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Pauline W. Dennis Schumann Recognition Award

From the Historian...

Paul W. Westcott, vice president of the Stukely Westcott Society, presents Pauline W. Dennis Schumann with the SSWDA Recognition Award at the 2002 banquet.



She was chosen for this years award, "for her outstanding efforts to make this Society more informed, more fun, and more social."

Pauline served as editor of the Westcott Quarterly from October 1984 through July 2002.

Thanks to everyone who purchased the 5 x 7 photos, we were able to send \$20.00 to the society Treasurer. They were available due to a special price I received from my photo shop.

Also, a special "thanks" is due David Seyfarth for ordering and offering the Westcott round-to-its at the reunion.

Thanks also to the great volunteers on the registration desk - and to Betty Plummer for helping me carry the materials back and forth to my room.

Betty W. Acker

Historic Visit

Descendants of Stukely Westcott, a contemporary of Roger Williams and one of 13 original landowners of the Providence Plantations, recently visited a monument to Stukely on West Shore Road across from Draper Avenue. The Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America placed the monument in 1935 to mark his original home site. Two buses took about 75 people to various sites in Rhode Island, and David Papaioannou (right) came from as far away as Greece.



Taken from the Warwick Beacon, Warwick, Rhode Island, Tuesday, August 6, 2002.

Chaplain Sally Winter

Sally arrived at a pivotal moment in the Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd. history. The previous secretary had just left when her husband had accepted a job out of the area. Coincidentally, Sally inquired with Lynn Dobson about a job only a few days later. At the time of her interview, the shop employed just eight but was starting to attract national attention, having just signed a contract for an organ in Burlington, North Carolina, the firm's first project outside of the Midwest. Two decades later, the company has almost twenty employees and is undertaking a greatly expanded variety of projects, including several instruments that dwarf the earlier ones.



Coordinating the various administrative aspects of a shop their size requires a significant amount of work. As the company has grown, so has Sally's job description. In addition to the secretarial duties she has had from the beginning of her tenure, she now makes all of the company travel arrangements, assists Business Manager Kirk Russell with the accounting, handles the mailing and shipping, gives tours, and handles the countless other things that no one thinks about but which everyone expects to be done.

A lifelong resident of Lake City, Sally is the youngest of Tom and Audrey Williams' three children. Her mother, a choir director and music teacher active in the Iowa Choral Directors Association, instilled a love of music at an early age. She sang her first solo in church at age four. In high school, she was a member of the All-State Chorus, and learned to play the guitar and alto saxophone. She remains an active member of the Lake City Union Church, singing soprano in the choir and playing handbells, and is frequently called upon as a soloist for weddings and funerals.

Sally is married to another Lake City native, Daryl Winter, who is employed by an area agricultural cooperative. They have three grown children, Stacey, Leslie and Andrew, all of whom live in Iowa. Several years ago Sally and Daryl renovated an historic, century-old house in Lake City, complete with a large yard and extensive gardens of flowers, vegetables and herbs. More than one fortunate visitor has witnessed owls perching on the garden fence on a summer's evening.

Sally is active in the Lake City community. She is involved in Entre' Nous, a local music club, and the local chapter of the P.E.O. sisterhood, an international philanthropic education organization that owns Cottey College, a two-year women's college in Nevada, Missouri. She is also active in AFS, the international student exchange organization.

"My kids were in school and I was looking for something worthwhile to do with my time," Sally says. "Lynn took a chance on me. I had no secretarial experience and didn't know anything about organ building." She does now. With Dobson crews occasionally working on opposite ends of the country, Sally remains the steady hub in the middle of a swirling constellation of activity. She handles the constant demands with grace and good humor, and it's difficult indeed to imagine how we'd get along without her.

Deaths

Cecil T. Westcott, 87, retired Boeing Wichita supervisor, died Friday, March 1, 2002. Born November 19, 1914, in Alexdrauda, North Dakota, son of David Elmer Wescott and Martha L. (Root) Wescott.

Survivors: wife, Lucille; son, James of Wichita; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. Memorial established with Haysville United Methodist Church.

