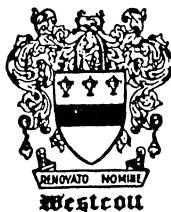


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Edna J. Lewis given standing ovation at Reunion

SSWDA members stood spontaneously en masse to honor Edna J. Lewis when she was introduced at the General Meeting of the 2000 Reunion. The members recognized and appreciate her massive work of compiling Westcott material for her newly released book,

**The Westcott Family Tree,
Westcott Descendants from
Stukely and Juliana, A
Continuation and Some
Corrections of Work
Published 1932 and 1939
by Roscoe Whitman.**



A great gift for Christmas.

This 758-page book is now available from the compiler,
Edna J. Lewis.
26 Taylor Rd.
Winsted, CT 06098-4341

Westcott custom cemetery plaques now available

These custom-made cemetery plaques highlight your loved one's pride in being a direct descendant of Stukely Westcott. The plaques are beautifully done in a bronzetone finish with the Society crest encircled by "Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America."

The plaques are 7" in diameter and include a stake. They can also be affixed directly onto the gravestone with minor alteration by a professional stonemason. The price for the plaque is \$150, which includes the stake, plus \$10 packaging and shipping.

Please order directly from Bruce W. Trismen,
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Wyckoff, NJ 07481, or call 201-251-4734 or
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Westcott memorabilia highlight at Reunion

One of the highlights of the Reunion was the outstanding display of Westcott memorabilia by historian, Betty Acker. She and her husband, Clink, went to much work to make this an exhibit to be remembered by all. The display included the Westcott wrench, ruler, books by Westcott authors. There were write-ups of the Westcotts in many fields of endeavors. The display was open for three days of the Reunion to be enjoyed by all of the cousins. Many of the local residents also reported how much they enjoyed it. Many thanks to Betty and Clink for the many hours of work for our education and enjoyment of our ancestors' accomplishments.

Thank you, Betty, for this great display,
Barlow Westcott, President SSWDA

Hunting for John Westcott b. 1823 in NY

John Westcott was born 1823 in NY. He married Nancy Lott (b.1831 NY). They had children:

James b. 1847 NY

John Henry b. 1850 NY d. 1900 in IA, mar. Emma Lott Eugene b.1853

Sarah Ann b. 1857, d. 1930 married James Henry Hurst Catherine b. 1860

Charlotte b. 1861

John Westcott died between 1861-1865 in Michigan.

Nancy married 2nd Levi Rowell. They moved to Iowa and had children:

Lydia b. 1865 MI, mar. Nelson Kelly

Thomas b.1870 IL, mar. Annie Westgate

Nancy Lott Westcott Rowell and Levi Rowell died in Iowa. I would appreciate any additional information on this family.

Thank you, Cindy Maschner,
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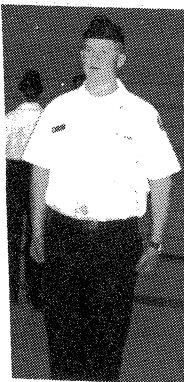
From the letter box

From Evelyn Hitchcock of NY

Sara E. Matteson #813 of the Westcott Society, daughter of Dana M. Matteson #715, and granddaughter of Evelyn P. Hitchcock #489 received her Doctoral Degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania August 2000. Her Bachelor's Degree was earned at University of Rochester in 1993, and her Masters Degree in 1997 at Indiana University of PA. Her doctoral internship was at Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, West Virginia University in Charleston, West Virginia. She is now employed at the University of Rochester Cancer Center. Her clinical research will be with cancer patients at three major Rochester, NY hospitals. Sara did take advantage of the Scholarship Loan Fund of the Westcott Society and wishes to thank the members for their support in helping her and other young people fulfill their dreams.

From Kathy Cartier of Oregon

My son, Matthew Cartier, received his ROTC Varsity Drill Team Letter at the 2000 Military Ball in Prineville, Oregon. To receive this Letter as a freshman shows outstanding contribution to the school and the community as exhibited by the additional awards he received:



Technology Education Award from US Air Force, Cadet of the Month showing reliability, patriotism, and exceptional performance of duty, Secretary of the Navy Scholastic Leadership Award, Certificate of Achievement for 55 hours of community service, Customer Relations Award for working in the CCHS store all year. We are all very proud of Matthew.

From Edna J. Lewis of Connecticut

Mariah Kaitlin VanTassell was born 8 Sept. 2000 at Tulsa, Oklahoma to Scott and Krysten (Lewis) VanTassell. She is sister to Riana Elizabeth and Alexander James VanTassell, grand-daughter to Marion Otis Lewis, Alexandria, VA and Paul Wayne Lewis, Esq. of Washington DC. Her great-grandparents are Paul Ralph and Edna J. Lewis of Riverton, CT.

