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THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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Greetings to all of the Westcott Clan!

Summer is gone, the leaves are tuning colors, the days are getting shorter and soon it will be Thanksgiving then Christmas. *—Lyle Westcott*

A Word from Your Editor

This has been a rather slow news quarter so I would like to encourage any of you to please send any news articles or questions re ancestors to me to consider for inclusion in the Quarterly.

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A Big Welcome to Our New Member

On behalf of all of our cousins I would like to extend a hearty welcome to
Angela Rose Calkins of Lyndonville, Vermont.

Edith Boyd sends the following newspaper article from a 1951 issue of the Oneida Daily Dispatch about the Westcott Chuck Company, Inc. One has to chuckle in the first paragraph where it says that it is one of the city's oldest industries yet some of the chucks it manufactures are as modern as tomorrow having been especially designed for use in the production of television tubes (Remember television tubes?) and radar screens. Enjoy!

Westcott Chuck: Old Firm But Fills Modern Needs

One of the city's oldest industries is The Westcott Chuck Company, Incorporated; yet some of the Chucks which it manufactures are as modern as tomorrow, having been especially designed for use in the production of television tubes and radar screens.

The company's plant has always been located at the corner of East Walnut and Prospect Sts. It was first incorporated in 1887 as successor to the Oneida Steam Engine & Foundry Company which had been organized in 1872 to manufacture stationary and portable steam engines, the latter used principally by threshers.

James H. Westcott was connected for nearly all of his business life with the Oneida Steam Engine and Foundry Company and later with Westcott Chuck. James Westcott's father, John H. Westcott, was superintendent of the company when he brought his son into the plant to train him in the machinists trade.

One of the important contributions to chuck art was made by John H. Westcott, for whom the company was named, when he invented the combination chuck. A basic patent was issued to him in 1873 and assigned to the company. Other manufacturers who made this type of chuck were licensed by the local company on a royalty basis.

John H. Westcott and his son, James, were granted many patents for improvements in lathe and drill chucks. They were assigned to the company.

The change in name and incorporation as The Westcott Chuck Company came about as the result of a resolution passed by the trustees of the Oneida Steam Engine and Foundry Company at a meeting held January 27, 1887. The resolution stated that "the best interests and welfare of the company would be largely served and the business of the company better advertised by a change of name," due to the fact that the business had become almost exclusively

that of manufacturing chucks under patents transferred to the company by John H. Westcott "and which chucks are sold and known to the trade as Westcott's Lathe and Drill Chucks."

The first president of Westcott Chuck was George Berry. He was succeeded by Daniel G. Dorance who was followed in office upon his death in 1896 by Sands H. Goodwin. He was president until 1923, when he died.

Since that time Mrs. Clinton R. Baker, his daughter, has been president. Other officers are J. L. Wheaton, Utica, vice-president; A. Parker Barnaskey, Oneida, treasurer and general manager; Mrs. A. Parker Barnaskey, secretary.

T. F. Hand, Jr., prominently identified with the Oneida Valley National Bank for many years, was treasurer of Westcott Chuck until his retirement in 1925.

Chucks are not a general consumer item. They are used on lathes and drilling machines, essential machinery in today's industrial world.

Consequently, Westcott Chuck's war contribution was great in that it supplied chucks for those principal tools of production. During World War II all its production was on the basis of highly rated priority orders.

Westcott Chuck Company during the war made lathe chucks, drill chucks and offset boring heads.

Since the start of the Korean war, the demand for Westcott Chucks has constantly increased. Nearly all incoming business carries a priority rating granted by the National Production Authority, and purchases by Westcott are also priority-rated for iron, steel, and maintenance, repair and operating supplies.

Westcott Chucks are sold all over the United States and in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, France, Belgium, Holland, and to a small extent in some of the other countries that are not as highly industrialized.

Joanne Leitner Writes about her great grandfather John Kimberly Mumford

‘FADOO’, A MAN WITH A PLAN

Special to the SSWDA Quarterly

by Joanne Leitner (Part 3 of 3)

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The Continuing Story ~

John Kimberly Mumford’s four children began their own branches of the family: the Smalls, the Mumfords, the Duttons and the Parks, which reach well into the 5th generation. Back in the 1970’s his daughter, Marty, moved to Croton-on-Hudson, New York. She had a lovely neighbor, Dr. Cynthia Westcott, whose roses she occasionally cared for. Dr. Westcott told her she thought they were related. As might be expected, Dr. Westcott was right, they were 6th cousins.

