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Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY SPRING, 2016

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EDITOR'S WELCOME

Greetings cousins! Spring has finally arrived and before you know it our Biennial Reunion will be here. Details and forms are available at www.sswda.org. We now offer **online registration and payment** as well at SSWDA.EventBrite.com – scroll down and click on the green TICKETS button on the right and complete the form using the drop down boxes. Your registration fee and meal choices will be totaled for you allowing you to pay online with a credit card. Be sure to register everyone who will be attending (all on the same form), and include any events you will be attending including those marked “free”. There is a small service charge for using the online registration process. Whether filling out and mailing the paper form, or registering online, we hope to see you at the Reunion!

In this issue I am excited to bring you news of the Westcott Society Polo Shirts which are available for sale. I am getting the issue out a bit early so that you will have time to purchase one or more to wear at the reunion. Our Vice President, Lynn Hulkow, put a lot of time and effort into the project and the results are a beautiful embroidered rendition of the family crest on a navy blue poly/Pima cotton blend polo shirt shown on the next pages.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings, Westcott Cousins:

Finally Spring is in the air here in Chicagoland! I'm keeping this message on the shorter side, as this issue of our Quarterly is already jam-packed with updates. Our **41st Biennial Reunion** in Providence, RI, scheduled for June 24-26, will be here before we know it. Please plan to join us! In addition to all the activities we have planned. Go to the website, www.SSWDA.org, and click on the Reunion tab for "SSWDA 2016 Reunion". We have posted PDFs with all the information on our gathering plus the Registration form.

In addition, be sure order your **Westcott Crest Polo Shirts** before you travel to Providence. Won't we be a great looking group of cousins as we enjoy connecting and reconnecting with each other! We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Vice-President, Lynn Hulkow, who made all the arrangements with our shirt vendor.

The Stukely Westcott Scholarship Committee, headed by Pete Bentson, will make our first \$2500 Scholarship Award at the Providence Reunion. Going forward, we hope that this award will continue to inspire our young adult cousins who are pursuing post-secondary education. Please spread the word to your family members about the availability of this scholarship opportunity.

Finally, I want to offer my thanks to our Secretary, Sharon Whitlock, who due to family commitments has to step down from her position. This means we need a cousin to help us out with the minutes at our Reunion. Please let me know if you are able to step in.

Hoping to see you all soon!

Susan C. Morris, President

Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members into our Society, both daughters of member Carolyn Ann Westcott Walters:

Christina Sylva: Christina is delighted to be a member of the SSWDA. She graduated from Boston University in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science. Christina currently resides in the Greater Boston Area with her husband Brad. She is a stay at home mom with their new baby, Bridget Elizabeth, who was born on January 27, 2016

Samantha J. Walters of Bloomingburg, NY.

WESTCOTT SOCIETY POLO SHIRTS



With a proposal from the Society's President and motivated by our upcoming Reunion, Society Vice President Lynn Hulkow offered to research and spearhead purchase of polo shirts embroidered with the Westcott crest. The result of her efforts shows in the embroidered crest above and photos on these pages. There are a variety of handsome shirts to choose from, each with the stylish crest, in sizes to fit everyone.



- Lightweight 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/ Pima Cotton blend
- Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims
- Double-needle armhole seams and hem
- Superior wrinkle and shrink resistance
- Polo Authority Silk Touch Polo Shirt
- Embroidered with Westcott logo
- Comfortable classic polo
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Side vents
- Navy Blue

RETURNS / EXCHANGES / REFUNDS

We are providing a variety of styles for your consideration. Please view the photos of each style to choose your preference. Also, there is a wide variety of size choices. As we will not be able to make any exchanges after you have received your order, please use the size chart provided below and measure before selecting the size you wish to order. Although the vendor has its own inspection process, we will also inspect each item before shipping to you and will only ship items with no flaws. Therefore we will not be able to process any requests for returns or refunds.



