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Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY JULY, 2013

THE TURTLE EXPEDITION MAKES IT TO HOLLAND



There really are windmills in Holland.



Do you have these in a smaller size?

Greetings to all of the Westcott Clan;

As you can see, our intrepid adventurers, Gary and Monika Westcott have made it to Holland where Monika does what all women love to do – shop for shoes.

I have been receiving regular updates on these cousins who made it to Europe and have reconnected with the Turtle V. You can get these regular updates by going to their site at "Turtleexpedition.com". As I write this they are in Germany after visiting England, Holland, Belgium and now Germany. You may recall that they are going to drive overland from Lisbon to Shanghai.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Please give a hearty welcome to **Axel Richard Wiatrowski** of Minneapolis, Minnesota and **Kendrick Ball** of Blacklick, Ohio.

JOHN A. WILLIAMS

The April Quarterly sent to John A Williams of Granville, NY, was returned marked "Deceased". If anyone would care to send me some details, I will gladly publish it in the next Quarterly.

SSWDA WEB SITE

The Society has engaged the services of a professional web site developer to give us a face lift and keep the site current. Details later.

CONDOLENCES:

Gordon E. McAlister, 86, died peacefully Monday, April 29, 2013 at Alice Day Peck Hospital in Lebanon, NH. He was born on February 4, 1927 in Enfield, a son of the late Earl and Alice (Ricard) McAlister and grew up in Canaan. Gordon was married to Ruby D. Powell on June 16, 1947 and went on to work at the Dewey Woolen Mill in Enfield, Lakeside Oil Company and together with Ruby they owned the McAlister Market in Rumney. Gordon was very helpful at the Canaan Senior Center and was very fond of the friends he made there.

Of his many activities, one he loved was watching and feeding wild birds. He also greatly enjoyed Bluegrass music, playing the violin, mandolin and guitar and being at the log cabin he built with Ruby in Pittsburg where he spent many hours fishing the streams. Fishing was his great passion and he shared the fish he caught with friends. His greatest joy came in being with his family.

Gordon is survived by his wife of Canaan; three sons, Robert G. McAlister and his wife Bonnie of Canaan, Dennis K. McAlister and his wife Barbara of Canaan and Raymond G. McAlister of Enfield; four grandchildren, Elizabeth A. Houghton of Dorchester, Andrew R. McAlister of Canaan, James R. McAlister of Orange and Heather L. McAlister of Weathersfield, VT; five great-grandchildren, Steven D. McAlister of Canaan, Gregory A. and Justin D. Houghton of Dorchester and Cody A and Caleb J. McAlister of Canaan and two nephews, David and Jack McAlister of Canaan.

Carl Schumann:

SHEFFIELD LOSES A GENTLEMAN

Carl Schumann, long-time supporter of the Sheffield Senior Center and indefatigable volunteer around town, died Nov. 18, at his home on Three-Mile Pond, two months shy of his 100th birthday.

Carl was born Charles Schumann, Jr., on Jan. 29, 1913, the son of a jeweler. He spent his early years in New York City, NY. After attending New York University, he worked in the textile business, eventually joined J. P. Stevens Company, where he designed fine women's woolsens.

After Carl retired in 1969, he joined with two friends, John Lake of Valley Stream, NY, and Lawrence Kervan of Scarsdale, NY, in purchasing 684 acres on what is now known as Three-Mile Pond. The men received a grant from the Federal government to build a dam to conserve fresh water, and they removed thousands of dead trees, which allowed Three-Mile Pond to expand to its present size. Later, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife assumed stewardship of Three-Mile Pond.

Carl met Pauline W. Dennis at Dewey Hall where Pauline was assistant director of the Sheffield Senior Center and he was delivering Meals on Wheels. They were married at Old Parish Church in 1999. (His first wife, Alice, had died in 1997.)

Together, Carl and Pauline worked tirelessly to create a new home for the Senior Center, extensively researching possible sites, and serving on the Building Committee.

Photography was a life-long passion of Carl's, and he was an active member of camera clubs both on Long Island and in the Berkshires. In 2000 he completed an historic photographic record of the more than 1,500 houses in the town of Sheffield; the collection now resides in three

volumes at Town Hall and at the Sheffield Historical Society. His other great passion was woodworking, especially creating fine furniture. He made innumerable tables, storage cabinets and toys for his family and friends. He also sculpted in wood and in stone. Recently he made a moveable platform for use in concerts at Old Parish Church.

Carl's unique and irrepressible sense of humor enlivened his contacts with all he met. He was a gentleman, a friendly, helpful

neighbor, a man of peace and optimism. Carl leaves a legacy of respect, stewardship of nature, and love of family and community. Carl was a good man.

He is survived by his wife, three children, Nancy Schumann, Charles Schumann III and Marie Schumann; three step-children, Lynda Zanolli, Kathy Cartier and Donald Dennis; three grandsons, Charles W. Schumann IV, Brian C. Schumann and Gordon M. Schumann; and a daughter-in-law, Anne Schumann, and son-in-law, Peter Russell.