Many of John Kimberly’s descendants had grown up believing there had been a connection to Lewis Mumford (b. 1895). Lewis however claimed to be no relation to the John Mumford his mother had been married to. In his autobiography, „ Sketches from Life” (Beacon Press, Boston, 1982), he maintained being the son of a Jewish man named Lewis with whom his mother had been involved long after she had separated from her first husband, John Mumford. She insisted (see Chapter 3) Mumford had been twice her age. Elvina’s „Jack” had then gone to „seek his fortune” in Canada. From there he had written her letters, imploring her to join him there. Their mid1880’s marriage in New York lasted but a few months and was eventually annulled.

Years later J.K.M. Dutton, a grandson of John Kimberly, had the opportunity to discuss the matter with Lewis Mumford personally, who claimed the Canadian John was of French descent. In his autobiography however he had referred to Mumford as being English. Despite the fact that Mumford immigrants to America came from England, these English Mumford's were likely of French descent (Montfort), which might account for such contradictory statements. At any rate Lewis had a different biological father and thus was no relation to John, other than having inherited his surname.



John Kimberly Mumford

One might readily leave it at that were there not an interlude in John Kimberly's biographical information. His whereabouts between 1885 and March 1895, when he married Coralyn (the same year Lewis was born), remain for the most part a mystery. The possibility of him having been married to Elvina Conradina Baron can thus neither be proven nor completely ruled out. Perhaps the signatures on the Bethlehem Steel letter and the Canadian letters may one day be compared. A marriage certificate could certainly shed some light on the situation.

Some facts and coincidences which speak for the two Johns being one and the same person include: 1) Back then one was considered ancient upon reaching 30 ('old' John would have been about 22 when Elvina married him in New York City around 1885). 2) They shared a common religion: Lewis was (as was many a Mumford descendant) christened in an Episcopal church (rather unusual for a woman of German descent to do). 3) Lewis remembered that above all, Elvina read the New York Herald to which Mumford was a regular contributor. 4) In 1912 Lewis considered becoming a newspaper man and applying to Syracuse University to pursue his studies. 5) Jack is a common nickname among J. K. Mumford's descendants.



John Kimberly Mumford

Apropos namesakes, Kimberly, being an unusual name for a man, was the maiden name of Mumford's great grandmother, Ruth, who belonged to an old Wethersfield, Connecticut family. She married Jabez Talcott (b. 1766), son of Isaac Talcott and Sarah Goodrich of Glastenbury (now Glastonbury), Connecticut, a stone's throw from Goshen and Cornwall where descendants of John Kimberly Mumford still live today. Ruth's father's name was none other than John Kimberly.

John Kimberly Mumford, no doubt a clever fellow, financed his ventures by industriously selling fine specimens of oriental rugs at a time when New York was teeming with immigrants eager to gain new standards of comfort. In addition he put potent journalism to work to attain recognition and financial backing for his projects.

When Mumford's inquisitive grandson who called him 'Fadoo' asked him whether he had any money, he simply replied, „everyone asks me that, Georgie.” Whether he had it or not, or whether he had a guilty conscious for giving his family a fright on a regular basis is anybody’s guess. It may safely be concluded that what Mumford always managed to have was a propitious plan.



Gravestone in Singapore with incorrect spelling of John Kimberly Mumford's middle name.

For additional reading yet another volume has been discovered! JKM co-authored a 128-page book about William McKinley with Oscar K. Davis in 1901 which was published by P. F. Collier & Son, N.Y.. Included is genealogical information regarding the Mickinley family as well as many photos.

Line: Stukely (1), Jeremiah, Stukely, Stukely II, Stukely III, Reuben, Orissa, Prosper Dwight Mumford, J.K.M.

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Sharon Whitlock Writes of Westcott Gravestones in Virginia

Sharon's daughter, Kim has taken photos of several gravestones in local cemeteries in Chesterfield and Powhatan, Virginia where some of the Wescotts of her lineage are buried. Jennie Wescott Negaard is her great grandmother on her mother's side. Her father was Lyman A. Wescott married to Dorcas Howland. His father was Oliver Wescott, his father was Johnson Wescott, Jr., his father was Oliver Wescott (another Oliver), his was George Washington Westcott, Sr., his was Jeremiah Westcott, Jr., his was Jeremiah, Sr. and his was Stuckely. Many more Wescotts were found in these cemeteries and more photos are being collected. A few photos follow this article.



