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Visit West Country, England

September 18 - September 29, 1997

Experience the England known to the Westcott's, the Arnold's, Marchant's, Stone's and Stafford's.

Marlin Purdue, a Stukely Westcott descendant, owner of the Travel Place, Inc., Iowa, has designed this tour for you, based on input from the survey you sent in to Robert Haedrich and Betty Acker.

The tour departs from Boston, Massachusetts on Thursday, September 18, 1997 and returns from Heathrow airport Monday, September 29.

First stop is Stonehenge, then on to Bath. The group will attend a Sunday worship service in St. John the Baptist Church in Yeovil, where Stukely Westcott and Julianna Marchante were married. Then to Plymouth, Exeter and Dartmoor, Britains southernmost National Park where prehistoric crosses and hut circles are common.

Visit Westcott Barton Pottery, Warwick Castle, the finest example of an English Castle, the Cotswolds. The trip ends with a tour of Oxford, London, and Greenwich.

Cost \$2499.00 per person, shared room, includes round trip air fare from Boston. For a single person in a room add \$300.00. \$500.00 per person will hold your space. Final payment is due 70 days prior to your departure (July 10, 1997). Minimum number of passengers to operate the tour is 22 persons. Cancellation insurance is available and encouraged.

Write, phone, fax Marlin's travel agency, to book a place on this tour planned with the Westcott descendant in mind.

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A Westcott Reunion in 1890

In 1890 a Westcott Reunion was held at the cottage of Almon D. Westcott on Lake Chautauqua, New York. Frank Schruis, SSWDA member #560, shares with us the text of the speaker, Harriet Sill Marsh (Hattie), and a picture of those attending.

Remarks by Harriet Sill Marsh (Hattie) in 1890:

"In the town of Clarendon (Vermont), among the green mountains, six miles south of where Rutland now stands, there lived, in the eighteenth century, the first Westcotts of which any definite record is now known. They were of English descent ... At about the time when the French and Indian War was closing... more than twenty-five years before Vermont was made a state, and more than sixty five years before the celebrated Rutland marble began to be quarried... About this time there was born in Clarendon, Rutland county, Vermont, George W. Westcott." (Descendants of George Westcott and wife, Phebe Salisbury, migrated to New York and were at this reunion. Others, now members of SSWDA, went to Ohio, Iowa and west.)

She continues about those attending this reunion, " As to business or occupation there are fourteen farmers, one cheese and butter maker, one blacksmith, one tinner, one boarding house keeper, one dealer in coal, one in groceries, one in hardware, one druggist, one elocutionist, and one physician. The majority are farmers and some who are not wish they were.

None are rich as to goods of this world, but all have the comforts of life. They are credited with high and ennobling principles, honesty, sobriety, morality, truthfulness, justice, and common sense, a reverence for sacred things and the exercise of an intelligent faith." (George Wescott may be found in Whitman v.II p.143)



Row 1 Orren Swezey holding Ralph Swezey, Eva Todd Swezey, Inez Todd King, Byron Wesley King, Helen Swezey, Charlotte Dean Westcott, Mary Carroll Wescott, Abram Westcott holding Luella Spooner, Olive Westcott Todd holding Olive King, Sarah Demaris (Macey) Wescott McLean holding Ruth Marsh, Howard LaRue Marsh, LaVern Marsh.

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Row 3 George Marsh, Harriet Sill Marsh, Duane Marsh, Lillie Card Westcott, Frank R. Westcott, Helen Westcott Spooner, Almon Westcott, Wilbur F. Spooner, Neuman McLean.

New Year's Greetings from SSWDA President, Sharon Coltey

All chapters, please, let me know dates of your meeting as I would like to attend if possible. Also send details to the editor, Pauline W. Dennis, so that it may be printed in the Quarterly.

I've had my surgery (back discs fused) and everything is going splendid. Nearly back to a normal way of life.

I wrote to the City Council in Warwick about security of the stone memorial to Stukely Westcott but have not received any new information to share with you.

I'm on the Internet : SCOLTEY @ AOL.COM

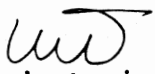


FROM THE DESK OF YOUR HISTORIAN, BETTY W. ACKER:
THE FIRST WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER, IN SEBRING, FLORIDA, THE FIRST WESTCOTT /WESCOTT GATHERING WAS HELD IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO ARRANGE FOR FUTURE FLORIDA REUNIONS AND TO WORK TO RECRUIT MORE FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SUNSHINE STATE. ALSO IT APPEARS THAT THIS WILL BE OUR NEXT NATIONAL SOCIETY CHAPTER. TWENTY-EIGHT ATTENDED INCLUDING OUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT, SHARON COLTEY AND HIS WIFE ARLENE, LEWIS WESTCOTT, REGISTRAR AND HIS WIFE NANCY, AND MYSELF AND HUSBAND, CLINK. COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS: NANCY SIECK AND MARY TURNER, CO-CHR., WITH AILENE PICHECO AND BETTY WESTCOTT TO ASSIST. IF YOU HAVE RELATIVES LIVING IN THE SOUTHEAST, ADVISE NANCY AT 6208 WINDOVER WAY, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780-7410. HOW WONDERFUL FOR FUTURE RETIREES IN FLORIDA TO HAVE A FAMILY GROUP WAITING TO WELCOME THEM!

Westcott Bay Oysters

A small chain of San Francisco Bay area restaurants, The Fish Market, lists Westcott Bay oysters on its menu. From Rhode Island ?? No. Lawrence Westcott Johnson reports, Westcott Bay is in fact in the northwest corner of Washington state on San Juan Island, near Roche Harbor, an easy drive from Friday Harbor. Nearby is the English Camp portion of San Juan Islands National Historic Park. Here one of the last manifestations of England's effort to include more of the San Juan Islands for the British Empire resulted in the Pig War. We found Westcott Drive, which led us to an oyster "farm" on the shore of placid Westcott Bay, where you get to pick your own. We enjoyed them barbecued that night. At the Fish Market's Palo Alto branch we learned that the Fish Market chain is part owner of the Westcott Bay oyster enterprise. We heartily recommend the pleasures of Friday Harbor, nearby Westcott Bay and Puget Sound area.

Best wishes from —



Lawrence Westcott Johnson

