoubtedly from the old family of Stucley in Devon and Somerset. At Providence, R. I., Nov. 19, 1644, he signed his name "Stuckeley Westcott," much like the entries in the parish register at Yeovil. Later records of him in Old Warwick, R. I., spell his name Stukely or Stukeley and in various other forms used by succeeding town clerks. His signature in 1644 is believed to be the right spelling, but his succeeding namesakes adhered to the name Stukely or Stukeley.

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" Robert not the Oldest of the Children

The date of the marriage of Westcott and the baptism of his first two children, as recorded in the register at Yeovil, change the order of birth of the six Westcott children from the order as they were enumerated in the Westcott Genealogy, 1932. Instead of Robert being the oldest, he was probably the third child. Damaris was the first born and Samuel the second.

As Westcott refers to Robert as "my oldest son" (this after Samuel had died in Salem and before 1675 in which Robert as a lieutenant, was killed in the King Philip War), and after Robert's death, to Amos as "my oldest son, "it appears conclusively established that Robert was the third child...."

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1995 DUES ?

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FROM THE LETTER BOX

From Phil Whitman of Florida

In October, 1994, 146 men from the 94th Inf. Div. visited our battle areas in France (St. Nazaire and Lorient) and Germany. In Paris, another officer and I in uniform, laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triumph, welcomed and escorted our Ambassador to Luxembourg to the Memorial at Hamm Cemetery where Patton is buried (as well as 11 of my men), and laid the wreath at our Peace Monument near Sinz, Germany. In addition I presented a plaque to the Mayor of Nantes, France. To top it off, I was on German TV News for 3 minutes in Duseldorf and Wyspental !! Had to wear my uniform 5 different days for such ceremonies !! Have been invited back to France for various 50 year anniversaries and the Reunion of the Panzer Div. in Germany. My book *Memoirs of a Company Commander in Patton's Third Army*, publicized in a military publication in Dec., has produced some amazing results. A Lt. Col. USMC discovered his older brother, killed 2/25/44, was in my company. He was a replacement like so many that flowed in & out of my company after I was hospitalized in Feb. 1945. Another who wrote in for my book, was Lt. Col. William Whitman who sent me his book.

From Wilma W. Avery New Jersey

I have a new grandson, Wesley Pattison Vanderhoff arrived Jan. 9, 1995 about 6:30 am. Mother and baby doing fine.

From Ned Morris - Virginia

Our first-born grandson, Elliot Leflar, is a freshman at Sewanee, the University of the South. With his mother, Susan, we spent parent's weekend there last fall. It is a great school - Elliot is on the varsity swim team which takes a great deal of time. His younger brothers both played football last fall, James in high school, David, in junior high. The latter went with Fran and me to Alaska in July, as did his "counter part", age 13, cousin Tommy Bentson. His older brother, " Pete " (Edmund T.) Bentson is now taller than I ! Pete is a junior in high school and was elected to the National Honor Society. I write all of this hoping you remember the five great-grandsons at their first reunion in Ohio.

From Anna Keeler, Canada

I would like to know the parents of Freelove Wescott, prob. related to Robert. Did they have a daughter, Anner/Annar? These ancestors that I am researching lived in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and at Mill Village, outside Shubencadie, Hants County.

Mrs. F. Anna Keeler, Box 971, Garibaldi Highlands, BC, VON 1T0

DEATHS

Dorothy Perdue of Iowa died Aug 31, 1994. She was president of the National Westcott Society for two terms in 1967-1970. Look for more in the April Quarterly.

From Pauline L. Felix of California

I'd like to report the death of my brother, Wilford Lucien Mann died March 1, 1995. Buried in Pine Lake Cemetery, LaPorte, Indiana. Married Duana Edgerton in South Bend, Indiana.

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION, AVAILABLE HELP

Several new catalogs available

1) *Heritage Book News* a catalog of books and computer software includes family histories and local histories. And - CD-Roms now available with census and tax list indexes of selected states, some Federal Land records, marriage records and collections of genealogies. On CD's! Write for the catalog: Heritage Books Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie MD 20716 or call 1-800-398-7709.

2) Toolson's PAF Services catalog, *Paf & GEDCOM Genealogy Software*
A catalog of Commercial and Shareware Products including over 100 PAF utilities designed to sharpening up family records output, expand charts and edit notes. Write for catalog: Toolson's PAF Services, P. O. Box 2726, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

3) For those researching Nova Scotia the New England Historic Genealogical Society is sponsoring a Research Tour to Nova Scotia led by George F. Sanborn a specialist in Canadian Maritimes research. Date - May 28 - June 9,1995. Write to Research Tour to Nova Scotia, Education Dept.,NEHGS, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3087.

4) How about a trip to England. A tour of Northumbria and the Scottish Borders with leader George Redmonds, a leading authority on surnames, place names, and British history, is planned for - May 10-21, 1995. For available space contact Ginny Augerson, NEHGS, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116, or call her at (617) 536-5740.

5) A celebration of 150 years *Exploring Our Heritage* will be sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society July 13-15, 1995 in Boston, MA. Three days of classes covering various ethnic groups that came to New England and their influence on the rest of North America, lectures on the 6 New England states, Irish, Canadian research, and presentations covering computer storage of research from *The NEHGR on CD-Rom* to the very latest uses of the Internet to access resources and repositories as well as sessions for those just starting out using this tool-kit, the computer. For information contact NEHGR, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116.

NEEDS HELP

Robert D. Hill needs help in the ancestry of Westcott family names.

- (1) Anna Davis (wife of Samuel Westcott) b.7 Mar 1917 East Greenwich, RI,
d. 20 Nov 1772 Cranston, RI.
- (2) Hannah Casey (2nd wife of Samuel Westcott) birth, marr., death, ancestry.
- (3) Mary Williams (3rd wife of Samuel Westcott) birth, marr, death, ancestry.
- (4) Bethiah Gardiner (wife of Benjamin Westcott) b.2 Feb 1687 South Kingston, RI
d. 2 Feb 1760 Cranston, RI.
- (5) Mercy/Mary Warner (wife of Daniel Westcott) b.17 Jul 1754 Cranston, RI
d. 22 Sep 1841 Fly Creek, Otsego Co.,NY
- (6) Keziah Tefft (wife of Warner Westcott) b. 6 Apr 1774 Scituate RI, dau of
Wm. & Abigail Tefft. Need death information.
- (7) Eleanor England (wife of Jeremiah Westcott) b. 1644 Portsmouth,RI
d. aft 2 Feb 1691 Warwick, RI
- (8) Julianna Marchant (wife of Stukely Westcott) b. 8 Aug 1571 Yeovil, England
d. bef 1670 in USA, need exact date and ancestry.

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