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The Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America biennial meeting will be held August 7,8,9 1998 at the Summit Lodge, Killington, Vermont. The Summit is located in Central Vermont near the junction of U.S.4 and Vt.100 in Sherburne, 16 miles east of Rutland, Vt. Just east of the US 4 and Vt.100 junction, turn on the Killington Mountain Rd. and travel up the mountain 1 1/2 miles.

For reservations call 1-800-635-6343 or Fax 802-422-3536. Tell them you are a Westcott, because the whole lodge is reserved for us, plus the two Saint Bernards that call the Summit their home.

Check out the Rutland area on the Internet www.rutland.com

General area information, Rutland region calendar of events, the weather, find local businesses.

Killington information is www.killingtoninfo.com

The Summit website www.killingtoninfo.com/summit

For you campers, there is a park just around the corner on VT.100, next to the new Vermont National Golf Course. Three miles from the Summit. Gifford Woods State Campground (802) 775-5354

Banquet food orders must be in soon.

Turn to the back page of this Quarterly to make your choice of entree for the banquet. The Summit is offering a package of lodging and food, which will include breakfast and the Saturday night banquet, but you must give your food order to the Vermont vice-president before July 10. so turn the page now, and send in the form marked with your choice.

Stukely Westcott plaque rubbing project

Cousin Mac Westcott of Toronto has closed the books on the Stukely Westcott plaque rubbing project and has forwarded a cheque to the Society in the amount of \$200.00 as proceeds. More than 50 copies were ordered and sent out to members in 15 different states. He still has a few copies on hand in different sizes, and more can still be made. Inquiries can be made to Malcolm R. Westcott, 19 Gustav Crescent, North York, Ontario, M2M 2C6.

About Books and newsletters on the market- with Wescott/Westcott name.

Now that computers are so available and data bases are easily copied and duplicated there has been an increase in family newsletters and books advertised. The material is usually copied from phone books, utility companies, computer data bases like the IGI (International Genealogical Register compiled by the Mormon Church) and Everton's Genealogical Helper data base available through a computer forum, the World Wide Web. (www.com). These data bases and the online conversations are copied and sold, just as our addresses are sold and distributed to anyone interested. Barbara Reese received a newsletter called "The Westcott Family News" from Midvale, Utah. This has NO connection to The Stukely Westcott Society. It reads like a form letter, punch in any name and out comes some unconnected information. Be careful! Read these ads with a great deal of care. (Or don't read at all)

Mabel Wescott received one called, "The Wescott's in America: From 1790 to 1997" from Halbert's in Ohio. The small print reads, "No direct genealogical connection to your family or to your ancestry is implied or intended." Clearly a form letter of unconnected lists taken from census type records for any family name a scanner wishes to extract from what ever source.

George Westcott of Georgia received one called, "Three Centuries of Westcott's" from Englewood, Colorado. Again no connection with SSWDA and clearly information taken from census records, data bases and phone books. Be sure to read all the fine print before you spend your money on these data base type books and newsletters.

GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

The same caution is true for the internet, just like newspapers and books be selective as you read the family records they present. Just because it's in print or on the net does not make it true.

Bill Wescott has a webpage filled with pictures and journals from the Minnesota Wescott's and would like you to visit him at <http://www.ctol.net/~billw/>

Michele Pray and her son, Michael, also have a webpage which shares his fishing passion and the genealogy of the Salisbury family who married the Westcott's of Clarendon, Vermont. Find them at <http://home.att.net/~mpray/>

Michele has volunteered to collect all the e-mail addresses of the SSDWA members. Contact her at mpray@worldnet.att.net

Be sure to tell her if you want your address made public, or only in the file with limited access.

Check out genealogical organizations on the net, too. The Northeastern NY Genealogical Society Homepage leads one to actual military pension census records as published in their news letter, and genealogy pages which are part of the USGenWeb project. <http://freenet.buffalo.edu/~ae487>

YOUTH PAGE

Kerry Lynn McGuirk of Glendale, Arizona has been honored as a "leader of tomorrow" and listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students. She has been involved in show choir, concert choir, played flute in concert and marching band, active in drama club and a Thespian. She will graduate in May 1998 from Greenway High School, Glendale, Arizona, with honors, the top 10% of the class. She will attend ASU, Arizona State University, on full Presidential Scholarship. She is interested in child psychology.