Deaths

Edwin H. Heath, Sr. Concord, NH Board member of SSWDA and chair with his family of the 1994 SSWDA National Reunion in New Hampshire.

CONCORD — Edwin H. Heath Sr., 78, of Cremin Street died Aug. 16, 2000, at Concord Hospital.



Born Dec. 24, 1921, in Danbury, son of Frank and Bernice (Tucker) Heath, he

attended schools in Danbury and later lived in Franklin before moving to Concord in 1970.

During World War II, he served with the US Army, Battery D, 563rd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, in Europe and Panama. He took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Heath worked at Hebert Foundry in Laconia and Insulfab Plastics in Franklin. He was a correctional officer for several years at the NH State Prison where he attained the rank of sergeant. Mr. Heath later owned and operated Quality Cash Market in Concord until 1982 when he sold the business to his son. He continued to assist his son with the operation of the business. He later drove a handicapped-accessible school bus for the Concord School District for 10 years.

Mr. Heath was a life member and past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1698, in Franklin. He later served as VFW District Commander.

While in Franklin, Mr. Heath was a city counselor and was one of the founders of the Franklin Booster Club.

He was a member of the Congregational Christian Church of Franklin.

He was an active member of American Legion Post 31 in Penacook and was a member, past treasurer, and past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 613, in Concord. Mr. Heath also was a member of the Retired State Employees Association.

Mr. Heath was a loyal Red Sox fan. He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of Beaver Meadow Country Club. He also enjoyed playing cards.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Thelma (Miller) Heath of Concord; daughter Bonita A. McCranie of Stafford VA; sons Tony Heath and Peter Heath of Concord and Tim Heath and Edwin H. Heath Jr. of Franklin; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother Everett Heath of Danbury; sister Katherine Rounds of Webster; and nieces and nephews.

Doris G. Caruso

GRANVILLE, N.Y. — Doris G. Caruso, 83, died Aug. 16, 2000, at the Green Manor Nursing Home, in Ghent after a long illness.

She was born Nov. 28, 1916, in Pawlet, Vt., daughter of Frank M. and Lucy (Wescott) Jay.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Caruso of Granville and John Caruso of Angola, N.Y.; a daughter, Judy Williams of Granville; three brothers, Charles Jay of Poultney, Vt., Gerald Jay of Granville and Lloyd Jay of Hudson Falls; three sisters, Edna Jay of Riverton, Conn., Rita Sanders of Norwich, Vt. and Pearl Brown of Rochester, Vt.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Richard "Jiggy" Caruso, died in 1988.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Paul Roman. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Granville.

Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

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SSWDA 33RD BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Satellite Hotel

Brown Room

Colorado Springs, CO

10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 5, 2000

President Coltey called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Chaplain Winter gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Barlow Westcott. Lewis O. Westcott and David Seyfarth held the Society's official flag during the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Coltey informed the group that the gavel used during business meetings of the Society was made from a tree at the Stukely Westcott home in Rhode Island. The Society's official flag was flown over the White House on the 1970 anniversary of Stukely Westcott's death: January 12, 1677. He expressed his appreciation to all who journeyed to Colorado, welcomed them and thanked them for coming. 24 States are represented, 89 registered, 86 in attendance. The donations to the Scholarship Fund amounted to \$68.00.

Pauline W. Dennis Schumann brought greetings from her mother, Mabel Lake Wescott, who has served as President, Secretary and Board Member of the Society and participated in every national reunion until this year. She regrets she cannot attend, she is doing well but her strength does not allow her to travel. Her heart is with us.

Edna Lewis asked for access to the Hospitality Room after the meeting so that she may obtain the volumes of the Westcott Family Tree which are for sale. The room will be opened.

Lynda McGuirk, Scholarship recipient, announced she received her Masters Degree in Education in 1999.

Nancy Westcott, Secretary, read the minutes of the 1998 General meeting.

Westcotts Start the Millenium
The Satellite Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO
August 4, 5, 6, 2000

Several of the cousins arrived early in order to visit some of the scenic places in the Colorado Springs area. One family stayed a week in order to have a good vacation and attend the Reunion.

Registration started on Thursday and considering the distance of travel some had to make, we were well pleased with a total of 86 from 20 states. Friday morning started the official business with the meeting of officers and directors at 10:00 A.M. The afternoon was utilized for visiting with cousins and sight seeing. In the evening, Betty Acker presented items of historical interest from the Westcotts. Some were writers, inventors and/or started companies. Slides were also shown of the trip to England made in 1997 by a group of S.S.W.D.A. members. This was followed by a music session by Sharon and Sonny Coltey which was enjoyed by all.

The general meeting was held on Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. One of the items of business was passage of a new Constitution and By-Laws which superceded and replaced all previous Constitution and By-Laws. Paul Westcott was elected Vice-President for 2002 and 2004. A memorial service was conducted by Chaplain Sally Winter for those who have died since the last reunion.

