



My first SSWDA reunion was in 1984 in Rhode Island. There I met many wonderful folks from all over the country who had something in common with me, that is, an ancestor named Stukely Westcott.

Since then, I have only missed one reunion. I look forward every other year to getting together with all the "cousins" I have met over the years. My wife and I enjoy exploring the unique activities of the various states where each reunion is held. The reunions also gave my siblings an excuse to gather together.

Since I live close to the Stukely Westcott monument, I place a wreath of flowers and a flag on it every Memorial Day. One year when my wife and I went to the monument, there were small children playing in the yard. They disappeared when we stopped the car and soon a mother came out to ask us what we were doing. After we told her who we were and that we came every year to clean up around the monument and place the wreath and flag there; she told us this story: When the families moved into the apartments in that house, the children were told not to touch the monument. When they saw us there, they went into the house to tell this mother that "someone was taking things from the monument."

We are looking forward to getting together with our SSWDA family in Florida in June.

David Seyfarth
President SSWDA

The 37th biennial SSWDA 2010 Reunion

Merritt Island/Cocoa Beach, Florida

June 18-20, 2010

Location:

International Palms Resort at Cocoa Beach, formerly known as the
Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort
1300 N. Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Reservations

Phone number: 321-783-2271

Mention you are with the Westcott Reunion

To share a ride from the Orlando Airport to Cocoa Beach, contact Betty W. Acker. She will put riders in touch with each other who have close arrival times in order to share a ride. Phone 740-454-1876 or email betw@prodigy.net.

Beach line transportation (1-877-382-3224) offers Orlando Airport to the hotel in Cocoa Beach for \$49.00 each way for one person or \$55.00 for two (more than two on one trip will cost less per person).

Guest Room Rates * (plus applicable taxes) (4 guests per room)

- \$82.99 Standard
- \$132.99 Kids Suites **
- \$182.99 1 bdrm Villa
- \$249.99 Lofts or Oceanfront Suites

* These rates are available 3 days pre and 3 days post event dates

** Kids Suites: These rooms feature a king size bed for the parents and then there is a separate partitioned area that has bunk beds and a twin bed for the kids (with a separate TV for the kids). These rooms are ideal for children under 12 years.

Most rooms have microwaves and refrigerators.

Cut-off date for these rates is **May 17, 2010**.

Please let management know of any special needs.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for the reunion, please contact Ailene Picheco: Phone 321-652-0680, Email apicheco@juno.com or mail at:

Ailene Picheco, Westcott Reunion Coordinator
345 Hula Circle
Merritt Island, FL 32952

Wescott Olympics 2010

When the Olympics are on TV I usually watch only parts of them and this year was no exception. I sat knitting and perhaps paying only half attention, when I hear that a Seth Wescott had won a gold medal for the United States on the snowboarding. He received his gold medal with an American flag that his grandfather had carried in world war 11. Instantly my attention was now on the TV.

My ancestral family name is Westcott and I thought that was an interesting coincidence. I decided to e mail our Westcott historian and ask her if she by chance had happened to see it? I received an immediately response from her.

Yes, she had seen it and had researched our Westcott records and found that Seth's grandfather, Ben, had been a member of our Westcott society. Although I have never been Olympic material, I am now linked genetically.

Seth is known as a country boy who left North Carolina for Maine with his family as a toddler. Maine has more to offer for snowboarding, especially the snow. He was on skis at the age of 8. He raced a couple of seasons before becoming bored. At 10 he started riding and his skis are still in the barn where he left them 20 some years ago. Some people thought he was an embarrassing skater punk trying to take out his rebellion on the snow. When he heard that snowboarding was going to get the Olympic nod he went nearly full time to running the mountain fast. Snowboarding was Seth's occupation and what he lives for.

He knows what the tricks and flips can do to one's body. Legs and arms get shattered, knees can be blown, shoulders out of joint as the body suffers from trauma that comes from all directions. Experience counts in the world of snowboarding in order to lower the chances of injury. He had scored a bronze and won gold in the 2006 Olympics. He won the first ever gold medal in the snowboard cross in Turin.

Seth came to Vancouver as he was overcoming a long term injury. He drew the worst starting position coming out of the gate last and early in the race he trailed behind. He was an underdog but with great determination. In snowboarding it is incredibly difficult to pass. With his patience and persistence, one by one he passed the 3 competitors in front of him. At the final jump he passed Canadian's Robertson in mid air. Taking the lead he surging ahead to finish one of the most exciting finishes ever seen and to win the gold, making this his second Olympic gold medal. Seth proved that no lead is safe in snowboarding. He is 3 times United States national champion as well as an accomplished big mountain rider, who spends a lot of time riding and filming in Alaska and Europe. He is a serious and dedicated rider with great respect for boarder cross riders because the sport shows their all around abilities.

Seth's grandfather, Ben Wescott, at one time was a member of "Stuckley Westcott Society". He had been an artillery trainer during world war 11 and had been given this flag as a reward for his service. Seth carried that flag with him during the 2006 Olympic and had it with him at the Olympic podium. At Vancouver he asked a friend to hold his flag and have it ready at the finish line. Dozens of Canadian flags were waving with the roaring of the crowd in anticipation of a local hero and the gold. Suddenly all stopped, dwarfed by the Westcott's great stars and stripes. Once again, he wrapped himself in his grandfather's United States military flag. Seth and his grandfather had an amazing relationship. His flag reminds him of what it means to stand on the Olympic podium, making it a very powerful moment. For him it was a link from the past to present, from grandfather to father to son.

