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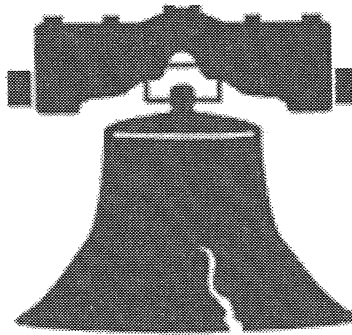
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**2006 Society Reunion**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**July 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>**

You will find complete details about this summer's reunion along with registration materials on the insert in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Paul W. Westcott**  
**1928-2006**

Paul W. Westcott, President of the Society since 2004, passed away at home on January 21, 2006 after a brief illness.

Paul was born in Oneida, New York on January 10, 1928. He graduated from high school in Oswego, and studied engineering at the University of Cincinnati for a year. Paul graduated from Niagara County Community College in 1976 with an associate degree in applied science.

Paul worked as a designer of scuba regulators and breathing systems, including the emergency breathing apparatus used by the Apollo astronauts. He spent more than 10 years working at Scott Aviation in Lancaster, and then joined Sherwood SelPac in Lockport. He retired from the latter company in 1983 after serving 20 years.

Elected president of the Society in July 2004, Paul was also a past master of the Tonawanda Lodge 247, Free & Accepted Masons and a member and

elder of First Presbyterian Church in Tonawanda. He was a director of Nine Mile Island Youth Camp and also served as a scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 570 in Tonawanda.

Paul resided in the Tonawandas for over 50 years. He belonged to the Niagara-Orleans Model Engineers and enjoyed making model railroads, and was also a photographer.

Paul is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Barbara H. Milliman; his sons Paul; of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Jeffrey, of Livermore, California; his daughter Connie Stirling, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; a sister, Donna Ottaviani, of Akron; and eight grandchildren, Brenden, Kyle, Paul G., Melinda, April, Brittany, Jonathan and Carolyn.

Paul was a warm, wonderful man with an infectious sense of humor who will be sorely missed by all of his cousins in the Society.

**Bruce W. Trismen**

Bruce Trismen, member 436, passed away on October 4, 2005, reports his wife Barbara. Bruce was the son of the late Eleanor Johnson Westcott Trismen. He actively arranged for the production of Westcott cemetery markers.

# Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

## Philadelphia, PA Reunion July 6-7-8 2006

**Holiday Inn Historic District, 400 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106**

The Holiday Inn-Historic District is located in the middle of the Nation's most historic square mile. The new Visitors Center, which serves as the gateway to the Historic Park and thousands of attractions in Philadelphia, is only .38 miles from the hotel. The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall are .45 miles from hotel. Registration material will include a 112 page Official Visitors Guide to help you know where to go, what to see, and how to get there. Walking, trolley, and bus tours are all around.

Philadelphia International Airport is 8 miles; Amtrak 30th Street Station is 1.75 mi.

Hotel information:

Special rate of \$109 **per room** plus tax, for Wescott Reunion. Use group booking code - **wes** when making reservation. Prices apply for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night.

Special parking rate of \$5.00 per vehicle per day (down from \$20) for our Wescott group.

Cut off date for these special prices is **June 15**.

We expect lots of cousins, so it is advisable to get your room soon.

Make reservation by phone at 215-923-8660

Fax at 215-923-4633

Email [www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict](http://www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict)

**Benjamin Franklin will be with us at our banquet on Saturday night!**

You can have your picture taken with him.

And then we'll dance.

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### Registration Form

Event	Cost per person	Number	Total
Registration fee:	\$5.00	_____	_____
Friday night - Philly Block Party Prices on both Friday & Saturday include tax & service	\$28.00	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet	Children \$17.50      Adult \$30.00	_____	_____
Select London Broil _____ Broiled Salmon _____ Grilled BBQ Chicken _____			

Return this portion with check to Pauline Wescott Dennis Schumann

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Mark your calendar for July 6, 7, 8, 2006. Make travel arrangements and hotel reservations today to attend this reunion **hosted by Pam Avery Scheaffer and her family of New Jersey.**

**Thursday** - Come early. Meet and greet cousins. Sign up for tours at the Visitors Center.

**Friday** - 9:30 am - Board Meeting in meeting room of Holiday Inn.

6pm - Dinner-If you chose to have the Philly Block Party at the Holiday **sign up on the front of this sheet.**

For those of you who are out on the town being a tourist there are hundreds of places to eat.

7:30pm- Family Fun night. There will be very special music by Bill Schumann.

