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OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS JULY 22, 23, 24, & 25, 2004

Plans are being made for the 2004 Westcott Reunion. Nancy and Lewis Westcott have made arrangements at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. There is plenty of parking. Most of the rooms are on the ground level floor. The rate is \$69.00 per night, which will also apply three days before and three days after the reunion. There are RV parks available close by.

A bus tour is being considered for Friday afternoon at a cost of \$21.75, which includes admission to the Truman Presidential Library. We will load the bus from the hotel at 1:00 and enjoy a guided driving tour of Kansas City, then onto Independence (including Old Independence Square, Truman Home, the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trail, Bingham Waggoner Estate and Vaile Mansion). From there we will head over to the Truman Presidential Museum and Library. We'll continue on with a city driving tour including Liberty Memorial, Westport, Country Club Plaza, Lewis & Clark Point, Vietnam Memorial, with a 30 minute rest stop at Union Station.

We'll return to the hotel at 5:00 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SSWDA PRESIDENT, BARLOW WESTCOTT

2002 is history and we should all look forward to 2003 with great expectations. Each has new goals and ideas for the coming months.

One of the goals for the Society is to have an increase in membership, especially younger members of the family. Youth is needed to keep our Society growing stronger in the future. The Westcott web page has been a great source for gaining new members.

It may seem a long way off until the Reunion in 2004 but the way tempus fugit, it is just around the corner. Lewis Westcott and his committee are working hard to make this another great family get-together. Everyone should start making plans to attend.

Best wishes to all for 2003.

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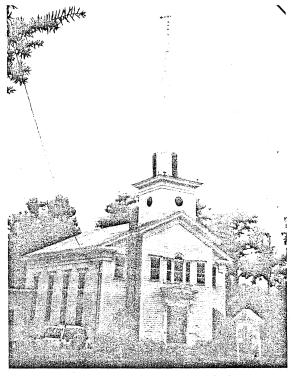
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A GENEALOGY STOP IN MILFORD, NY ON OUR JOURNEY TO THE 2002 REUNION From Nancy and Dick Bruckman







Dick shared this story with our cousins at Providence, but decided all of our cousins might find this of interest. Our trek to Providence began in Des Moines, Iowa. We stopped in Ecorse, Michigan, to pick up Paul Westcott, Nancy's brother. Then on to Ashtabula County, Ohio (where we all three are from originally). After a short visit with Westcott and Bruckman relatives, we drove to Syracuse, NY.

The next day, as it was on our way, Paul asked if we might stop in Milford, NY. We were looking for Paul and Nancy's great-great-great-grandfather who was interred at a cemetery in Milford. To help us in our search, we were looking for The First Baptist Church of Milford.

As we enter Milford, we couldn't locate help for guidance. We found a painter doing some historical renovation on a home called the Sayre home. He directed us to James Havener, the local historian, who also owns The Furniture Doctor, which is his garage/business doing antique restoration. After an exchange of questions, and Paul purchasing a history book of Milford, we were sent a few miles down the road.

There stood the church you see in the picture. We located the pastor and he invited us into the church. There on the wall by the vestibule was the plaque you see in the picture. The plaque was presented to the church by Milford Township Chapter No. 1 of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. The pastor then directed us to a cemetery overlooking the Susquehanna River, and there we found the stones of Benjamin Westcott and his wife, Lovina Calhoun.

Now, to extend your genealogy lesson, Edmund Richmond held the longest pastorate in this church's history, from 1809-1829. Rev. Richmond's daughter, Anna Wells, married Rufus Westcott, who was Nancy and Paul's great-great-grandfather. Edmund and Anna are buried in the Gageville Cemetery in Ashtabula County, which is about a quarter mile from Nancy and Paul's parents' home place. There are seven generations of Westcotts in this cemetery.

BOONE, IOWA MAN TO SING AT CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT

Dean Timm of 1803 Monona St., Boone, Iowa, 50036, sang in famed Carnegie Hall in New York City on January 20, 2003.

This was by special invitation from the featured soloist, Jennifer Foote, in a concert called Dreams Really Do Come True.

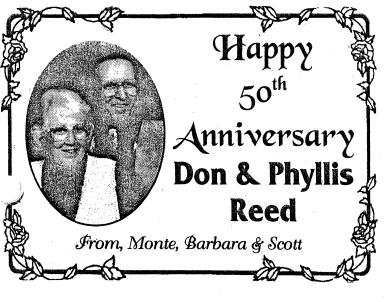


Dean Timm

In retirement, Timm, 69, has his own Music Ministry with web site and all. He's devoted lots of his time, energy and musical talent in recent years to provide entertainment for up to six area hospitals every other week.

While in New York, naturally Timm and his wife, Marion, plan to attend a Broadway show and see the sights.