Kerry is the daughter of member, Lynda D. McGuirk, granddaughter of Pauline W. Dennis, great granddaughter of Mabel L. Wescott of Vermont. .



Chris Anderson, a second grader of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, collects license plates. In fact he's spent a year collecting them, and now has plates from all 50 states, four of the Canadian provinces and the Caribbean island of Curacao. He has gone to a Kansas City junkyard, and door to door in his neighborhood, asking people to give him their old license plates. He has spent time on the Internet, and found other collectors who trade and sell plates. His brother, Dane, has helped, and the collection is now housed in Dane's classroom. Now that his U.S. collection is done, Chris has new goals, to give away the duplicates and focus on collecting from all over the world. Chris is the son of Nancy and Mark Anderson, and grandson of Lewis O. Westcott

Send all the graduations to the editor for the July newsletter.

From the Letterbox

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A report from the neighbor next to the **Stukely Westcott marker** in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Mr. Domenic Spirito, who lives next door to the property where the **Stukely Westcott marker** is erected on West Shore Rd., Warwick, RI, reports that the new housing development on that property is an improvement and looks good inside and out. The property looks better than it has in years. (see page 1, Westcott rubbing report)

From Robert F. Westcott formerly of Chicago

I have retired and moved to Longboat Key, Florida where I am involved in charity work.

Death of Dorothy V. Wescoat of New Jersey

I am sorry to inform you that **Dorothy V. Wescoat**, formerly of Mays Landing, New Jersey, passed away on June 12, 1997. I have buried her ashes on the grave of her mother located in Salem Cemetery, Park Ave., Pleasantville, NJ. Dorothy was a wonderful lady and I am sure enjoyed her involvement in the Society. Grace R. Glenn, executrix.

From Myrtle Cooper of New Hampshire

A son, **James Earl Hackman**, was born Dec. 18, 1997 at Lebanon, New Hampshire to my son, Wayne Hackeman and wife, Diane (Armstrong) Hackeman. He joins a brother, Gregory, and sister, Stacy Lynn, in my family of grandchildren.

From the family of Mabel Wescott of Vermont

Mother is getting stronger everyday, since the recent knee replacement surgery. She told her doctor that she intends to do the polka on the Green at the band concerts in East Poultney, Vermont this summer, something she has been unable to do the last few years. We're sure she will be on the dance floor at the Vermont National Wescott Reunion, too.

From Bob Haedrich of New York

To all the **England group tour**, please, bring your photos for display at the Vermont Reunion, so that the spirit and beauty of England's Westcott country may be shared with others. See you at the reunion!

Query from Ann Wescott Method of Michigan

My brother and I have been frustrated in trying to locate information on **Amanda Hale, the wife of Wells L. Wescott, of Windham, Maine**. We know that her mother's name was Lydia, and that Lydia sent a Bilbe to her grandson, Wells Hale, for his confirmation about 1875. We believe Amanda's father died before she married Wells L. in 1849. Does anyone have any information about this Amanda Hale? Ann W. Method, 5480 Norton Rd., Howell, MI 48843-7606

Lost members

Does anyone have information about the following members? Need a new address for each. If you can help, please, contact the editor.

Harry Wescott, Barnsboro, New Jersey

Lois W. Thomson, Red Bluff, California

Harold C. Belf, Fenton, Michigan

National Westcott Reunion August 7,8,9, 1998

YOU MUST SIGN UP WITH THE VERMONT CHAPTER FOR THE BANQUET SOON

Do not send money with this food order now. The package deal with the Summit includes lodging, breakfast and the banquet. So the cost of the banquet is included in that package charge. But you must send in your food order now . Pick up your banquet ticket at registration.