Carl Schumann

“THE WESTCOTT FAMILY TREE”

The Westcott Family Tree, a book compiled by Edna J. Lewis, former genealogist, registrar and historian of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, is now available to buy for your library of family books.

The book traces families descended from Stukely Westcott and Juliana Marchant, who were married in the Church of St. John The Baptist, Yeovil, England, in 1619. They came to America in 1635.

It is a continuation of works published by Roscoe Leighton Whitman, *History and Genealogy of The Ancestors and Some Descendants of Stukely Westcott*, 1932, followed by *Book of Appendices*, published 1939.

This 641 page genealogy includes new information about Stukely Westcott in England, a 117 page index by surname, and family pictures sent to the compiler.

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PAULINE SCHUMAN WRITES:

One of my daughter Lynda's jobs is sustainable resources- - especially water and the Verde River. Teaching children its importance before there is no river left! She works for SEDI. That's Lynda, way on the right.



From the *Arizona Daily Sun Flagstaff*, AZ June 9

"Northern Arizona teachers are recognized for their Sustainability Curriculum". (Courtesy photo)

The Northern Arizona Sustainable Economic Development Initiative (SEDI) recognized seven teachers with a "Teacher Award for Sustainable Curriculum" and no-strings-attached checks for \$1,000 at an awards ceremony on May 21 at the 1899 Bar and Grill.

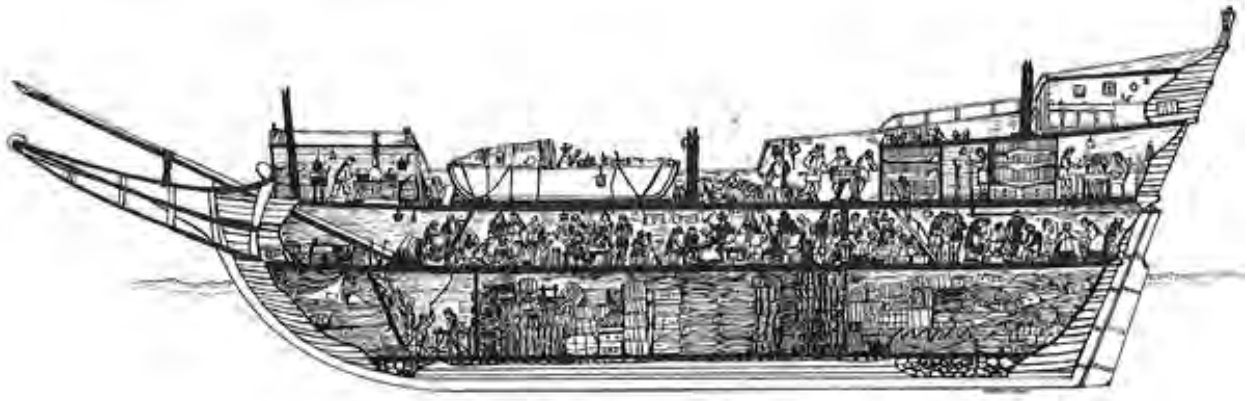
"Jeff Scroggins and Lynda Zanolli from Clarkdale-Jerome School were granted awards for the "Top Ten Wanted Dead and Alive Species" project being implemented with seventh-graders. A partnership with Clarkdale-Jerome School and the Verde Natural Resource Conservation District, the project educates students about the economic, social, and ecological impact of native and invasive species in the Verde River watershed. Students create "Wanted" and "Found" posters in conjunction with a field trip to Montezuma Well to see and understand the impact of invasive species on our natural world.

SEDI is proud to offer such an important program that encourages and recognizes the development and implementation of innovative, multidisciplinary educational approaches that instill in students the importance, value and practicality of sustainability. It is essential to preparing the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you to the 2013 sponsors, including Flagstaff Medical Center; Verde Valley Medical Center; Benefit and Financial Strategies, LLC; Northern Arizona University; and Wayne and Lynn Fox. For sponsorship and application information, please visit the SEDI website (<http://www.sedinaz.org/>) or contact SEDI Executive Director Eric Marcus at emarcus@sedinaz.org.

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THE MARY AND JOHN SHIP:



MARY & JOHN – 1630

Though Stuckely and his family did not come to America on the Mary and John it is believed that they did come on one very similar to that ship. Although the details are hard to see in this drawing, the deck just below the main deck is where most people slept; the lowest deck was for cargo and the poop deck is to the stern, i.e., aft and usually included the captain's quarters.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Our webmaster, Jim Leflar, and his wife, Carrie are the proud parents of Ivy Sloane Leflar, born July 11, 2013. Ivy's big sister is Eleanor (Ellie) Leflar who will be two in October. A fun family statistic is that July 11 is the birth date of Jim's maternal great-grandmother, his maternal second cousin, and his younger brother, David Leflar, making little Ivy the 4th generation in the family to be born on 7/11!

Jim is the great-great grandson of the Society founder, Roscoe L. Whitman, and the son of our SSWDA Board Vice-President, Susan Morris.

Jim introducing Ellie to Ivy
shortly after her birth.



NEWSFLASH – THIS JUST IN!

