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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY, HERE WE COME

Have you sent in your registration for the SSWDA Reunion on July 23, 24, 25, 2004? Nancy and Lewis Westcott have worked diligently to prepare a great itinerary for the weekend with lots of good food, a sightseeing tour, and wonderful entertainment and music to enjoy. We're looking forward to seeing all you cousins, so get that reservation sent in. See you there!

Message from Edna J. Lewis

I will have a few copies of The Westcott Family Tree available for those who wish to pick up their book in person at eighty dollars (\$80.00) each, at our Kansas Reunion. You can save postage/handling charges of ten dollars (\$10.00). Mailing rates continue to increase. Please send me a card if you want a book reserved for pick-up in Kansas.

Edna J. Lewis
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CHAPTER MEETING

The Iowa Chapter will meet at 11:30 on Sunday, June 13, 2004 at the Colorado Grill, 1514 South Marshall St., Boone, IA (one block east of Story St.)

MESSAGE FROM OUR SSWDA PRESIDENT

Some of the applications that have been received by the Registrar have not been properly completed. These are a permanent record and should be properly completed. Arrows pointing to another block to correct a mistake are not very clear to anyone and over the years may be misunderstood. A computer print out inserted in the application is NOT a complete application. It could be lost over the years and the application shows nothing. Article VII Membership Section 1. Application -- Dues for the first year of membership shall be submitted with the FILLED IN APPLICATION.

If you have made errors, it is much better to request a new form than use arrows or mark over. The Registrar and all who review these applications in the future will appreciate a well completed application.

Barlow M. Westcott,
President

Kids Say The Funniest Things

A mother was telling her little girl what her own childhood was like:

"We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in.

At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

DEATHS

ROCHESTER - **PEARL J. BROWN**, 74, died February 27, 2004 at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph.

She was born January 22, 1930 in East Poultney, VT., the daughter of Frank and Lucy (Westcott) Jay.

She attended schools in Poultney and Rochester and graduated from Rochester High School in 1948. After her schooling, she worked as a housekeeper in Rutland.

She married Raymond Brown September 14, 1952 in Rochester. They lived in Rochester village until moving to Jerusalem Hill in 1955.

She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, word puzzles and reading.

She was a member of Rochester Federated Church and the B'hai faith.

She is survived by her husband of Rochester; a son, Stuart Brown of Rochester; a daughter, Wendy Foley of Randolph; two brothers, Lloyd Jay Lewis of Glens Falls, N.Y., and Gerald Jay of Granville, N.Y.; two sisters, Edna Lewis of Winsted, CT., and Rita Sanders of West Hartford, CT.; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey Brown, and a daughter, Juanita Brown.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rochester Federated Church with the Rev. Dr. William Daniels officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Rochester at a later date.

Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Day Funeral Home in Randolph.

KORLEEN W. McCULLOUGH, age 87, passed away Sunday, December 14, 2003 in Sebring, FL. She was born in Watertown, N.Y. on November 12, 1916, to Arthur Jesse and Edith McQuinn Westcott.

She attended Watertown Business School, graduating in 1937. She worked at the Travelers Insurance Claims office in Watertown. She married Keith B. McCullough in 1938. In 1945 she became the secretary at the Massena Chamber of Commerce until 1951 when she went to work for the Massena Banking & Trust Company. She retired after 22 years with the bank.

She had been a resident of Avon Park since 1993 coming from Sebring.

Survivors include: sisters-in-law Francis Gean Lewis of Sebring, FL. and Barbara Westcott of Massena, N.Y.; nieces and nephews Jeff Westcott, Judy Westcott Fregoe, Eric Westcott, Toby Westcott, Bonnie Westcott Dick, Leon Andress, Lawrence Andress, Connie Lewis Reitz, William Lewis, John Lewis, Cathy Lewis Bruschi, Susan Lewis Fitzgerald and Jenifer Lewis Cohen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith McCullough and a brother, Arthur Westcott. Memorial services: Saturday, December 27, 2003 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel at the Palms.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home
Avon Park, FL.

ARTHUR J. WESTCOTT*, born February 2, 1921 passed away on May 29, 2003.

Phillips Memorial Home, Inc.
Massena, N.Y.

*Arthur J. Westcott was chairman of the 29th Biennial Reunion August 2, 1992.

From the Letter Box

Our SSWDA genealogist, Edna J. Lewis, sent an update on her family:

My younger son, Dan J. still lives in Germany with his wife, Maren Ditz - Dipl: Psych - she has a very busy practice. They have a 14 year old daughter. I expect them to visit U.S.A. this summer.