Saturday evening dinner speaker was Cousin Colonel Lucien E. Rising (USA Ret.) who gave an address entitled "The Arnold Connection". He traced the Westcott and Arnold families after their arrival in the new world. He is well qualified in genealogy and his presentation was well received by all. It helped all to understand the Benedict Arnold affair.

The evening was completed with dancing and listening to the music of the Bob Meek Swingtet. They played music from the 40, 50, and 60's which was enjoyed.

Sunday morning service was conducted by Chaplain Sally Winter and well attended by 65 cousins. The service and singing, accompanied by Sally's mother, Audrey Williams, was an excellent way to end the 34th National Reunion.

We were blessed with beautiful Colorado weather for the three days.

All were enthusiastic with the idea of the next Reunion being held in Providence, Rhode Island. This would be a most fitting area to have it as this would be an opportunity for Stukely Westcott descendants to visit the place he settled.

Betty Acker has graciously accepted to be chairperson of the Reunion for 2002. All inquiries and questions should be directed to her. She will need assistance for this endeavor. If you can be of help in any capacity, please contact her at 2145 Richvale Road, Nashport, OH 43830 or BETW@Prodigy.Net.



Barlow

Treasurer: Evelyn Hitchcock reported for 1998-2000 :

Balance on hand August 1998	\$ 7,209.05
Total Receipts August 1998- August 2000	<u>6,359.00</u>
Total	\$13,568.05
Total Expenditures August 1998- August 2000	<u>6,129.68</u>
Bank Balance August 2000	\$ 7,438.37

A breakdown of this report is available upon request.

Registrar: Lewis Westcott reported during the past two years we have added 65 applicants with full membership and 15 applicants as Associate members. We have added one Junior member. We have been able to change 9 Associate members to full membership, as they have been able to trace their ancestry back to Stukely Westcott. There are 42 applications open, going back to 1995.

The Quarterly: Pauline Dennis Schumann reported the Quarterly is mailed first class rate since the Society is not registered as a non-profit organization. She used offset printing for clearer copies. The total expense of the Quarterly from October 1998 through July 2000 was \$2,643.57. The average expense per issue was \$377.65, and the average expense per newsletter was \$.75. The newsletter expenses are completely covered by dues received. Please send information and articles to her--she likes to print an 8 page newsletter. Much information is received from Betty Acker and other members, but more is needed. Pauline responded from a question from Barlow that she would like to receive names of libraries who would like copies of the newsletter so that she can add them to her present mailing list.

Genealogist: Edna Lewis has received reports that the Westcott Family Tree books have been appreciated. She will sell books she had sent to Colorado for the reunion for \$83.00, \$80 for the book and \$3 to cover UPS expense. There are 4 books left for sale. She reported with Pauline's excellent help her duties as Genealogist were carried out these past two years.

Historian: Betty Acker reported that since it was voted by the Society to send a \$15 memorial to Stukely yearly to the First Baptist Church in Providence, RI, she has been doing this. She urged members to visit the church. She also takes care of renting a vault which contains scrapbooks and other historical items of the Society.

Chaplain: Sally Winter sends condolences to families of deceased members and spouses. There have been 17 deaths since the Vermont reunion in 1998. Please keep her informed of any deaths so that she may respond.

Secretary: Nancy Westcott reported Honorary Life Memberships were sent to 16 members, 7 spouses and 1 associate member since 1998. General correspondence was sent and received, she met with the Constitution/By-Laws Committee in 1999 to record their meetings. Postal expenses for the 1998-2000 term totaled \$86.47.

Scholarship Fund: In the absence of Ned Morris, the Secretary read his report. Activity since August 1998: 3 loans repaid, 1 loan being repaid, 9 loans outstanding, one 2000 graduate, 2 loans delinquent. Balance of funds in savings account 6/12/00 \$2,778.11.

Barlow Westcott moved all reports be accepted, the motion was seconded and passed.

President Coltey recognized all Chapters represented at the reunion. From Vermont, Flويد "Sonny" Coltey reported the VT Chapter reunion was 2 weeks ago. 89 attended. The Chapter appreciated guests who joined them after the 1998 reunion. The VT Chapter contributes funds to the Society every year. All VT Chapter members send greetings to CO. Iowa Chapter President, Nancy Bruckman, reported the IA Chapter met at Comfort Suites, Des Moines in June. A good group enjoyed lunch together, 14 attended the meeting following lunch. Sara Williams is the new Recording Secretary. All the Smiths--Murray, Connie and Bernice--send greetings. She has Westcott mugs for sale for \$5 each. New Hampshire Chapter was represented by Edna Lewis. The new Florida Chapter was represented by Betty Westcott. The Chapter was chartered October 30, 1999. 30 attended the meeting, including some National Society officers. Membership is spread all over the state; they are the 16th State Chapter of which 5 are still active. Ohio Chapter spokesperson was Dianne Hatfield. She said that Betty Acker keeps the OH Chapter booming.

