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## NATIONAL NEWS

### 1998 Reunion in Vermont

The Vermont Chapter invites you to come join us for the 1998 Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America National Reunion August 6,7,8 in Killington, Rutland Co., Vermont. The Green Mountains beckon you to come, relax - enjoy the view of the mountains from your outdoor balcony at the Summit Resort, or stroll through the wild flower meadows behind the Lodge.

Need more action? Mountain bike or hike the trails, ride up the chair lift and view 5 states. Just down the mountain you'll find miniature golf, the Pico Alpine slide, the Norman Rockwell Museum. Around the corner on Rt. 100 is the new Vermont National Golf Course. There are so many things to see and places to go in this area you'll want to stay around for days.

The Summit is ours for the weekend, all of it - reserved for us. So let's fill it up and enjoy the pools, tennis courts, conversations in a quiet corner with cousins we haven't seen since '96, the displays, meetings and banquet.

Friday night will be music and fun games. Saturday night Al and Kathy Bain will play and sing for our dancing and listening pleasure after the banquet. Our banquet speaker will be Margaret Jenks, author of the Thomas Horton Genealogy, and the Rutland County Cemetery Inscription books.

Please come to visit us in Vermont for a wonderful family reunion.

Velma W. Reed  
President, Vermont Chap.

Make reservations directly with the Summit Resort

Box 119 Mountain Rd.

Killington, Vermont 05751

1-800-635-6343

Fax 802-422-3536

Special package of 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, Sat. night banquet - \$145 per person.

2 nights, 2 breakfast, banquet - \$110 per person

extra person in room with no meals - \$45 per night

May Quarterly will have reservation information for those who are coming only for the day or to the banquet ( special child's menu and price available ).

Send for " Three Hundred Things to see and do in Vermont" Vermont Dept. of Travel and Tourism, Dept. 300, 134 State St., Montpelier, VT 05601 or call 1-800-VERMONT.

"The Visitors Guide Killington and Rutland Region", Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, 256 North Main St., Rutland, VT or Killington & Pico Areas Association, P.O. Box 114, Killington, VT 05751, 800-337-1928, Fax 802-775-7070, on your computer [www.killingtoninfo.com](http://www.killingtoninfo.com)

### Getting there:

Consider taking the Amtrak Ethan Allen Express. Check flights to Lebanon, New Hampshire as well as Rutland, Burlington, Vermont or Albany, New York.

The Stukely Westcott Descendants Tour of 1997 is history and it has been declared a success! Nineteen cousins and friends departed from Boston, September 18 and arrived in London the next day ready to experience the land of our ancestors.

Our two professional guides, Sean and Stuart, were ready and willing to go the extra miles exploring places of interest to our group. That took us into some very narrow out of the way places not usually seen by tourists. In one place we even went across a stream! The only rain we had was on our arrival day and after that we had sunshine everyday. The most wonderful part of our trip however, was getting better acquainted with our cousins! I hope we can do it again sometime.

Marlin and Marilyn Perdue, Tour Directors

### Our Visit to Stukely Westcott Country

I believe this trip to England captivated each of the nineteen of us in our tour group and stirred many souls as we observed a variety of spellbinding sights; from London to Devon County to Barnstable. We discovered many treasures to capture our imaginations. England's history and traditions, as well as castles and cathedrals, are no doubt etched into the memory of each one of us.

We sort of traveled back in time, to perhaps better appreciate the life and times of Stukely Westcott. We saw different things from different perspectives. Some saw flower-laden windows, the Towers of London, narrow stone roads, farms everywhere, sun-drenched fields and streams, churches, cathedrals, as well as a medieval castle. All of the accommodations were excellent as were the bus drivers and the guides. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It was also wonderful to share all these experiences with our fellow society members and friends.

The Westcott Barton and Affeton Castle were both outstanding.

Our approach to Westcott Barton was from the north of Marwood, southward down a narrow road lined with hedgerows. The farm yard is situated in a low protected area with a green hill rising behind the eastern section of the barn. It was common for farms to have a courtyard layout before the 16th century. The brown bricks were usually made with sand and gravel to strengthen the clay. The three sides of the barn were continuous around the sloping courtyard of ridged coarse cement. I saw a similar barn in France. The north wing contained a gift shop and the south wing contained a modern apartment for Ms. Ann Burnham's parents behind its ancient facade.

Across the court yard, from the barns stood a large white house with thick walls. A lush green lawn was surrounded on two sides by a swift stream of water turning south before it disappeared. Beautiful flowers, shrubs, trees and a bridge were delightful. Inside the house were large rooms maintaining their old character and quiet charm. In a small new building, behind the house, one can have tea.

Next, we drove south and east about 20 miles to Affeton Castle /Affeton Barton near West Worlington. The large brown castellated mansion was surrounded by farm buildings as well as the original castle that was badly damaged in the Civil War, which was thatched instead of rebuilding. They moved into the keep instead, now their home.

