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DR. F. HOWARD WESTCOTT

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FRANKLIN HOWARD WESTCOTT WAS BORN IN BOSTON, MASS. DEC.26, 1902 TO FRANKLIN HERBERT WESTCOTT. HIS ANCESTRY IS: SAMUEL III, SAMUEL JR., SAMUEL, URIAH, SAMUEL, JABEZ, SAMUEL, JEREMIAH, STUKELY.

IN 1951, DR. HOWARD INVENTED "NULLO" WHICH WAS A DEODORIZING CHLOROPHYLLIN, TAKEN BY MOUTH. THE TRADE NAME WAS "ODOLEX".

ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, HE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A MEDICAL MISSIONARY. HOWEVER, MARRIAGE AND A FAMILY SENT HIM INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE. THE FIRST TRIP OF THE MISSIONARY SHIP S.S.HOPE IN 1960 WAS TO INDONESIA AND DR. WESTCOTT APPLIED, BUT THE COMPLEMENT WAS FILLED. THEN IN 1961 HE WAS CALLED FOR A TRIP TO SAIGON. IN 1962 HE JOINED THE S.S.HOPE FOR A TRIP TO PERU. IN 1965 HE WAS WITH THE S.S.HOPE IN NICARAGUA

IN 1968 DR. HOWARD RETIRED DUE TO HEALTH REASONS. HE COULD NOT MAKE THE S.S.HOPE TRIP TO CEYLON THAT YEAR. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED TO LECTURE FOR THE PROJECT AND CONTINUED HIS STUDIES, WHICH HE HAD STARTED IN 1862, ON THE ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION AND ALLERGIN PROBLEMS IN BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, AND NORTHERN PERU .

IN 1970 HE WROTE HIS FIRST BOOK, A BIOGRAPHICAL STORY OF HIS 40 YEARS AS A COUNTRY DOCTOR IN NEW YORK CITY, CALLED "MY LIFE AND TIMES". IN 1986 HE WROTE, "HOW YOU CAN LIVE HEALTHY, HAPPY AND LONG!" HE FELT THAT IN HIS 40 YEARS OF MEDICAL PRACTICE AND 19 YEARS OF LECTURING, HE HAD SEEN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE DOING THINGS THAT SHORTENED OR HARMED THEIR NORMAL SPAN OF LIFE.

HE ALSO WROTE A BOOKLET TITLED "THE ENGLISH EXODUS"; AND, THANKS TO HIS DAUGHTERS, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO MAKE COPIES OF HIS BOOKLET AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. IT IS THE STORY, AS HE ENVISIONED IT, OF THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT AND HIS FAMILY, AND THEIR LIVES IN THIS NEW COUNTRY. ANY PROFITS OVER EXPENSES FROM THE SALE OF THE BOOKLET WILL GO TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

BETTY W. ACKER, 2000

Memories of Dr. F. Howard Westcott

Excerpts of a memorial presentation by Mabel L. Westcott
at the 1990 SSWDA Reunion banquet

He was such a loving, caring person who was interested in all of his cousins and enjoyed being with them.

His love for this organization and all its members was deep in his heart from the time it was founded in January 1934 with 119 charter members. His number, 54, shows us he was a member from the beginning.

He was president of the Greater New York chapter and served three terms as president of the National Society. He served on the Board of Directors after his presidency and attended most of the meetings. He was helpful in many ways, from the opening prayer to giving helpful suggestions for programs, serving on committees and installing the officers. Most of all he spent time getting acquainted with all the Westcott cousins.

At our meeting in Milford Center, New York in 1970 he started the Westcott Scholarship fund, which he administered until he turned it over to Ned in 1988. He was truly interested in our young people and went out of his way to encourage them.

He shared stories and slides from his trips on the hospital ship Hope to Saigon, Nicaragua, and Peru. He also entertained us with stories of his flying, ballroom dancing and ice dancing experiences. He enjoyed our planned programs, especially the music. He thought the Westcott cousins were especially gifted with musical ability.

He had a keen sense of humor. At our first Iowa reunion we had a bus trip to see the real Iowa. We visited a hog farm, an auction barn, where we saw bull being auctioned; a beef cattle ranch, and visited a milking parlor on Marlin Perdue's modern dairy farm. Dr. Westcott and Susan Handy, our president, who was a fastidious lady, were in the seat ahead of me as we were returning to Griswold. I heard Susan say, "I hope, Howard, you have time to take a shower before dinner. He turned to her and said, "You don't smell so sweet yourself, Cousin."