My older son, Paul W. has retired from Fed. Energy Dept., D.C. and is living in Nairobi, backing up his wife Diane Rodill, Ph.D. Assoc. Peace Corps Director for Educ., Kenya. He is working with photography and doing great work! He visited me at Christmas time. They have just recently had a week's holiday in Egypt. Will be in Africa to July 2005.

My daughter-in-law and family came to CT. to help me celebrate my 85th birthday earlier this month. Marion lives in Alexandria, VA. and my granddaughter, Marieke with husband Jason, lives in D.C. They brought one of their Great Dane dogs with them. Needless to say, I was treated like a queen for the weekend - with a party at a local restaurant - guests, flowers and balloons!



This is my most recent great grand niece, Kayla Yousman, who came to greet me for my birthday. She is my sister, Rita Sander's granddaughter.

From Martha Westcott Hawley (#805):

We are happy to announce the arrival of our seventh grandchild, a grandson, Connor Scott Hawley, born to Jonathan Scott (#955) and Lucina Hawley on January 9, 2004 at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, CA.

He is a great grandson of descendant F. Howard Westcott, M.D.

From Paul W. Westcott (#474):

Kyle J. Stirling, daughter of Connie B. (Westcott) and Thomas B. Stirling of White Bear Lake, Minnesota landed in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on December 5, 2003 terminating a Semester at Sea aboard the good ship SS Universe Explorer, sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, which began in Vancouver, BC on August 27, 2003. Ports of call were: Kobe, Japan; Hong Kong, China; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Bangkok, Thailand; Chennai, India; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania; Cape Town, South Africa; Salvador, Brazil; Havana, Cuba and Ft. Lauderdale.

Kyle is in her third year at the University of Minnesota, Morris and will receive academic credit for the Semester at Sea. This program has three voyages a year and apparently are available to anyone who is interested.

Kyle is the granddaughter of Barbara and Paul Westcott of N. Tonawanda, New York.



Eugene M. Wescott
Circa 1876

THE WESCOTT FIDDLE

THE STORY GOES BACK TO THE SEATTLE FOLK LIFE FESTIVAL ON MEMORIAL DAY 1996 WHERE LEW HOLT ADMIRERED THE VIOLIN FOR SEVERAL DAYS, DREAMING OF OWNING IT! FINALLY, AT THE AUCTION, HE RAISED HIS HAND AND BID ON IT. AFTER MANY BIDS, THE VIOLIN BELONGED TO HIM.

LEW MADE A PHONE CALL TO THE MAN WHO TOOK THE VIOLIN TO THE AUCTION. THE MAN'S GRANDFATHER HAD BEEN A VIOLIN DEALER IN CHICAGO AT ONE TIME. HE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA, TAKING THE VIOLIN WITH HIM. HE DIED THERE IN 1980.

THE VIOLIN WAS INSCRIBED, "REPAIRED BY E.M.WESCOTT, HAMPTON, IOWA 1884". IN ANOTHER LOCATION, "MADE BY EUGENE M. WESCOTT, SUMNER, IOWA 1876. AGE 19 YEARS. BORN IN CRAWFORD CO., PA 1857"

GAIL WESCOTT ROBERTS INHERITED THE VIOLIN FROM HER FATHER AND PLAYED IT ON THE CHATAUQUA CIRCUIT. SHE GRADUATED FROM THE CHICAGO INSTITUTE OF ART AND ALSO DID OIL PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES.

A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF EUGENE M. WESCOTT, THYRIA WILSON IN COLORADO, WROTE THAT HE MADE THE VIOLIN WITH A PIECE OF GLASS AND A JACKKNIFE. HE LEARNED HOW TO DO IT FROM A GERMAN VIOLIN MAKER WHO PASSED THROUGH IOWA. THE INLAID WOOD PIECES ARE FROM FAMOUS SHIPS THAT SANK IN THE GREAT LAKES. HER GREAT-AUNT GAIL WESCOTT ROBERTS SOLD THE VIOLIN TO A DEALER IN CHICAGO DURING THE DEPRESSION.

LEW HOLT BEGAN TO SEARCH THE INTERNET FOR A DESCENDANT OF EUGENE M. WESCOTT. HE FOUND FIVE EUGENE WESCOTTS IN HIS SEARCH. HE CALLED A EUGENE WESCOTT IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA AND LOCATED THE GRANDSON OF THE VIOLIN MAKER. EUGENE ACTUALLY HAD A PICTURE OF HIS GRANDFATHER HOLDING THE FIDDLE.