ADULT SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
REGULAR/TALL* CHEST	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63
REGULAR/TALL* NECK	14½-15	15-15½	15½-16	16-16½	16½-17	17-17½	17½-18	18-18½	18½-19	19-19½
REGULAR/TALL* LONG SLEEVE ARM LENGTH	30½	32	34	35	36½	37½	38½	39½	40½	41½
WAIST	26-28	29-31	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-47	48-51	52-54	55-57
INSEAM	30	31	32	32½	33	33½	34	34		

*Tall styles are 2" longer than regular sizes in body and sleeve length. Tall sizes: LT-4XLT.

LADIES SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL
SIZE	2	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26	28/30
BUST	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55
WAIST	24-26	27-28	29-30	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-43	44-47
HIP	34-36	37-38	39-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57
INSEAM	30½	31	31½	32	32½	33	33	33



YOUTH SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL
SIZE	4	6/8	10/12	14/16	18/20
CHEST	25-26	26-28	28-30	30-32	32-34
WAIST	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-31

ORDERING

Orders must be postmarked no later than **MAY 18, 2016**.

Questions: hulkster2@msn.com - or - 269-781-6201.

Allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery (shirts ordered by June 1st will be delivered prior to the reunion)

Make your check for the total amount out to **Lynn Hulkow**

Mail the order form with check to:

Lynn Hulkow
16140 Garrett Way
Marshall, MI 49068

WESTCOTT CREST POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM

CIRCLE the size you want to order / indicate how many / calculate total costs

Each shirt type offers two lines to allow for ordering two of the same style each in a different size.

POLO SHIRT STYLE	SIZE - circle one size per line -										HOW MANY	PRICE -tax included-	TOTAL
	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL			
Men's Short Sleeve	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL		\$16.00	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL		\$16.00	\$
Men's Long Sleeve	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL		\$23.50	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL		\$23.50	\$
Women's Short Sleeve	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$16.00	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$16.00	\$
Women's Long Sleeve	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$23.50	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$23.50	\$
Women's 3/4 Sleeve	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$22.00	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$22.00	\$
Women's Sleeveless	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$17.00	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL				\$17.00	\$
Youth Short Sleeve	XS	S	M	L	XL							\$14.00	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL							\$14.00	\$
Youth Long Sleeve	XS	S	M	L	XL							\$21.50	\$
	XS	S	M	L	XL							\$21.50	\$
Toddler Short Sleeve	2T	3TS	4T									\$15.00	\$
	2T	3TS	4T									\$15.00	\$
Shipping USPS Priority Mail.	1 or 2 shirts											\$ 6.50	\$
	3, 4 or 5 shirts											\$13.50	\$

TOTAL COST	\$
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YOUR NAME	
STREET ADDRESS / APARTMENT	
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	

STUKELY WESTCOTT - FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

Address by Eleanor Wescott Trismen – Part I

Read at the 15th Biennial Meeting in Vermont, August 8, 1964

Roscoe Leighton Whitman

First, in retrospect: We, the members of this family Society, must remember with reverence that we shall be forever grateful to our late National Society Founder, Roscoe Leighton Whitman. He spent many long hours during his life in compiling the two Westcott Genealogies so that future cousins would be able to enjoy their contents. His efforts have made it so much easier for Westcott descendants to join Patriotic organizations.

This year (1964) celebrates the 30th year since the National Society was founded by Mr. Whitman and a group of cousins at the Lexington Hotel in New York City in 1934.

First Epoch of Westcott Family History – England's Tribesmen

I shall begin by quoting from an address given by Mr. Whitman at the 4th biennial meeting at Alexandria Bay on August 9, 1941. "There are four outstanding epochs or memorable periods in the history of the Westcott family, as they have been revealed by the ancient records."

"First, the origin of the family in England exists undoubtedly with the Teutonic tribesmen - the Saxons, Angles and Jutes, all members of a Saxon confederation effected in the 4th century for mutual advancement and protection. They descended from a warlike people who first appear in the history of the Romans in the year 113 B.C."

