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## National Westcott Reunion Des Moines, Iowa July 26 - 28, 1996

Comfort Suites Motel, 11167 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, IA 50325  
Adjacent to the Living History Farms 1-800-395-7675

Thurs. July 25: Early arrival of National Board. Hosts available for local info.

Fri. July 26: Board meeting at 9:30 am at Comfort Suites. Early arrival sightseeing.  
Casual dinner - Family stories, Westcott products,  
slides of Westcott Car by Betty Acker.

Sat. July 27: am: General Meeting and Memorial Service  
pm: Tour the Living History Farms  
6 pm: Dinner, program and dance.  
Speaker, Pres. Ned Morris, "Roscoe Whitman A Memoir".

Sun. July 28: 9:30am. Church in the 1875 Town, Living History Farms.

For all the details, reservation blanks, travel information,  
motel information see SSWDA Quarterly Jan. 1996 and Apr. 1996.

If you want to talk to a real live person about the Reunion,  
please call Nancy Bruckman 515-287-3937  
Jim Westcot at 319-363-9206

### From National President, Edmund Whitman Morris

The biennial meeting of the SSWDA Board of Directors will be held on Friday, July 26, 1996 at 9:30 am at the Comfort Suites Motel, Urbandale, Iowa. All Society business will be handled and officers reports will be presented.

### Scholarship Loan Fund

It is the time of year our younger generation graduates and many will seek further education. A limited balance is in the Scholarship Loan Fund; send applications to Edmund (Ned) W. Morris, 250 Pantops Mountain Road #61, Charlottesville, VA 22911.

### Stukely Westcott Memorial Plaque - Old Warwick, Rhode Island

In the summer of 1993, Mac and Page Westcott of Toronto visited their friends, Roger and Joan Noone in Portsmouth, R.I. Together they set about to find the memorial plaque to Stukely Westcott erected in 1935, the three hundredth anniversary of his arrival in America. They used a map published in the Quarterly, but the map was made some years ago, and street names in Old Warwick had been changed. Roger, who is in real estate, used his maps and directories without much success, but a local real estate agent put things right. Old Shore Road is now West Shore Road, and Stoney Lane is now Sandy Lane. On the property is the Warwick Fire Department Station #4 and an old school house.

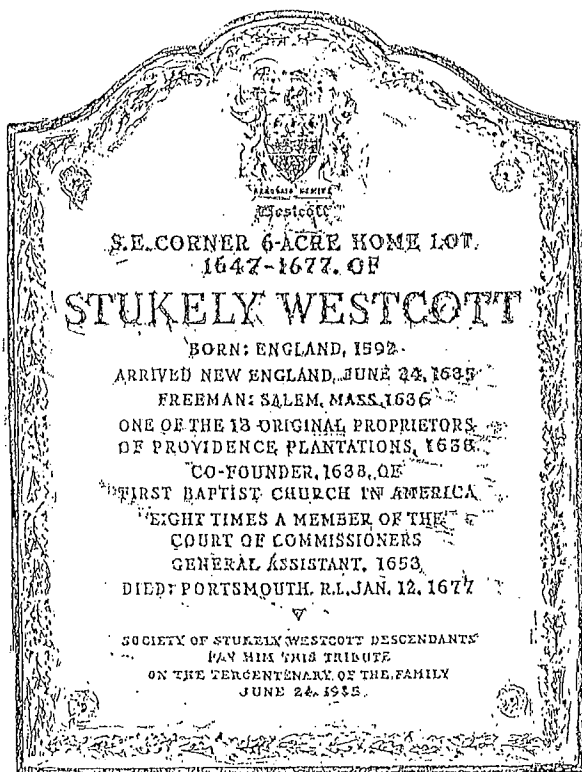
They located the plaque on a large handsome boulder on Stukely's former home lot, and Joan (who is an artist) suggested they all make a wax rubbing of it. A few phone calls, and a trip to an artists supply store brought the materials together, and collectively the rubbing was made.

Mac and Page made multiple reproductions for their immediate family for Christmas in 1993, and they are now hanging in rec rooms, over fireplaces, and in hallways. They are much studied and admired by relatives, friends, and strangers.

The Board of Directors of the Society has approved a plan to make copies of this rubbing available to members of the society, with all proceeds beyond costs going to the Society. Mac Westcott has agreed to handle the reproductions, shipping, and finances.