The picture I saw at the 2002 Reunion of the sod house in the Dakota Badlands was where Uncle Cecil was from. Eldridge was his grandad. My father was Cecil's oldest brother. His name was also Eldridge. Cecil was not a member of the SSWDA, but he did have all the lineage and gave all of it to me several years ago.

Thanks, Earl Westcott.

Byron S. Westcott, 69 of Erieville Road, Erieville, died April 10, 2002 at home. He was born in Hubbardville and had been a resident of Erieville for 49 years. He was a retired machine operator for Carrier Corp., Syracuse, a member of the Erieville United Methodist Church, commissioner of the Erieville Water District, Past Master of the Erieville Grange 1498, member of the VFW Post 113, Nelson. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and had received the Purple Heart and a Korean Service Medal and six Bronze Stars.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, the former Christabell O'Dell; one daughter, Yvonne M. Uehlin of Erieville; three sons, Raymond L. and Kevin J., both of Cazenovia and Loren B. of Phoenix; four brothers, Lewis of Kansas City, Kan., Paul of New Orleans, La., Robert of Boise, Idaho and David Seyforth of Franklin, Mass.; one sister, Grace Drennen of Wendell, N.C.; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three brothers, Frank, Stewart and John.

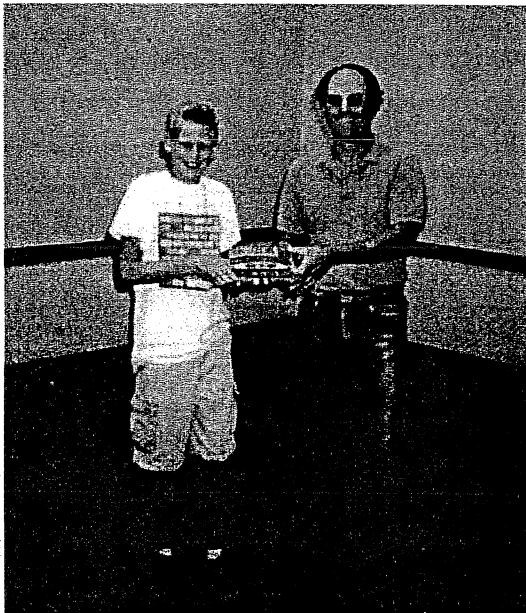
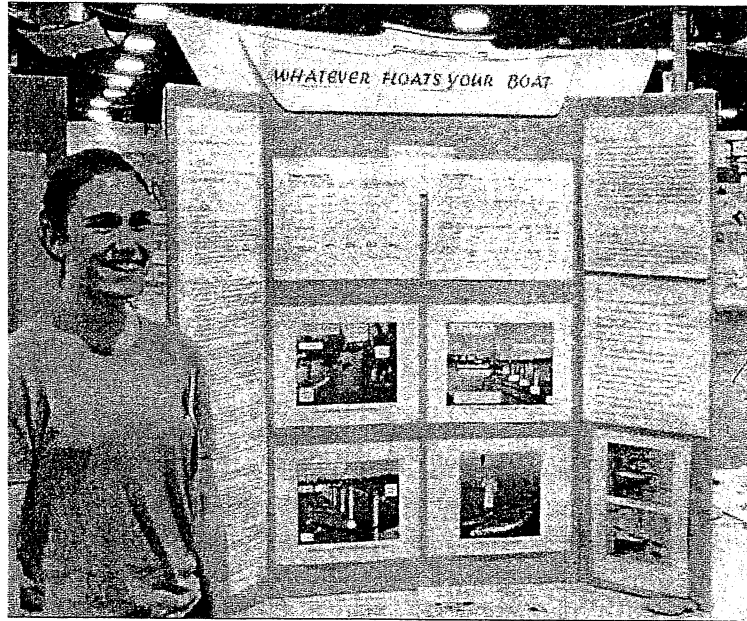
Services were held in the Nelson United Methodist Church. The Rev. Elizabeth Burlew officiated. Burial was in Erieville Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Richard F. Ayer Funeral Homes, Cazenovia. Contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY.

Marriage Announcement

Joshua A. Uehlin, son of Yvonne Uehlin of Erieville N.Y. and Kimberly L. Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fox were united in marriage June 1, 2002 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Joshua is the grandson of members Byron and Christabell Westcott. Congratulations to them both.

