

## ***Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America***

The Westcott Society was founded on January 13, 1934 by Roscoe L. Whitman.

Our Motto: Know Your Kindred Better

Our Objective: To commemorate fittingly outstanding anniversaries and events in our family's history; to memorialize our early family by suitable tablets; to promote genealogical study of our family; to create and develop interest and pride in family achievement; to provide when possible care of ancestors' graves, including official markers for graves of family's wartime soldiers, sailors, etc.; to support and advocate steadfastly the defense and protection of this country which our ancestors helped create, and the conservation of the United States Constitution and the American people's liberty; to meet, know, and enjoy our kindred.

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2022 Westcott Society Reunion Local Hosts

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Westcott Society: <https://www.sswda.org/>

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***43rd Westcott Society Reunion***

***June 17 to June 19, 2022***

***Holiday Inn***

***3009 Tower Hill Road (U.S. 1)***

***South Kingstown, RI 02874***

## ***STUKELY WESTCOTT, 1592 - 1677***

Planter and colonizer, one of the 13 original proprietors of Providence Plantations and Colony of Rhode Island; of Salem, Mass., 1635, Providence, R.I., 1638, and Warwick, R.I., 1647. His wife, Juliana Marchant. Their children: Damaris (Arnold), Samuel, Robert, Amos, Mercy (Stafford), Jeremiah. Spelling of the name has changed through the years even within the same family group. Spelling can read Westcott, Wescott, Westcot and other spelling variations.

### **Thursday, June 16**

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The Hospitality Suite, Room 102 adjacent to the lobby, will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Stop by after you check in to say hello, pick up a reunion packet, view exhibits for the weekend and learn about local attractions.

#### **Westcott Society Board Meeting**

Room 104, Holiday Inn, 7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, June 17**

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#### **Hospitality Suite**

Room 102, Holiday Inn, 9:00 a.m.

#### **Gathering at the South County Museum**

Limited to 50 Pre-registered Participants, 10:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Travel by bus to the South County Museum, see the blacksmith shop, vintage letterpress demonstration, special exhibits on the Westcotts and other fishing families of Galilee, and enjoy a picnic.

#### **Westcott Genealogy Workshop**

Hospitality Suite, Room 102, Holiday Inn, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

#### **South County Seafood Buffet**

Narragansett Room, Holiday Inn, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Gather with your cousins for a cash bar and appetizers, a South County Seafood Buffet, and a visit from Stukely and Juliana's dear friend Roger Williams (aka NPS Ranger John McNiff).

## **Saturday, June 18**

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#### **General Membership Meeting**

Narragansett Room, Holiday Inn, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Let's get down to business, learn what is new and planned to strengthen and grow the Westcott Society, elect officers and board members, and remember those who have passed since our last meeting.

#### **Walking Tour of Historic Wickford**

Limited to 30 Pre-registered Participants, 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Travel by bus to Wickford for a stroll with North Kingstown Historian Tim Cranston and learn about Captain John Westcott the chandler and other cousins who contributed to the growth and prosperity of this unique harbor community on Narragansett Bay. After the tour, you will have time for lunch and/or shopping in the charming village of Wickford.

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#### **On-Your-Own Fieldtrips**

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Check the many nearby cultural and recreational sites listed in your Reunion Packet.

#### **Rhode Island Italian Fiesta**

Narragansett Room, Holiday Inn, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The many Italian settlements from Federal Hill in Providence to Westerly to the East Bay brought a rich variety of food traditions to Rhode Island. We will gather at 6:00 for a cash bar and *Salumi e Formaggi*, and then enjoy a festive buffet with an antipasto, chicken marsala, vegetable lasagna, and biscotti.

The Hospitality Suite will be open from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

## **Sunday, June 19**

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#### **Cousins Farewell**

Stop by the Hospitality Suite, open from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., before you check out or head to the beach.