The reproduction can be had in the original size of the plaque, image is 18 x 24, on a sheet 24 x 30 -- or in half size, image is 9 x 12, on a sheet 17 x 24 -- or in 1/3 size -- image is 6 x 8 on a sheet 11 x 17. All are Xerox reproductions on bond paper and allow for cropping and matting to fit various frames. The prices are \$10.00, \$8.00 and \$6.00 for the respective sizes, including packing and postage.

Some copies, in various sizes, will be available at the reunion in Des Moines for display and sale. Copies can be ordered on the form below.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies: \_\_\_ 18x24 (\$10)

\_\_\_ 9x12 (\$8) \_\_\_ 6x8 (\$6)

Deduct 25% of total for multiple copies to the same address.

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques in US\$ payable to :  
Send orders to:

Malcolm R. Westcott  
19 Gustav Crescent  
North York, Ontario, Canada  
M2M 2C6

## From the Letter Box

From Allan Boerker of Virginia

Claudie thanks you for the Honorary Life Membership. We are great grand parents again. Our grand-daughter, Cynthia and husband, Brian McNally have child, Deborah Elizabeth born Jan. 24, 1996. And grand-daughter, Lisa, and husband Joseph Huffman have child Megan Elizabeth, born April 19, 1996. Our daughter, Betty Guerreri is thrilled to be a grandmother.

From Barlow Westcott of Colorado

At the last annual Meeting of the Colorado Society, Sons of the American Revolution in February, I was awarded the Patriot's Medal. It is the highest award given for service at the State or Chapter level and is only awarded by a State Society. The presentation was made by Compatriot Col. Lucien E. Rising who is also a member of the Stukely Westcott Descendants. Compatriot Rising has also been awarded the Patriot's Medal and is currently Vice-President elect for the Rocky Mountain District ( Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona ) of the National SAR. We are looking forward to seeing you at the reunion in Iowa this summer.

HAPPY 100 YEARS BIRTHDAY Clara Westcott McPherson  
Send her a card at 1209 21st Ave., Friendship Manor, Rock Island, IL 61201-7914

From Doris Jay Caruso of New York

## Caruso finds fame in Buffalo with new CD

A product of Granville and the Granville School System, John Caruso has made his presence known in Buffalo music circles through the recent release of his band's new CD "It's a Beautiful Thing". John, the son of Doris and the late Richard "Jiggy" Caruso, has become a very active member of the Northeast music scene in the last several years.

In 1992, the need to create, the need to perform, and the need to share their music brought together John and three other gifted musicians to form the band "THE NEED". Since that time the band and its members have garnered a dozen or so top awards at the Buffalo Music Awards held annually and have awed audiences all over the North-East and Canada.

John, also a Sound Recording

Engineer, plays bass and sings. Since his high school days in Granville he has developed into a premier musician. Perhaps some of you remember his first band from those days "JASON". In 1995, John was awarded "Best Original Bassist," and The Need won "Best Original Pop Band" at the Buffalo Music Awards Show. Sue Kincaid, lead singer, George Puleo, guitarist, and Jim Linsner, drummer have also won several awards in their careers.

Occasionally John and the rest of the band visit Granville while criss-crossing the Northeast. One of the favorite band functions while here is a hearty breakfast at Scotties. Musicians sure can eat! Scotties has also their CD available. The other band members have found out what John already knew, ... that Granville is a nice place to catch your breath on the road to success.

From Barbara Westcott Reese of California

BARBARA WESTCOTT Reese has spent more than two years perusing the last hundred years of the *Gonzales Tribune* and *Soledad Bee*. Finding different tidbits about her ancestors have made her laugh out loud, and Barbara said there is nothing compared to the high she gets from doing her research.

By POLLY KENNEDY

Barbara Westcott Reese has been a familiar face around the *Soledad Bee/Gonzales Tribune* office for several years now in her quest to trace her family's roots.

Her blue eyes twinkling with her hands encased in white gloves, (to avoid damage to the delicate newsprint) she pours over pages of the last hundred years trying to fill in the blank spaces of her heritage.

It is not unusual to hear a cry of delight from what is called "her desk," such as the time she read she was in a wedding as a youngster, a fact she didn't remember.

"I also read about my first birthday party," she said, "Which I definitely don't remember."

After spending eight plus hours leaning over the papers and writing careful notes, out the door she goes, always a cheerful "thanks for the use of the hall."

Interest in genealogy has been on the rise for the past several years, and Reese belongs to the Monterey County Genealogy Society, who has its home base at the Family History Center in Seaside.

Reese became a member of the society about four years ago, and starting perusing back issues when she realized there was more information out there.

Information in researching roots comes from oral history, diaries, journals, war record, census reports, voting records, and many others, including newspapers.