That evening we had a steak dinner at a Boy Scout Camp out in the country. As Dr. Westcott, neatly dressed, was giving his slide presentation, we had a very bad thunderstorm. The lights went out. We got back to our overnight lodgings safely that night. Dr. Westcott showed his slides to the Sunday School children the next day. We were all in church, even Edna and Paul Lewis whose tent had collapsed in the storm.

In 1986 Dr. Westcott and Georgia and his family entertained us in Escondido, California. He thought that only a few would come so far, but we surprised him with a really good turnout. We certainly enjoyed all the activities they planned for us: the guided tour behind the scenes at the Wild Animal Park, conducted by Julianna Westcott, the reception and dinner at the hotel with a variety show of singing and dancing by the Red Hot Mama's, a group of young mothers. He was so proud to introduce us to his family at the banquet.

As we were saying our good-byes, he had a phone call from his spiritual mentor, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who had persuaded him to write his book, How You Can Live Healthy, Happy and Long. He had just completed the book.

We missed him at our Ohio meeting in 1988. Sometime after that I received a letter from him telling me of his life at the Club to which he had moved and his daily trips to visit Georgia at the convalescent home.

He closed by writing, "I'll see you at the next reunion if my candle doesn't flicker and go out."

We will miss him, but the light and the inspiration of over 50 years of devotion to the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America will long remain with us.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Descendants of Franklin Howard WESTCOTT Dr.

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1. Franklin Howard WESTCOTT Dr. (b.26 Dec 1902;d.19 Jul 1989)

sp: Gertrude Henrietta LEVINE (b.8 Apr 1906;m.20 Jun 1929;d.3 Dec 1957)

2. Marilyn Joyce WESTCOTT (b.20 May 1931;d.8 Jul 1983)

sp: Noel MELVILLE (b.8 Feb 1932;m.12 Jun 1954(Div))

3. Mark Lawrence MELVILLE (b.13 Apr 1955)

sp: Katherine Marianne KIESSLING (b.22 Oct 1954;m.2 Jul 1977)

4. Eric Alexander MELVILLE (b.25 Oct 1980)

4. Scot Christopher MELVILLE (b.25 Aug 1984)

3. Keith Westcott MELVILLE (b.21 Jul 1956)

sp: Cheri DAILEY (b.12 Jun 1959;m.27 Jun 1981(Div))

4. Devin Westcott MELVILLE (b.18 May 1984)

4. Patrick Aidan MELVILLE (b.1 Apr 1990)

sp: Judy (m.Ab. 1995)

4. Samantha MELVILLE (b.17 Oct 1995)

4. Marcie Halley MELVILLE (b.Apr 1997)

3. Noel Christopher MELVILLE (b.14 Oct 1960)

sp: Suzanne

4. Dorie

4. Brianna Suzanne (b.20 Dec 1986)

4. Cailen (b.1989)

sp: Gerald F. RYAN (m.Bef Jan 1982)

2. Ruth Elaine WESTCOTT (b.10 Oct 1933)

sp: Luther Ernest BARNHARDT Jr. (b.8 Sep 1933;m.22 Dec 1956)

3. Luther Ernest Lee BARNHARDT III (b.19 Oct 1957)

sp: Joy Annette BERGFOLK (b.24 Oct 1956;m.26 Sep 1981(Div))

4. Robert Lee BARNHARDT adpt. (b.30 Sep 1975)

4. Susan Elizabeth BARNHARDT adpt. (b.4 Jun 1978)

4. Rebecca Joy BARNHARDT adpt. (b.3 Feb 1980)

sp: Gail Annie VAN HOUTEN (m.May 1998)

3. Karen Lynn BARNHARDT (b.13 Aug 1959)

sp: Michael Joseph HEFRON (m.30 Jun 1984)

4. Michael Westcott HEFRON (b.25 Apr 1989)

4. Katherine McFarland HEFRON (b.17 May 1991)

4. Elizabeth Barnhardt HEFRON (b.28 Jul 1998)

4. Anna Greenwell HEFRON (b.16 Jul 2001)

3. Susan Elaine BARNHARDT (b.19 Nov 1961)

sp: Simon Godfrey WILLIAMS (m.Aug 1994)