AFTER PLAYING THE VIOLIN FOR A YEAR OR SO, LEW HOLT CONTACTED THE GRANDSON IN ALASKA, ASKING IF HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE VIOLIN. EUGENE SAID YES, SO WITH A BIG LUMP IN HIS THROAT, LEW HOLT BOXED UP THE VIOLIN AND SENT IT HOME TO A WESCOTT! AFTER 60 YEARS THE VIOLIN WAS FINALLY BACK WITH THE FAMILY.

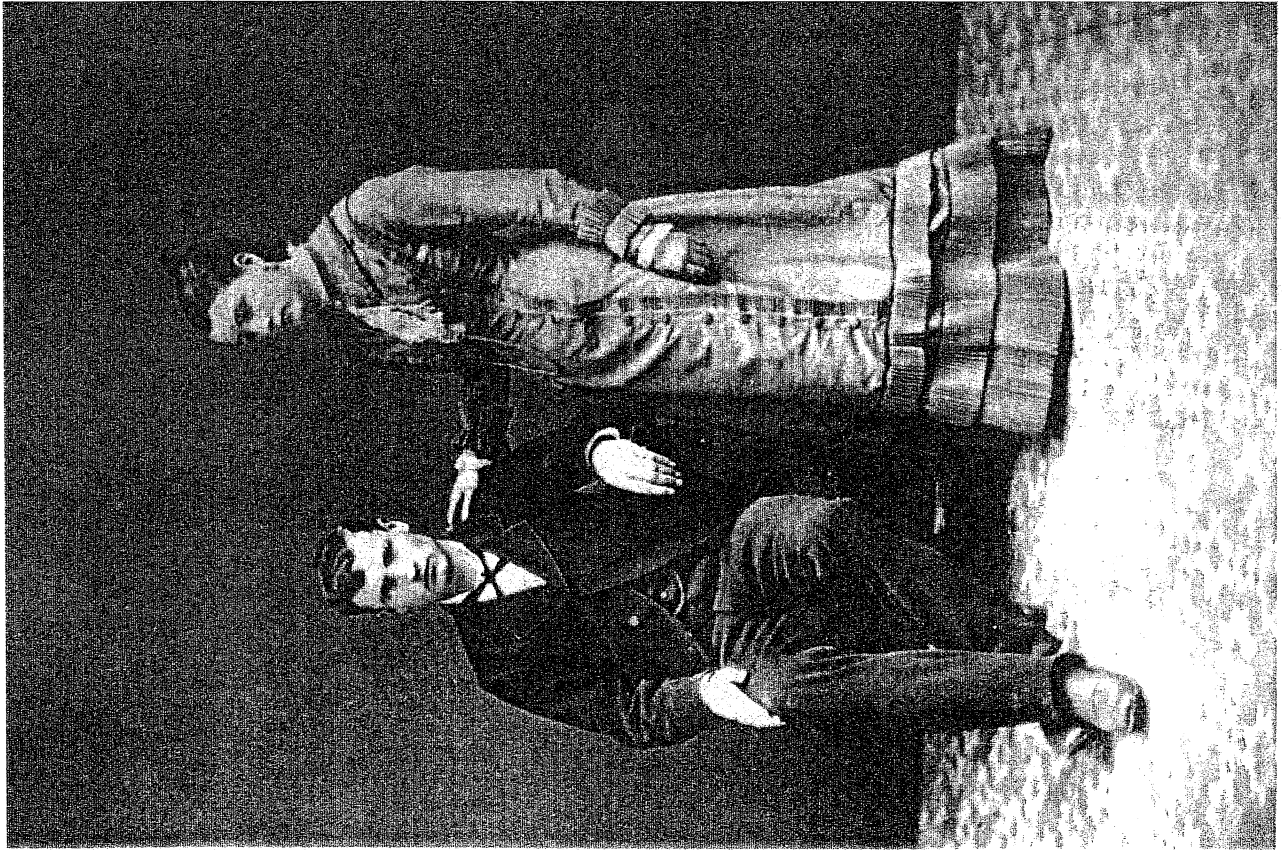
CAME THE REPLY, "DEAR LEW, THE VIOLIN ARRIVED SAFELY AT NOON TODAY, AND IT WAS VERY TOUCHING TO ACTUALLY HOLD IT IN MY HANDS...."

ANCESTRY: STUKELY (1), JEREMIAH (2), JEREMIAH JR. (3), GEORGE (4), GEORGE JR. (5), GEORGE III (6), GEORGE WASHINGTON W. (7), ORRIS WATERMAN W. (8), EUGENE MERRITT WESCOTT (9) ROY RUSSELL WESCOTT (10), EUGENE MICHAEL WESCOTT (11)

Betty W. Acker, Society Historian, 2004



GAIL WESCOTT ROBERTS



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SUMNER, IOWA - 1879**

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