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2006 Reunion – July 6, 7 and 8 in Philadelphia

Come have fun and share the fellowship of your Westcott cousins. The 2006 reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Historic District, 400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Telephone 215-923-8660.

We have blocked out 15 rooms for Thursday, July 6th, and 35 rooms for the nights of July 7th and 8th. The group rate available for reunion attendees is \$109 per night plus taxes. All reservations should be made by June 15, 2006. Additional reservation requests will be honored on a space and rate available basis. Discounted parking is available at \$5.00 per car.

Online booking is at www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict. Use the group booking code WES.

More information about reunion and banquet registration will be coming.

-from Pam Scheaffer, 2006 reunion chair

Westcott House Opens in Springfield, Ohio

From the Springfield News-Sun, October 15, 2005, "Ceremony fetes 'special house'"
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By Claire Bushey, News-Sun Staff Writer-

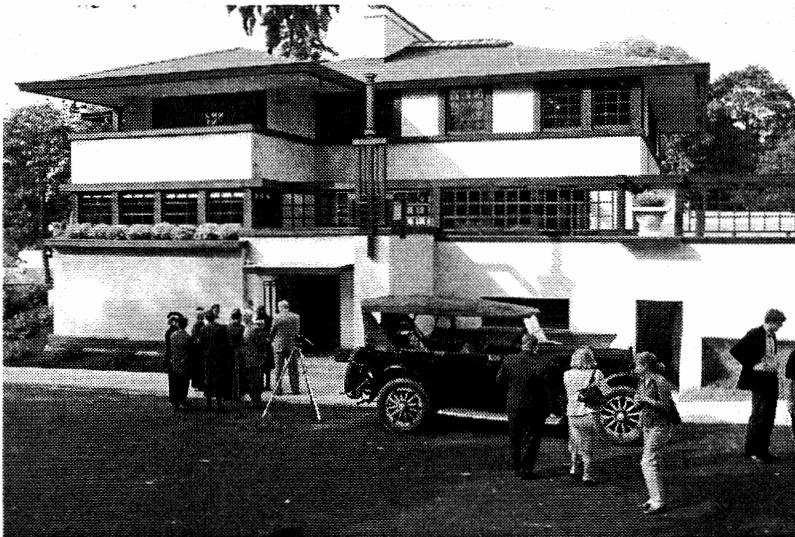
The space within the Springfield house designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright feels so contemporary, it's easy to forget the building belongs to the era of antique cars and ball-and-claw-footed bathtubs.

The expansive, light-filled rooms and horizontal lines of the Westcott House feel natural to modern visitors, but they would have seemed crazy to auto magnate Burton Westcott's neighbors when the house was built almost a century ago, said Robert Loversidge, an architect who helped restore the home.

Loversidge was one of several speakers, including Rep. David Hobson and Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland, who addressed approximately 100 people Friday at a ceremony celebrating the Westcott House restoration. The festivities included Burton Westcott's grandsons driving a Westcott car, and sugar cookies shaped like the urns Wright placed in front of the house.

It took five years and about \$5.3 million to restore the house at 1340 E. High St. It is Wright's only "prairie style" home in Ohio.

"It's just an amazing transformation that this house has gone through," said Rob Kearns, president of the Westcott House Foundation's board. "This is a very special house, and it does mean a lot to Springfield."



Lin Erickson, the house's chief executive officer, outlined plans for varied tours, educational programs and special events.

The house museum will offer holiday tours where visitors can see Christmas trees decorated with Victorian ornaments and decorations inspired by Wright's designs. Garden tours will be offered in the spring and summer.

Groups can reserve the

house for parties, or arrange to attend a turn-of-the-century tea party with special food and costumes.

The museum will host a lecture series on Wright's work and a number of workshops on design. Eventually it plans to provide internships to students.

