

# Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SOCIETY HISTORIAN:

AN EASTER LILY WAS, AGAIN THIS YEAR, SENT TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND. THIS IS THE CHURCH THAT ROGER WILLIAMS FOUNDED, ALONG WITH 13 OTHERS, INCLUDING STUKELY WESTCOTT. EVERY MEMBER IN THE SOCIETY SHARED IN THIS REMEMBRANCE.

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION SOON FOR THE WESTCOTT ENGLAND TRIP. I HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH 12 PEOPLE IN ENGLAND AND ONE IN THE NETHERLANDS WHO HAVE WESTCOTT ANCESTRY. I HOPE TO MEET WITH THEM ALONG THE WAY AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THE WEST COUNTRY OF ENGLAND.

About the Stukely Westcott Memorial from David Seyfarth

Because there was a rumor out that the "Old school house in Warwick burned down", Jeanne and I went to investigate. The Social Service Building which was once a school house at 1515 West Shore Road in Warwick, Rhode Island is being renovated for section 8 housing. The last time we were there was at Memorial Day last year to place a wreath by the Westcott monument located at the very corner of the property. The wreath is still there, along with a small American flag placed there by the local veterans group. We had a chance to speak with some construction workers who were on the site. They assured us there was no fire and that construction was on schedule. For the time being, our Stukely Westcott monument seems to be safe.

(Editor's remark. Our president, Sharon Coltey, as decided by the SSWDA Board at the 1996 Iowa Reunion, has been in touch with city authorities to arrange to install an iron fence around the monument .)

Bronze Cemetery Marker with Westcott Crest

Bruce Trisman, with help from Evelyn Hitchcock, has located the U. S. Bronze Sign Co., and has been in contact with them. The Society's emblem in bronze mounted on a wall plaque approximately 2 3/4 by 2 3/8, is \$125. Cemetery marker 6" by 9" with the coat-of-arms on the left and "In Memory of" with name on the right with a 1 foot stake is \$185 each.

They never made a regular 7" medallion type marker like a DAR marker for the Society. Cost would be \$300-\$400 for the model, each marker would cost \$150. If there is enough interest in these markers he will continue to work with the company as there would be better pricing if we were able to order in sufficient quantity of two dozen or more even though each marker would have a different person's name.

Bruce W. Trismen, 436 Demarest Ave., Oradell, NJ 07649

**Reservations for the Westcott Trip to England must be in soon !**

**Don't Miss Our Sept. Tour to England!** My wife and I have returned to England many times. Why? Because it has so much to offer any visitor. It is not too late to mail in your deposit for our **9/18 to 9/29/97 [England] trip**. This will reserve your space on the 11 person touring buses. There is so much to see and discover. We were entranced by the Westcott Barton in Marwood, going back before 1068! We were amazed at the family (Affeton) Castle also nearby; almost rising out of nowhere as we drove through the hilly countryside. This castle in E. Worlington, [Crediton] Devon; is now occupied by Sir Hugh Stucley.

**England has so much;** charming landscapes, beautiful farms, fascinating towns, cities and houses along with historic buildings, romantic castles and churches. We believe you will carry home with you many indelible impressions and the memories of a lifetime. If you don't have it, ask for the British Airways trip itinerary/color brochure. **British Airways is a great way to go---so go for it!**

Bob & Marge Haedrich, Society members.

### Death of Raymond Smith

Raymond Smith, husband of Bernice Crum Smith, SSWDA member # 557 of Griswold, Iowa, died recently. He was born 2 July 1919 child of George Raymond and Iva Potter Smith. You will remember him as one of the National Reunion committee in Iowa 1996.

### Looking for Lucinda Westcott

Looking for Lucinda Westcott, born 11-Mar-1795 in Providence, RI, married first to Justus Rockwell of Stamford, CT, prior to 1815 by whom she had one child, Justus, Jr. Next married Noah Tryon, born 12-Sept.-1797 in Hartford, CT. She had eight children with him. In her old age, she married David Douglass who is buried in Streetsboro, Portage Co., OH. She is buried with husband, Noah, in Beloit, WI. She and Noah lived from 1830 to about 1846 in Copley Twp., Summit Co., OH, before moving to Janesville, WI. The names Lucinda, Elizabeth Naomi (Noah's mother's name), Ezra, Noah, and Charles run through the generations to the present time. Lucinda's and Noah's parents have been eluding us since 1927 when the search began. I hope someone can present a clue for me to follow.

Georgene Naomi Kilpatrick  
9150 Windgarden Circle  
San Antonio, TX 78239.