**Saturday** - 9:30am - Memorial Service and Society meeting in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn.

6:00pm - Banquet at the Holiday. Benjamin Franklin will be our guest. It's his 300<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Sunday** - 11am - Historic St. George's United Methodist Church, 235 North Fourth St. walking distance.

Admission to Independence Hall and other attractions is free, but you must have a ticket.

Because this is such a high tourist time it is advisable to get your tickets ahead of time by email or phone. There is a pre-order charge of \$1.50 per ticket but it might be worth that to be able to get into the Hall at a time you want to be there. **Call 800-967-2283**

Important internet sites: The hotel at [www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict](http://www.holiday-inn.com/philadelphia-historicdistrict)

Philadelphia Convention Center and Visitors Bureau at [www.pcvb.org](http://www.pcvb.org)

Independence Visitors center [www.independencevisitorcenter.com](http://www.independencevisitorcenter.com)

"The Westcott Family Tree" by Edna J. Lewis. An 800 page, hard copy book continuing the 2 volume works of Roscoe Whitman published in 1932 and 1939; "History and Genealogy of the Descendants of Stukely Westcott", will be available at the Reunion.

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Print names as you want them on name tags:

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## Evelyn Hitchcock, Society Treasurer



Evelyn Pickens Hitchcock

Born December 21, 1917  
Arcade, N.Y.

Died peacefully with  
family at her bedside  
January 9, 2006  
Brockport, N.Y.

Preceded in death by her parents Dr. George and Linda (Wagoner) Pickens; sister Frances Pickens Kuhn; niece Judith Evelyn Kuhn. Survived by son Dana (Skip) Matteson; daughter Linda Hitchcock Mault; Grandchildren Sara Evelyn Matteson-Rusby, Aimee Cheryl VanBortle; Michael Mault, Casey Mault; niece, Jean Brundage; nephews Jerald Kuhn, James Kuhn.

Evelyn was born and raised in Arcade, NY, moving to Brockport, NY in June, 1950. There she operated Hitchcock Jewelers with husband Lucius Hitchcock, becoming the sole owner in 1970, making extensive changes in the business management and store design. She closed the store in December, 1989 retiring after 40 years. She was proud to have served as the first president of the Downtown Merchants Association of Brockport during its formative years.

Evelyn joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1936, becoming a Life Member of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, Brockport, N.Y.

In 1947, Evelyn joined the Hendershott Manness Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Arcade, N.Y. on the service of her husband. For 58 years, until her passing, she devoted much of her time to working with Veterans and their causes, and was a Life Member of the VFW. In 1951, she served as the first president of the Lt. Rodney H. Dobson Auxiliary in Brockport. Evelyn served as President of Monroe County Auxiliary in 1954, and was elected to serve as NYS Auxiliary President from 1963 to 1964 – a highlight of her service to VFW. She was elected to represent NYS on the board of Directors of the National VFW Auxiliary from 1967 to 1969, and served

on the National level as Buddy Poppy Chairman in 1969, and National Home Fund Chairman in 1970. (The V.F.W. National Home for Children provides a home for children of needy and disabled veterans.)

Evelyn was very proud of her heritage, and spent a great deal of time with family matters relating to genealogy. She was a descendant from her Father's family of Stukely Westcott, who came to this country in 1635 from England, and who, together with Roger Williams, was one of 13 original proprietors in the colony of Rhode Island. Evelyn is an Honorary Life Member of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of

America (founded June 12, 1934) and served as Treasurer of the national organization from 1992 to the present.

From her Mother's family, Evelyn is a descendant of Daniel Frederick Bakeman (1760 – 1869) the last surviving pensioner of the American Revolution. Evelyn became a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in October, 1969, Mary Jamison Chapter, Warsaw, N.Y.

During funeral services held, January 13, 2006, at St. Luke's Church, Brockport, granddaughters Sara and Aimee each presented moving tributes.

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### **New Lifetime Members**

John F. Gill, Florida, Member No. 941  
Donald F. MacLean, British Columbia, 1080  
Jean Leavitt Ouellette, New Hampshire,  
899  
Leonard J. Ouellette, New Hampshire, 899  
Elmer Hall Palmer, Rhode Island, 1084  
Robert W. Satterfield, Illinois, 482  
James Lee Westcott, Iowa, 815

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### **Stukely Westcott Descendent Takes Olympic Gold**

Seth Wescott, son of James Benjamin Wescott (see page 533 of "The Westcott Family Tree" by Edna J. Lewis) won the Olympic Gold medal in snowboard cross at the XXth Winter Olympic games held in Torino, Italy last month. These were the first games featuring this exciting event.

Wescott lives near Sugarloaf Mountain, Maine and continues to compete on the international snowboarding circuit.