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A new look to the Westcott dues request - When you receive your next notice for dues to the society (for the year 2007) it will have a great new look! We will be sending a letter addressed to each member. At the bottom of the letter will be a form filled in with the contact information we currently have on file for you. We ask that you review this pre-printed information, and make any corrections that apply. Also, if we do not have complete information (such as your phone number and e-mail address if you have one) we ask that you provide this information in the spaces provided. The form will detail your dues for the 2007 year, and any dues owing from the past year. If you are not a member, but rather subscribe to the Quarterly, your subscription amount due for 2007 will be indicated, as well as any amount owing from the past year. Please cut this form from the letter, and return it with your check for membership dues or Quarterly subscription in the pre-addressed envelope provided.

We are also canvassing Life Members at the same time. Life Members will receive a letter recognizing their status as a Life Member, and they are asked to similarly verify the information on the pre-printed form, fill in anything missing, and return the form in the pre-printed envelope.

This new format will provide an annual verification of the information on file for each party associated with the Society, thereby helping to assure proper mailing of the Quarterly and any Society related material. It will seek to collect contact information so that you might be better informed of events and opportunities in your area directly related to the Society that we feel you would want to know about. We want to determine, as well, how many of our associates have e-mail, and to begin to look at ways that we might help make the Society more a part of our everyday life.

STUKELEY WESTCOTT, 1592 - 1677, planter and colonizer, one of the 13 original proprietors of Providence Plantation and Colony of Rhode Island; of Salem, Mass.; 1635, Providence, R.I., 1638, and Warwick, R.I., 1647. His wife: Juliana Marchant. Their children: Damaris (Arnold), Samuel, Mercy (Stafford), Jeremiah.

Jenny Westcott House for Sale - The Jenny Westcott house in Westcott, Rhode Island is now "For Sale". Many will remember Carol-Ann from our tour of the house during the bus tour which was part of our Society reunion in 2002 in Rhode Island. Carol-Ann has moved to an Assisted Living Center. She has long been a great friend to our family society and has escorted many on a tour of the old Westcott house. I also understand from Carol-Ann that there will some artifacts coming our way for our archives. The Jenny Westcott house at one time operated the Toll Booth on the road to Providence.

Submitted by Betty Acker

Perdue Family News - Our oldest granddaughter, Mindee Perdue Curtis, is setting up a new histology lab at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She had been working at Vanderbilt in Nashville where her husband Raymond was an attorney at a firm in Clarksville, TN. They both wanted to get closer to family, hence the move. Ray now works as an attorney for Douglas County in Omaha. They just purchased their first home and are very excited to make this move.

Submitted by Marlin and Marilyn Perdue

Ned Morris Remembered - Edmund ("Ned") Whitman Morris, aged 87, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died Friday, February 16, at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge. Funeral services were held at Emmanuel Church, Greenwood, VA, on Tuesday, February 20.

Ned was born June 20, 1919, in Brooklyn, New York, a son of Edmund Stites Morris and Dorothy Whitman (Morris) Potter. Ned attended Heidelberg College located in Tiffin, Ohio, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1940, and where he met his future bride. In 1942, Ned married Frances Childs Rosenthal who also graduated from Heidelberg College.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Ned enlisted in the Navy but was rejected due to his tall stature. He joined the Army in January 1942 and was commissioned in the Signal Corps in August of that year. Landing in Casablanca on Christmas Eve 1942, he served in Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy. Upon his return to the United States in 1944, Ned was assigned to the Warner Robbins Air Service Command in Georgia from which he retired in 1945 with the rank of Captain, U.S. Air Force.

After World War II, Ned returned to Crossley, Inc., where his career progressed in sales, advertising, and new product development with Bristol-Myers (Squibb) and Lever Bros. In 1965, he joined the American Cyanamid Company and founded their Consumer Products Division. From there, Ned joined Dancer, Fitzgerald & Sample Advertising as Senior Vice-President, Director, and member of the Executive Committee. In 1972, he joined Schering Plough in Memphis as a Senior Vice-President and division President. Upon his return to New York in 1974, he joined Boyden Associates as a Vice-President and later became a partner at Antel, Wright & Nagel during which time he was elected to Who's Who in America.

During his career years, Ned was active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a Trustee (Emeritus) of Heidelberg College, a Parent Trustee of Hood College and The Vail Deane School in Elizabeth, NJ, and chaired numerous fund raising committees in the Cranford, New Jersey, community where he and his family had their home.

Ned retired from business in 1976, and in 1979, he and his wife, Fran, moved to Crozet, Virginia. Continuing with his public service activities, he served as vestryman at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Greenwood; board member and President of the Hospice of the Piedmont; board member and Chairman of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; founding board member and first chairman of the Foundation of Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge; board member, Treasurer and Executive Committee of the Virginia Diocesan Homes Board; member of the Dean's Council of the Curry School Foundation, UVa; member of the Edgar and Eleanor Shannon Foundation; Secretary and Vice-President of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; and President of the English Speaking Union. In addition, he was active for many years in the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants in America, being a direct descendant of Stukely Westcott who arrived in Rhode Island from England in 1636.