Lady Stucley was most gracious. She said that Stukely Westcott was definitely related to them. As we left, she said that Sir Hugh Stucley was "madly farming". They farm 1,000 acres. Hartland Abbey has approximately 3,000 acres. She handed us color brochures about Hartland Abbey as we left; saying we must go there to see it.

It was a wonderful, exciting day in Stukely Westcott country.

Marjorie Haedrich

Although the immediate ancestry of Stukely Westcott has not been found, the surname Stukely suggests a connection with the Stucle, Stucley family, and thus our interest in the home lands of the Stucley family, Affeton Castle and Hartland Abbey.

Whitman vol.II' p. 7 states, " the student of genealogy may in the future years find the following lineage at least, suggestive of the immediate ancestry of Stukely Westcott." ( Editors note )

The Westcott trip to England was a great success! Nineteen people took the trip- eleven descendants, five spouses, and three tourists. The three thought they were cousins before the trip was over.

Arriving in London, there was a light rain falling, but it ended soon after we left Stonehenge and the rest of the week was sunny.

I was not prepared for the age of a lot of the structures. The guide was always talking about something being 300, 500, or even 700 years old.

Yeovil was special for me. We were able to attend church at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church where Stukely and Julianna were married in 1619. Just knowing that the walls and scenes that we were looking at had also been viewed by them so long ago was awe inspiring.

The Moors, the narrow back roads that we traveled, the thatched roofs on the houses, the old stone dove cotes, and all the hedge rows were special.

But the best for me was meeting all our English "cousins". We visited with Barbara and Robert Reeves from Southampton with whom I have been corresponding. At Dartmouth Stephen Westcot was the naturalist taking boat tours out in the harbor. In Plymouth we were interviewed by the newspaper, and David and Carole Ryall came to our hotel and spent the evening talking about Westcott ancestry. At Leamington Spa two couples spent the evening with us; Dennis and Audrey Westcott and Sylvia and Alan Back.

We had two days of touring London, including St. Paul's Cathedral to view the monument to Captain George Blagdon Westcott who was killed in the Battle of the Nile in 1798. However, for me, touring London just couldn't compare with our tour of the "West" country.

I wish everyone could have gone - it was a thrill of a life time.

Betty W. Acker

Look for more about the Westcott trip in the January Quarterly, including pictures.

## From the Letter Box

### From Chris Anderson of Kansas

My name is Christopher Lewis Anderson. I am 8 years old and am a descendent of Stukely Westcott. This summer on my travels to Texas and Illinois, I became interested in license plates. Now I am collecting them. My goal is to have one from all 50 states plus the District of Columbia. If you have an old license plate in your attic, garage, or basement you do not want, I would love to have it. You may contact me at: Chris Anderson

5928 Delmar  
Fairway, KS 66205

phone: 913-262-4170

Chris plans to label each plate on the back with the donors name, and I hope some day I can photograph him among 51 license plates and send it to all who helped him! It also would give him a sense of connection to family from all over.

Nancy Westcott Anderson ( mother of Chris)

### From Bernice C. Smith of Iowa

My youngest grand-daughter, Jill Burroughs, graduated from Griswold High School in the top 10% of her class. She will be attending the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Rapids.

Her older sister, Julie, graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, Magna Cum Laude, with a degree in elementary education. She married Shad Danker of Minden, Iowa on June 7, 1997 at the Church of Christ in Griswold, Iowa. She will be teaching in Lewis, Iowa a combination of a 1st and 2nd grade class.

Our oldest granddaughter, Jennifer and husband, Mark Weidman, have a son, Blake Anthony, born March 9, 1997 in Washington, Iowa. He weighed 6 lbs.11 oz. He is my first great grand child. Grandparents are Sheryl and Ronald Burroughs.

I am joining the cousins on the trip to Great Britain. I'm looking forward to it..

### From Annette LaCarte Burns of New York

Annette LaCarte Burns and Timothy Burns announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, born July 23, 1997 weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz. Annette is dau. of Caroline Reed and Marvin LaCarte, granddaughter of Fanny and Hudson Reed (both deceased) of East Poultney, Vermont.

From Earl Westcott of Ohio

Kermit Westcott, grandson of Earl and Bonnie Westcott of Zanesville, Ohio SSWDA # 781, highlighted area bowling by firing a perfect 300 games and had a 713 three game series in the Goss Supply League at Sunrise Bowl in March, 1997. ( Times Recorder, Zanesville, Ohio)

From Betty Acker of Ohio

"Stonemasons of Muskingum County, Ohio in the 1800's" written by Betty Acker and Nettie G. Watson is now available. The book was made possible because of a grant from the city to the local Genealogical Society. Several well-known structure such as the gateway entrance to the Greenwood Cemetery and the former Methodist Protestant Church in Irville were created by stonemasons as well as many of the locks and bridges in Muskingum County. ( Times Recorder, Zanesville, Ohio) contact Betty at 2145 Richvale Rd., Nashport, OH 43830

From Howland F. Atwood of North Carolina

I have found a few Westcott records in the History of Claremont, New Hampshire by Otis F.R. Waite (1895) which may be of interest to our members who are researching in that area.

