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### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW HONORARY - GOLDEN YEARS MEMBERS

At the 1978 Board of Directors meeting in Bennington, Vermont, it was voted to recognize senior members, those who have celebrated their eightieth birthday, and to waive annual membership dues. They will each receive a beautiful certificate in their honor, designed by Edna J. Lewis, our Genealogist.

Thank you to Edna J. Lewis, who has been handling the job of checking our membership rolls and awarding these certificates since 1978 through 1997. The responsibility has been turned over to our secretary, Nancy Westcott of Kansas.

Happy birthday cards are in order for:

# 544 Daphne M. Brownell	2101 Fleet Landing Blvd.	Atlantic Beach	Florida 32233
# 640 Dr. Clinton Cobb Powell	375 Bountiful Path	Redding	California 96003
# 316 Sadie Reed Roberts	RR # 2 Box 2547	Whitehall	New York 12887
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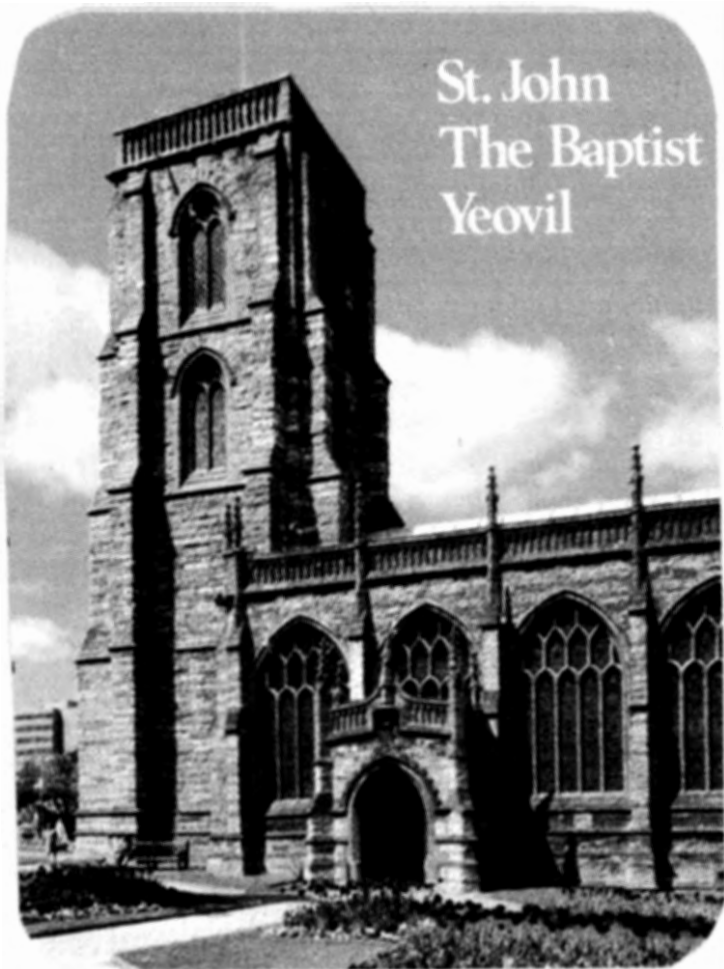
### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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# A-97 Constance Quick	2110 E. 40th St.	Sterling	Illinois 61081
# A-98 Marnie Wells	61 West St.	Plainfield	Massachusetts 01070
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# 980 Lester R. Mellott	3240 Regent Dr.	Woodland Park	Colorado 80863
# 981 Barbara Rebeiro	125 Brook St.	Hudson	Massachusetts 01749
# 982 Pamela Jo & Rodney Ellington	5260 Sanbourne St.	Cocoa	Florida 32927
# 983 William Wescott Berry	1660 Chatsworth Blvd.	San Diego	California 92107
# 984 James & Deborah Woodall	961 Sable Ln.	Rockledge	Florida 32955
# 985 Phillips W. & Dorothy Carr, Sr.	RFD #1 Box 69	Tunbridge	Vermont 05077
# 986 Phillips W. & Gwen Carr, Jr.	RFD #1 Box 450	Bethel	Vermont 05032
# 987 Sylvia Carr Chandler & dau. Nicole	RFD #1 Box 451	Bethel	Vermont 05032
# 988J Btittney L. Morrill	RFD #2 Box 189	Canaan	New Hampshire 03741
# 989 Rebecca W. Brown	317 Atrium Ridge CT.	St. Charles	Missouri 63304

