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Society of
Stukely Westcott
Descendants of America

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY
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Our ancestors are like the leaves falling from the trees in Autumn. They drift through the years of our past until they are plucked from the air and an attempt is made to attach them to the stem from whence they came.

We hope to bring new life to the leaf, giving it meaning to us and to ur children. Its memories and adventures must not be lost. They are there for us to pass down to future generations, looked upon with excitement and renewed interest.

In time a sapling will spring forth from this fertile soil and the fruit of the tree will be enjoyed by our children's children.

-- Guy A.J. Westcott, 2000

GREETINGS TO ALL OF THE WESTCOTT CLAN

Well, Punxatawney Phil is a world-class liar! Way back in February he said spring was just around the corner and here it is the middle of April and temperatures in the Deep South are still hovering in the forties! Spring indeed! While I can't say that it has been a hard winter it has definitely been a long one.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

On behalf of all of the Westcott Clan, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new member Stephen William Wescott of Wharton, NJ into the Society.

THE WESTCOTT CARRIAGE COMPANY

Our historian, Betty Acker was able to locate a privately owned manual for the Westcott Carriage Company and was able to photograph several of the pages. This company was started in 1896 in Richmond, Indiana by John McMahon Westcott with his two sons Burton and Harry.

The elder Westcott had a disdain for motorized carriages and did not want the carriage company to have to compete with them in the same company. Burton had moved to Springfield, Ohio as Treasurer of the American Seeding Machine Company in 1903. In the spring of 1916, Burton moved the car company to Springfield, Ohio.

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No. 412. — English Stanhope. (Curtain Top.)

GARY AND MONICA WESCOTT BEGIN THEIR TRANS-EURASIAN ADVENTURE

I recently received the following from Gary and Monica:

Yes, despite any number of delays, we are actually leaving. We will be driving away from our home in Nevada City, California on April 11th and head east to Baltimore where our truck and camper will be shipped to Germany on April 29th. Last minute packing is in progress as we figure out what we've forgotten and organize a place to put it. The process of preparing for a three-year trip can be intimidating, but the key is that once everything is packed, you must be able to easily find things. Where is the charger for the color printer or the replacement water filters or the spare clips that hold the mud flaps up in deep water? We have made extensive lists in the computer, allowing us to type in a word like "filters" and all oil, water and fuel filters, (maybe even the coffee filter), will show up with their location. On a long overland trip, organization is the secret to happiness. You can go crazy unpacking whole compartments, looking for something that's in a totally different place. (There are 9 external storage compartments, many with multiple labeled boxes, and about 20 inside the camper itself.)

A couple of recent television interviews were fun, in case you missed them. Disregard the short commercial before the segment on us.

<http://gooddaysacramento.cbslocal.com/video/8709985-the-turtle-expedition/#.UVIhgCXCYaI.facebook>

<http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2013/03/26/sacramento-couple-readying-for-drive-to-china-in-custom-camping-truck/>

I will keep you posted as I receive reports from them. --ed.

CONDOLENCES

Muriel Sotzen informs us of the passing of **Marjorie Haedrich, 82.**

Marjorie Hills Haedrich, 82, of Hauppauge, NY, and formerly of Iowa City passed away on March 24, 2012. Haedrich was born January 6, 1930, a daughter of George W. Hills and Mary Alice Westcott.

Survivors include siblings Duane Hills of West Branch, Eldon Hills of Iowa City and Muriel Sotzen of Iowa City; sons Robert Haedrich, Jr. and David Haedrich; and grandchildren Chelsea, Noah, Faith, Mary, Robert and Emma.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, Sr. and her parents. She graduated from Iowa City High School in 1948.

In 1952 she graduated from Iowa State University. After traveling to Europe to study and travel, she returned to New York and became a creative design artist for New York Box and Label Company.

WILLIAM WYNN WESTCOTT:

I received the following note from Miss Stasha Powell, one of our recent new members re one William Wynn Westcott. Stasha writes:

I know the family history is rife with pastors and highly religious as well so you can imagine my surprise when reading a theology book that included a chapter on a practice called "Golden Dawn" which I guess you could sum up as a form of Paganism. Three men founded the religion which is loosely based off the Kabbalah, astrology, tarot, divination, and geomancy. One of the founders is named William Wynn Westcott and I am curious to find out if he is related to Stuckely.

I wouldn't at all find it odd that one person in the family should want to do the exact opposite of all the others. They may not have called such a person a black sheep back in the day but if William is related to the rest of the Stuckely Westcott family he most assuredly been the black sheep, don't you think?"

There is a William W. Westcott, son of Randolph Westcott and Maria Barr, born around 1820. Could this be William Wynn Westcott? There are also several William Westcotts in the family tree. If any cousins can shed some light on William Wynn Westcott please contact me or Miss Stasha Powell at stashapowell@gmail.com. --ed.