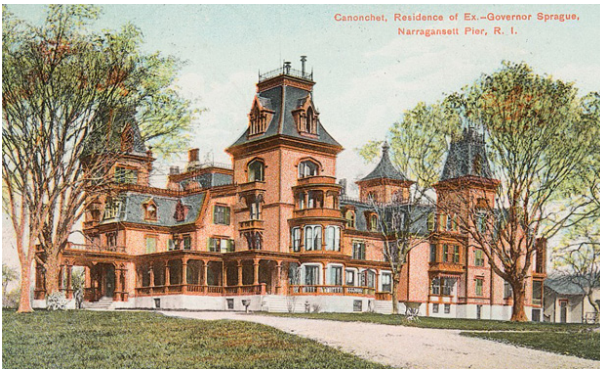
## Meet the Spragues

William Sprague IV (1830–1915) was (once and then again later) fabulously wealthy, heir to the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company. He was the governor of Rhode Island at the start of the Civil War, formed his own artillery company, marched to defend Washington, D.C., and then fought at Bull Run.

Sprague later served in the U.S. Senate and was the first Narragansett Town Council President (1900). But his greatest battles were with his first wife Kate Chase, daughter of Lincoln rival Salmon P. Chase and the *Belle of Washington*, and with her lover Senator Roscoe Conkling.



The Spragues built an elegant mansion on Canonchet Farm (site of the South County Museum), the largest private residence in Rhode Island before the mansions of Newport were constructed. The building burned to the ground in 1909. Sprague then moved to Paris with his second wife (and the source of his second fortune), Dora Inez Calvert. He died in Paris in 1915.



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**South County, R.I.**

# Welcome to the South County Museum

Here Rhode Island's coastal legacy has been celebrated since 1933, where you can explore a rich heritage of the local rural and coastal life. The museum's beautiful eight-acre campus is located on a 174-acre town park that was once the 19th-century estate of Rhode Island's Civil War-era governor and postwar senator, William Sprague IV.

We gather in the Metz Exhibit Building where the featured display focuses on the Westcotts and other fishermen who made Galilee, R.I. the second busiest commercial fishing port in New England.

Then we will divide into three groups – check the word "MUSEUM" on your name badge for your group's color – for a round-robin of three activities following the schedule below. After the first activity, we will picnic on the lawn between the Print Shop and the Metz Building.



Start Time	RED	BLUE	GREEN
11:15	Blacksmith	Print Shop	Metz Building
Noon	PICNIC LUNCH		
12:45	Metz Building	Blacksmith	Print Shop
1:30	Print Shop	Metz Building	Blacksmith
2:15	BOARD THE BUS — PLEASE BE ON TIME		



## Blacksmith Shop

Master blacksmith Jim Crothers will fashion a piece of hardware or a simple tool as he demonstrates how “The work doesn't begin until the blacksmith makes the tools,” and talk about his mentor at the forge, William Wescott Smith.

Jim may ask for a volunteer to don eye protection and an apron to make the anvil ring.

## Print Shop

Printer Ed Shunney will explain some of the technology that was used to print Roscoe Whitman's *History and Genealogy of the Ancestors and Some Descendants of Stukely Westcott* including the museum's linotype machine and 28 original cut blocks used to illustrate the first volume.



