# WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR



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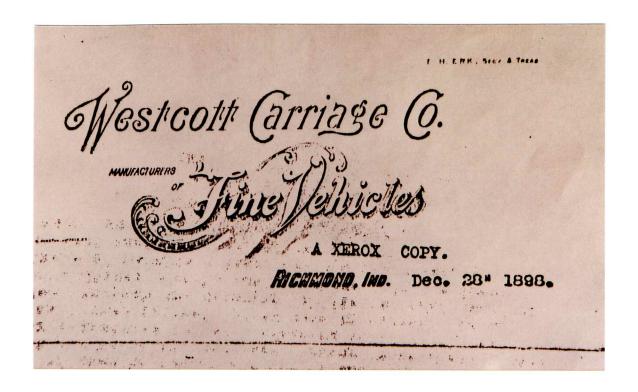
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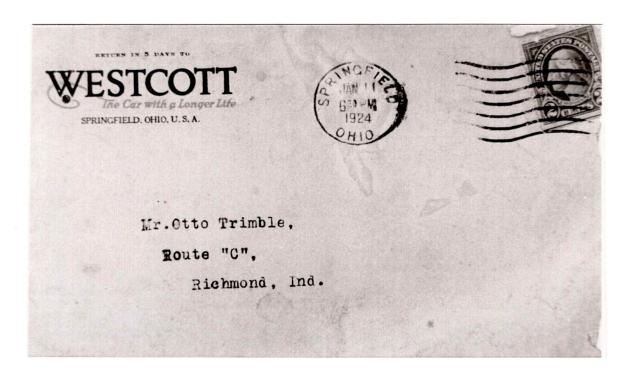
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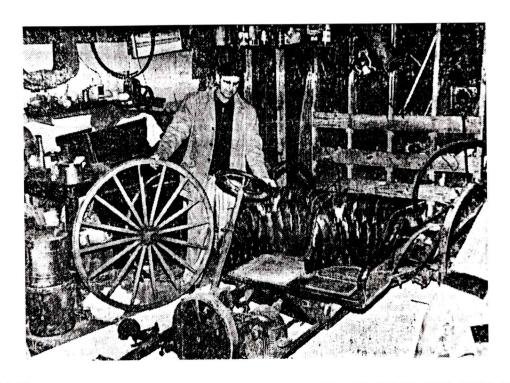
### THE WESTCOTT AUTOMOBILE BUILT IN RICHMOND, INDIANA 1909 TO 1915 BUILT IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 1916 TO 1925



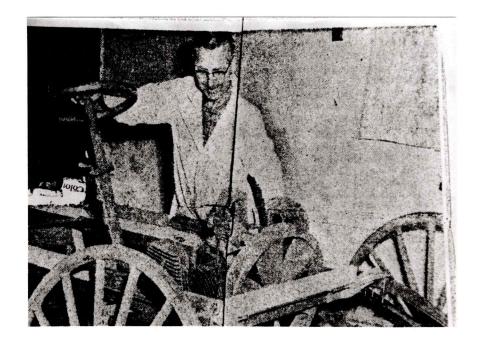
JOHN McMAHON WESTCOTT, WITH HIS SONS BURTON AND HARRY, ORGANIZED THE WESTCOTT CARRIAGE COMPANY IN 1896 IN RICHMOND, INDIANA. THE ELDER WESTCOTT HAD A DISDAIN FOR MOTOR CARS AND EVENTUALLY DID NOT WANT THE CARRIAGE COMPANY TO HAVE TO COMPETE WITH THE MOTORIZED CARS. BURTON HAD MOVED TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO AS TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN SEEDING MACHINE CO. IN 1903. IN THE SPRING OF 1916, BURTON MOVED THE CAR COMPANY TO SPRINGFIELD.



OTTO TRIMBLE BOUGHT ONE OF THE FIRST WESTCOTT CARS. THE CAR WAS MANUFACTURED BY THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY WHICH WAS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF 12th AND NORTH E STREETS IN RICHMOND, INDIANA. THE ABOVE ENVELOPE INDICATES CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY AND MR. OTTO TRIMBLE IN 1924.



IN 1962, GEORGE CARTER PURCHASED FROM OTTO TRIMBLE THE REMAINS OF HIS WESTCOTT CAR FOR THE GRAND SUM OF \$1.00. AT THIS TIME THE REMAINS OF THE CAR WERE IN AN OLD ORCHARD NEAR RICHMOND, INDIANA.

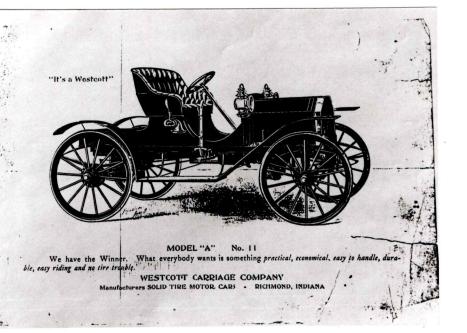


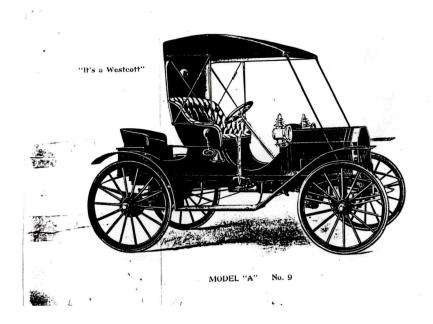
THE CAR WAS BEING RESTORED IN GEORGE CARTERS BASEMENT. HIS FRIENDS WONDERED HOW HE WAS GOING TO GET THE CAR OUT OF THE BASEMENT WHEN IT WAS FINISHED. AN ARTICLE TITLED "WESTCOTT WILL CHUG AGAIN" WHICH APPEARED IN A GREENVILLE, INDIANA NEWSPAPER SAID THAT THIS CAR WAS THE FIRST WESTCOTT CAR THAT WAS MADE.



THE RESTORED CAR IS A 1908 TWO SEATER WESTCOTT. THE CAR IS NOW IN THE WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM IN RICHMOND, INDIANA. THE INFORMATION SAYS IT'S A 1908, BUT THE COMPANY OFFICIALLY STARTED IN 1909. THEY BUILT ABOUT 300 HIGH-WHEELED, BUGGY-TYPE CARS WITH 1-3/4" SOLID RUBBER CARRIAGE TIRES. TOP SPEED WAS ABOUT 35 MPH. THE ENGINE WAS ABOUT 15 HP.

THE FUEL TANK WAS UNDER THE FRONT SEAT AND THE TOOL BOX WAS UNDER THE BACK SEAT. THE SEAT ON TOP OF THE TOOL BOX WAS KNOWN AS A "MOTHER-IN-LAW" SEAT. THESE EARLY CARS WERE KNOWN AS "HAY BURNERS"



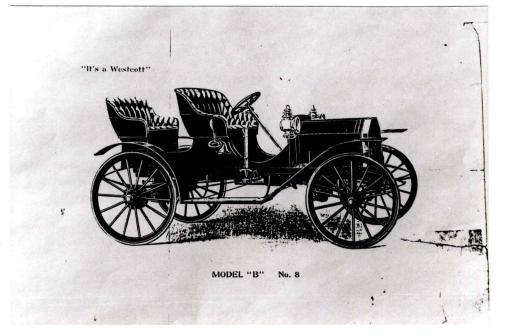


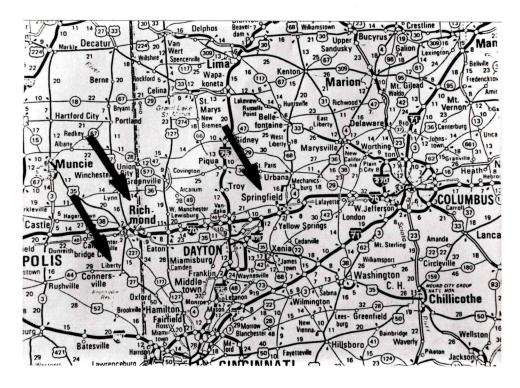
EARLY ADVERTISING "IT'S A WESTCOTT"

TOP: MODEL "A"

MODEL "A" WITH A TOP

MODEL "B" TWO-SEATER

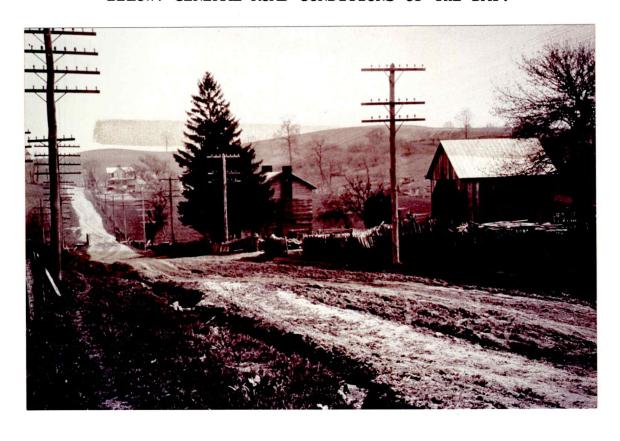




ABOVE: SHOWS LIBERTY AND RICHMOND, INDIANA AND SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

TO SELL A CAR IN RICHMOND IN THESE EARLY DAYS, IT HAD TO BE A HILL-CLIMBER. BEELER AND BACKMEYER HILLS, ON THE WAY TO LIBERTY, WERE THE FAVORITE TESTING SITES. THOSE WERE TOUGH HILLS AND IF YOU COULD COAX THE MOTOR BY VARIOUS SPARK AND THROTTLE MANIPULATIONS TO CHUG ITS LAST GASP AND GO OVER THE HILL IN HIGH, THE SALE WAS IN THE BAG.