"Just being a small part of this show in Carnegie Hall is a great thrill of course, and it's always great to have a chance to sing a duet with Jennifer when we get together in Des Moines. I especially like to sing "How Great Thou Art" with her".



SIX REMAINING CEMETARY PLACQUES

These custom made cemetary placques highlight your loved one's pride in being a direct descendant of Stukely Westcott. The placques are beautifully done in a bronzetone finish with the Society crest encircled by "Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America". The placques are 7" in diameter and include the stake. They can also be affixed directly onto the gravestone with minor alteration by a professional stonesmith. The price for the placque is \$150, which includes the stake, plus \$10 packaging and shipping. Please order directly from Bruce W. Trismen, 190 Cottage Road, Wyckoff. 07481. or 201-251-4734 NJ betrismen@aol.com.

DEATHS

John Robert (Bob) Fulton passed away on December 25, 2002 at the age of 87 in San Jose, California. He was born in Willits, California on February 4, 1915 to Thomas Chester Fulton and Anna Johanna Cattermole Fulton. He was raised in San Francisco and lived his entire life in the San Francisco Bay area. His wife, the former Lela Arlien Johnson, his son, Robert Wesley Fulton of McKinleyville, California, and his daughter, Titia Ann Fulton of Campbell, California, survive him. Bob's paternal grandmother was Mary Perfect Belle Westcott Fulton and it was while researching her family that he learned about the SSWDA. He had been a member of the Society for a number of years and greatly enjoyed the association. He received a great deal of pleasure from reading the family newsletter and The Westcott Family Tree as well as a lot of information about the family.

ANNA VAUGHN died in Arlington, Vermont. Her mother, Irene Vaughn, was a long time Westcott descendant.

REMEMBERING A FALLEN SOLDIER: WILLIAM PERCY WESTCOTT, JR.

I came upon the name of William Percy Westcott, Jr. in a curious way. In 1990, while I was living in Honolulu some visiting friends wished to see the USS Arizona Memorial. Not having seen it before I took them out to see the site myself. I knew the Memorial was directly above the sunken remains of the battleship but never really understood the true meaning of the Memorial as a grave site until the Naval officer assigned to accompany our party explained it to us as we crossed the harbor out to the Memorial.

As my friends and I parted unto our own individual exploration of the Memorial I soon came across the portal that looks down through the dark water of the harbor unto remains of the USS Arizona. As I stared down through this opening in the deck of the memorial I contemplated the tragic loss and the horrific death that met the sailors in the grave below me. Deep in that thought I was suddenly drawn by an unexplained "feeling" into an adjoining area of the memorial. As I entered this unoccupied "hall" I saw that it contained a large wall with the list of the easualties on that fateful day. Without pausing I continued being lead directly and solely to a single name of the wall: William Percy Westcott, Jr.

I can't explain it other than it was William's spirit hat had directed me there, as I truly had no inclination of going into the room nor looking for his or any name at all. It didn't even dawn on me that a relative of mine might have died on the Arizona when I set out to visit the Memorial. After seeing his name, I immediately returned to the portal, and said a prayer for him hoping that it might give some peace to his soul.

For more than ten years now the question of who William is, in relation to me, remains a mystery. Perhaps he was an uncle that I never know, letting me know that he was there. I have looked in various sources and can find no trace of him. The only thing I know of him is that he is among the "Court of M" ("M" meaning "missing") lost on December 7, 1941; that he joined the Navy from ndiana and served as Seaman 1st Class, Service Number 291-65-78.

I write to the Society in hopes that someone might be able to shed some light on William and perhaps to help me place him in my family history but more importantly for all Westcotts to remember his name and his sacrifice.

> Jeffrey James Westcott 35 Prospect Ave. Roslindale, MA 02131-3727

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

New Computer CD of the Westcott Family in England

David Westcott researched the Westcott family in England for 16 years. In December, 2002, he placed his information on a CD to send to his relatives. I heard of this CD from one of his relatives in Canada and requested a copy of the CD from David. He agreed to send me a copy. I was so impressed with the disc that I asked if I could copy the disc and make it available to our Westcott Society membership. David graciously agreed!

It has color pictures and maps and lots of history of the family line.

So, the CD is now available for \$5.00. David is not asking for anything but credit for his work. I am asking for only my actual expenses out of the money. David has agreed that anything over my expenses will go into our Westcott Society funds.

To order, send check to: Betty Acker
3654 Mill Dr.
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

CHAPTER MEETINGS

The **Iowa Chapter** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on June 8, 2003 at the Colorado Grill, 1514 S. Marshall, Boone, Iowa, 515-433-7020. We will be making plans to help Nancy and Lewis Westcott host the 2004 National Reunion.



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