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## Kansas City Reunion 2004

### By Phylinda Westcott Romero

The 35<sup>th</sup> National Reunion was held July 23-35 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas, a part of the greater Kansas City area. It was hosted by Lewis and Nancy Westcott with the help of the Iowa Chapter #9. We were welcomed with great booklets which Lew had made that included information about Kansas, the Society, current officers and the agenda for the reunion.

The Board of Directors met Friday morning. At 1:00 pm most of the Westcott "cousins" boarded the bus for a tour of Independence and Kansas City that included the Truman Presidential Museum and Library, Union Station, Country Club Plaza, Liberty Memorial and Westport. At 6:00 pm we were welcomed by President Barlow Westcott, Chaplain Sally Winter offered a prayer for the reunion and our meal,

and we then enjoyed a barbecue buffet supper. After dinner we enjoyed the music of the Raytown Ramblers. Following their entertainment there was time for visiting and more music provided by our own cousins – Sharon and Floyd Coltey and Dean Timm. The tables for the evening were decorated in a Kansas sunflower theme, with handmade potholders in sunflower fabric and centerpieces with more sunflowers. Everyone received a potholder and one lucky person at each table got the centerpiece.

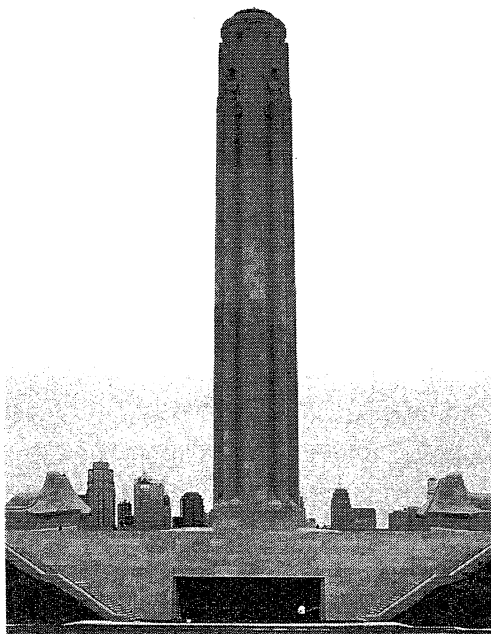
The General Meeting took place Saturday morning with 69 people from 20 states in Kansas for the reunion. Following the meeting a memorial service was held. The afternoon was free for sightseeing. We were all a little surprised with the cool, rainy day we had. Everyone had expected hot weather for our July reunion in Kansas. There was more than one umbrella and sweater purchased that day.

Our Saturday evening banquet was well attended. After dinner a certificate was given to Sharon (Shorty) Coltey for making this Society more fun. A special award was given to Evelyn Hitchcock for all her work for the Society. The new officers were presented. The speaker for the evening, Tim Talbot, was from the Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop in Olathe, Kansas. He told us about the Mahaffie family and the trails that crossed this area, including the Sante Fe. Afterward there was more visiting and dancing to a great band.

On Sunday morning those who were able to stay gathered for a church service conducted by Chaplain Sally Winter.

A good time was had by all and plans were made to see each other at the next National Reunion in Philadelphia in 2006.

Below: The Liberty Memorial, Kansas City



## 35<sup>th</sup> National Reunion Attendees

Fern Peterson, California  
Ann Westcott, California  
Bart & Nancy Westcott, California  
Phylinda & Ernie Romero, Colorado  
Barlow & Ruth Westcott, Colorado  
Thyria Kathleen Wilson, Colorado  
Edna Lewis, Connecticut  
Rite Ann Sanders, Connecticut  
Sharon (Shorty) & Arlene Coltey,  
Georgia  
Nancy & Dick Bruckman, Iowa  
Cathering & Kendra Kadrlík, Iowa  
LeeAnna Kasper, Iowa  
Marlin & Marilyn Perdue, Iowa  
Julie & Britni Piegors, Iowa  
Mariel A. Sotzen, Iowa  
Dean & Marion Timm, Iowa  
Jim & Helen Wescott, Iowa  
Audrey Williams, Iowa  
Sally & Daryl Winters, Iowa  
James W. Lefar, Illinois  
Susan Morris & Don Wolford, Illinois  
Joye & Robert Satterfield, Illinois