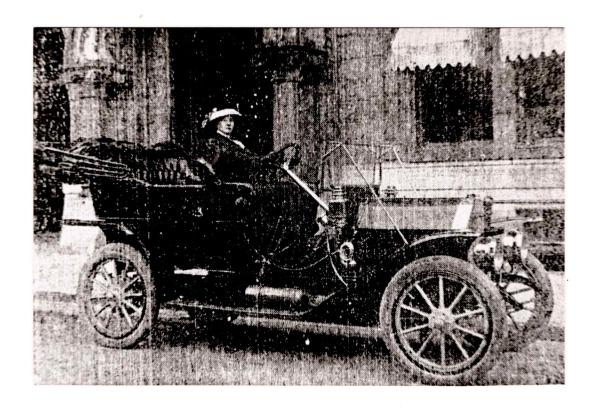


ABOVE: PROUD OWNERS OF A "WESTCOTT"

CLOTHING OF THE DAY WOULD HAVE BEEN GAUNTLET GLOVES TO KEEP THE WIND FROM BLOWING UP YOUR SLEEVES, GOGGLES TO KEEP THE BUGS FROM YOUR EYES, AND PROBABLY A LINEN DUSTER TO KEEP THE DUST FROM YOUR CLOTHES.

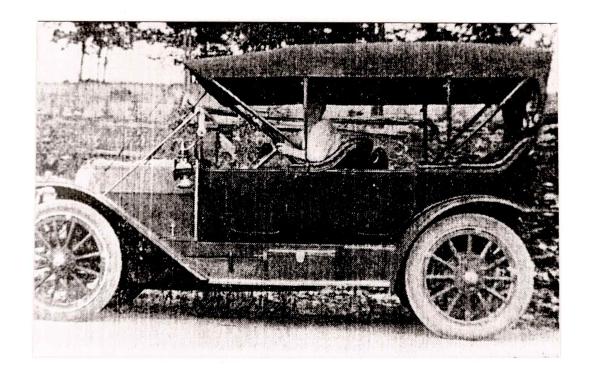
THE CARS WERE FEARFUL CONTRAPTIONS TO THE FARM ANIMALS!





IN 1912 A WESTCOTT TOURING CAR VALUED AT \$2000.00 WAS GIVEN AS FIRST PRIZE IN A CIRCULATION CONTEST BY THE RICHMOND ITEM. IT WAS WON BY MISS ALICE VOGELSONG. HER COMMENT WAS, "I AM ONE OF THE PROUDEST, HAPPIEST WOMEN IN INDIANA AS THE RESULT OF THIS GREAT VICTORY".

MISS VOGELSONG HAD AN ACCIDENT WITH THE CAR THE FIRST TIME SHE DROVE IT WITHOUT AN EXPERIENCED CHAUFFEUR WITH HER. SHE HAD DRIVEN TO INDIANAPOLIS WITH SOME FRIENDS AND IN MAKING A TURN RAN INTO A TREE, BREAKING DOWN A WHEEL.



MRS. RUTH TYLER HOUGH AT THE WHEEL OF HER 1912 WESTCOTT. THE ARTICLE WAS TITLED, "AMONG THE FIRST WOMEN TO DRIVE A CAR".

THE ARTICLE ALSO SAID THAT SHE MADE IT UP THE GRADE INTO THE SHED ALL RIGHT, BUT UNABLE TO STOP, WENT STRAIGHT THROUGH, KNOCKING DOWN THE CLOSED DOORS AT THE FAR END.

MRS. HOUGH TOOK INSTRUCTION AT THE WESTCOTT FACTORY AND SOON BECAME, NOT ONLY AN EXPERT DRIVER, BUT WAS ABLE TO REPAIR HER MOTOR. AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMPANY, MRS. HOUGH DROVE THE WESTCOTT IN THE 1913 FALL FESTIVAL PARADE. THE DRIVERS HAD TO DO THEIR OWN CRANKING AND CARS HAD TO KEEP 50 FEET APART. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL MALE DRIVERS HELD UP THE PARADE BY KILLING THEIR ENGINES AND BEING FORCED TO GET OUT AND CRANK, MRS. HOUGH DID NOT STALL HER ENGINE DURING THE ENTIRE TRIP.



ADS IN "THE AUTOMOBILE" ABOVE: MAY, 1914 BELOW: AUGUST, 1914

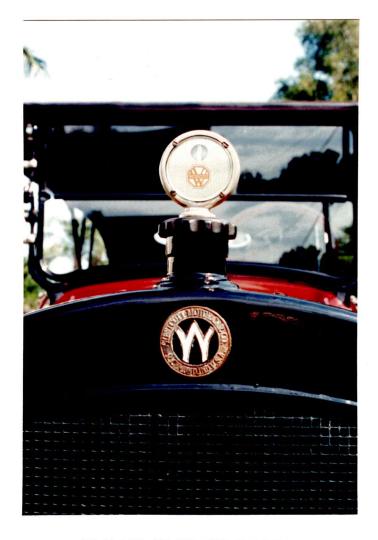




1913 WESTCOTT ROADSTER OWNED BY A GENTLEMAN IN FLORIDA FORMERLY AT HARRAH'S IN LAS VEGAS



1914 TOURING CAR
IN THE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM AT LURAY CAVERNS, VIRGINIA
ACTUAL MILES ON THE CAR - 1700



EARLIER WESTCOTT EMBLEM
ON GEORGE AND BETTY WESTCOTT'S
1915 WESTCOTT CAR

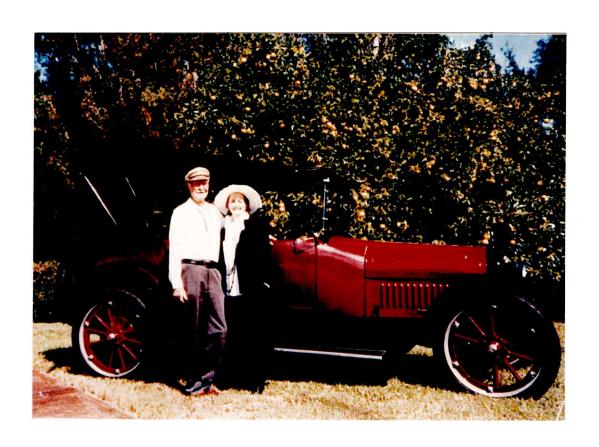


LATER WESTCOTT EMBLEM
ON HARRY AND ROSEANNE VAN PELT'S
1919/1920 WESTCOTT CAR



GEORGE & BETTY WESTCOTT IN FLORIDA WITH THEIR 1915 U-50, 7 PASSENGER TOURING CAR; 50 HP, 6 CYL, TRIPLE FLAT-HEAD NORTHWAY ENGINE #1601.

GEORGE IS A STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANT



GEORGE AND BETTY WESTCOTT - READY FOR A PARADE!





1915/1916 WESTCOTT TOURING CAR
AUBURN, INDIANA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM
DONATED TO THE MUSEUM BY ROBERT LEWIS, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO.
PRICE WHEN NEW - \$1445.00





JOHN McMAHON WESTCOTT WAS BORN ON A FARM IN UNION COUNTY IN 1834. BY THE AGE OF 15, JOHN WAS HELPING AN OLD MAN BUY GRAIN AND DELIVER IT TO THE DOCKS AT CINCINNATI, 40 HARD MILES AWAY. THE BROAD OHIO WAS THE GATEWAY TO THE WORLD MARKETS.