PHOTO ALBUM OF THE 1997 WESTCOTT ENGLAND TRIP



Paul, Barbara Westcott, Bob Satterfield, Merle Westcott, Joye Satterfield, Bernice Smith, Nancy Bruckman, Mindy Sotzen, Donna Ottaviani, Marge Haedrich, Marilyn Perdue, Jean Wilbur, Mariel Sotzen, Marlin Perdue, Buelah Follman, Betty Acker, Paul Follman, Clink Acker.



St. John  
The Baptist  
Yeovil

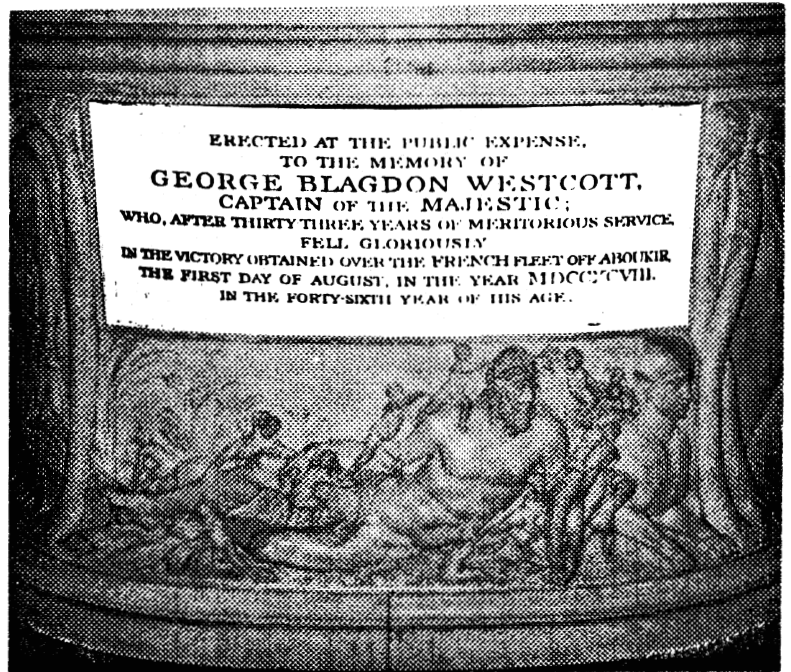
Church of England, site of marriage  
of Stukely Westcott and Julianna Marchant.



Westcott Barton in Marwood, Barnstable, England



Marge Haedrich and sister, Mariel Sotzen with Marilyn and  
Marlin Perdue, tour leaders, look over the Thames River in London