4. Jennifer Michelle WILLIAMS (b.19 Apr 1996)

4. Kathryn Elizabeth WILLIAMS (b.29 Mar 2000)

2. Martha Diane WESTCOTT (b.21 Aug 1939)

sp: Thomas Peck HAWLEY Jr. (b.6 Jul 1938;m.21 Nov 1964)

3. Thomas Peck HAWLEY III (b.14 Jun 1965)

sp: Gail Patricia SHEEHAN (b.21 Oct 1967;m.3 Jun 1993)

4. Thomas Peck IV HAWLEY (b.21 May 1996)

4. Sarah Patricia HAWLEY (b.28 Mar 1998)

4. Kathryn Diane HAWLEY (b.Aug 2000)

3. Stephen Westcott HAWLEY (b.21 Dec 1966)

sp: Hollye Lynne ALLRED (b.2 Dec 1967;m.2 May 1993)

4. Megan Elizabeth HAWLEY (b.14 Apr 1995)

4. Amanda Page HAWLEY (b.17 Apr 1998)

4. Ethan Westcott HAWLEY (b.12 May 2000)

3. Jonathan Scott HAWLEY (b.4 Nov 1971)

sp: Lucina PATINO (m.5 May 2001)

2. Julianna WESTCOTT (b.23 Jul 1944)

sp: Michael Proctor GRANEY (b.2 Jun 1943;m.11 Jun 1965)

3. Noelle GRANEY (b.20 Oct 1968)

3. Michael Westcott GRANEY (b.8 Sep 1970)

sp: D'Layne (m.Ab. 1998)

4. Michael Liam GRANEY (b.12 Sep 1998)

4. Nathan Alexander GRANEY (b.27 Oct 2000)

sp: Georgia Candler WINTERS (m.26 Dec 1958)

Westcott's Graduate



April Christine Westcott, Daughter of Donna Rose and Paul Leslie Westcott of Fort Lauderdale, FL, graduated from Cooper City High School with Honors Monday June 11th in three years. She is presently working at Ottoraphics in Ft. Lauderdale. She wants to take a semester off before continuing her education.



Shaunta Nickerson, daughter of Penny N. Dennis, & step daughter of SSWDA member, Don Dennis of Bend, Oregon, graduated from Toledo High School at Newport Beach, California on June 9, 2001. Their class motto was, " Do not follow where the path leads. Rather, go where there is no path and leave a trail."



Kyle Jean Stirling, daughter of Connie Beatrice and Thomas B. Stirling, residents of White Bear Lake, MN. Kyle's ceremony was Friday June 8th, from White Bear Lake High School. She plans to attend the University of MN at Morris to study art and photography.



Kendra Dawn Cartier, daughter of Kathy Cartier of Oregon and Bob Cartier of Colorado, graduated from Crook County High School, in Prineville, Oregon on June 9th, 2001. She was active in volley ball and received an Honors Award in Scholastics.. She plans to attend Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.



Carolyn A. Westcott, daughter of Katherine Ann and Jeffrey Howard. Westcott graduated from North Tonawanda H. S. Sunday, June 24th at Art Park in Lewiston, NY. She ranked 10th of 402 students. She will study anthropology and archeology at the State University of NY at Albany where she has been invited to attend the advanced placement group.



Tarin Marie McGuirk, daughter of Lynda D. McGuirk, of Glendale, AZ and Rick McGuirk of Phoenix, graduated from Cactus High School in Glendale on May 24, 2001. She was active in softball and band. Tarin is employed by Mesa Verde Concrete. She will start at Glendale Community College in September.

From Barbara and Paul Westcott:

These are our three grand daughters who graduated from high schools located in three different states. The dust has settled and we are home from our visits for ceremonies and parties.

We are looking forward to the SSWDA meeting in Rhode Island.

The P W Westcotts Barbara and Paul

Gary R. Calkins, Jr., son of Gary Calkins and Emily Roy Calkins of Lyndonville, Vermont and grandson of Arlene Dole of New Hampshire graduated from Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont May 20, 2001.

If you have a grandson or grand daughter or a child graduating; or newly married; or new grand child; or an award winner; send it to the editor Pauline W. D. Schumann, P. O. Box 954, Sheffield, MA 01257, and it will be printed in the Quarterly.