IN 1854 THE RAILROAD CROSSED AT RICHMOND, AND JOHN WAS BUYING AND SELLING GRAIN AGAIN. BUT JOHN WASN'T SATISFIED - HE REMEMBERED THE HARD WORK - THE "LABOR" OF FARMING!

IN 1855 JOHN MARRIED MISS CARRIE MITCHELL AND THEY HAD SEVEN CHILDREN: ALICE C. (HOLLINGSWORTH), LUCILLE B. (CARR), JENNIE M. (WILKE), CHARLE G., BURTON J., HARRY M., AND MAUDE EVELYN.

THE PICTURE ABOVE BELONGS TO EMMA HALL OF ARKANSAS, A DESCENDANT.





JOHN BOUGHT INTO THE SMALL HOOSIER DRILL COMPANY WHICH WAS BUILDING AND SELLING A GRAIN DRILL. FIVE YEARS LATER HE OWNED THE COMPANY AND MOVED IT TO RICHMOND.

HE HIRED MR. BALLING, A RECENT IMMIGRANT FROM BAVARIA, AS A STONE CONTRACTOR TO BUILD HIS FACTORY. IT WAS A LARGE BRICK AND STONE BUILDING 3 STORIES HIGH AND 2 BLOCKS LONG. MR. BALLING WAS KEPT BUSY FOR YEARS BUILDING THE FACTORY, THE "WESTCOTT PLACE", AND THE FARM HOUSE IN CENTERVILLE.

JOHN, WITH SONS-IN-LAW HOLLINGSWORTH, CARR, AND WILKE, AND HIS SON BURTON J., CONTROLLED THE COMPANY. FOUR HUNDRED MEN WERE EMPLOYED AND SEEDERS WERE SOLD ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THIS COMPANY BECAME PART OF THE AMERICAN SEEDING MACHINE COMPANY AND LATER THE RICHMOND BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY.

## Westcott Place Area To Mark Centennial



FOR THE CENTENNIAL OF 1876, JOHN HAD THE CORN FIELD BEHIND HIS HOUSE PLANTED IN TREES IN A PATTERN THAT SPELLED OUT "CENTENNIAL 1876". IN THE 1920'S YOU COULD STILL SEE THE "8" AND THE "7".

IN 1880, JOHN PURCHASED AN ENTIRE CITY BLOCK BOUNDED BY MAIN, SOUTH A AND 14TH AND 16TH STREETS. HE ERECTED THE ABOVE LARGE BRICK RESIDENCE AND LATER ADDDED THREE OTHER HOUSES, ONE FOR EACH OF HIS SONS-IN-LAW WHO WERE IN BUSINESS WITH HIM. THIS AREA WAS CALLED "WESTCOTT PLACE".

IN 1883 JOHN PURCHASED 40 SQUARE FEET OF GROUND ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN 7th AND 8th STREETS AND ERECTED A FOUR STORY BRICK BUSINESS BLOCK WITH STORE FRONTS - MORE WORK FOR MR. BALLING.

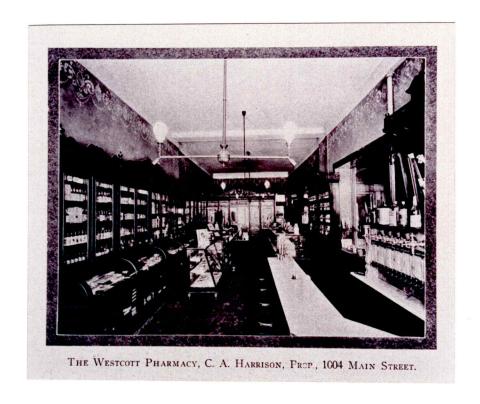


"THE COMMERCIAL CLUB" WAS ORGANIZED FEB. 15, 1894 BY ABOUT 50 RICHMOND BUSINESSMEN. IN 1895 THE WESTCOTT HOTEL WAS BUILT BY THE CLUB. ONE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE HOTEL WAS NAMED AFTER JOHN WESTCOTT SINCE HE WAS THEN PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB. BUT ANOTHER ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE MEMBERS VOTED TO NAME THE HOTEL "WESTCOTT" BECAUSE JOHN HELD MOST OF THE STOCK IN THE HOTEL. JOHN LATER BOUGHT THE REMAINING STOCK IN THE HOTEL.

FOR MANY YEARS THE WESTCOTT HOTEL WAS HERALDED AS THE FINEST HOTEL IN THE STATE. BUT IT COULDN'T COMPETE WITH THE INTERSTATE AND THE MODERN MOTELS. THE HOTEL WAS RENTED AS APARTMENTS AND ONE TENANT LIVED THERE FOR 23 YEARS. THE HOTEL WAS SOLD IN 1976. IT HAS SINCE BEEN TORN DOWN.



AD FOR THE WESTCOTT HOTEL - 100 ROOMS, 60 WITH BATH



WESTCOTT PHARMACY - 1004 MAIN STREET

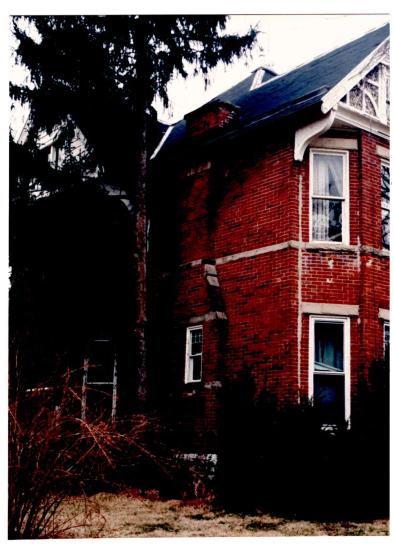
#### CENTERVILLE, INDIANA

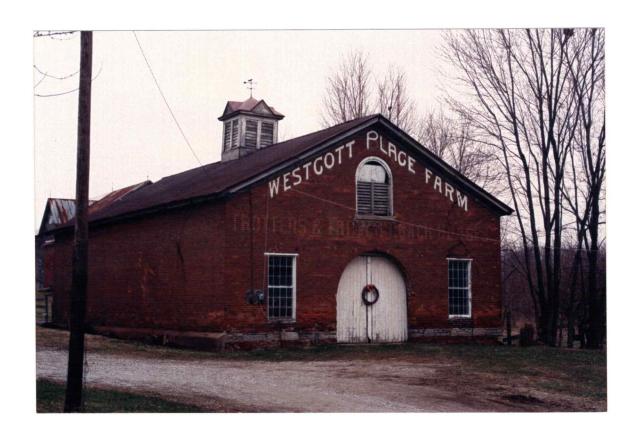


JOHN DECIDED HE NEEDED A FARM SO HE BOUGHT TWO. HE HAD A STOCK FARM OF 5000 ACRES NEAR ABILENE, KANSAS. THE NEWSPAPER IN 1884 SAYS THAT HIS SON CHARLEY LEFT TO SPEND SOME TIME AT THE RANCH.

JOHN ALSO BOUGHT A FARM AT THE NORTH EDGE OF CENTERVILLE, IND. HE HAD MR. BALLING BUILD A LARGE JACOBIAN BRICK HOUSE FOR HIS SON, CHARLES. THE PORCHES WERE ADDED LATER.

ONE UNUSUAL FEATURE OF THE HOUSE IS THE WINDOW IN THE CHIMNEY.
THE FLUE NARROWED AND WENT UP
ONE SIDE....AND DOESN'T WORK
VERY WELL ACCORDING TO THE
PRESENT OWNER.





THEY OPERATED THE WESTCOTT STOCK FARM FROM 1889 TO 1900. IT WAS DEVOTED TO RAISING TROTTERS, FRENCH COACH HORSES AND IMPORTED SHETLAND PONIES. THEIR 1891 CATALOG DESCRIBED THE FARM AS HAVING ITS OWN QUARTER-MILE TRACK, WELL-WATERED PASTURES, AND A WHITE-BOARD FENCE ALL AROUND.

THE BRICK BARN WITH THE ARCH WAS BUILT OF BRICK MADE ON THE FARM. "ORBIT 5405" WAS THE NAME OF THE PRIZE STALLION OF THE WESTCOTT STOCK FARM AND HIS STALL STILL TODAY BEARS HIS NAME-PLATE.

A SMALLER FRAME BARN HOUSED THE SHETLAND PONIES.