From the Letter Box

Sarah Avery won first prize in Physics at the Stockton College Science Fair and honorable mention at the Delaware Valley Science Fair in Pennsylvania. Sarah is the daughter of Pam and Chuck Avery of New Jersey, and granddaughter of Wilma Avery.



Christopher Lewis Anderson, age 13, receives 3rd place in the Junior Collector's category from Steve Raische (Lakeland, FL) for his graphics plate display, "Chris' Colorful Graphics" at the National ALPCA Convention in Niagara Falls in June 2002. Chris is the son of Nancy and Mark Anderson of Kansas, and grandson of Lewis Westcott.

A Message from our SSWDA President, Barlow Westcott

I wish to thank Betty Acker as Chairperson and David Seyfarth for his "on the site" help in planning and hosting the 2002 Reunion held in Providence, R.I., July 19th, 20th and 21st. Those who did not attend missed seeing early Westcott homes of the 17th and 18th centuries as well as one of the restored Westcott cars.

The Friday evening display of Westcott memorabilia by Betty Acker, historian, was enjoyed by all attending. A fun evening was enjoyed by singing with the Coltey brothers furnishing the music. The Saturday evening program by Park Ranger John McNiff was informative and well received by the cousins.

I have appointed Lewis O. Westcott as Chairman of the 2004 Reunion to be held in Kansas City. The dates, program, etc. will be in the Quarterly when he has made final arrangements. With this Reunion being held in a central location, everyone should make a special effort to attend.

There were several younger members at the Reunion this year. It should be a specific goal for each of us to stimulate an interest of the younger family members in the lives of their forefathers.

Dianne Hatfield of Ohio has accepted a position on the Board of Directors for the next two years. She will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Betty Westcott Plummer of Florida. Betty has served the Society for several years.

A change was made in the Constitution, Article VIII, Governing Body, Section 2. This sentence should be added after the last sentence; *Past Presidents are not included in the 15 member count.* (Revised July, 2002.)

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The 34th SSWDA National Reunion was hosted by the Society this year. Betty and Clink Acker and David and Jeanne Seyfarth made all the arrangements. With David handling the on-site plans of hotel selection, banquet facilities, menus and entertainment and Betty taking care of all the rest--registration, local tours, banquet speaker and all the hundreds of details involved, we all had a grand time July 19 through 21, 2002 in Seekonk, MA. We were housed in the Johnson & Wales Inn culinary institution across the state line from Providence, RI. So this time the family "came home" to where it all began with Stukely Westcott so many years ago.

The Board of Directors met Friday morning. Promptly at 1:00 p.m. we loaded on to two busses for an interesting afternoon. First we drove by the First Baptist Church in Providence--Stukely was one of its founders. Next we stopped at the RI Historical Society Library to view the Bible that Stukely Westcott brought from England. That was definitely a camera event. About as interesting was riding on the bus as the driver maneuvered successfully around the narrow streets of Providence. We made two stops at early Westcott homes--one in Coventry and the other in Westcott itself where Fred and Carol-Ann Lantz welcomed us and invited us all to tour through the downstairs rooms which have been restored to their 1700's appearance. The next stop was at the garage where Harold and Judy Beaudoin keep their 1919 Westcott limousine-sedan. Refreshments were served as we enjoyed seeing the car--it is in top-notch condition. From there we went to Warwick RI for a short service of remembrance at the Stukely Westcott Memorial. That evening at 6:30 p.m. a casual buffet supper was served. We were entertained by "The Westcott Cousins" and their music. The Coltey "boys", Floid and Sharon, played guitars and sang, joined by Paul W. Westcott on the harmonica and Dean Timm's vocal selections. A double treat was provided by Jeanne Seyfarth's sister and brother-in-law as clown and face painter. Joye Satterfield shared her diary from a previous reunion--a camp out in the mud! Edna also remembered that gathering. We enjoyed seeing all the displays and buying a few Westcott items that were for sale.

The General Meeting Saturday morning revealed 90 registrations from 20 states and the country of Greece. After the Memorial Service closed the meeting, the afternoon was free for sight-seeing.