"IN THE SOUTH AISLE OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL IN LONDON, AMONG OTHER MEMORIALS TO ENGLAND'S DISTINGUISHED SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN, STANDS A MONUMENT TO CAPTAIN GEORGE BLAGDON WESTCOTT (1745-1798) WHO DIED WHILE IN COMMAND OF ONE OF ADMIRAL NELSON'S SHIPS AT THE GREAT SEA BATTLE OF THE NILE. MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN THE WRITER CAME UNEXPECTEDLY UPON THIS MEMORIAL, HE FELT A THRILL OF PRIDE IN THE FAMILY NAME; AND ALSO A VAGUE CURIOSITY AS TO THE POSSIBLE KINSHIP BETWEEN THIS BRITISH SAILOR AND OUR OWN ANCESTORS WHO CAME OVERSEAS A CENTURY BEFORE. THANKS TO THE PRESENT REKINDLING OF INTEREST IN OUR FAMILY HISTORY, THIS CURIOSITY MAY AT LAST BE PARTLY SATISFIED. FROM THE RESEARCHES OF OUR ABLE HISTORIAN WE KNOW DEFINITELY THE COUNTY (SOMERSET) AND THE TOWN (YEOVIL) FROM WHICH STUKELY WESTCOTT CAME. AT THE SAME TIME WE MAY NOTE THAT CAPTAIN WESTCOTT'S MIDDLE NAME IS BLAGDON, WHICH IS THE NAME OF A HAMLET IN SOMERSET NOT TWENTY MILES NORTH OF YEOVIL; AND THAT HIS FAMILY LIVED AT HONITON, A VILLAGE ON THE OTTER RIVER AN EQUAL DISTANCE WESTWARD. SURELY, THEN, THE CAPTAIN WAS OF THE SAME SOMERSET WESTCOTTS FROM WHOM OUR OWN FAMILY IS DERIVED. BRITISH BIOGRAPHIES STATE THAT GEORGE WESTCOTT WAS THE SON OF A BAKER AT HONITON, ENTERED THE NAVY AS MASTER'S MATE, AND ROSE BY MERIT TO POST-CAPTAIN AND ONE OF NELSON'S "BAND OF BROTHERS". ADMIRAL NELSON VISITED THE FAMILY IN 1801. "AT HONITON", HE WRITES, "I VISITED CAPTAIN WESTCOTT'S MOTHER -- POOR THING, EXCEPT FOR THE BOUNTY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND LLOYD'S, IN VERY LOW CIRCUMSTANCES. THE BROTHER IS A TAILOR, BUT HAD THEY BEEN CHIMNEY-SWEEPERS IT WAS MY DUTY TO SHOW THEM RESPECT". NELSON PRESENTED TO THE CAPTAIN'S WIDOW HIS OWN MEDAL AWARDED FOR THE VICTORY OF THE NILE. IN AMERICA TODAY WE SHALL PERHAPS THINK LESS OF THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF THIS SAILOR HERO AND MORE OF THE FACT THAT HE ROSE BY HIS OWN ABILITIES AND DIED WORTHILY IN HIS COUNTRY'S CAUSE."

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 FOR THE COMPLETE RECORD OF THE MILITARY HISTORY OF CAPTAIN GEORGE BLAGDON WESTCOTT SEE THE "DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY, VOL. XX.

HIS PARENTS WERE BENJAMIN WESTCOTT, JR. AND SUSANNA BAMFIELD. HIS PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS WERE BENJAMIN WESTCOTT AND MARGARET BLAGDON.

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 I AM CURRENTLY CORRESPONDING WITH DENNIS WESTCOTT WHO IS A DESCENDANT OF THIS FAMILY LINE. HIS UNCLE, GEORGE BLAGDON WESTCOTT OF CLEETHORPES, CELEBRATED, WITH HIS WIFE WINIFRED, THEIR DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 1995. WORD HAS JUST REACHED DENNIS THAT WINIFRED PASSED AWAY IN LATE 1997. WE MET DENNIS AND HIS WIFE AUDREY IN LEAMINGTON SPA WHILE WE WERE IN ENGLAND.

DELIA SKINNER OF EXETER, DEVON HAS WRITTEN TO TELL ME THAT THERE IS A MEMORIAL ON THE WALL IN THE OLD ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN HONITON. IT IS IRONIC THAT WE SPENT TIME IN HONITON WHILE IN ENGLAND AND I DIDN'T KNOW TO GO AND TAKE A PICTURE OF THE MEMORIAL. SO NOW I AM WRITING TO PEOPLE IN THE AREA TO TRY TO GET A PICTURE OF THE MEMORIAL FOR OUR RECORDS.

THE ABOVE PICTURES OF THE MEMORIAL IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL IN LONDON WERE TAKEN AND SENT TO ME BY A GENTLEMAN ON THE TOURIST DESK AT THE CATHEDRAL. PAUL WESTCOTT, CLINK AND I WENT TO THE CATHEDRAL AND LEN PHILLIPS, ON THE TOURIST DESK, WAS MOST HELPFUL IN LOCATING THE MEMORIAL FOR US TO PHOTOGRAPH. HOWEVER, THE LIGHT ABOVE THE MEMORIAL WAS ALL WRONG FOR OUR PHOTOS, SO MR. PHILLIPS KINDLY CONSENTED TO TAKE THE ABOVE PHOTOS AND SENT THEM TO ME FOR OUR USE.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SOCIETY HISTORIAN.  
 BETTY W. ACKER - 1998

## BIRTHS

Faith Westcott Haedrich born Feb. 26, 1997. Parents Lauren and Rob Haedrich, of Islip, New York, grandparents, Marjorie(Westcott) and Robert Haedrich, of Hauppauge, New York.