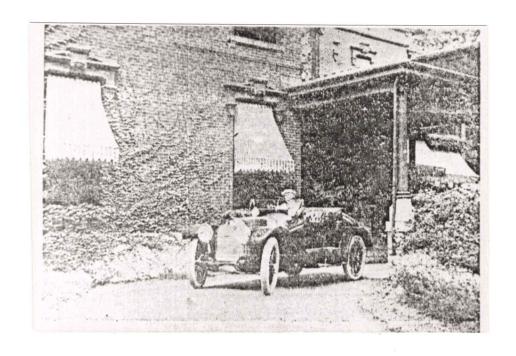


HARRY KNIGHT, 22, OF INDIANAPOLIS, DROVE THE ABOVE "WESTCOTT" CAR IN THE FIRST INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE WHICH WAS RUN IN 1911. HE WAS HOLDING THIRD PLACE AFTER 196 LAPS WHEN L. ANDERSON, THE MECHANIC IN THE NO. 8 "CASE" CAR AHEAD OF HIM, WAS THROWN OUT OF THE CAR.

KNIGHT SWERVED TO AVOID HITTING ANDERSON, WHO WAS ON THE TRACK IN FRONT OF HIM. THE WESTCOTT CAR WAS THROWN BROADSIDE AGAINST THE BENZ REPAIR PIT BREAKING DOWN THREE WHEELS ON THE WESTCOTT AND CAVING IN THE SIDE OF THE PIT.

KNIGHT AND HIS MECHANIC WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED. ANOTHER CAR IN THE PIT WAS ALSO WRECKED.

KNIGHT WAS PRAISED IN THE PRESS SINCE HE CHOSE TO RISK HIS OWN LIFE TO AVOID KILLING THE MAN ON THE TRACK. HE STILL CAME IN 30th IN A FIELD OF 40 CARS.



THIS IS A PICTURE OF BURTON J. WESTCOTT IN HIS 1913 ROADSTER.
HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPAMY.
THE PICTURE WAS RUN IN THE PALLADIUM-ITEM, RICHMOND, JUNE 3, 1946.



DURING THE 1913 FLOOD ACROSS THE MIDWEST, A "FLYING SQUADRON" OF WESTCOTT TEST CARS WERE OFFERED TO TAKE THE DONATED FOOD AND CLOTHING TO HARD-HIT DAYTON, OHIO. THEY WERE THE FIRST TO ARRIVE WITH RELIEF.



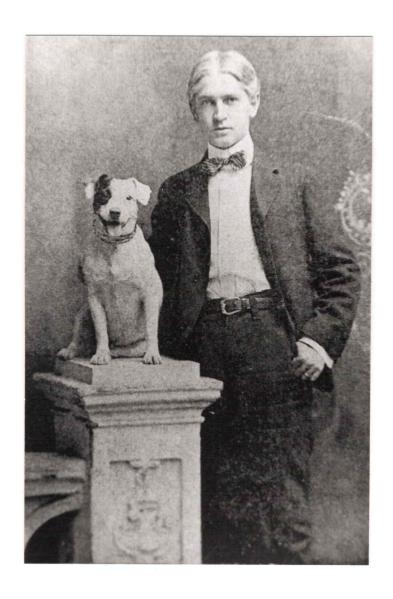
IT IS REPORTED THAT THREE WESTCOTTS WERE ENTERED IN THE "GLIDDEN ENDURANCE" RACE IN 1910. CLIFFORD BEVINGTON, HEAD TESTER FOR THE COMPANY, WAS ONE OF THE DRIVERS. THE TOUR STARTED IN CINCINNATI WITH CARS BEING ROUTED TO DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO, AND CINCINNATI.

BEVINGTON WAS HOLDING SECOND PLACE WHEN HE MISSED A BRIDGE IN DALLAS AND LANDED IN THE RIVER.

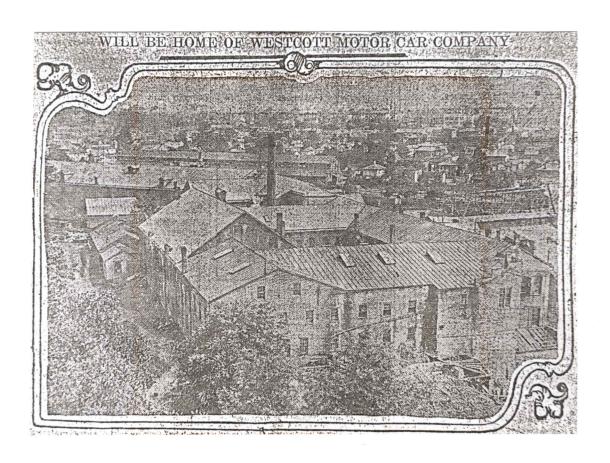
NO, THIS IS NOT THE ACTUAL PICTURE OF THE WRECK AND THIS IS NOT A "WESTCOTT" CAR IN THE RIVER.



JOHN McMAHON WESTCOTT DIED IN 1907 AT THE AGE OF 73, LEAVING AN ESTATE OF ABOUT TWO MILLION DOLLARS. IT WAS CALLED A "STUPENDOUS FORTUNE" BY THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. HE IS BURIED IN EARLHAM CEMETERY IN RICHMOND, INDIANA IN THE WESTCOTT MAUSOLEUM WITH HIS WIFE CARRIE, HIS TWO SONS BURTON J. AND HARRY M., AND HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, ORPHA.



BURTON JOHN WESTCOTT WAS BORN IN RICHMOND, INDIANA JULY 18, 1868. HE ATTENDED SWATHMORE COLLEGE AND DePAUW UNIVERSITY. HE TRANSFERRED TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO IN 1903 AS TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN SEEDING COMPANY. HIS FRIEND IS "SPOT".



THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY WAS MOVED FROM RICHMOND, INDIANA TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO IN 1916. SO MANY WORKERS MOVED TO SPRINGFIELD THAT N. LINESTONE STREET WAS CALLED "RICHMOND ROW".

BY JULY 1 OF THAT YEAR, THE COMPANY INTENDED TO BE OPERATING IN THE BUILDING PURCHASED FROM THE AMERICAN SEEDING COMPANY WITH A FORCE OF AT LEAST 200 MEN. THE BUILDING WAS TO BE REMODELED TO SOME EXTENT, AND WAS TO MAKE POSSIBLE AN OUTPUT OF 4000 TO 5000 MOTOR CARS ANNUALLY.



### "QUALITY PRODUCT IS AIM IN WESTCOTT FACTORY"



WESTCOTT WHEELS WERE PAINTED BY HAND



MOTOR BEING PLACED ON THE FRAME

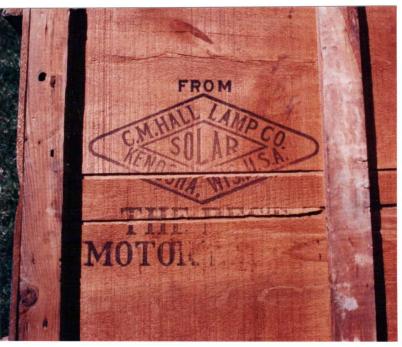


BODY FINISH IS IMPORTANT TO LONG LIFE VARNISH COAT BEING APPLIED



GENERAL VIEW OF THE ASSEMBLY LINE







THE WESTCOTT CAR, WHICH FLOURISHED AS A LUXURY TOURING CAR, WAS ASSEMBLED FROM PARTS MANUFACTURED ELSEWHERE.

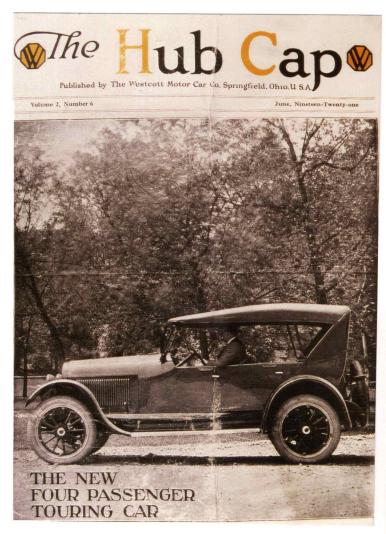
THE TWO CHIEF SUPPLIERS OF PARTS WERE GENERAL MOTORS AND DURANT. BOTH HAD MADE FREQUENT OVERTURES TO BUY THE FIRM AND THERE WERE NUMEROUS CORPORATE BATTLES.