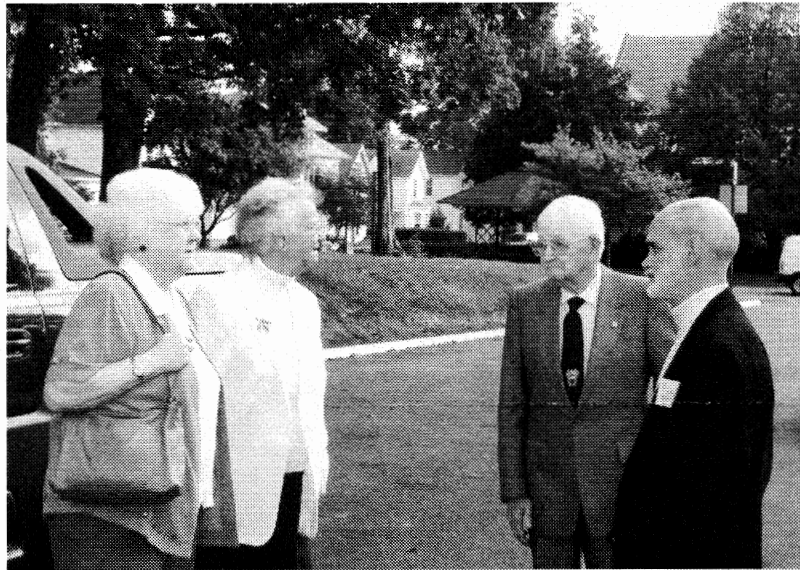
"Our plans are limited only by our imagination," Erickson said.

Erickson said the foundation plans to develop properties it owns along Greenmount Avenue, but that project remains several years in the future.

More pressing tasks include raising money to pay for the educational programming and part of the restoration, Erickson said. The foundation intends to seek competitive grants from national foundations and government agencies.

Springfield is lucky to have this major piece of American architecture, Copeland said. He told the crowd that his son used to attend a Chicago day care where one wall of the playground was formed by a Frank Lloyd Wright home. The situation made him wonder how children might be influenced by having great architecture as part of their daily environment.

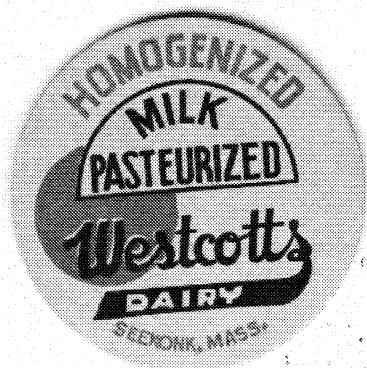
Copeland said that while he hoped the Westcott House would attract visitors to Springfield, the greatest benefit it brings to the city is “the humanizing effect of experiencing a cultural treasure.”



At the Westcott House ceremony, left to right: Betty W. Acker, Society historian, Barbara Westcott, wife of President Paul Westcott, Paul Westcott, and a Westcott House guide. Below, the Westcott car.



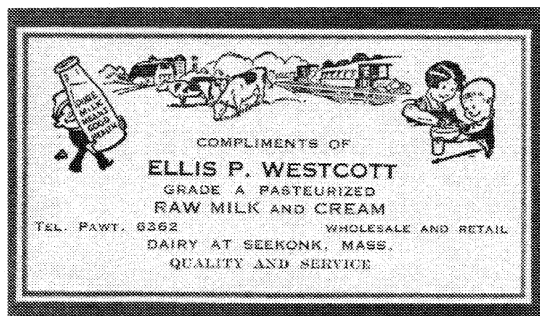
From the Society Files



The Westcott dairy in Seekonk, Massachusetts probably started about 1899 when Ellis Perry Westcott was married. He died in 1937 and the dairy went to his son, Ellis Royden Westcott. The dairy carried the Westcott family name until it was sold in the fall of 1948.

Here are a milk bottle cap and a company blotter that was an advertising item. We also have a calendar that is not pictured here.

Ellis P. Westcott is pictured in the October 21, 1933 society reunion picture in Rhode Island. He is fifth from the left in the center row. Go to the Society's website at www.westcottsociety.com, follow the link to "Reunions", then "Past reunions" and click on "Organizational meeting 1933" for photo and names.



ELLIS P. WESTCOTT
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Died May 8, 1937

Lineage: Stukely
Westcott (1), Jeremiah Westcott (2), Benjamin Westcott (3), Samuel Westcott (4), Jonathan Westcott (5), Valorus Westcott (6), William Westcott (7), Ellis Perry Westcott (8), Ellis Royden Westcott (9), Ellis R. Westcott Jr. (10)

Ellis Royden (9) was member #94 of our Society and Ellis Perry (8) was member #95.

-Submitted by Betty W. Acker, Society Historian

Information, Please: Westcotts in the News

Check out the January 2, 2006 issue of Newsweek. Page 84 has a nice article on Seth Westcott, who will be competing in snowboarding at the Turin Olympics in February. We will have to cheer for him! Does anyone know his family lineage?