BETTY ACKER WRITES:

In 2002 our society reunion was in Rhode Island and we were able to go through the Westcott house which was the toll gate on the road to Providence many years ago.

Carol-Ann Lantz lost her husband, sold the house and now she is having some health problems and has decided to send me a lot of the Westcott material that she has gathered through the years, including many photos and lots of cemetery information.

So many times this material is destroyed and it is a blessing that Carol-Ann and I met years ago.

LINN WESTCOTT

Susan Morris' husband Don, who is a model railroading enthusiast, found an article on Linn Westcott in Model Railroader magazine and is wondering if he is a cousin. I can find no reference to him in the big red book, *Westcott Family Tree*. There is a link to Linn Westcott at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linn_Westcott

COUNTDOWN TO PROVIDENCE

Although the next reunion in Providence, RI is more than a year away it is not too early to make plans. Jim Henderson is wondering if the Westcott Company might participate in some fashion with the Society. Westcott was bought in 1968 by Acme United Corporation which today operates out of Fairfield, Connecticut. Fairfield is about a two-hour drive from Providence but, according to Jim, they have only business offices there.

SIXTY-TWO YEARS AGO:

In perusing some of the back issues of the Westcott Family Quarterly I came across the following tidbits in the **June 1951 issue**.

20 YEARS AGO (1931)—

Notices were issued twenty years ago calling for Westcotts to gather for a reunion to be held in the old Baptist Church at Milford Center, Ostego County New York. The reunion was held in 1931 with 182 Westcotts in attendance. An association was formed with the late Judge James Westcott Lester of Saratoga Springs, NY as President; and the late Harris Lee Cooke of Cooperstown, NY as Vice-president. The association carried on until 1933 when another reunion was held at which time a committee was appointed to call a meeting in New York City in January, 1934, to organize a national society. This in brief, was the initial effort to form the national society of Westcotts.

A NAME TO REVERE—

It can be agreed that Stuckely is both a peculiar and an odd Christian name to give to a child. So it would seem today, yet two centuries ago it was common in New England and particularly in Rhode Island as John, James and Joseph. As is so frequent today, the name was given for an ancestor. This time for two female ancestors. The mother and grandmother of Stuckely Westcott were Damaris Stucley. Stucley was the name of an old, distinguished family in southwest England and so it was natural that the son and grandson should be given the name Stucley or Stuckely as the Westcott emigrant spelled it. The name is now practically extinct.

GENEALOGIST'S HEADACHE—

A recent Gallup survey shows only 46% of women know the names of their maternal grandmothers and 38% of their paternal grandfathers. This indicates the little interest shown in family histories. Let us, as a society, learn more of our early people.

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PHOTO FROM AUG. 1937 AT THE GRAVE OF
JAMES FENIMORE COOPER, COOPERSTOWN, NY

NEED ADDITIONS
OR CORRECTIONS.

LEFT TO RIGHT (Photo #14)

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| 1. .LUZERN WESTCOTT CRANDALL | 24. MISS POMEROY |
| 2. .MRS. ETHEL CARGILL | 25. DOROTHY WHITMAN POTTER |
| 3. .LEONE CARGILL | 26. MRS. MORRIS |
| 4. .MRS. GRACE ROBERTS | 27. |
| 5...MRS. W.H. WESTCOTT | 28. MRS. WESTCOTT |
| 6. .PRISCILLA SHARPEE | 29. LESLIE WESTCOTT |
| 7. .JOSEPH R. WESTCOTT | 30. MRS. LESS WESTCOTT |
| 8...HARRIS COOK | 31. MRS. GREGORY DEXTER |
| 9. .ROSCOE L. WHITMAN | 32. GREGORY DEXTER |
| 10. MRS. ROSCOE WHITMAN | 33. |
| 11. FRANK WESTCOTT | 34. |
| 12. MRS. F. WESTCOTT | 35. MRS. V. STUKELY WESTCOTT |
| 13. NATHAN WILKINS | 36. V. STUKELY WESTCOTT |
| 14. RACHEL WILKINS | 37. T.H. HANDY |
| 15. F.H. HANDY | 38. HERBERT WESTCOTT |
| 16. SUSAN HANDY | 39. MRS. HERBERT WESTCOTT |
| 17. MR. FROST | 40. MRS. COOKE |
| 18. CLERGY, RED COLE | 41. |
| 19. MRS. DeMONDE | 42. MRS. WATERMAN |
| 20. MRS. HANDY | 43. REUBEN WESTCOTT |
| 21. MRS. FROST | 44. MRS. WESTCOTT |
| 22. EDMUND MORRIS | 45. MR. DeMONDE |
| 23. FLORENCE WESTCOTT | 46. MISS WIGHTMAN |



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