BURTON WESTCOTT RESISTED ATTEMPTS TO BE BOUGHT OUT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE FELT THAT HIS EMPLOYEES WOULD NOT BE TREATED AS WELL BY A LARGER COMPANY, AND HE FEARED THAT THE QUALITY OF THE CARS WOULD GO DOWN. THE COMPANY BECAME SO IMBUED WITH LOSSES AS A RESULT OF BOYCOTTS AND INJUNCTIONS THAT BURTON WESTCOTT BECAME BANKRUPT AND WAS FORCED TO SELL HIS INTEREST TO A SYNDICATE IN 1924.



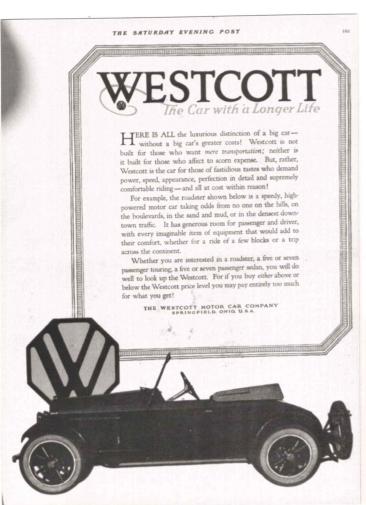
A WESTCOTT WAS USED IN THE CHIEF'S CAR FOR A TIME. REPORTEDLY, THE WOODEN SPOKED WHEELS HAD A TENDANCY TO BREAK. FIREFIGHTERS ARE SHOWN WAITING FOR ASSISTANCE.







THE "HUB CAP" WAS THE PUBLICATION OF THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

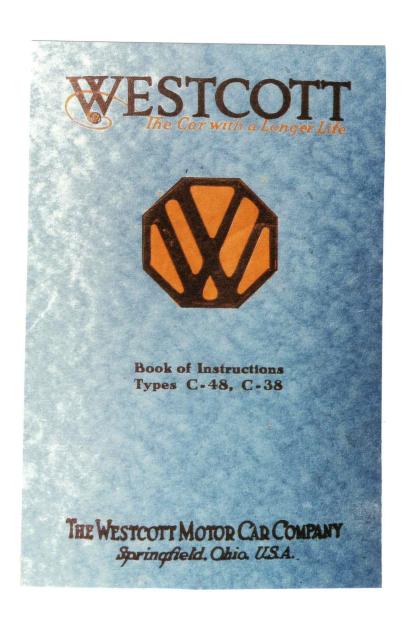






ADVERTISING - THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

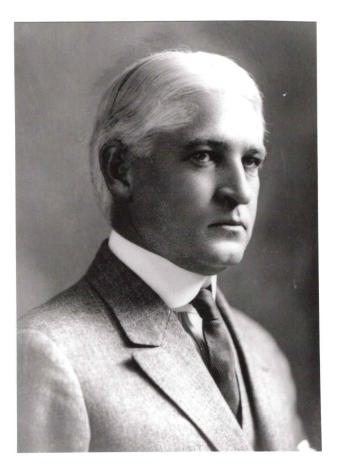




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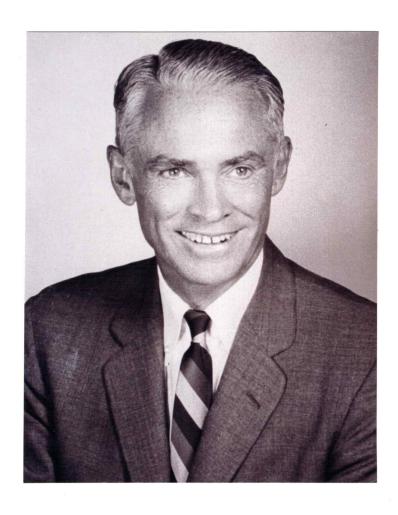


BURTON J. WESTCOTT WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE LAGONDA NATIONAL BANK. IN 1913 HE WAS ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE "CITY COMMISSION OF SPRINGFIELD". HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION THROUGHOUT 1920. DURING 1921-1922 HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OR "MAYOR". HE IS THIRD FROM THE RIGHT AT THE TABLE.

HE MARRIED ORPHA LEFFLER AND THEY HAD JEANNE AND JOHN M. II. JEANNE BECAME MRS. RICHARD M. RODGERS.

THE BURTON WESTCOTT FAMILY TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY AND TOOK THE CHILDREN AND SEVERAL FRIENDS TO EUROPE FOR THE WINTER OF 1911-1912. THEY LIVED IN ITALY AND WENT TO PARIS IN THE SPRING. THERE THEY BOOKED PASSAGE HOME ON THE TITANIC.

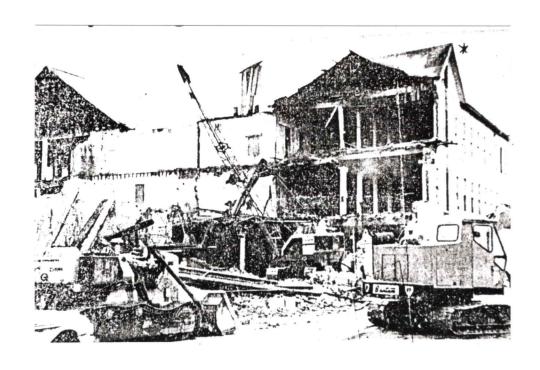
FORTUNATELY, SON JOHN GOT SICK AND THEY COULD NOT SAIL AT THAT TIME. AND, OF COURSE, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TITANIC IS HISTORY.



JOHN BECAME INTERESTED IN "RADIO" DURING THE EUROPEAN TRIP. HIS MOTHER LOCATED A PROFESSOR FOR HIM TO STUDY RADIO AND HE BECAME A "HAM". HIS SHORT-WAVE SET WAS CONFISCATED DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

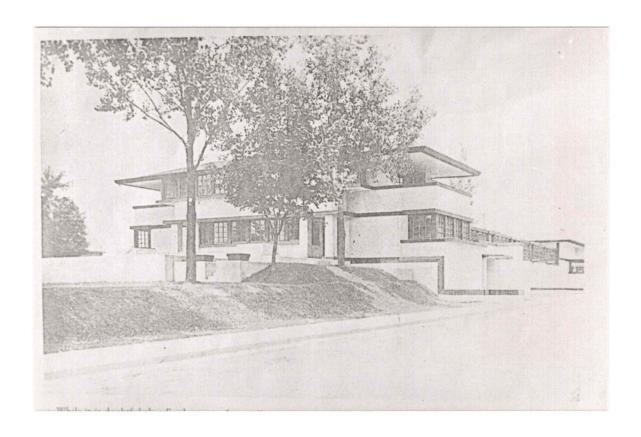
HE ENTERED YALE IN THE FALL OF 1922. IN 1927, JOHN WORKED AS A SECURITY ANALYST ON WALL STREET. HE BECAME A PARTNER IN THE Y.S. TRUST COMPANY, A STOCK EXCHANGE FIRM IN NEW YORK CITY, AND SPENT 15 YEARS IN THE INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT. IN 1956 HE BECAME MANAGER FOR GREENE & LADD AND MOVED BACK TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

JOHN MARRIED MARY PITKIN AND THEY HAD TWO SONS. JOHN DIED JUNE 6, 1986 AND MARY DIED IN 1995.



THE BUILDING ON WARDER STREET, WHICH HOUSED THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY, WAS RAZED IN 1970 TO MAKE WAY FOR THE OHIO 72 OVERPASS PROJECT.



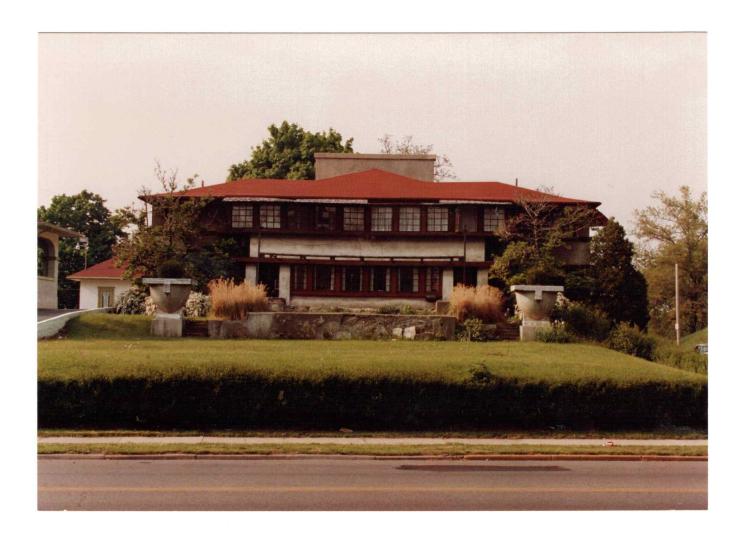


THIS IS AN ARTISTS CONCEPT OF A PROPOSED NEW HOME TO BE BUILT FOR BURTON WESTCOTT AND HIS FAMILY. BURTON PAID \$5000.00 FOR THE N.W. LOT AT THE CORNER OF HIGH STREET AND GREENMOUNT AVENUE WHERE THE HOUSE WAS TO BE BUILT.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT WAS COMMISSIONED TO DESIGN AND BUILD THE HOUSE. HE LIVED WITH THE FAMILY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS "TO GET THE FEEL OF THE FAMILY".