### Genealogical Notes

Georgene mentions that her family appears in Whitman's Book of Appendices, published 1939, or Whitman vol. II. If you have only had access to Whitman's History and Genealogy, 1932, you might not realize that vol. II, 450 pages of additions and corrections, is also available. At the LDS Family History Center order film # 0979492 item 2. Be sure to read the introductory sections of these two volumes, and Part IV in the back of Vol. I where some allied families are expanded, and Westcott's with War Service are listed.

Also search in the Genealogical Bulletins that were published with the 1940's Quarterlies. These, too, have additions and corrections to the two volumes of Whitman. Order # 1020771 item 5 from the Salt Lake, Utah LDS library thru the local Family History Center.

Warwick Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries compiled by John E. Sterling is now available. This book documents 12,058 gravestone inscriptions in 154 cemeteries in Warwick. The oldest being 1659 Surgeon John Greene, who was one of the 13 mentioned p.2 of this bulletin. General Thomas Westcott Lot with w. Marcy Arnold is listed with a picture of General Westcott's stone, along with the stone of Major General Thomas Holden's stone.

Also listed are Gorton, Cook, Rice, Tillinghast, Gardiner, Arnold, Stone, Stafford. The stones are listed in natural order which gives clues to family relationships. There is a separate maiden name index as well as surname index. One can not find Stukely Westcott listed in this book for as Whitman says v. I p.26, "This ancient burial ground was near to and west from the present White or Old Baptist church, but the ploughshare has long obliterated all."

Order Warwick Cemeteries from: Cemetery Books, 10 Signal Way, East Greenwich, RI 02818.

Thinking of trips and reunions and family, did you know the 1998 National SSWDA Reunion will be in Vermont?

Did you know there are 106 covered bridges in Vermont? Some to drive through, some just to look at. Did you know that Roscoe L. Whitman's grandfather is buried in Fair Haven, Vermont?

Did you know that the grandfathers of most of the Westcott's who moved to Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin are buried in Clarendon, Vermont?

From Evelyn Hitchcock of New York

Some of the Westcott cousins knew Sandy was close to me and for the last couple of years a very ill man. He was extremely interested in the Westcott Society, and proud of my heritage.

Heyman Rothbart died peacefully at his Manhattan home on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1996. He was 88.

Mr. Rothbart was a veteran of World War II and an attorney with a busy New York City law practice.

An active member of a number of civic and community organizations, Mr. Rothbart became commander of the New York State Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1963 and then a member of the VFW National Council, in addition to chairing a variety of national committees. He revitalized the VFW's Voice of Democracy national public-speaking competition, served

as counsel to the New York Division of Veterans Affairs from 1976 to 1991, and helped to found the Vietnam Veterans of America. Mr. Rothbart was legal counsel to the 369th Veterans Association, the national African-American veteran's group.

He established the Rothbart Scholarship Fund to provide an annual award for the winner of the Voice of Democracy competition, and founded the Rothbart Fund to support the work of Dr. Robert Samuelson of Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.

Affectionately known to those close to him as "Sandy," Mr. Rothbart worked closely with Evelyn Hitchcock of Brockport, as they shared responsibilities of the VFW Department of New York as commander and president, respectively.

Hitchcock said that as their caring friendship grew through the years, Sandy came to think of Brockport as his second home and divided his time between his Manhattan apartment and his "upstate retreat." He enjoyed family times especially during the holidays, the open spaces around Brockport, and even the snow.

The family and friends who gathered around him in his final months will miss his humor and wisdom, she said.

As his last illness progressed, Mr. Rothbart had the occasion to be cared for at Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport. He was especially appreciative, he said, of the kind attention he was given by the hospital staff and by Dr. Pratap Gupta.

Funeral services were held Nov. 10 at Riverside Memorial Chapel in Manhattan. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hawthorne, N.Y.

**Congratulations to some of our outstanding students**

From The Colteys in Georgia

Our grand-daughter, Nikki, a senior, is drum major for our marching band. She played in Clayton Co. Olympic band for Olympic torch arrival in our county, and 1st chair clarinet with the Clayton Co. Youth Orchestra. She plays sax for jazz band for 2nd year. She's still 1st chair clarinet for our symphonic band, and hopes to pursue her music at Georgia State next year. I continue as uniform chair this year, work the concession stand home games and chaperone the away games.

Lynda McGuirk of Arizona writes

We just returned from a weekend in Lake Havasu City for a Jazz Festival. Tarin had written several letters to her favorite band, Blue Street Jazz, and was invited to go up on the stage as they read one of them to the crowd (about 400). Sunday after the Gospel Service she said good-bye to the band and went inside to purchase a jacket with the logo on it. She found the leader of the band had paid for one for her as a gift. Talk about inspiration and the spirit of Christian giving. She is now ready to join the high school jazz band, and is asking her current teacher for some music to practice on so she will be ready for high school next year.