That is the reason Reese, who spent a great deal of her life in the Soledad area, pursues back issues of South County Newspapers.

Reese's research offers a history of Soledad, from her colorful grandfather Bey Westcott who owned the water rights and blacksmith shop in 1902, as well as a bowling alley and opera house complete with a separate entrance with offices including a butcher shop in 1914.

The opera house was later the site of a skating rink and hosted the first viewing of motion pictures.

Back then Soledad's population was 700.

Future research will offer glimpses into the 1950s and '60s

From Velma W. Reed of Vermont

The 60th annual Vermont Chapter SSWDA # 5 Picnic will be held Sunday, August 11, 1996, at Lake St. Catherine State Park, Poultney, Vermont. Lunch at 12:30 pm. Bring a favorite dish to share. Don't miss this one. Worship Service at United Baptist Church on the Green, East Poultney, VT at 9:30 am.

## DEATHS

## Robert Leo Kuhn of Newark OH

Bernice Ann (Wilson) Kuhn's husband, Robert Leo Kuhn, died at home on Nov 28, 1995 in Newark, Licking Co, Ohio. Bob was born Apr 1, 1929 in Springfield, Massachusetts to Maude Victoria Jessum (Jul 1, 1890 Agawam Mass-Oct 1, 1979 Newark OH) and Leo Sebastian Kuhn (Sep 23, 1898 Hoboken, Hudson Co NJ-Jan 1948 Springfield MA). Bob and Bernice were m. Nov 8, 1952 Albuquerque, Bernalillo County NM. Bernice is the daughter of Bernice Lindergrén Ferguson and Donald Howard Wilson, son of Irvin Thomas Wilson and Frances Ann Westcott (Philo Ferris, John, Benjamin, Stukley IV Westcott). Bob is also survived by two sons and three grandsons: David Lee Kuhn, b. May 5, 1953 Albuquerque NM and has son Michael Linton Kuhn, b. Mar 3, 1982 Raleigh, Wake Co NC; Bruce Robert Kuhn, b. Feb 3, 1956 Midland, Michigan and had two sons born in Midland MI: Russell David Kuhn, b. Jan 7, 1984 and Daniel Robert Kuhn, b. Jun 21, 1985.

## Harold W. Westcott Jr.

EAST POULTNEY — Harold W. "Bud" Westcott Jr., 66, a lifelong resident of Poultney, died March 22, 1996, in Rutland Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 5, 1929, in Rutland, the son of Harold W. and Elrena (Kelley) Westcott. He was a 1947 graduate of Poultney High School and 1949 graduate of Rutland Business College, and veteran of the Korean War, having served as clerk of a prisoner of war camp.

Mr. Westcott was involved in the family business, The Harold W. Westcott Garage, Inc., since his youth and was president and owner since purchasing the business from his parents in 1970.

A member of St. Raphael Catholic Church, Poultney Fish & Game Club, and J. Claire Carmody American Legion. Post 39 in Poultney, he was a justice of the peace at the time of his death and secretary of Poultney Town Bowling League for 37 years.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Marie (Sbardella) Westcott of East Poultney; three daughters, Leslie Nichols, Marcie VanBuren and Carmie Westcott, and two sons, Jamie Westcott and Harold W. "Rusty" Westcott III, all of Poultney. Also surviving are a sister, Correne Mint-horn of Waldwick, N.J.; two granddaughters; an aunt; and several nieces, nephews and more distant relatives. A sister, Barbara Westcott, died previously.

A funeral Mass will be offered Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Raphael Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph M. Vignoe as celebrant. Burial will be at a later date. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Roberts-Aubin Funeral Home, 17 Allen Ave., Poultney.

Memorial contributions may be made to either: Poultney Hose Company 1, Volunteer Firemen, or to Poultney Rescue Squad, in care of Roberts-Aubin Funeral Home, P.O. Box 181, Poultney, Vt. 05764.

## Stewart E. Westcott

A memorial service for Stewart E. Westcott will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 1996, at Sequim Valley Chapel. The Rev. John Morgan will officiate. Mr. Westcott will be buried with full military honors at Sequim View Cemetery. Mr.

Westcott died Feb. 26, 1996, in San Antonio, Texas. He was 71.

Mr. Westcott was born July 2, 1924, in Oxford, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later joined the Air Force Reserve from which he retired as a lieutenant colonel. He also worked for the Division of Highways in California. He retired from the Boeing Co. in 1987.