HAVE GOAT – WILL WALK ACROSS COUNTRY FOR CHARITY

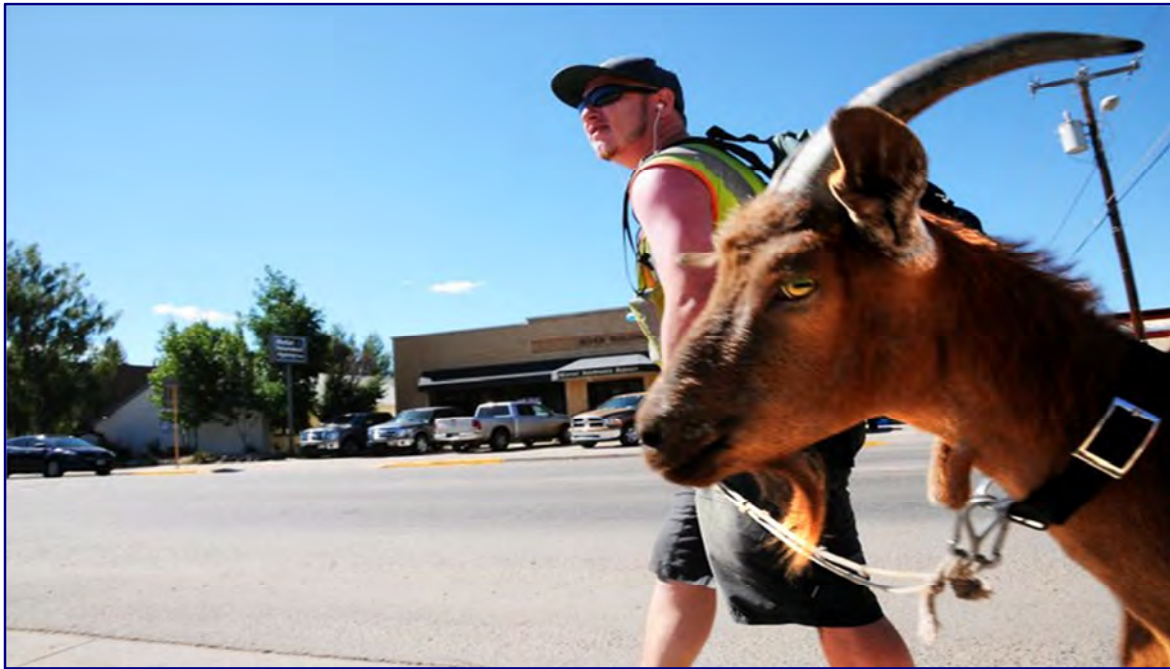


Photo by Andie Tessler

Published in *Steamboat*, a publication located in Steamboat Springs, CO.

Steve Wescott and his furry traveling companion LeeRoy Brown stroll down West Victory Way in Craig on Tuesday. Wescott is walking from Seattle to New York City to raise money for Uzima Outreach and Intervention in Nairobi, Kenya. UOI is an orphanage and rehabilitation center that Wescott began with his best friend Steve Turner in 2010.

Does anyone know if Steve Wescott is one of our long-lost cousins? From his spirit of adventure and good heart it would seem that he is.

Andie Tessler writes:

LeeRoy Brown, a 6-year-old Alpine/Boer goat mix, takes a nap in the shade while owner Steve Wescott eats breakfast. Wescott made his traveling companion small padded shoes for LeeRoy's comfort as the pair walk from Seattle to New York City.



SSWDA 40TH BIENNIAL REUNION, JUNE 27-29, 2014: SAVE THE DATE!

Plans are already in the making for our 40th Biennial Reunion, June 27-29, 2014. We are returning to Providence, RI, where our common ancestry all began!

Our Reunion headquarters is the Radisson Hotel Providence Airport, a perfect central location for all the myriad things for us to see and do. This special hotel is a Johnson & Wales University Education Facility, and the service is over the top. We have negotiated a terrific room rate of \$99.00/night for Deluxe Rooms and \$119.00/night for Executive Suites.



Among the ideas that Reunion Planners, David and Rosemary Smith and Susan Morris, have been exploring are:

*a group bus trip with a docent from the Rhode Island Historical Society as we make our way to a cruise of Rhode Island Lighthouses and the Narragansett Bay Harbor;

*visits to the Rhode Island Historical Society to view the Stukely Westcott Bible (amazing to experience this artifact) as well as to the many other nearby museums and sites of personal family history interest (these might be as a group or organized for individual explorations);

*time on your own to explore downtown Providence (so much to see and do!);

*family time to enjoy the wonderful nearby beaches; and so much more.



David Smith, Susan Morris and husband, Don Wolford, viewing the Stukely Westcott Bible in March 2013

In addition, David Leflar has agreed to once again take charge of developing an activity or two expressly for our youngest Westcott "cousins." All in all, we plan to make this a Reunion that ALL families --- young and old --- will remember fondly for many years to come!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW as you plan to join us next summer, June 27-29, 2014, in Providence, RI. We will be publishing final details and registration information in our Winter Quarterly.

One last thought from Monika Wescott, given to her by an Australian girl whom they met in Irkutsk on Lake Baikal in Siberia in 1996:

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

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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