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Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY OCTOBER, 2012

Greetings to all of the Westcott Clan

Things have been kind of quiet on the Westcott news front with the exception of Susan Morris' good work organizing our next reunion which will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island at the Radisson Hotel, Providence Airport in late June, 2014. She is working closely with David and Rosemary Smith who reside in Rhode Island re arrangements for that reunion. It will be the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the society and the setting in Rhode Island will be perfect since so much of the early family history took place there.

Trans-Eurasian Adventure

Some of you may know that our cousin Gary Westcott and his wife Monika are about to embark on a trans-Eurasian road trip in their specially equipped vehicle Turtle V; so named because it is their house on their back, so to speak. Stay tuned!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of all of our cousins, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new members.

Susan Lee Davison Sheldon of Seneca Falls, New York

Kimberly Whitlock Stoots of Richmond, Virginia

David Allen Westcott of Tawas City, Michigan

Ann Lauwers of Metamora, Michigan

Mary Lou Schropp of New Smyrna Beach, Florida

Condolences:

SOUTHERLAND, Leta Richardson, 89

Leta Southerland of Richmond, Virginia went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry "Uncle Henry" Southerland; three sisters, Mary Drudge, Anne Totty and Shirley Rush; and a brother, Dallas "Jack" Richardson; and is survived by two brothers, Monroe S. Richardson (Pat) and Leroy P. Richardson (Jo); and numerous nieces and nephews. Her funeral service was held at Branch's Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Cox Rd., Suite 130, Glen Allen, Va. 23060, or Branch's Baptist Church, Cemetery Fund, 3400 Broad Rock Blvd., Richmond, Va. 23234.

Leta was the daughter of Pearl Hattie Negaard Richardson, granddaughter of Jennie Mae Wescott Negaard. She was the aunt of Sharon Rush Whitlock on the Wescott side and great aunt to Kimberly Stoots, great-great aunt to Zachary Stoots.

Tenth Anniversary of the Westcott Bulb Project – 100,000 Goal Reached

Pete Wirth informed Betty Acker about the success of the Westcott Bulb Project (<http://www.bulbproject.org/>) in which perennial blooming bulbs are distributed free to residents of the Westcott Neighborhood in Syracuse, New York. The Westcott Neighborhood Bulb Project, a project of the Westcott Neighborhood Community Center, started in 2003 with its first "Bulb Give Away" of 2,000 bulbs in the Westcott neighborhood. The bulbs are given away free on the first Saturday in October to any resident of the Westcott Neighborhood willing to plant the bulbs where they can be seen from the street for all to enjoy. In 2010 the project expanded city wide. Outside the Westcott Neighborhood, the bulbs are sold at cost to residents and community organizations with the same stipulation that the bulbs are to be planted where the public can see them. Photos at http://www.westcottcc.org/bulb_planting.htm.

A question from your editor:

Having visited Wollaton Hall in Nottinghamshire, England several years ago and discovering that the original proprietor, Sir Francis Willoughby married one Elizabeth Littleton of Frankly in 1564; also knowing that Thomas de Westcote married Elizabeth Littleton of Frankly in 1414, I am very curious as to the connection between our ancestors and Francis Willoughby. The following is a little about both Elizabeth Littletons but I have not been able to relate the younger Elizabeth to our Elizabeth, the mother of Guido, who is responsible for our Coat of Arms with the motto Renovato nomine.

Elizabeth Littleton (b. 1395, d. 1483)

Elizabeth Littleton (daughter of *Thomas De Littleton* and *Maud Quartermain*)^{396, 396, 397} was born 1395 in Frankley, Worcestershire, England^{398, 398}, and died 1483 in Frankley, Worcester, England^{398, 398}. She married **Thomas Westcote**.

Notes for **Elizabeth Littleton**:

Elizabeth was the sole heir of Baron Thomas de Littleton and his wife, Maud Quartermain, daughter of Sir Richard Quartermain Through the five generations from Sir Simon de Frankly, Elizabeth retained the Frankly estate in Worcestershire, and soon following her marriage to Thomas de Wescote, they went there to live, their son, Guido retaining the manor of Wescote in Devonshire. The ancestry of the wife of Guido de Wescote, who was Mice Granville, reverts to a cousin of the conqueror.

Not content with their firstborn son, Thomas taking the surname of his mother, Littleton, Elizabeth also wished Guedo, Edmond and Nicholas to take her surname. She would not permit them to share equally with their brother Thomas in her estate, so they retained the name of Wescote. This appears to have created something of a family discord which culminated in 1450 in Guedo, the second eldest son, registering his Coat of Arms with the motto Renovato nomine, meaning the name renewed. The use of clasped hands issuing from clouds suggests the family discord.

source: Bullock book on Stukely Westcott

More About **Elizabeth Littleton**:

Date born 2: 1398, Frankley, Worcs., England.³⁹⁹

Died 2: 1483, Frankley, Worcs., ENG, England.³⁹⁹

Children of **Elizabeth Littleton** and **Thomas Westcote** are:

+**Thomas Lyttleton**, b. 1417, Frankley Manor, Worcs⁴⁰⁰, d. 23 Aug 1481, Frankley, Groveley, Worcestershire, England^{400, 400}

**Elizabeth Littleton,
wife of Francis Willoughby**

Sir Francis Willoughby (1547 – 1596) was an industrialist and coal owner, who built Wollaton Hall in Nottinghamshire.



He was the son of Henry Willoughby, a Dorset landowner and Anne, daughter of Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset. Henry had inherited Wollaton from his uncle John Willoughby on 10 January 1549, but was killed in resisting Kett's rebellion on 27 August 1549. Francis became entitled to the family estates on the death of his elder brother Thomas in 1559. At the age of seventeen, he married Elizabeth Littleton of Frankley, Worcestershire. This proved to be a turbulent marriage and only produced daughters.

Willoughby developed coal mines on his estate at Wollaton in the 1560s and 1570s. This enabled him to maintain a lordly lifestyle, maintaining a number of gentleman retainers. He employed Robert Smythson, who had previously worked at Longleat to build him a mansion, Wollaton Hall.

By 1580, when his heir died aged six, he was separated from his wife. She offered to try for another heir, they remained separated and the queen arranged for her to have an allowance of £200 per year. He then decided to make his distant relative Percival Willoughby of Bore Place in Kent his principal heir, if he had no son, through marriage to his eldest daughter Bridget. This marriage took place in 1583, and several manors including Wollaton and Middleton, Warwickshire were settled on them in default of male issue.

Willoughby entered into a number of speculative ventures, including growing and processing wood at Wollaton, and a plantation in Ireland. These took capital, as did his ironworks, at Middleton, Oakamoor (Staffordshire), and Codnor. The latter was his in consequence of the debts of Sir John Zouche. These were profitable, but Willoughby was unable to pay his debts as well as providing dowries for his other daughters. He accordingly handed them over in 1595 to Percival, who took responsibility for £3000 of the debts. This was followed by the death of his wife, with whom he had been reconciled. Willoughby immediately married a widow, but died only fifteen months later, leaving his widow expecting another child, who turned out to be another daughter. Percival thus inherited the estate, but encumbered with many debts.

A Word from Your Editor

Please send any news or articles re the Westcott Family which you may wish to have considered for inclusion in the Quarterly to your editor at:

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