Ned is survived by his wife, Fran; two daughters, Susan Childs Morris (Don Wolford) of Barrington, IL; and Margaret Randolph Morris (Charles Dorr) of Brooklyn NY. A third daughter, Joan-Harvey Morris Bentson and his brother, James Radcliffe Morris IV, preceded him in death. He has five grandsons: Elliot Lewis Leflar

(Martha) of Charlottesville, VA; James William Leflar III (Carrie) of LaGrange, IL; David Eli Leflar of Juma, Blantyre, Malawi; Edmund Travis Bentson (Jillian) and Thomas Soren Bentson of Arlington, VA.

SSWDA College Scholarship Fund - Edmund (Pete) Bentson is managing the SSWDA College Scholarship Fund. David Seyfarth, President of the SSWDA, authorized a \$500 donation be made to the SSWDA College Scholarship Fund in memory of Ned Morris. Ned managed the scholarship fund for many years.

Welcome New SSWDA Members

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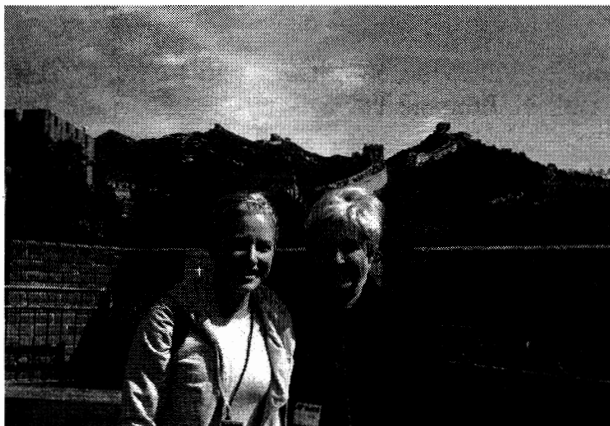
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Westcott Scissors - I have heard from a couple of cousins recently who have found packaged "Westcott" scissors on the shelves at retail stores. The package says "Acme" and "Westcott since 1872". In 1966, the Westcott Company that sold all of the Westcott rulers was sold to the Acme United Corp. I have to think that these are being sold by this same Acme Company.

2008 SSWD Meeting Announcement - Mark your calendars! The 2008 meeting will be held from June 27th through June 29th in Newark, Ohio at the Longaberger Hotel, where a block of rooms is reserved. The phone number for making your reservation is 740-322-6455. Mention the Westcott Society Reunion to receive the discounted rate of \$89.00. I think you will like the setup for the reunion. It is really nice and I think it will work great for us. Kerri and I will be working on a project for that weekend and we are sooooo excited!

Cousins Travel to China - This picture of our cousin Marilyn McIntyre of California and her granddaughter, Emily Crouch at the Great Wall of China was taken in Sept. of 2006. The trip to China was sponsored by the UCLA alumni. Marilyn said that China was very beautiful and very exciting. Much of the country looks just like the old paintings.

Emily is now 21 and a graduating senior at UC – La Jolla. I am sure several of you will remember the rope-jumping that Emily did for us at the Iowa reunion. Marilyn also sent a beautiful photo of a vegetable market but said that they could only eat cooked vegetables.



Famous Lizzy Borden Trial – On Aug. 4, 1892 in Fall River, Mass., Andrew Borden and his wife were hacked to death with an axe. After deliberating for only an hour and a half, Andrew Borden’s daughter, Lizzy, was acquitted of the crimes. It became a much debated incident.



One of the jurors was William Westcott, the great-great grandfather of Ellis R. Westcott, better known as “Ell”. He attended the reunion in Philadelphia last July and we thank him for this information. William Westcott is on the right end of the back row.

Carry Nation visits Richmond, IN, 1902 - The following was condensed from an article in the Richmond, in the “Palladium-Item” newspaper of Jan. 3, 2007, detailing a visit to Richmond by Carry A. Nation in 1902: Carry Nation married and divorced a Wayne County, IN man and set upon the nation a bitter personal war against the “dark beverage of hell,” tobacco and tight-fitting female attire. Her first visit to Richmond was on Aug. 15, 1902, when she dashed through the seedier sections of town, shouting “Rum did that! It causes violence, lust, and bad manners!”

She told the ladies, “My strength is that of a giant! I tell you ladies in Richmond, you don’t know how good it feels till you begin to smash, smash, smash!”

She had come “to sober up drunks and to make sinners hang their heads in shame.” She christened President Theodore Roosevelt, “a beer-guzzling Dutchman!” and charged, “The Republicans and the Democrats are both alike – Rotten! The only difference is that one is in and the other is out... and trying to get in.”

Carry did not destroy any fixtures in Richmond, but she did accost smokers in a billiard room at the Westcott Hotel. “I want you hellions to quit puffing that hell fume in God’s clean air. Certain Richmond men are nicotine-soaked, beer-besmirched, whiskey-greased, red-eyed devils, and bound for hell for it!”

She visited Richmond again on July 15, 1904, and repeatedly kicked the bar at the Westcott Hotel. She then tromped to the poolroom to find a number of men playing. She disrupted the game and started to throw a billiard ball “at what she mistakenly took to be Satan lounging behind the bar.” She then “pounced on a thriving cigar” at the end of the bar. “I want all you hellions to quit puffing that hell-fume into God’s clean air!”

Articles Submitted by Betty W. Acker, Society Historian