All because she wrote a very nice letter to a band she enjoys. Kerry will be singing and dancing in the school play, "My Fair Lady". She played her flute as a duet with her father in our church at Christmas time.

Marlin and Marilyn Perdue - proud grandparents

Our grand-daughter, Mindee Perdue, a senior, has been chosen as a delegate to go to Washington. She is the oldest daughter of our son, Mark, and his wife, Tina.

It is so cold here in Iowa this winter that it hurts. We're heading for Las Vegas for a couple nights to check out the new hotels.

Senators Charles E. Grassley and Tom Harkin announce the appointment of Mindee Perdue and Nathan Watson as the Iowa delegates to the 35th Anniversary United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. The state's high school student delegates were named by Ted Stilwill, Director of Education.

Perdue, a resident of Griswold, is Senior Class President at Griswold Community High School. Mindee is a member of the National Honor Society, DARE and the Golf Team. She enjoys skiing, canoeing, and playing tennis. She also participates in Future Homemakers of America. Mindee plans to major in Political Science or Biology in College.

She is the daughter of Mark and Tina Perdue of rural Griswold.



**Mindy Perdue**

FROM THE LETTER BOX

From Bruce Trismen of New Jersey

I want to thank the Society for the nice comment which was made concerning my Mother in the Oct. '96 Quarterly. I can only imagine how much she would have appreciated a Personal Computer and the Internet back then in conducting all her research. When I think of all the hours we spent walking thru cemeteries... It was very educational for my Dad and I and very rewarding for Mom as she carefully put the pieces of her genealogical puzzle together. She truly loved the Society and everything it stands for Dad and I certainly enjoyed it too !

I was wondering if the Society has a marker that I could purchase for my Mother's gravestone. Any information you have would be appreciated.

(Editors note - Does any one have access to a company who might make the brass plates that were available for mounting on gravestones ? Please contact an officer if you know of a company who might work with SSWDA on this project.)

From Eunice E. Hansen of Wisconsin

Descendants of Reuben Westcott and Susannah Leavens/Levings are eligible to become members of The Society of Mayflower Descendants. Susannah Leavens/Levings ancestry traces back to Mayflower passenger George Soule who was among those signing the Mayflower Compact in November of 1620. The lineage follows: George Soule<sup>1</sup>, Patience Soule<sup>2</sup>, John Haskell, Jr<sup>3</sup>, Squire Haskell<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth Haskell<sup>5</sup>, Susannah Leavens/Levings<sup>6</sup>.

Write to General Society of Mayflower Descendants, P.O.Box 3297, Plymouth, MA 02361 and ask for the name and address of the historian in the state where they reside. Applications are made through the state society.

(Editors note - See Whitman vol.I p.337-339, v.I p.236, vol.II p.357. Susannah's sister, Eunice Leavens, married Charles Westcott, of Arnold<sup>6</sup>, of Stukely<sup>5</sup>.

From Barlow Westcott of Colorado

Our SAR Pikes Peak Newsletter recently asks, "Cousins All ?" It seems three compatriots in this little chapter are 11th cousins. All descendants of Stukely Westcott. We attended the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) trustee meeting in Louisville and then drove down to see our daughter, Jennifer Ley, in Red Oak, NC. Our daughter, Phylinda Romero, from Loveland, was with us at the SSWDA Reunion in Iowa and really had a good time. We're thinking SSWDA in Colorado in 2000 !

From Donna Driver Krofssik of Connecticut

"I am sorry to tell you that Mrs. William Driver and Mr. Albert W. Driver are deceased." Donna is daughter of Albert Driver and Mary Ferns. Whitman v.II p.347, SSWDA # 115, William Carberry Driver and SSWDA #412 Albert Westcott Driver were twins, b. 3 Feb 1900. A sister, SSWDA #521 Beatrice Helen Driver b. 7 Aug 1903. Chn. of Helen Jane Westcott and Samuel Driver SSWDA # 70. Both William C. Driver and wife, Mrs. Frances Baker Driver were on the National SSWDA Board of Directors. William was National president and National Treasurer. Albert and Mary Ferns Driver had two chn. Albert Westcott Driver, Jr., and Donna Ferns Driver.

From Ellis R. Westcott, Jr. of Florida

My mother, Mrs. Cynthia A. Westcott, has been a member of SSWDA for many years. She'll be 93 on February 4th. She has lost much of her eyesight and hearing, but is otherwise in good health, energetic and alert. I enclose new address so she can continue to receive her newsletter. I also send latest developments in our family.