Rufus Westcott and Phebe Shattuck married 14 Oct 1798 p.317

Jeremiah Westcott, Jr. of Claremont and Ruth West of Cranston, Rhode Island mar.16 Nov 1798 p.317

Rebecca Westcott and William Edmunds married 11 Feb 1799 p.317

In Gravestones Records from the Ancient Cemeteries in the town of Claremont compiled by Charles Spofford, Old Village Cemetery: Wescott, Jeremiah, son of Jeremiah and Ruth died 4 Sep. 1813 age 6 yrs. P.40

## DEATHS

Laura Frances Gallup (Morrill) Sturtevant of Orange, New Hampshire, died September 14, 1996 at the home of her sister, Ines LaWare, in Canaan, NH.

Born May 26,1912 in Danbury, NH, dau. of Sylvanus Robert and Orrie (Tucker) Gallup, she lived in Danbury, Orange, and Grafton, NH. She attended schools in Grafton and Canaan. Married in 1950 to Berton Morrill who died in 1954. She married second Lewis Sturtevant who passed away in 1978.

She worked in the Mica shops of Grafton and Canaan; clerk for Arthur Roney's General store in Grafton; assistant postmistress in Grafton; at the Baltic Mills in Enfield; the Cardigan Mt. school; the hot lunch program in the Mascoma Regional School District ;and the International Packing Corp. of Bristol, NH. She enjoyed crafts, eating out and traveling.

Laura was superintendent in flowers, vegetables, cooking and canning at the Canaan, NH Fair. She was a member and officer of the Helping Hand Society; Ladies Aid Society of Canaan Methodist Church. Member # 626 of The Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, and had served as treasurer, vice-president and hostess of the New Hampshire chapter.

Survivors include son, Warren Morrill; step son Richard Morrill of Oklahoma; sisters, Ines LaWare of Canaan, NH; Carrie Williams of Grafton, NH; Myrtle Cooper of Grafton, NH and brother, Donald Gallup of Grafton, NH, several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Sept. 17 in the Wells Cemetery, Canaan, NH

Laura Irene Ford of Canaan, New Hampshire died Thursday, 26 December 1996 at Dartmouth Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. She was born 6 May 1935 in Grafton, NH, dau. of Harry and Martha (Brown) Powell. Laura married Roland Ford who died in 1989.

She had worked at the Baltic Mills, Enfield, Kleen's Laundry, as well as International Packing Co. of Bristol, NH. She loved dogs, cats, guinea pigs, birds, and loved to make quilts as gifts.

She is survived by her father, Harry Powell; 5 sisters Rose Buckwell of Canaan, Louise O'Shea of North Pole, Alaska; Barbara Dauphinais of Grafton; Ruby McAllister of Canaan; and Arlene Normandia of Hillsboro,NH 2 step-daughters, Carole Quimby of White River Jct., VT and Helen Pashalidis of Succasuma, NJ; step-son, Joe Ford of Lebanon, NH.

Private services were held by the family 13 July 1997. Burial in Pike, NH.

## Joseph J. Hogan owned, operated J.W. Westcott freighter mail service

Joseph J. Hogan, retired operator and owner of a Detroit River mail boat, died after a long illness Sunday, Nov. 18, 1995, at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 78.

Mr. Hogan and his wife owned and operated the J.W. Westcott Co., which delivers mail to passing freighters on the Detroit River.

During World War II, Mr. Hogan was a staff sergeant with counter intelligence in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he returned to the Coca-Cola Beverage Co. of Detroit, where he worked before the war.

In 1948, Mr. Hogan joined the J.W. Westcott Co. as a boat operator.

He became assistant office manager in 1949; manager in 1969, vice-president in 1973; and president in 1975.

Mr. Hogan was instrumental in gathering support of Great Lakes shipping and sailors in the 1970s to help persuade the U.S. Postal Service to continue mail service to Great Lakes freighters.

He retired in 1980, but continued to serve as a consultant to the company until his death.

Mr. Hogan was a member of several organizations, including the Propeller Club of the Port of Detroit, the International Shipmasters Association, Detroit Lodge No. 7, Marine His-

torical Society of Detroit, Florida Great Lakes Marine Club, and Elks of Farmington. He was past president of the Commerce Youth Baseball League.

During his retirement, Mr. Hogan enjoyed model railroading and golfing at Michaywe Country Club in Gaylord.