Hordes of these tribesmen, who were celebrated for naval prowess, passed over from what is now Jutland peninsula of Denmark to the island of Britain in the 5th and 6th centuries and completely subjugated the native Romans and over spread the south and southwest of the country. New detachments of the invaders followed with their chiefs. They founded eight kingdoms; among them was West Saxony or Wessex. About the year 827 they were united into one kingdom, called Anglia or England.

Among these erstwhile tribesmen was probably a man whose bloodstain was to run through the veins of Westcott men and women for all time. This statement is predicated on the fact that the family name is derived from that of one of the eight kingdoms they founded - Wessex. This appears unquestionable. The name was originally spelled Wescote and Westcote - the first syllable Wes as in Wessex; the second syllable, cote, indicating a place of residence - cottage, house, or enclosure.

As further verification of this nativity, history points out that the present shires of Devon and Somerset in southwest England comprise in part the old kingdom of Wessex or West Saxony. The first definite record of a person of the Wescote name is found in Devonshire in the 12th century; therefore these original bearers of the name had remained in the territory their ancestors had conquered six or seven centuries before Though secluded in the dim mystic past, records seem supportable of the beginning of the clan and the name appropriated to be known down through the generations. - - -

Talk by Eleanor Wescott Trismen (cont'd)

Second Epoch of Westcott Family History – Recorded History

"The second epoch embraces a period with definite and positive records to substantiate them. These records are found in the London Museum. It is a period of nearly a century which every Westcott descendant may recall with justifiable pride."

From the years 1216 to 1307 - ninety-one years - John de Wescote and his son and namesake were Canons of the Church of England at the Cathedral of St. Peter's in Exeter, Devonshire. They were the son and grandson of Furbert de Wescote, who was born in Exeter in 1164. The father is the first of the Wescote name of whom definite information has been found. As there are no detailed records of the family prior to these great disciples of God and benefactors of humanity, members of the Westcott family today may be content to date the beginning of the family from them. Surely no more worthy founders of any family can be desired no greater inspiration to follow Christ's teachings. - - -

Third Epoch of Westcott Family History – Struggle to retain the family name

"The third epoch finds Wescotes really battling to retain and perpetuate the family name. Thomas de Wescote about 1414 married Elizabeth Littleton, sole heir of an old, rich, aristocratic royal family of Frankly in Worcestershire. Thomas de Wescote was a Knight in his own right and so two distinguished, titled families were united. Before the marriage, Elizabeth Littleton exacted an agreement from Sir Thomas that their first son should be baptized in her own family name. The first child of the union was a son and he was baptized Thomas de Littleton. The birth of other sons (Nicholas, Edmund, Guido) followed."

Finally it became the desire of the mother that all their four sons should bear her family name. To this Guido furiously dissented. It appears that a family quarrel followed which was finally settled by the father deeding the old Manor estate to Guido. Guido's father, Thomas, removed with his wife Elizabeth to her ancestral estate at Frankly.

"The old Manor estate was at what was known in the year 1300 and is still known in Devonshire as "Westcott". It may still be found on a map of that shire. The estate passed from the family ownership about the year 1500. Guido de Wescote became a Baron, married Alice Granville, and in the year 1450 was granted the Coat of Arms which is the cherished and deserved symbol of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants. This explains the meaning of the motto on the arms: "the name renewed". - - -

**** TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT QUARTERLY ****

CONDOLENCES

Your Editor received the following notice from David and Jeanne Seyfarth of the passing of **Paul A. Westcott** on March 13, 2016:

We wanted to inform the SSWDA of the death of David's brother Paul A. Westcott of New Orleans, LA . He was born July 28, 1928 in Hamilton, NY and died March 13, 2016 in New Orleans, LA. There was no service. He was cremated and his ashes scattered as was his wish. Thank you,

-- Jeanne and David (Westcott) Seyfarth

I remember Paul very well from our Westcott Reunion in Cocoa Bach, Florida because he shared a name with my younger son, Paul who was there. We sat at the same table and chatted. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and rode bikes all over the US and down into Mexico. He was also an accomplished watchmaker of the "old school" – balance wheels, escapements, springs, gears...

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