THE "PRAIRIE STYLE" HOME ORIGINALLY WAS A 12 ROOM RESIDENCE WITH FIVE BATHS. WHEN A WORKMAN MENTIONED TO BURTON THAT MR. WRIGHT USUALLY BUILT BUNGALOWS, BURTON OBSERVED "THEN THIS IS A BUNGALOW WITH A COLLEGE EDUCATION". THIS COMMENT HAS ALSO BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO WRIGHT.

CONSTRUCTION WAS PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS, INCLUDING SUSPICIOUS FIRES AND ANGRY WORKMEN WHO DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF WRIGHT'S IDEAS.



BURTON J. WESTCOTT WAS THE ONLY MAN IN OHIO TO USE THE SERVICES OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT DURING THE "FIRST GOLDEN AGE" OF WRIGHT'S WORK.

THE FINISHED HOUSE RETAINED THE GENERAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE DRAWING. ONE FEATURE THAT POSED A PROBLEM WAS THE SMALL DOOR THAT SERVED AS A COMPARTMENT FOR THE ICEMAN TO PLACE HIS DELIVERY OF ICE DIRECTLY INTO A LARGE ICE BOX UNIT. TO MR. WESTCOTTS DISMAY, THE ICE DELIVERY DOOR LATER PROVED TO BE AN ATTRACTION FOR WOULD-BE BURGLARS AS WELL.



A FISH POND IN THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE AND THE LARGE FLOWER URNS WERE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE. THE FISH POND WAS FILLED IN AND BECAME A FLOWER BED.

THE DINING TABLE AND THE ENTIRE BUFFET FIXTURES VIRTUALLY FOLDED INTO THE WALL. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO HALVES OF THE TABLE WERE ACTUALLY PLACED ON TOP OF EACH OTHER AND INSERTED INTO CORRESPONDING SLOTS IN THE WALL. THE BUFFET TOTALLY DISASSEMBLED AND COLLAPSED INTO DRAWERS. THE CHAIRS PROBABLY ALSO FOLDED.

DOWNSPOUTS DO NOT APPEAR ON THE EXTERIOR. THERE WAS A 125-BARREL CISTERN FED BY THE CONCEALED DOWNSPOUTS. THIS WATER WAS FOR BATHING AND WAS FED INTO THE TUBS BY A THIRD SPIGOT.

DURING WORLD WAR I, THE FAMILY TORE UP THE TENNIS COURTS AT THE REAR OF THE HOUSE TO ALLOW SPACE FOR A VICTORY GARDEN.

THE HOUSE WAS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN 1974. IT IS NOW DIVIDED INTO APARTMENTS.

BURTON IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST MAN IN OHIO TO TAKE OUT A MILLION DOLLAR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. BUT HE BORROWED AGAINST IT AND DIED VIRTUALLY PENNILESS, JANUARY 10, 1926.

HE IS BURIED IN THE EARLHAM CEMETERY IN RICHMOND, INDIANA IN THE MAUSOLEUM WITH HIS WIFE AND PARENTS.





THIS IS THE FIRST WESTCOTT CAR THAT I WAS ABLE TO RIDE IN. IT IS OWNED BY HARRY AND ROSEANNE VAN PELT OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

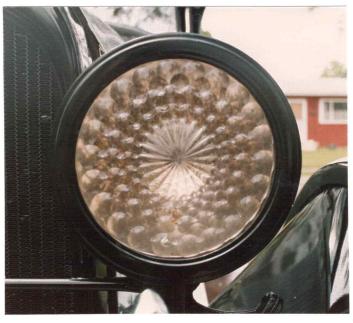
IT IS A 1919/1920 MODEL B-38, LIGHTER-SIX, FIVE PASSENGER TOURING CAR.



DASH-BOARD AND STEERING WHEEL

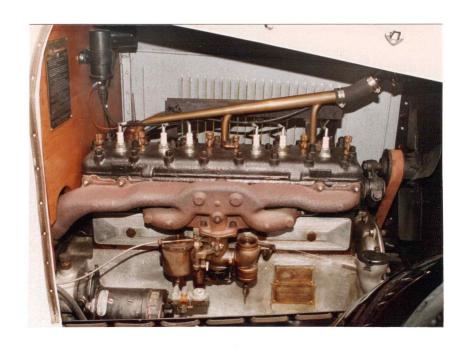
THE TEMPERATURE GAGE UNDER THE DASH WAS ADDED. THE CIGAR LIGHTER
IN THE DASH HAS A CORD THAT IS LONG ENOUGH TO REACH TO THE BACK SEAT.





ORIGINAL WOODEN WHEELS WITH EMBLEM.

ENGINE: CONTINENTAL SIX
CYLINDER MADE IN
MUSKEGAN, MICHIGAN.
THE PLATE ON THE FIREWALL IS THE INSTRUCTION
PLATE. THE TWO PLATES
ON THE ENGINE ARE THE
"WESTCOTT" PLATE AND THE
CONTINENTAL ENGINE PLATE.





THE VAN PELT "WESTCOTT" CAR TRAVELED ABOUT 3000 MILES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON A FLAT BED TRUCK. THE VAN PELTS HAD NEVER SEEN IT WHEN THEY BOUGHT IT. THE TRUCK DRIVER CALLED THEM FROM CHICAGO TO TELL THEM THAT THE CAR WAS FALLING APART. IT WAS DECIDED TO WIRE THE REMAINS TOGETHER TO GET THEM TO SPRINGFIELD.

THIS IS THE CONDITION AS THEY FIRST SAW IT. ROSEANNE GOT THE FIRST RIDE IN IT AS HARRY PUSHED IT DOWN THE DRIVEWAY.



1920 C-38 FIVE PASSENGER TOURING CAR - NEW YORK



1920 C-38 FIVE PASSENGER TOURING CAR - ILLINOIS



1920 FIVE PASSENGER TOURING CAR, SLANTED WINDSHIELD - SOUTH DAKOTA





1918 FIVE PASSENGER C-38 TOURING CAR - WISCONSIN



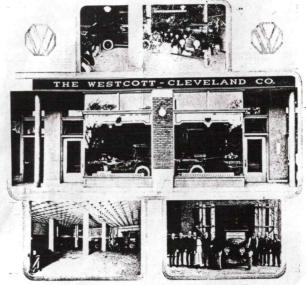
1922 C-38 TOURING CAR WITH A CALIFORNIA ROOF - MICHIGAN







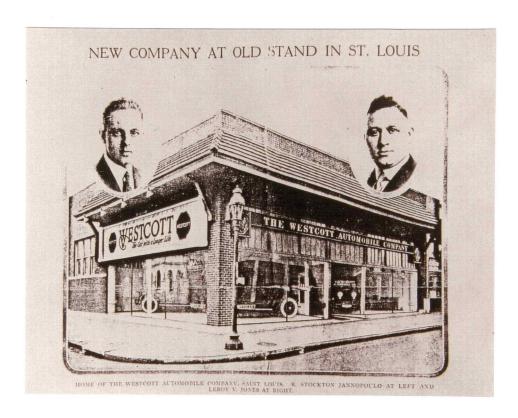
### ATTRACTIVE NEW WESTCOTT HOME IN CLEVELAND



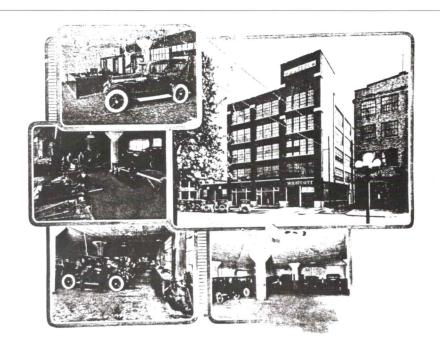
TRIS SPEAKER'S Cleveland Indians, who have made somewhat of a name for themselves on the baseball diamond, are setting a pace for the rest of the residents of the Fifth City.

