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NATIONAL NEWS

It's official! Vermont Chapter #5 SSWDA announces the 1998 National Reunion will be held August 7-9 at the Summit Resort, Killington, Vermont. Located in Central Vermont at the junction of US 4 and VT 100 in Sherburne, 16 miles east of Rutland, overlooking the magnificent Killington Mountain Range of Vermont's Green Mountains. So start making your plans for a Vermont vacation.

There will be more about the reunion in the next Quarterly, but get started in your planning now by writing for a catalog of Vermont books and read up on places you would like to visit when you attend the 1998 Reunion in Vermont.

The 1997 booklist includes books on covered bridges, farming, the slate, iron and lime industries; and genealogy. Try Vermont Off the Beaten Path: A Guide to Unique Places.

Booklist Vermont Historical Society
Pavilion Bldg.
109 State St.
Montpelier, VT 05609-0901

Greetings from President, Sharon Coltey

We are sad to have lost our SSWDA secretary, Joan-Harvey Bentson, to cancer. Our condolences to her parents, Fran and Ned Morris; her husband, Tom, and their two sons Pete at Washington and Lee University and Tommy a high school student.

I have appointed Nancy Westcott, wife of Lewis O. Westcott, to fill this position.

Bruce Trismen of Rhode Island has found the information about ordering Bronze Markers for Gravestones. If enough of our members are interested we will be able to get a reduced price. Please contact me if you are interested so that I can get an estimate of how many would like to purchase one.

I am still working with the City of Warwick to get a plan to protect the Stukely Westcott marker located at West Shore Road, Warwick, Rhode Island.

We are spending the summer in New England attending family reunions, a wedding, and more family reunions. We plan to return home in early September.

Sharon Coltey
5224 Woodland Drive
Lake City, GA 30260

Chapter News

The Wescott's of New Hampshire Chapter #12 will meet Sunday, July 20th, 1997.

Church services are at the South Danbury Church. Meet at 10:45am in the parking lot. A pot luck lunch will follow at Potter Place in the Masonic Hall. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Please bring food to share and a gift for the Silent Auction.

Arlene Dole

Vermont Chapter #5 will hold it's 57th Annual Wescott Picnic Sunday, August 10, 1997 at Lake St. Catherine State Park in Poultney, Vermont. Last year 105 people attended - so lets aim for even more this year... Games - swimming - music - reminiscing. Maybe you'll be the youngest or oldest, or possibly travel the farthest to attend. Hope to see you there. Bring your camera, a dish to pass, beverage, lawn chair, play equipment.

Church is at the United Baptist Church on the Green, East Poultney, Vermont at 10 am. Come and enjoy!

Ann Coltey

FROM THE LETTER BOX

Query

I am searching for my great, great, great grandmother, Nertha Westcott. She was b. abt 1834 in Ohio or New York, married Lafayette (Fayette) J. West b. 1833/1834 in New York, the son of David and Racheal E. West.

Nertha Westcott and Lafayette West had two daughters that I know of, Flora Adella (Della) West b. 28 Dec 1857 in Aureau, Kane Co. Illinois, and Alice West b. abt 1870

Thank you for any help you may be able to give me.

Karen Gustafson, 42452 65th St. W., Lancaster, CA 9353

Congratulations to graduate, Francis Nicole Coltey, grand-daughter of Sharon and Arlene Coltey of Lake City, Georgia. Nikki will be attending Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia her first college year under the Georgia HOPE scholarship program.

Congratulations to Arlene Coltey

An outstanding volunteer Award was started by the Forest Park High School Band and Orchestra Director and is called the Arlene Coltey Award. Small bronze plates on the plaque will recognize future recipients.

From Edna Lewis of Connecticut

My niece, Marren Sanders, was recently the featured member in the Newsletter of her professional organization, ARMA in Boston. Marren is the files manager at Lucash, Gesmer & Updegrove, LLP. She has been with the attorneys for five years and has recently accepted nomination to run for the ARMA chapter's Board of Directors. Records management was new to her since she graduated with a degree in theater and music, but she does keep active in her field by continuing music lessons and community theater.

From the Editor of SSWDA Quarterly

Where are all the graduation announcements from the rest of our members ?
Send them to me for the October newsletter, please.