Saturday evening's banquet was very well attended. The speaker, Ranger John McNiff from the Roger Williams National Memorial Park in Providence spoke extemporaneously about Roger Williams and his early dealings with the Indians as well as background on the settlement of this area by Williams and his companions. The group sang the "Westcott" songs and then listened and danced to a great combo.

On Sunday morning as many as could attended services at the First Baptist Church in Providence. After the service we had a tour of the church and even a chance to ring the bell. After all this, we departed for our homes looking forward to the next reunion in Kansas City in 2004. See you there!

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SSWDA 34th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Embassy Room
Johnson & Wales Inn
Seekonk, MA

9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2002

President Barlow Westcott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Phylinda Romero gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul W. Westcott. Paul A. Westcott and David Seyfarth held the Society's official flag during the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Westcott reported the absence of Chaplain Sally Winter due to the sudden loss of her husband's job when his company changed ownership. He informed the group that the flag used during business meetings of the Society was flown over the White House on the 1970 anniversary of Stukely Westcott's death: January 12, 1677.

Nancy V. Westcott, Nominating Committee Chairman presented the following slate of officers for 2002-2004:

President: Barlow Westcott, CO	Historian: Betty Acker, OH
Vice-President: Paul W. Westcott, NY	Chaplain: Sally Winter, IA
Treasurer: Evelyn Hitchcock, NY	The Quarterly: Nancy Bruckman, IA
Secretary: Phylinda W. Romero, CO	Genealogist: Edna Lewis, CT
Registrar: Lewis O. Westcott, KS	SSWDA Webmaster: Sharon Coltey, GA

The Secretary moved all officers be elected by acclamation, motion passed. The officers will be installed at the evening banquet.

Jennifer Ley, Auditing Committee Chairman, reported she and Jeanne Seyfarth had audited the Treasurer's books and found all to be in order.

Chapter Reports: Pauline D. Schumann announced the VT Chapter picnic has attendance of 100 to 120. It is held at Lake St. Catherine annually on the second Sunday in August. Lew Westcott reported the IA chapter meets every two years, the next meeting will be in Boone, IA, the second Sunday in June 2004.

Treasurer: Evelyn Hitchcock reported for 2000-2002 :

Balance on hand August 2000	\$ 7,438.37
Total Receipts August 2000- July 2002	<u>7,556.08</u>
Total	\$14,994.45
Total Expenditures August 2000- July 2000	<u>6,936.64</u>
Bank Balance July 2002	\$ 8,057.81

A breakdown of this report is available upon request. Betty Acker turned in \$50 received from sales of Westcott items at the Friday night buffet. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary: Nancy Westcott reported Honorary Life Memberships were sent to 8 members, 7 spouses and 3 associate members during 2000-2002. The SSWDA Coat of Arms was created and 500 Honorary Life Membership cards were printed. Handled all Society correspondence. All costs for postage and printing have been reimbursed by the Treasurer. Report was accepted

Historian: Betty Acker reported Memorial Easter donations were made in the Society's name in 2001 and 2002 to the First Baptist Church in Providence. Packets of family history were sent out to many contacts received from the Internet. Several new members resulted. Report was accepted.

Registrar: Lewis Westcott reported during the past two years we have added 22 applicants with full membership and 5 applicants as Associate members making 1059 members and 112 associates on record. With each application new information and generations are added in his computer and he now has over 41,000 names entered. He also indexed information in all Bulletins to the Quarterly referencing changes and additions to Westcott records in Volumes I and II from March 1940 through March 1949. This information can be available to anyone who is interested. Report was accepted.

Scholarship Fund: Ned Morris reported this fund was founded by Dr. Howard Westcott and is open to members, their descendants and family members. Five loans have been repaid, 3 applications are pending, two will be granted. The name of the fund will change to SSWDA College Student Loan Fund to clarify the fact that this is a loan and must be repaid. Recipients may receive up to \$1000, interest free, to be repaid within 5 years after graduation or drop out. There is a balance in the fund of \$4600. Nancy Bruckman, IA, reported her grandson is a fund recipient. The report was accepted.