This cemetery is also part of the Genito Presbyterian Church in Powhatan, Virginia which is actually located one-half mile down the road from this site. The church is still active. The cemetery is maintained also by the Powhatan Historical Society which confirmed its connection to the church.

Pete Wirth of Syracuse, NY

Writes about the Westcott Bulb Project

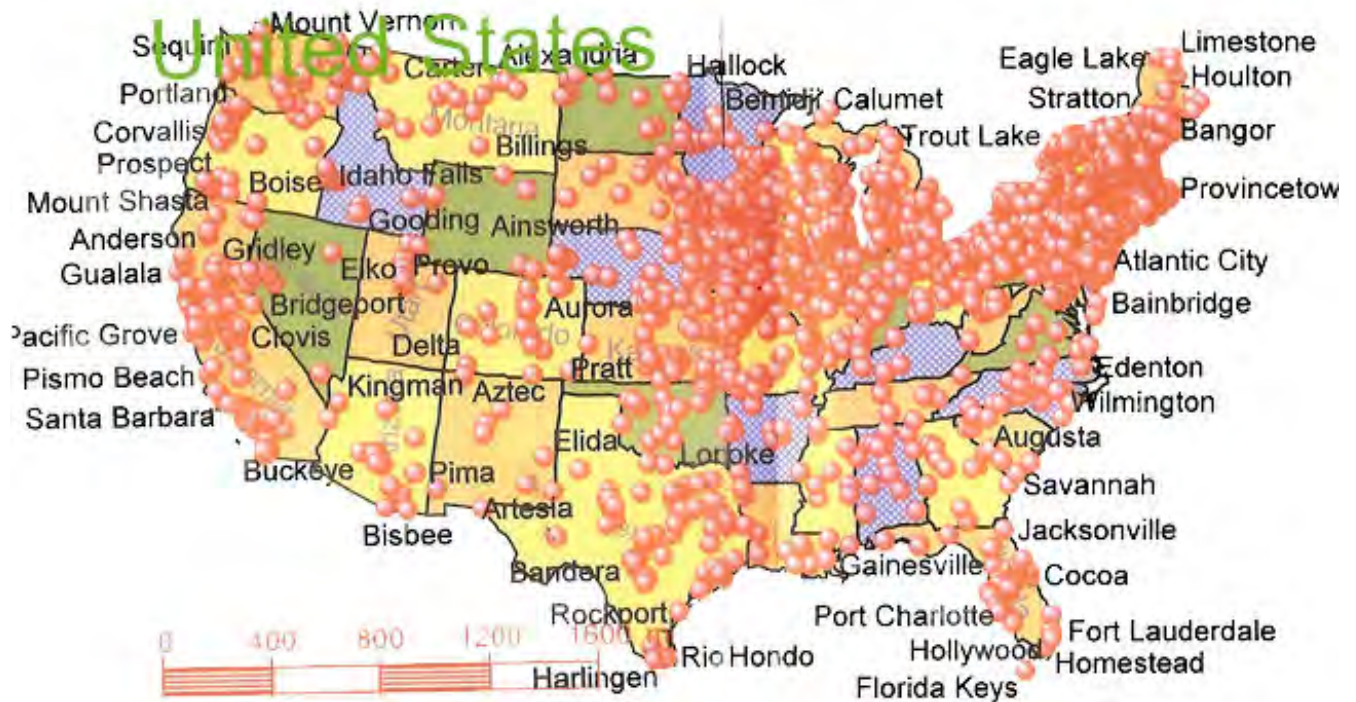
For seven years the Westcott Neighborhood Bulb Project in conjunction with the Westcott Community Center has been has focused solely on the Westcott neighborhood.

In 2010 we expanded city wide. Working with neighborhood organizations, 22,000 perennial-bloom bulbs were planted throughout the city. Since the project started in 2003 we have planted over 70,000 perennial blooming bulbs.



Bulbs Ready for Distribution

Distribution of Westcotts



I received this from our historian, Betty Acker, but she does not know from when nor where these data come. If anyone knows the source I would be interested.

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