Deaths

Virgil C. Hill SSWDA # 644 of Brookings, Oregon passed away on September 9, 1996 of cancer. Son of Thomas Naylor and Cora May (Thomas) Hill, grandson of Amos John and Elizabeth (Westcott) Thomas, he was born 24 Mar 1910 in Clear Lake, Iowa. He is buried in Oregon. His brothers, Lyle and Dale and sister Ethel, died earlier and are all buried in Clear Lake, Iowa. His wife, Laura Hauelsen, survives him.

Joan-Harvey Morris Bentson, #682, secretary National SSWDA.

Joan-Harvey Bentson

Joan-Harvey Morris Bentson died May 6, 1997. She was born June 15, 1949, in Cranford, N.J., the daughter of Edmund Whitman Morris and his wife, Frances. She was reared in Cranford, graduating from the Vail-Deane School, Elizabeth, N.J. in 1967. In 1971, she received a B.A. from Hood College, Frederick, Md., majoring in studio art. She was married in Sept. 1971, to Thomas Gentry Bentson Jr. who survives, along with their two sons, Edmund Travis Bentson and Thomas Soren Bentson.

Following their marriage, the Bentsons lived in Charlottesville, where Thomas completed graduate studies. Joan served as secretary in the Charlottesville office of the Virginia Employment Commission from 1971 to 1973, and as office manager of the Alcohol Treatment Unit, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from 1973 to 1978. Following the birth of Edmund Travis in 1978, Joan was employed by Amvest Corporation from 1980 to 1981. Thomas Soren was born in Charlottesville in 1981.

In 1981, Joan moved with her family to Wytheville. In Wytheville, Joan was a member of St. Johns Episcopal Church, serving on the Altar Guild and with the Episcopal Church Women. She was a member of the Stuart Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and was employed by Hodges and Associates. In 1989, she moved with the family to Manassas where she resided until her death. In Manassas, Joan was employed by Karen Brown, CPA, and from 1992 until her death, served with the 4-H program, Prince William Extension Service. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, again serving with the Episcopal Church Women and the Altar Guild.

Joan is also survived by her parents; her sisters, Susan Morris of Barrington, Ill., and Margaret Morris-Dorr of Brooklyn, N.Y., and her maternal grandmother, Celeste Rosenthal of Tiffin, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, Wednesday, May 14, 1997, at 11:30 a.m. Bishop David Leighton, retired, and the Rev. Stuart Schadt, Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will be private at Fairlawn Cemetery, Westfield, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested memorials be made to the Patient

Care Fund - Hospice
13168 Center Pointe Way, Woodbridge, VA 22193
THE DAILY PROGRESS, Charlottesville, Va., Thursday, May 8, 1997

Update about BOOK III, the additions and corrections to Whitman's Westcott Family History and Genealogy, now being compiled by Edna J. Lewis, SSWDA Genealogist.

We are now in the final editing stage of this compilation of your Westcott/Wescott families. If anyone would like to help in this editing process by checking what is included for your family, please, contact me at P.O. Box 279 , Riverton, CT 06065

From the Historian, Betty Acker

In our Society Scrapbook, I found an article printed by the American Bible Society in the mid 50's, sent in by Clarys Miller of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Does anyone know who this Rev. W. H. Westcott is?

Luna-Inkongo

Traveling northeast on the main road to East Congo, we visited two of the Westcott Mission stations. It was at Inkongo station near the Sankuru River that the Rev. W. H. Westcott and his colleagues translated the whole Bible into Luna-Inkongo. The Tshiluba has here, as in many other areas, become the lingua franca and is used in the schools and by government circles. The Luna language is thus dying out among the younger generation. It is, however, used in preaching the Gospel, and the Westcott Bible has been and still is a real blessing to the older folks.

Some unbound Bibles ordered shortly after the war may at long last be found in Leopoldville and thus enable some of the older folks to have their own copy of this excellently translated Bible.

Stukely Westcott Plaque

From Cousin Mac Westcott of Toronto: I can still provide copies of a wax rubbing of the commemorative plaque honoring Stukely Westcott in Old Warwick, R.I. Since these were first announced a year ago, I have filled orders for more than fifty of them. I would now like to wind up this project by the end of 1997 and forward the proceeds to the Society. I'll do my best to get them to you for Christmas presents if you order early.

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. Order form below.

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