Survivors include his wife, June Westcott Hogan; daughter, Joanne Bleiler; son, James; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Kathleen Powers.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. today at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 9086 Hutchins, White Lake Township.

### Dorothy V. Wescoat, 84, of Mays Landing, died Thursday at her home. 12 JUNE 1997

Miss Wescoat was a retired teacher at the Atlantic City High School.

She was an alumni of Montclair College and a member of World University where she received her doctrine.

She worked with the American Junior Red Cross from 1927-1929, and the American Red Cross from 1932 to present, where she served on the Bloodmobile and as a Disaster Volunteer. She also served on the Atlantic County Chapters Board of Directors.

She was a current member of: Altrusa International; American Business Women's Association; Christian Women's Club; First United Methodist Church of Mays Landing; International Who's Who of Intellectuals; New Jersey State Federation of Women; American Lung Association; International Biographical Association; Eastern Star Chapter 58 of Punta Gorda, Fl.; and a fifty year member of Eastern Star Friendship Chapter 173 of Egg Harbor Twp. She was also named "Women of the Year" by the Lenape Women's Club.

Born in Atlantic City, she was a lifelong resident of Mays Landing. She has no immediate survivors.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, 7:00 P.M., at the First United Methodist Church, Main Street, Mays Landing, where friends may call from 6:30 till the time of the service.

## George S. Westcott, volunteer band leader

By CRAIG BASSE  
Times Obituaries Editor

ST. PETERSBURG — Dr. George S. "Doc" Westcott, a former director of two volunteer bands, has died at age 86.

Dr. Westcott, who lived in Gulfport, died Tuesday (Sept. 30, 1997) at Bayfront Medical Center.

He had Alzheimer's disease and cancer and had been seriously ill for the past two years, said Betty Westcott, his wife of 15 years.



Dr. Westcott

For a decade, beginning in 1970, Dr. Westcott, a retired band director at Eastern Illinois University, led the St. Petersburg Adult Community Band, which plays for city events and in nursing homes.

Until 1991, he directed the South Pasadena Band, which he helped to organize. He also played bass in the Pasadena Community Church Orchestra and sometimes conducted until 1990.

His volunteer efforts did not go unrewarded. In recognition of his work, the New York Mets invited him to throw out the first ball at spring training in 1984.

He moved to St. Pete Beach in 1972 from Charleston, Ill., and to Gulfport in 1978.

For more than a year, he lived in retirement. One day a friend suggested that Dr. Westcott, who also played the trombone, trumpet, mandolin and clarinet, might enjoy being part of the Adult Community Band.

He joined the group and when the band director resigned to fol-

low other pursuits, he took over. The son of a railroad worker, George Steven Westcott was born in Oelwein, Iowa. After high school, he joined the Navy and played in the Navy Band from 1930-1935.

Until World War II, he went to Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo., where he received a bachelor's degree. He paid for his education by playing trumpet in jazz bands at night. When the war broke out, he returned to the Navy and served in the Navy Band on the USS *Atlanta* and USS *Wyoming*.

After the war, he received master's degree and doctorate music from the State University of Iowa.

Dr. Westcott was a member of the Elks Lodge in Charleston. He was a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Gulfport, the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and the St. Petersburg Power Squadron.

His first wife, Margaret Burdick, died in 1972. His second wife, Sandy Widner, died in 1980. In addition to his wife, Betty, survivors include a daughter, She Westcott, Ridgecrest, Calif.; a son, Robert, Mattoon, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Lucy Lewis, Panama City; and Trudie Van Middleworth, Orlando; a stepson, Ac Reames, Tyrone, Ga.; two brothers, Paul, Odessa, Texas; and Ralph, Rock Island, Ill.; and eight grandchildren.

Burial will be Saturday in Charleston. A memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Oct. 18 at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Anderson-McQueen Funeral Homes, Ninth Street Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

— Information from Times files was used in this obituary.

## Helen F. Westcott

Worked at County Clerk's Office and

OSWEGO — Helen F. Westcott, 89, of Simeon Dewitt Apartments, died Jan. 14, 1997, in St. Luke Health Related Facility, Oswego.

Born in Oswego, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Martha (Fenske) Frost. She was a life resident of the area.

Mrs. Westcott was the widow of Harold L. Westcott, who died in 1976.

She was a graduate of Oswego High School and the Chaffee's Business School, and was employed with the Oswego County Clerk's Office for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Westcott was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and Lake City Chapter 352 Eastern Star.

Surviving are one stepdaughter, Donna Ottaviani of Alden; one

stepson, Paul Westcott of North Tonawanda; one brother, Arthur Frost of Oswego; a niece, Janet Rebeor of Fulton; one nephew, Richard Frost of California; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Nelson Funeral Home, 124 W. Fifth St., Oswego.

Spring burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling hours will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Eastern Star services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church.