Secretary, Nancy Westcott, reported the Board of Directors recommendations for consideration by the Society:

1. To accept a revised and updated Constitution and By-Laws amended by the Board of Directors, which includes a raise in membership fee to \$10 with only one type of membership (eliminates single or family designation).
2. The office of SSWDA Webmaster be established. This office has been accepted by Sharon Coltey.
3. To raise fees available from the National Society for chapters or committees planning reunions to up to \$1000.

President Coltey explained that the Constitution/By-Laws Committee worked on the 1976 Constitution and By-Laws and made updates and revisions. The Board of Directors recommends the adoption of the new updates and revisions as amended by the Board. Since most organizations have one flat fee for membership, it seemed acceptable to the Board to do the same in the SSWDA.

Flويد Coltey moved the updated, revised and amended Constitution/By-Laws be accepted, seconded by Betty Westcott. Motion carried.

Financial: Pauline Dennis Schumann asked the Society to consider doing something with excess funds now held by the Society and growing by about \$1000 per year. Since we are not registered as a Non-Profit organization we need to be deciding what to do with these excess funds.

Auditors: David Seyfarth reported the Treasurer's books are in order.

Nominating Committee: Two candidates were nominated for Vice-President: David Seyfarth, MA and Paul W. Westcott, NY. 51 votes were cast by written ballot, and Paul W. Westcott was elected Vice-President of the SSWDA.

2002 Reunion: Betty Acker suggested the next reunion be held in the Warwick/Providence, RI area. She indicated David Seyfarth might do some preliminary investigation of possible sites since he lives near the area. Much help will be needed from Chapters nearby and other members. The idea was enthusiastically received and volunteers are expected.

Vice- President Barlow Westcott was thanked for a job very well done on the reunion. He reported his family had been terrific help to him and Ruth in all the planning and execution of duties. He passed a sheet for all members who have e-mail addresses and do not object to their being used to list their addresses. Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws will be mailed to all officers and board members. A special edition of the Quarterly devoted to the Constitution and By-Laws will be published and mailed to members.

The SSWDA Slate of Officers for 2000-2002 are:

President - Barlow Westcott	Historian - Betty Acker
Vice-President - Paul W. Westcott	Chaplain - Sally Winter
Treasurer - Evelyn Hitchcock	The Quarterly - Pauline Dennis Schumann
Secretary - Nancy S. Westcott	Genealogist - Edna Lewis
Registrar - Lewis O. Westcott	SSWDA Webmaster - Sharon Coltey

These officers will be installed at the evening banquet and Board members will be announced.

The Chaplain conducted the memorial service. She opened with prayer and read the following names for remembrance:

Florence Pease	New Hampshire
George A. Westcott	Pennsylvania
Julia Baldwin	
James R. Wescott	New York
Georgia Erlenbach	Kent, CT
Lester R. Mellot, Jr.	Colorado
Ann Walberga Fechhelm	New Jersey
Francis W. Westcott	
Helen W. Carter	Florida
Dr. Clinton C. Powell	Redding, CA
Morris B. Townsend	Brandon, FL
Harold E. Westcott	Santa Ana, CA
James R. Morris IV	Morristown, NJ
Roberta Maxwell (Mrs. Maurice)	Council Bluffs, IA
Dorothy W. Hartman	Nickerson, KS
Daphene Westcott (Mrs. Coulman)	Rutland, VT
Louise Westcott Cavo (Mrs. Carmen)	Titusville, FL

The Chaplain concluded with prayer and led the group in Psalm 23 and singing Amazing Grace. She closed with a benediction.

It was announced the Sunday morning service will be at 9:00 a.m. in the Brown Room. The meeting adjourned and will reconvene at 6:30 p.m. for Dinner followed by the swearing in of officers by the Nominating Chairman and Presentation of Awards. President Coltey will close the 33rd Biennial Meeting and pass the gavel to Barlow Westcott.

Nancy Westcott

Nancy Westcott
Secretary

At the Saturday evening Banquet, the new officers were sworn in. Board members are:

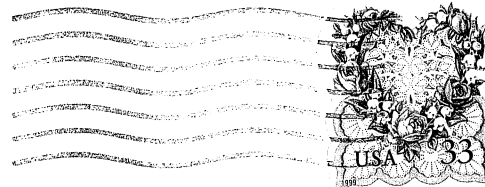
Joye Satterfield	Fern Peterson
David Seyfarth	Betty Westcott
Paul A. Westcott	

Coming in January—

Obituary of Paul R. Lewis, treasurer of SSWDA for many years, who died Sept. 24, 2000
The original sign-in list of all participants at the 2000 Reunion in Colorado

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