Mr. Westcott was a pilot and made many trips around the country with his wife. They also made several trips to Australia. One of his retirement projects was building a Glasair airplane, which was completed in 1994. They flew the plane to the experimental aircraft association convention in Lakeland, Fla., in 1995.

Mr. Westcott was a member of the local chapter of the experimental aircraft association; the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association, Washington Pilots Association, OX-5 Club, Rhododendron Grange and the Society of Stukely Westcott descendants of American.

In addition to Merle Ann, his wife of 48 years, at the family home, Mr. Westcott is survived by three children Lewis Westcott of Issaquah, Susan Campbell of Snohomish and Laureen Pomeroy of Colbert; brothers Lewis, John, Paul, Robert, David and Byron; a sister Grace Drønnen and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 861, Port Angeles, 98362 or the Leukemia Society of America, 1402 Third Ave., Suite 1100, Seattle, 98102.

Sequim Valley Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

*I Have Been Given To The Winds To Fly Fore  
My soul is free from earthly cares  
and I am at one with the infinite God.  
Creator of the universe  
I am soaring on winds borne of the sea.  
Northwestern skies hold me as  
tenderly as life itself.  
Look for me in every sunset  
and each cloudless day.  
For I will be gliding over the  
mountain with the eagles.*

## Ruth Barry of Danville, PA

Ruth Barry, SSWDA # 723 of Danville, PA, died on May 3, 1996 following several years of ill health. She was born on May 22, 1911 in Parish, NY. Ruth served in the US Army Nursing Corps as 1st Lieutenant from 1941-1945. Funeral services were held on May 5th in Milton, PA and a full Military Honor Service was held in Johnstown, NY where she was laid to rest. She is survived by her husband, Edward Barry, of Danville, PA to whom condolence may be sent. ( RD #2 Box 498, Danville, PA 17821 ) Ruth served the National Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants as a Board member for several years, and as chaplain. She will be remembered by many of our members as a friendly, lovely lady.

## Westcott trip to England

The planned 1997 trip to visit Westcott landmarks in England will be discussed at the Reunion in Iowa. If you are interested be sure to attend the meeting. Twenty people would make a good sized travel group - be one !

Betty Acker, Historian  
2145 Richvale Rd.  
Nashport, Ohio 43830

Westcott belt buckle and bolo tie will be available at the Reunion - see Barlow Westcott of Colorado.

### QUERY

*Does anyone know the parentage of John Wescott, the first of the Wescott line in Virginia? In the Court Records (continuous since 1632) the first mention found of him was in 1677, when he was listed as among tithables at the Argoll Wilkens' place. The next was a deposition in 1684, when he stated that he was 25. (thus he would have been 16 or 17 in 1677 and would have been born about 1659.) He was married in 1689 or 1690 in Northampton Co., VA to Elizabeth Clarke, widow of George. She died before 1728. He and his son John lived on what is now Hog Island, in Northampton Co., VA. The first John died there in 1728. John (2), born and raised on Hog Island, married Anne (last name unknown). He died on Hog Island in 1733. John (3), born on Hog Island before 1728, died at Franktown, VA in 1786. His wife's name is unknown.*

Anyone knowing about parents, brothers, or sisters of the first John (born about 1659), please write: Harding P. Wescott, Jr., 5434 Hesperus Dr., Columbia, MD 21044.

**I'm trying to link my Great-Great-Grandfather Dr. James B. Westcott b. 06 Jan 1817 "a native of Trumbull County, Ohio", d. 29 Jul 1880 in Mount Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio to Mark Westcott sic. (Wescoat) b. 1777 New Jersey d. 11 Aug 1853 Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio. I believe Mark and his 2nd wife Dr. Jane B. Welsh are Dr. James B. Westcott's parents. I'm having a difficult time finding any documentation to prove this. Dr. James B. Westcott was the first physician of Mount Eaton, Ohio and practiced medicine there until his death. Can anyone please help. Thank you.**

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Cahoon  
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Swartout  
Whitney  
Hamilton  
Wilson

Searching for the parentage of Lovina Cahoon/Calhoun of 1777 Rhode Island and the mother of Catherine (Scouten) Swartout of 1780 Half Moon, Saratoga County NY. I'd like to share birth data of Anne Eliza (Swarthout) Westcott's six siblings and father, Richard Swartout, of 1780 Fishkill, Dutchess Co NY. These Westcott family sheets were abstracted from Roscoe Whitman's STUKELY WESTCOTT. I invite questions, additions, and corrections. I'm the mother of 25-yr old Westcott Irvin Wilson Adkins Rochette, gg-gson of Philo Ferris Westcott (John, Benjamin, Stukely V Westcott).