Maybe it's the Indians' example, maybe it's the invigorating breeze from Lake Erie, but at any rate there's plenty of pep in Cleveland, and the Westoott organization there has this quality in abundance.

DEALERSHIP - CLEVELAND, OHIO



DEALERSHIP- ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



### CAPTION SAYS, "INTRODUCING OUR NEW DAYTON, OHIO DISTRIBUTOR"



### WESTCOTT POLO TEAM MAKES RECOF TO HARTFORD

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"Bob" Flynn's Westcott polo team cut a big figure among New England amateur polo organizations in the season just closed. Mr. Flynn, lacal of Robert C. Flynn, Inc., Westcott distributors in Hartford, is a polo enthusiast and placed the Westcott colors on a team in the Hartford city league.

The team proved an aggregation of "go-getters" and landed in first place by a comfortable margin. Not astisfied with that they met all the good amateur teams of that section of the country and won the New England title by defeating Providence.

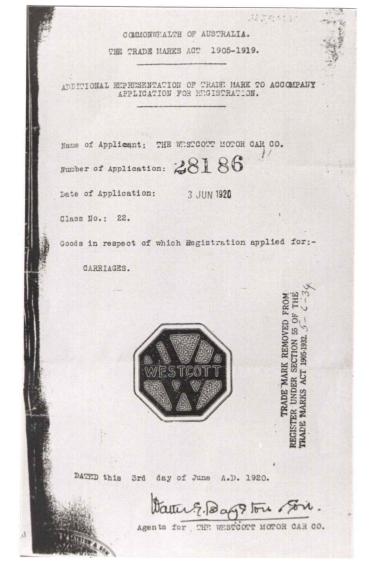
Later the team played some of the leading professional teams of the east and made an exceptionally good showing.

Mr. Flynn is shown with his athletes in the accompanying photograph of the team.

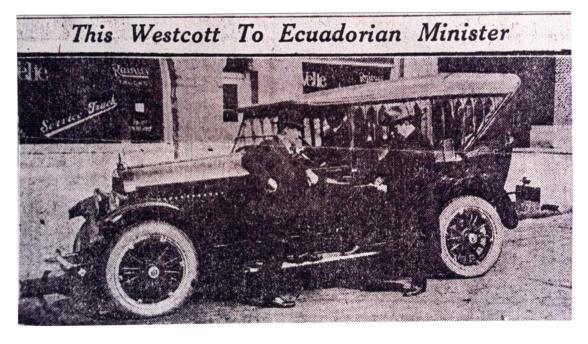


WINNING WESTCOTT POLO TEAM OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

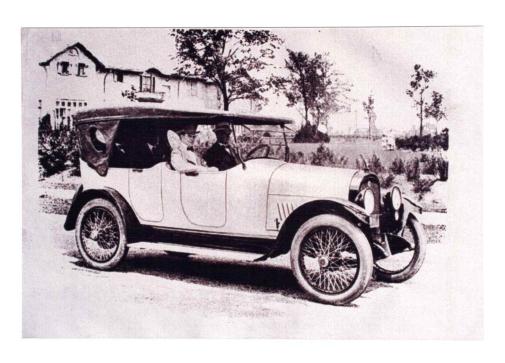
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT DEALER SPONSORED A WINNING POLO TEAM



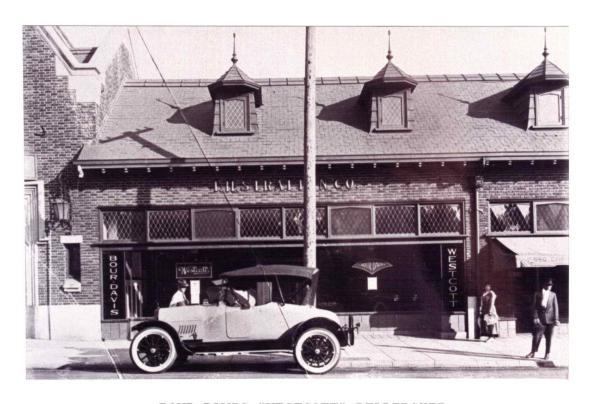
COPY OF A 1920 DOCUMENT TO IMPORT WESTCOTT CARS INTO AUSTRALIA NOTE: THREE WESTCOTT CARS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN LOCATED IN NEW ZEALAND



1919 PHOTO SHOWING THE ECUADORIAN MINISTER TAKING POSSESSION OF HIS "WESTCOTT".



1917 WESTCOTT



BOUR-DAVIS "WESTCOTT" DEALERSHIP LOCATION A MYSTERY

OFFICE & BERVICE STATION

### WESTCOTT MOTOR COMPANY

DISTRIBUTORS OF WESTCOTT MOTOR CARS
577H STREET AT SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

WESTCOTT

June 13th, 1921.



### USED CARS ON HAND.

WESTCOTT- 3 pass. coupe, model A/38. This car is equipped with a brand new engine- is repainted gray with black running gear. Is equipped with 5 new cord tires,-

WESTCOTT- 5 pass. sedan, model '17 or '18. Mechanically overhauled and guarenteed. The upholstery is in very good condition. Asking price \$1475.00 Equipped with 5 very good tires.

WTSTCOTT- 7 pass. sedan, model 18A known as the Mitchell car. This car has been overhauled mechanically and includes new rear axle gears. Equipped with new set of slip covers.

WBSTCOTT- 7 pass. limousine-sedan, model B48 known as the Spiegel car. This car has been driven 3000 miles and has been repainted. Equipped with 2 new extra tires, and tire covers. Asking price \$3800.00

STUTZ- 4 pass. touring completely overhauled and repainted. Thre wheels- 5 good thres-known as the Series S and is equipped with a magneto. This car is a good buy at- \$1375.00

FASH- 1920, 5 pass. touring- cord tires, mechanically overhauled. Asking price \$875.00

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John O. Ekblom.

NEW YORK DEALER - AD FOR USED CARS ON HAND - 1921

IN 1920 THE SMALLER SERIES CONSISTED OF:

5 PASSENGER TOURING CAR \$2090.00
2 or 3 PASSENGER ROADSTER \$2090.00
5 or 7 PASSENGER TOURING CAR \$2590.00
3 PASSENGER (ONE SEAT) COUPE \$2890.00
5 PASSENGER SEDAN \$3190.00
7 PASSENGER SEDAN \$4190.00

THESE WERE THE "LIGHTER SIX" MODELS THE "LARGER SIX" BODY TYPES WERE:

- 5 PASSENGER TOURING CAR
- 7 PASSENGER TOURING CAR
- 7 PASSENGER LIMOUSINE-SEDAN

ALL CLOSED WESTCOTT CARS HAD 3 PIECE WINDSHIELDS.
LATER IN 1920 THEY INTRODUCED A 4 PASSENGER COUPE.



# The development of "The Closure" permits The Westcott Company to now concentrate its facilities on building closed cars. The open car is rapidly passing. Three out of every four buyers now prefer the closed type—according to a report compiled by the National and the National Accordance with the National Accor

It was inevitable that some manufacturer should advance with this trend and concentrate on building a line of closed cars to meet every need.

Westcott takes the lead in this move by producing the new Closure—a car that combines fine car performance, closed car comfort and open car

The N. A. C. C. figures show that the



ALL EIMINATED BY THE CLOSURE. These seven arguments for the open car are answered by The Closure. I.— It handles and rides over poor roads as easily as any open model and without developing squeaks and rattles. 2.—First cost, upkeep and depreciation are no higher. 3.—Its extra weight is only equal to that of a small

to the full enjoyment of touring.
Yet with all these open car advantages perfect weather protection is
provided. Sliding windows on either
side instantly ventilate the interior.
Dealers knowing the trend in public
demand will appreciate the advantages of handling a line of closed cars
built to meet every need. Write for
full information.

THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR CO. SPRINGFIELD, OHIO



### "ALL ELIMINATED BY THE CLOSURE"

BY 1923 CARS WERE NOT SELLING WELL AND THE COMPANY WAS IN TROUBLE. THAT YEAR THE ALL NEW WESTCOTT "CLOSURE" WAS HEAVILY ADVERTISED. IT WAS A TOURING CAR WITH A SEMI-PERMANENT "CALIFORNIA TYPE" TOP THAT FEATURED SLIDING SIDE WINDOWS. THE "CLOSURE" OFFERED THE LIGHTNESS AND LOW PRICE OF AN OPEN MODEL WITH THE COLD WEATHER BENEFITS OF A CLOSED SEDAN. IT WAS PRICED AT \$1795.00. WESTCOTT CITED "SEVEN REASONS WHY BUYERS HAD HERETOFORE PREFERRED OPEN CARS".