Quarterly: Pauline Schumann reported she averages 400-500 quarterlies each copy; 475 copies are mailed to libraries, members, extra copies to officers for distribution and to interested parties. She requested we all send information for publishing and support the new editor. In September, 2000, the 13 page Constitution and By-Laws was sent to all members for a cost of \$776.16. The 2-year cost for quarterlies was \$3667.78. She also makes labels from her data base for the Treasurer to use in her billing. Pauline is resigning her office to have more personal time; she has served in this office since 1984.

Genealogist: Edna Lewis commented on various ways she obtains information to clarify or enlarge her genealogical records. She maintains a complete file on Society membership, helps those tracing family lines and works closely with all officers and others asking for assistance. As an elected officer she has attended every Board meeting except one for 26 years. She thanked Pauline Schumann for her much needed help in all her work the past few years.

Dick Bruckman, IA, related experiences he and Nancy and Paul Westcott had investigating a cemetery in Milford, NY. There they found Benjamin Westcott's gravesite of 1851 as well as a plaque in a Milford Center church presented by SSWDA. Edna recalled one of the first reunions was held in New Milford.

Barlow remarked his prime concern is recruiting younger members and getting them actively involved in the Society. He has enrolled his grandchildren and encouraged others to do the same.

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

1. That Article VIII, Section 2, Constitution SSWDA which now reads: "There shall be a board of no more than 15 Directors, consisting of the 10 elected officers, the living past Presidents of the Society, and any additional Directors appointed by the President for a two year term to bring the board membership for that period up to a total of 15 active Directors." have the following sentence added: "Past Presidents are not included in the 15 member count".
2. All the costs of the Historian for bringing materials to the reunions shall be paid by the Society.
3. For this year of 2002, the Society will pay any reunion expenses not covered by attendee's fees. Customarily each reunion is hosted by a State Chapter which is responsible for all planning and costs.

Sharon Coltey moved the recommendations be accepted, seconded by Floid Coltey. Motion carried.

The Secretary also read notes received from members not able to attend. Jim and Helen Westcot, IA, recently lost their daughter, Susan Becker. They requested their registration money be refunded, if possible, for deposit in the benefit fund established for payment of Susan's medical bills. This was done. Others responding were Merle Westcott, WA, who was attending the wedding of her granddaughter, Nichelle Pomeroy; Barbara Reeves, UK; and Barbara Reese, CA. All sent greetings to their cousins.

Over 90 people registered for the reunion with 88 attending. 20 States and the country of Greece were represented. This year there are many new attendees who were warmly welcomed. Betty Acker reminded the group that at the NH reunion David Seyfarth's granddaughter, Ariste, took the part of the cat in the Westcott skit. Ariste was in attendance this year with her Mother and younger brother. Edna announced she has one book left for sale.

Lewis Westcott invited the Society to Kansas City in 2004. He and his wife, Nancy, will be backed up as hosts by the IA Chapter.

Church services will be held Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, Providence, RI.

The memorial service was conducted by Jennifer Ley, Phylinda Romero and Barlow Westcott II. Jennifer opened with prayer and Barlow read the following names for remembrance:

Ed Heath, NH	Betty Mann, MI
Doris Caruso	Charles R. Jay
Claudine Braley Boerker, VA	Mrs. Elizabeth Ehrhardt, NJ
Paul Lewis, CT	Howard Finley
John Alvin Westcott, FL	Byron Sydney Westcott, NY
Susan Westcot Becker, IA	

Phylinda concluded with the Lord's prayer.

Earl Williams, OK, told that his father, Eldridge Westcott, had taken some photographs from ND that Betty Acker had found on the Internet. Pauline Schumann brought a good report and greetings from her Mother, Mabel Wescott. Mabel lives alone, next door to her daughter Velma, and sent greetings to all. She is the oldest resident of Poultney, VT.

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.

Nancy Westcott

Nancy Westcott
Secretary

At the Saturday evening Banquet, the new officers, submitted by the Nominating Committee and elected at the General Meeting, were sworn in. Directors serving on the Board are:

Joye Satterfield	Fern Peterson	Dianne Hatfield, New Appointee
David Seyfarth	Paul A. Westcott	

The Biennial Award of Recognition was awarded to Pauline Dennis Schumann.