Brianna Nicole Ettoric born Nov. 26, 1997 at Rutland Regional Hospital, Rutland, VT to Christine (Bishop) and Christopher Ettoric, grandparents, Bonnie (Reed) and Doug Bishop of Poultney, Vermont.

Rachel Emma Louise Yousman b. 22 June 1997 at Rockville Hospital, Rockville, Connecticut, to Jane (Sanders) and William E. Yousman, of West Hartford, CT, grandparents, Rita(Jay) and Morris Sanders of Whiting, Vermont.

Rianna Elizabeth Van Tassell b. 2 Sept. 1997 Tulsa, Oklahoma to Krysten (Lewis) and Scott Van Tassell; grandparents, Paul and Marion Lewis, great grandparents, Edna(Jay) and Paul Lewis of Riverton, Connecticut.

## DEATHS

Virginia Lee Geary, of Syracuse, New York. died July 1, 1997. She was born 16 March 1937, child of Thelma Arlene Westcott and Arthur Geary.

*This is a copy of the poem I wrote for my Grandfather Phillips Carr Sr. It tells about him in the hospital and the things that ran through my mind and what I thought was going through his mind.*

*Laying in a hospital bed  
a place he does not want to be,  
Sick and unconscious,  
listening is all he can do  
fighting the machinery  
knowing its his time to go,  
for he has done what he come to do,  
One day looking healthy and strong  
surviving the weakness inside him  
but then again  
it is always calm before the storm  
we heard he was dying  
and the tears began to fall  
we heard there was a choice  
but there was no chance at all  
we thought of him there in that hospital bed  
and how much it was against his will,  
we thought of him and what he would want  
so we took away his suffering and let him go,  
peacefully he shall go to a place where he shall  
never suffer and worry again.*

Nicole Carr

## Phillips W. Carr Sr.

TUNBRIDGE—Graveside services for Phillips W. Carr Sr., 71, who died Nov. 1, 1997, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., were held Thursday, Nov. 6, in the Riverview Cemetery in South Royalton.

The Rev. David L. Wolfe, pastor of The Tunbridge Church, officiated. Nicole Carr, a granddaughter, read a poem she had written entitled "My Grandfather." Mark Ives, a stepgrandson, read reflections written by Nicole. The bearers were Myron Britch, Brent Morrill, Mark Levinsky and John Levinsky.

Following the services, there was fellowship at the Carr farm in Tunbridge.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Boardway & Cilley Funeral Home, Main Street, in Chelsea.

## Louie Westcott Brown, 86

CALDWELL—Louie Westcott Brown, 86, of 922 Main St., Caldwell, died at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997, at Guernsey Memorial Hospital, Cambridge.

Born Aug. 15, 1911, in Belle Valley, Noble County, he was a mechanic and was retired from Central Ohio Coal Co. He was a World War II veteran. He attended First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Debby (Chuck) Kirby of Nashport, Becky Brown, Cindy (Gary) Yoss of Caldwell, and Joyce (Glenn) Youngs of Boulder City, Nev.; one sister, Ruth Hamilton of Caldwell; and seven grandchildren, Mark Kirby of Cincinnati, Kevin Kirby of Nashport, Julie, Annie and Evan Yoss, all of Caldwell, and Sara and Carl Youngs of Boulder City, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph N. and Amy A. Brown; his wife, Phyllis E. Tilton Brown; two infant sons; one infant daughter; and two brothers-in-law.

Calling hours will be 4 to 8 p.m. today at Murphy-McCurdy Funeral Home, 917 Main St., Caldwell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard Harris officiating. Burial will be in Sharon Cemetery.

LOUIE BROWN WAS THE FATHER OF DEBBIE KIRBY. ANYONE WHO VISITED AT THE HOME OF BETTY ACKER DURING OUR REUNIONS IN OHIO MAY REMEMBER HER AS BEING A COUSIN AND LIVING NEXT DOOR TO BETTY.