1.	LESS SQUEAKING AND RATTLING	
	ON POOR ROADS	23%
2.	LOWER PRICE	16%
3.	LIGHTNESS (NOT TOPHEAVY)	15%
4.	ADAPTABLE FOR BUSINESS AND	
	FARM USE	15%
5.	SAFETY (LIGHTER OPEN MODELS	
	WERE OFTEN EASIER TO STOP)	14%
6.	BETTER VENTILATION IN HOT	
	WEATHER	13%
7.	MORE ADAPTABLE FOR TOURING	48

STATISTICS WERE SUPPLIED BY THE NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PUBLICIZED BY THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY.



## Is the First Sale the Last?

When you sell a man a car, is it the first and last time you will ever have a chance to sell him? Or will your customer be so well satisfied that he will want another car of the same make the next time he is in the market?

Westcott dealers are singularly fortunate in this respect. They enjoy the continued patronage of a large following

The reason for this is not hard to find. Westcott cars are "built to endure"—to give trouble-free service over a long period of years. One sale inevitably leads to another later on.

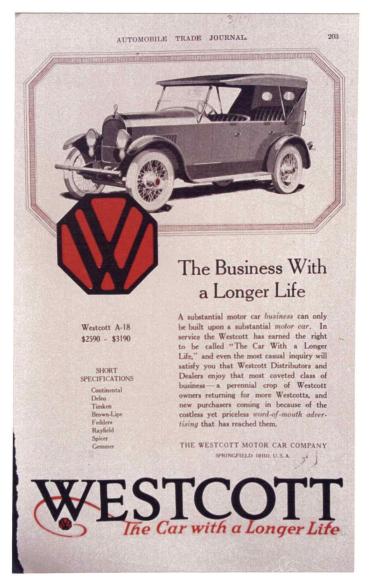
If you would like to link up with a car in this enviable class, we shall be glad to give you complete details of the Westcott Sales Franchise as it applies to your territory.

Write or wire today.



THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY - SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

FROM MOTOR AGE - 1924



AUTOMOBILE TRADE JOURNAL



THIS WAS MY FIRST INTRODUCTION TO THE WESTCOTT CAR. IN 1984, MY COUSIN, RALPH WESTCOTT OF FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA, BROUGHT ONE OF THESE CALENDARS TO THE WESTCOTT SOCIETY REUNION IN ZANESVILLE, OHIO. HE HAD PURCHASED IT AT A FLEA MARKET.

AS IT HAPPENS, THE COMPANY WHO PRODUCED THE CALENDAR IN 1975, SHAW-BARTON, IS LOCATED IN COSHOCTION, OHIO. I CONTACTED THEM AND WAS ABLE TO GET A CALENDAR FOR OUR FAMILY SOCIETY LIBRARY.



Ed Morris of North Little Rock with Emma Hall

EMMA WHITTINGTON HALL OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY IN 1993

IN 1992 EMMY - A DESCENDANT OF HENRY WESTCOTT - FLEW HER OWN PLANE TO OHIO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HER ANCESTRY.

IN 1940 A CPT FLYING PROGRAM WAS BEGUN WHICH REQUIRED ONE WOMAN FOR EVERY NINE MEN AND EMMY HALL WAS THAT WOMAN. SHE EARNED HER PILOTS LICENSE AT THAT TIME.

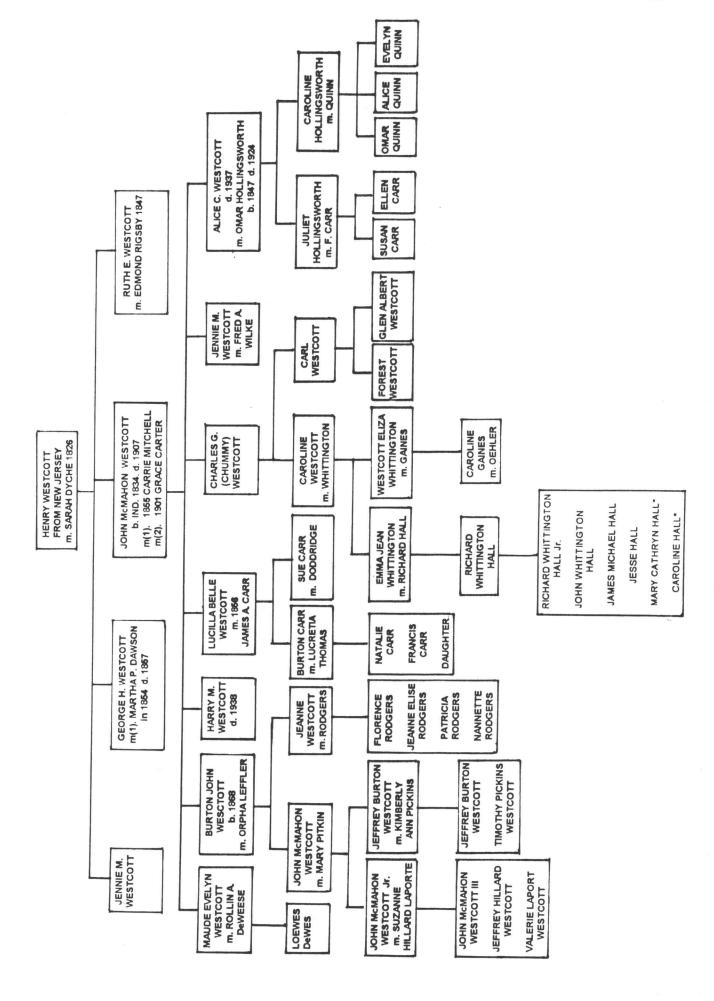
DURING WORLD WAR II, SHE WAS A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AND TAUGHT NAVY CADETS FLYING OUT OF ATLANTA WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A RADIO. SHE CONTINUES TO BE AN AVID PILOT, AND AT 76 SHE STILL FLIES HER TWIN ENGINE BEECHCRAFT CALLED, "DOLLY THE DUCHESS".

IN 1989 EMMY WAS HONORED BY BEING CHOSEN "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR".

IN 1993 EMMY WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ARKANSAS AVIATION HALL OF FAME. SHE WAS ONLY THE SECOND WOMAN TO RECEIVE THIS HONOR.

SHE STAYS ACTIVE WITH BALLROOM DANCING COMPETITIONS AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE HALL TANK COMPANY.

# DESCENDANTS OF HENRY WESTCOTT







AS THE TWO STREET SIGNS IN LIBERTY, INDIANA SHOW FOR THE SAME STREET, MANY TIMES THE MIDDLE "T" WAS LEFT OUT OF "WESTCOTT".

HENRY WESTCOTT CAME FROM NEW JERSEY AND MARRIED SARAH DYCHE IN WARREN COUNTY, OHIO. THEY BECAME RESIDENTS OF UNION CO. INDIANA IN 1832.

THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN; JENNIE M. WESTCOTT, GEORGE H. WESTCOTT WHO MARRIED MARTHA P. DAWSON AND m. 2nd. ELIZABETH ...., RUTH E.WESTCOTT WHO MARRIED EDMUND RIGSBY, AND JOHN McMAHON WESTCOTT.

HENRY PURCHASED LAND IN 1832. A PARTIAL DESCRIPTION READS AS FOLLOWS: "....RUNNING WEST WITH THE SECTION LINE FOURTEEN CHAINS 75 LINKS TO A STONE. THENCE NORTH ELEVEN CHAINS AND FIFTY LINKS TO A STONE ON A SMALL BRANCH. THENCE DOWN THE MEANDERS OF THE BRANCH TO A STONE WHICH BEARS EAST THREE CHAINS THIRTY FIVE LINKS....". HE PAID \$450.00 FOR THIS LAND.

1835 HE PAID \$1600.00 FOR MORE LAND. LATER DEEDS SHOW THE SELLING OF LOTS IN THE "HENRY WESTCOTT" ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF LIBERTY".



HENRY WESTCOTT MONUMENTS IN LIBERTY, INDIANA







LOGO OF THE WESTCOTT MOTOR CAR COMPANY 1909 - 1915 RICHMOND, INDIANA 1916 - 1925 SPRINGFIELD, OHIO



WESTCOTT HOME IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO WITH A WESTCOTT CAR IN FRONT OF IT.