If you are coming only for the Saturday activities and not staying overnight, you must send in your food order now, and pay for the banquet on that day. The charge for the banquet only, is \$ 16.00, paid at the Summit.

The banquet will be **6:30 Saturday, August 8, 1998 at the Summit Lodge, Killington, VT.**

Guest speaker, Margaret Jenks, author of the Horton Family History and compiler of the Rutland County Cemetery Inscription books.

Music provided by Al and Kathy Bain, popular recording artists of Salem, New York.

Your food choices are:

Sea Scallops Provençal: Tender sea scallops quickly sautéed with fresh tomatoes, diced onions, fresh garlic and basil, then splashed with lemon juice and white wine.

Prime Rib of Beef. Choice rib of beef is seasoned with fresh herbs and slow roasted to your order and served sliced with our home made horseradish whip and rich Sauce au Jus.

Chicken Francaise Florentine. Fresh boneless breast of chicken dipped in egg batter and sautéed to a golden brown. Served on a bed of fresh spinach then topped with a fresh lemon sauce.

Grilled Pork Chop. Fresh center cut pork chop lightly seasoned on a bed of homemade applesauce.

Send your food order now, before July 10.

to: Floied Coltey
Goodman Rd.
Fort Ann, NY 12827

call 1-518-639-8913
e-mail address fajc@capital.net

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Yes, I will attend the SSWDA Banquet Sat. night August 8, 1998
Check the entree choice and the number of people for each order.

Scallops _____

Prime Rib _____

Chicken _____

Grilled Pork Chops _____

Your Name _____

FROM THE LETTER BOX

From Arlene Dole, New Hampshire

My grandson, Gary R. Caulkins, Jr. and a friend, Phil Dudas, are having a great adventure hitch hiking across America. They started in New Hampshire in June, 1998 with their goal to reach Texas to visit a cousin, and then continue on to California.

On one of the legs of their hike they ran into the HEAT wave. It was so hot it melted the wheels on their roller blades and started to melt their backpacks. One of the drivers, who picked them up, handed each a \$5.00 when he dropped them off. I guess they looked ragged. Gary will be home to enter college to work for his Masters degree.

From Edna J. Lewis, Connecticut

Our granddaughter, Marieke Jennifer Lewis, received her Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Drew University, Madison, New Jersey on May 23, 1998. Her major was language with concentration in German. She was inducted into Delta Phi Alpha.

Among those in attendance were her grandparents, Paul R. and Edna J. Lewis of CT; her parents, Paul W. Lewis and Marion Otis Lewis of Washington, DC & Alexandria, VA.; and her sister, Mrs. Scott VanTassel and infant dau. Rianna Elizabeth of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Julie Ann Fish and Chad R. Fichtner were married July 4, 1998 at Fort William Henry, Lake George, New York. Julie is the daughter of Judith Ann Jay and Michael Fish and granddaughter of Lloyd and Julie Jay of Fort Edward, New York. Chad is in the US Army stationed in Augusta, Georgia.

From Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conley of NJ

Elaine Conley Crammer graduated Summa Cum Laude from Mount St. Mary's College with a degree in Mathematics. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Patricia Wescott) Conley of Tom's River, NJ

He has received a scholarship from the University and one from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York Free and Accepted Masons.

Jonathan Devon Westcott, son of Kathern Ann and Jeffrey Howard Westcott of North Tonawanda, NY

graduated from North Tonawanda High School and will attend the University of New York at Buffalo School of Engineering. He has received a scholarship from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York Free and Accepted Masons. He will receive his Eagle Award with a bronze palm in September from the Boy Scouts of America.

From Barbara and Paul Westcott of NY

We had a marvelous time in Vermont. Thanks to the committee and each individual's special talent. The music was wonderful. The hats were a good idea. Paul met a couple from England in the Saratoga Springs railroad station, Nick and Lorna Westcott of Halstead in Essex. So Paul gave them his hat. Now we need one for our grandson and a cousin.

We had an interesting summer with three grandchildren graduating in three states, and a gathering of all our children and grandchildren for the first time since 1989.