Duvie Westcott is a defenseman on the NHL hockey team in Columbus, Ohio, the Blue Jackets. Does anyone know his ancestry?

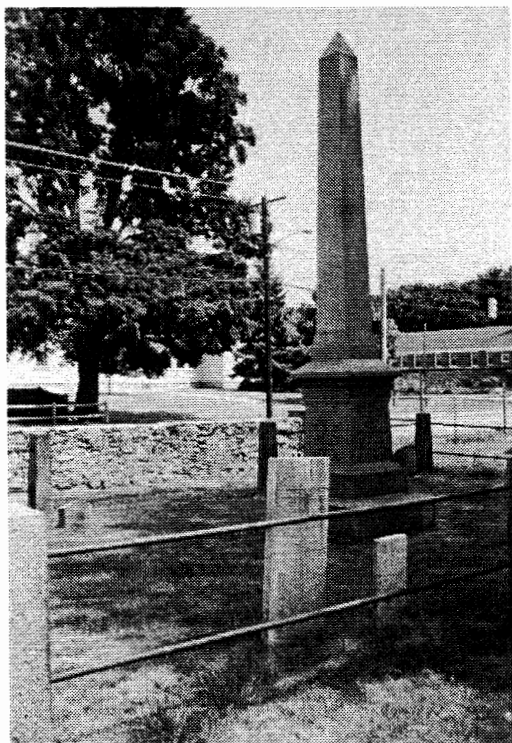
Some time ago I purchased a "Westcott Cookbook" through Ebay. The Westcott School PTO, Northbrook, Illinois published it in 1982. I started researching and just learned that the school was named for the two streets in front of it, Western and Scott. Can't win them all!

-Betty W. Acker, Society Historian betw@prodigy.net

Rhode Island Cemetery

During the 2004 Society reunion in Rhode Island, David Seyfarth and I went with Ellis Westcott (10) to visit his family cemetery plot and take some pictures.

Directions to the cemetery: From I-95 east of Providence, RI take I-195 East. Take Rhode Island 1A north exit 8. Turn slightly right onto R.I. 1A/Warren Avenue and go about .35 mile. Turn left onto R.I. 114 1A/Pautucket Avenue, go about .5 mile. Go north on R.I 114 1A/Pautucket Avenue. The cemetery is about 1.5 miles on the left side. The Westcott plot is near the road.



Large monument in the center:

Valorus P. Westcott, born Sept. 18, 1830, died Nov. 6, 1905

Wives Emily C., Lucy T.W., Mary L.

William Westcott, born Sept. 5, 1844

Wives Helen M., Catherine A.

Left of plot entrance: Mrs. Jane F., wife of Capt. Samuel S. Perry, daughter of Helen and Charles Westcott

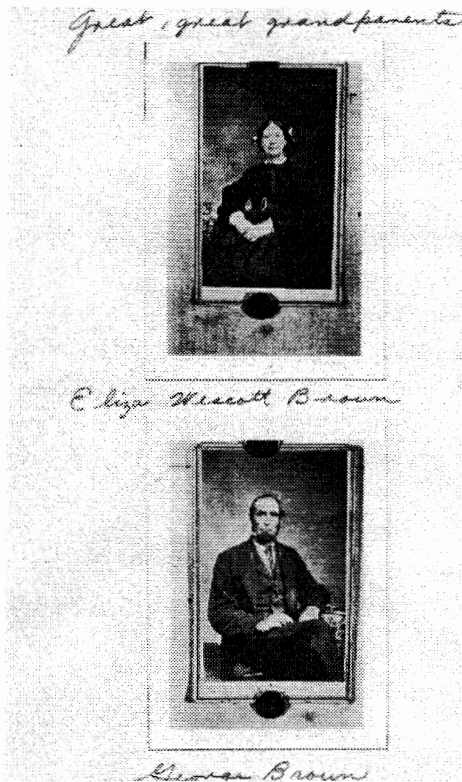
Right of plot entrance: Helen M., wife of William Westcott.

-Betty W. Acker, Society Historian, Dec. 2005

Announcements

Evelyn Hitchcock, Society Treasurer, passed away on January 11th. A tribute will appear in the next newsletter. Her niece, Jean Brundage, is helping out with the treasurer's duties.

Barlow Westcott advises that the coat of arms pins have all been sold.



Nancy Armstrong would like our help locating information about Eliza Wescott who married George Brown. She probably lived in either Vermont or Pennsylvania. Contact Betty W. Acker.

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