Dane Anderson & his father Mark,  
Kansas  
Lewis & Nancy Westcott, Kansas  
Paul A. Westcott, Louisiana  
David Seyfarth, Massachusetts  
Paul R. Westcott, Michigan  
Margaret Westcott, Minnesota  
LD "Wes" & Carol Westcott, Missouri  
Lyle D. Westcott, Mississippi  
Maurine & Jesse Mercer, Nebraska  
Jean K. Brundage, New York  
Floied "Sonny" & Ann Coltey, New  
York  
Evelyn Hitchcock, New York  
Paul W. & Barbara Westcott, New York  
Betty & Clink Acker, Ohio  
Dianne & Earl Hatfield, Ohio  
Kerri, Sarah & Rachel Paxson, Ohio  
Mazie G. Westcott Taylor, Ohio  
Earl & Elda Wescott, Oklahoma  
Jim & Barbara Henderson, Pennsylvania  
Ned & Fran Morris, Virginia  
Merle A. Westcott, Washington

## Milestones

**Carrie E. Williams** (#627) of Grafton, New Hampshire, passed away earlier this year, her sister Myrtle Cooper, also of Grafton, reports.

**Elliot Lewis Leflar** (#1403), great-great-grandson of Roscoe L. Whitman, SSWDA founder, married Martha Jane Stevenson, on June 26, 2004, at Sewanee, Tennessee, where they both

are alumni of the University of the South. After a two-week trip to London and Paris, the newlyweds returned to their home in Vernon Hills, Illinois. The bride is the daughter of E.J. and Toni Stevenson of Titusville, Pennsylvania. Elliot is the son of Susan Morris of Barrington, Illinois, and the grandson of Ned and Fran Morris of Charlottesville, Virginia.

## News from around the USA

The New Hampshire chapter met July 11, 2004 in Franklin, New Hampshire.

The annual reunion of the Descendants of Emily Westcott Pickens was held on July 11, 2004 at the home of Mrs. Iva Peck (#703) of Williamson, New York.

There were five of the eight living grandchildren present. The National Society has 13 members from this family. This year Jean Brundage (#680) and Evelyn P. Hitchcock attended the Westcott Society Reunion in Kansas City, July 23-25, 2004.

## Letters

13 August 2004

Mrs. Evelyn P. Hitchcock  
Treasurer, SSWDA

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$500 to the Westcott House Foundation and its efforts to restore the Burton J. Westcott House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. We very much appreciate your support of our project, and your society's gift is a fitting tribute to the Westcott name. We plan on a grand opening in mid-September 2005 and I hope that, once we are open, the members of your society will all come to visit this important monument.

Again, many thanks for your society's gift.

Sincerely,

John Zukowsky  
Director, The Westcott House  
Foundation  
Springfield, OH  
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10 August 2004

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America for the lovely award presented to me at the Kansas City Reunion. It came as a complete surprise and was most appreciated.

I have enjoyed every minute serving as Treasurer. To me, it has been a "Labor of Love". A very special thank you to President Barlow Westcott and Vice President Paul Westcott for their thoughtfulness in giving me this honor. It is on display in my living room.

Best Wishes to One and All-

Evelyn P. Westcott

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19 October 2004

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The enclosed Westcott pictures might be of interest to members of the society and readers of the quarterly. They involve members of the family who have not

appeared in Mr. Whitman's books or that of Mrs. Lewis.

The Stephen Westcott is descendant #280 on page 59 of Mrs. Lewis' book, and his son, Stephen Henry is his and Elizabeth Carver's child #x in that same book. Stephen Henry Westcott is the father of George Garner Wescott, whose children and grandchildren appear in the two family photos. (George Garner Wescott must not be confused with George Gardiner Westcott, #282 on p. 60 of Mrs. Lewis' book or other George Gardiner Wes(t)cotts in subsequent generations. I make this statement because it took me a long time to separate them in Civil War records.)

Both family group pictures were taken on the same farm to the best of my knowledge. I grew up about six miles from there and visited the farm with my father after it had passed down a couple of generations. My recollection of it in the 1940's was there was still a log cabin structure on the farm, which had grown from the original 87 acres southward to about 250 acres. My father, Harold E. Wicker was a grandson of George Garner Wescott, and grew up about a mile south of the Wescott land grant farm. My father was also the local veterinarian (graduate of Iowa State, 1932).

The land grant for the homestead was in the name of Artamus Wescott, son of George Garner. I have found no indication of his life. There is no mention of him in any family documents other than the land grant. Genealogically, he is still a "lost" person! According to my father the homestead was Grandpa Wescott's farm, and was passed down

from him to his son Harvey Wescott, and then subsequently to Harvey's son Glenn. When I knew the farm under Genn it had expanded into the area on the plat map noted as Henry Vick, who bought it from Glenn Wescott. The town road which runs south from the land grant is now known as Wescott Road in the Town of Eau Pleine. And two miles east of the land grant is the remnants of the community of March Rapids which houses the Wescott school.