Submitted by: Joye Satterfield

The Old Ice House

This article was condensed from an article in the daily star, “the newspaper for the heartland of New York“. It was written by the Oneonta City Historian, Mark Simonson.

During January and February about 100 years ago in Oneonta, New York, it would have been a common sight to see about 75 men scattered around Oneonta, working on ponds. These men would have been working for the Oneonta Ice Co., which had their office at today’s 171 Main Street.

In a year with good cold weather, about 7,000 tons of ice was harvested in several cuttings. A field of ice about 200 feet long would be laid out on a pond near the shore. This area was crossmarked so that 22 by 32 inch blocks could be cut. A good thickness was about 12 inches. The strips were cut and the blocks were drawn to shore and then taken to the icehouse.

If you’ve never seen ice harvested like this, consider a visit to Hanford Mills Museum in East Meredith for their annual winter ice harvest.

Exactly when the first commercial sale of ice began in the Village of Oneonta is uncertain, but by 1888 Luzerne Westcott and Eugene Rose were doing business as the Oneonta Ice Co.

By the early 1890’s, Joseph S. Lunn* entered into the partnership with Westcott, his father-in-law. Lunn soon acquired the Westcott share of the business and was a principal owner, succeeded by his son, William H. Lunn in 1917.

Ice was a competitive business at times. The Lunn's competed with the Crystal Ice Company, which got its ice from the Susquehanna River near Emmons. That business was bought out by the Oneonta Ice Co. in 1899.

Ice delivery improved around this time. Just a year earlier, motorized trucks were introduced for home delivery, which had previously been done by horse and wagon.

Also the railroads were growing in usage, and they were spewing dirt and cinders into the air - and to the ponds and the ice.

Around 1930 artificial ice plants were now being constructed with a capacity of 40 tons per day. But the Great Depression kept a lot of families from getting modern refrigeration so they continued to use their old reliable iceboxes.

Remember the drip pan under the icebox which ran over every so often?

Submitted by: Betty W. Acker, Society Historian

- * Minnie Westcott was our member #47 and married Joseph Lunn.
Family line Stukely (1), Jeremiah (2), Stukely (3)

1919 Westcott Car for Sale



This is the 1919 Westcott 7 passenger limo that Harold Beaudoin of Coventry, Rhode Island owned. He has passed away and his family has the car for sale. We viewed this car during the 2002 society reunion in Rhode Island.

It has 28,000 original miles on it. Sitting in the driver's seat in the picture is the first proud owner, Jacob B. W. Wilder. The photo was taken in 1920. Jacob wilder was the father of Webb Westcott Wilder who was a member of the Westcott Society. Webb Wilder was born 7-18-1895 and died 2-18-1988. He was 92.

Features of this auto are 2 bucket seats in front of the rear seat and it has curtains all around the rear seats. It also has a window between the front and back seat.

It has a telephone from the rear seat to the driver in the front. The driver had a hearing horn on his left side door.

This is a c-48, which is somewhat larger than the c-38. It has a 1920 Rhode Island license plate on it.

Contact: Heidi Beaudoin, Box 1, Sheffield, VT 05866

Email: heidibeaudoin@hotmail.com

CANASTOTA — Grace W. Spaulding, 84, of North Court Street, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010 in the Extended Care Facility of the Oneida Healthcare Center, where she had been a resident for the past year and two months.



Born in Oxford on Aug. 30, 1925, she was the daughter of Sydney and Florence Demare Westcott. A resident of the area since 2008, moving from Wendell, N.C., she had also resided in New Orleans from 1978 -1992. Mrs. Spaulding was a graduate of Cazenovia High School, Class of 1944. She married Howard Spaulding on Oct. 3, 1945. Mr. Spaulding died Sept. 30, 2001.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed with Tupper Supply in New Orleans, La. Mrs. Spaulding was of the Methodist faith and enjoyed bowling, dancing, reading, crossword puzzles and crocheting.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Dona Spaulding of Deltona, Fla., Daniel and Wanda Spaulding of Pennlaird, Va., and Phillip Spaulding of Willow Spring, N.C.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and James Singer of Wampsville, Mary and Alan Cooper of Verona and Lori and Alan Baltrus of Raleigh, N.C.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Lewis and Nancy Westcott of Kansas City, Kan., Paul and Bernadette Westcott of New Orleans, La., and David and Jeanne Seyfarth of Massachusetts; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a grandson, Jamey Singer in February 2003, six brothers, Percy, Frank, Stewart, John, Robert and Byron Westcott.

Funeral services will be held at the Campbell-Dean Funeral Home, 260 Main St., Oneida, in the spring. Interment will be made in Madison Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Contributions in her memory may be made to the ECF Patients Fund, in care of Oneida Healthcare Center Foundation, PO Box 705, Oneida, NY 13421 or Rescue Me, 5300 Sarenski Road, Verona, NY 13478. Envelopes may be obtained at the funeral home.