Melinda Dawn Westcott, daughter of Donna Rose and Paul Leslie Westcott of Laudersale, Florida, recently graduated from Western High School, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Melinda has received a scholarship from DECA and will attend Broward College.

Brenden Thomas Stirling, son of Thomas Bruce and Connie Beatrice (Westcott) Stirling recently graduated from John Wesley North School of Riverside, California. Brenden, an honor Society Life Member in California was awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (one of 13 awarded to his class). He will attend the University of Minnesota School of Engineering.

From Dorothy Carr, Vermont

Phillips Wescott Carr and Gwendolyn Britch Carr announce the birth of their first child, Phillips William Carr, who weighed in at 7-lbs. 12-1/2 oz and was 19-1/2 in. long. Proud grandparents are Dorothy Carr of Tunbridge, VT and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Britch of South Royalton, VT.

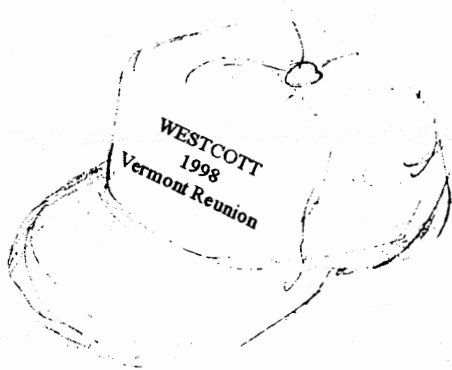
This makes me a total of 11 grandsons and one granddaughter.

James Richmond Wescott, son of Lester L. and Eva Thompson Wescott, died August 27, 1998 in Gowanda, New York. He was born March 26, 1934 in Salamanaca, NY and married (1) Feb.24, 1959 to Dianna L. Blank. They had three children Suzanne Elaine, James Arthur, Steven Paul. Married (2) to Dorothy Morrison and had dau. Tracy Lynn.

Jay Family Homecoming

The seven surviving children of the late Frank M. and Lucy Wescott Jay came together for a long-awaited Home Coming at the Poultney Baptist Church on the Green in East Poultney, Vermont, 26 April 1998. Family members and invited guests totaled approximately 130 people. Many were able to attend the Sunday morning church service at 10:30, followed by a community coffee hour. Later the Jay family and guests gathered in the sanctuary for group singing, story time and shared memories. Floid Coltey and Jerry Jay led the singing and entertained with guitar music. At 2:PM. the group came together for a bounteous turkey dinner served by the Dorcus Society, the ladies of the church, in the church dining room. Special recognition was given to Morris and Rita (Jay) Sanders celebrating their 43rd anniversary 28 April; Lloyd and Julie Jay celebrating their 53rd anniversary 28 April; and Paul and Edna (Jay) Lewis celebrating their 55th anniversary 25 April.

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Inquiries

I am at a dead end with my search to establish the line of JAMES and HARRIET HARRINGTON. I do know that their parents were NEWMAN CLARK HARRINGTON and SARAH WHITWELL. I have been unable to establish the parents of NEWMAN CLARK HERRINGTON and hoping that you may be able to help me. Linda Stevens
2508 Wismer Rd.
Overland, MO 63114

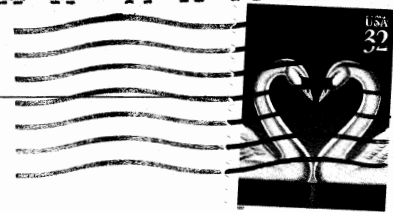
I am a descendant of Stukely Westcott and have been trying to locate the surname of his grandson, Zorobable's (Robert², Stukely¹) wife, Jane. Zorobable was b.15 Apr 1666 in Warwick, RI and died same Oct 1745.

I am also searching for the parents of Phebe TAYLOR, who was the wife of the above Zorobable's grandson, Zorobable. He was b. 15 Dec 1738 and d. 1778. Phebe and Zorobable were married 1 Jan 1759 in North Kingstown, RI.
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