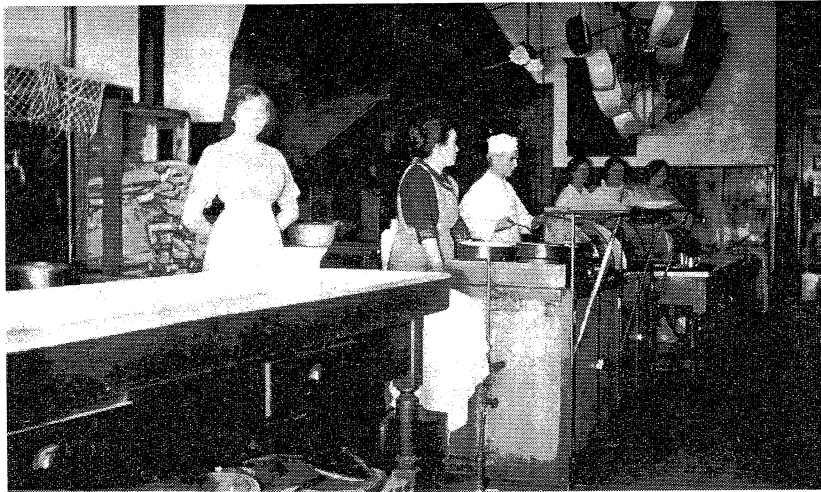
I suspect George Garner Wescott was the photographer in the family since I have found no family photographs with him in them, always everyone else!

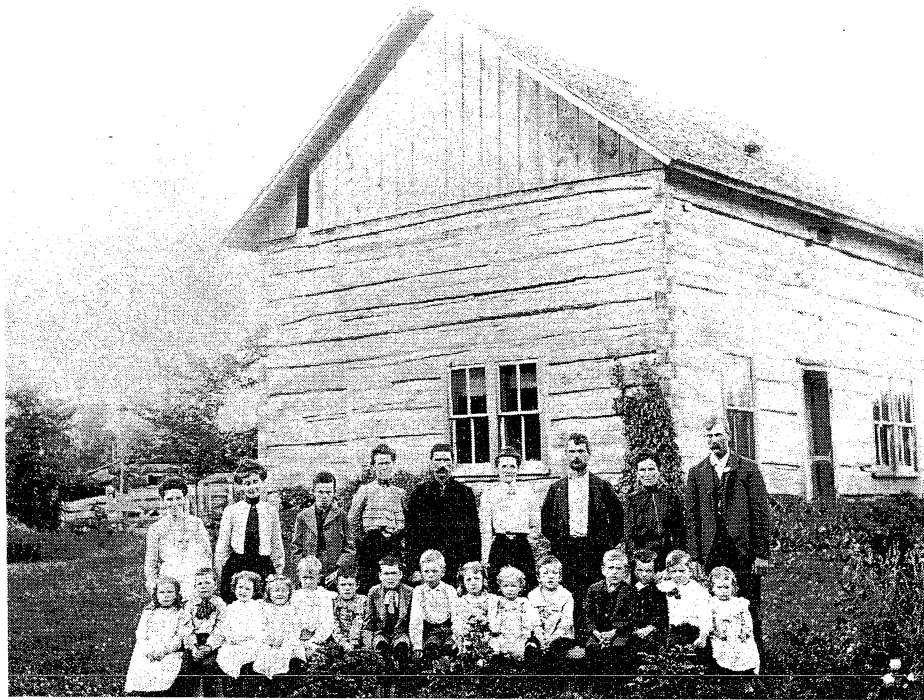
The three logging camp photos are of George Garner Wescott's son, Eugene C. Wescott, who was a lumber camp cook. One picture is he and his wife, Myrtle Marsh. The second photograph did not identify the other two people. And the third kitchen shot I'm certain, has Eugene C. and Myrtle in the center although they are not specifically identified. (I knew both of them personally when I was a child, and I'm certain of the identification.) There was no identification of whose lumber camp it was, or where it was located.

I hope these pictures are of interest to the readers of the quarterly.

Sincerely,  
Frank Wicker (#1015)  
Beloit, WI  
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(Editor's note: There was not enough space to include all of Mr. Wicker's material.)





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This is a reproduction of the radiator badge from the Westcott Motor Car, it is two inches wide and weighs about 2 ounces. It is available for \$25 (free shipping in the U.S.) from

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