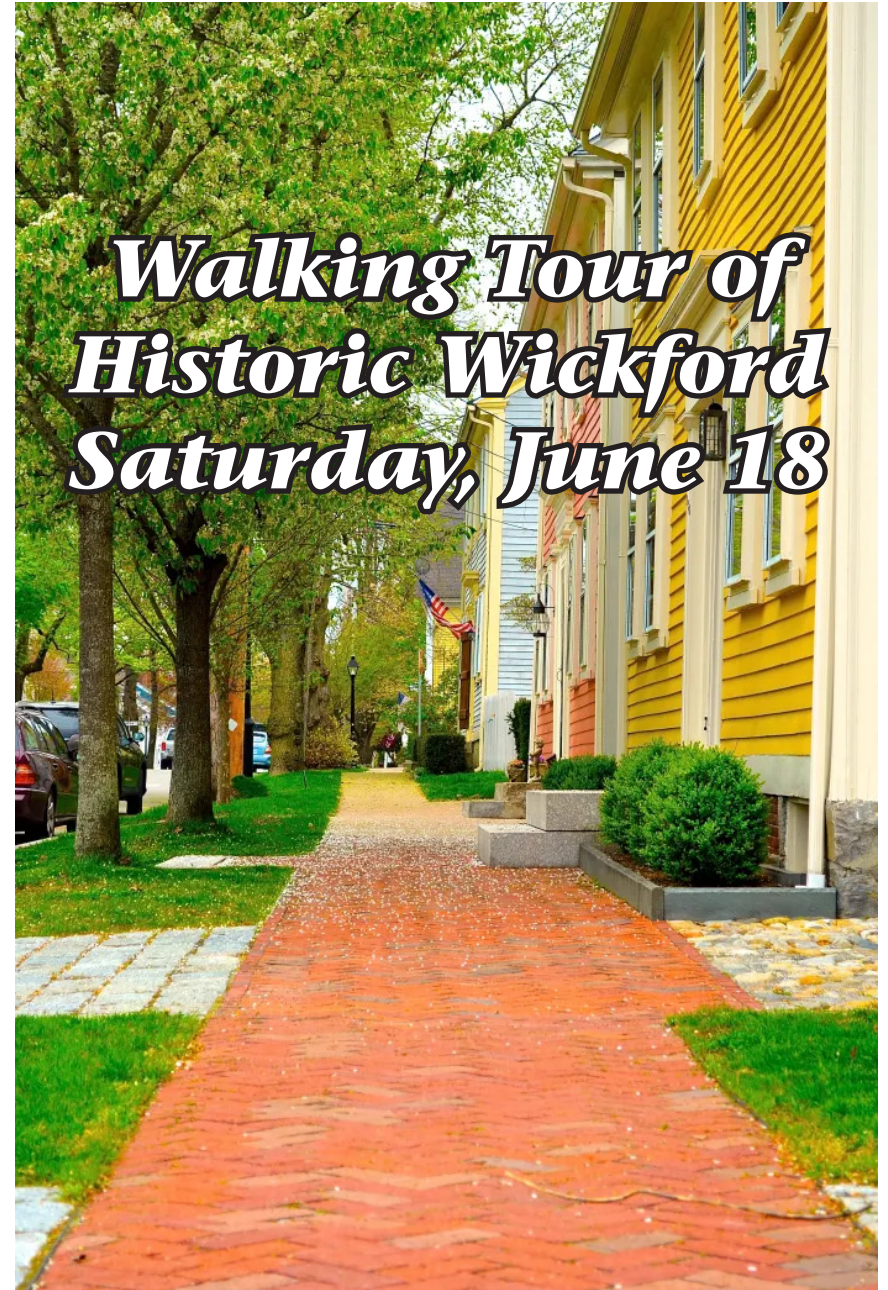
## ***Our Path “The Grand Highway”***

(Excerpted from <https://histwick.org/wickfords-history/>)

Before the arrival of the first Europeans, Wickford was a small island bounded on the north by what is now Mill Cove (North Cove), on the south by Academy Cove (South Cove), on the east by Wickford Harbor, and on the west by a narrow neck of water connecting Mill Cove and Academy Cove. It was populated by the Narragansett tribe who, around 1637, sold parcels of this land to both Roger Williams and Richard Smith. Following Smith's acquisition of Williams' property, the Cocumscussoc plantation or Smith's Castle, as it came to be known, became a center of social, political and religious life in the area.

Lodowicke Updike, the grandson of Richard Smith, developed Cocumscussoc into one of the great plantations of New England. Over time, it came to encompass more than 3000 acres. In 1709, he laid out a formal village with a wide street (The Grand Highway) leading to the harbor, which became Wickford's present Main Street. Additional streets were then laid out and lots were offered for sale, each “with three rods of frontage.”

The protected harbor was key to the prosperity of the village. Over time, it evolved from a primary port supplying and transporting the produce of the “plantations” of the early 1700's to a booming facility for shipping and shipbuilding after the Revolutionary War. Unlike Newport on the other side of the bay, Wickford was left mostly “untouched” by the Revolutionary War, becoming a haven for wealthy Newport residents seeking to avoid the British occupation of their town. Many of Wickford's historic houses date from this post-war boom period (1780–1830) as it gained in prominence as an active shipbuilding and trading center.



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**Welcome to the Walking Tour of Historic Wickford Village with local historian Tim Cranston.**

Meet Tour Leader Laura Westcott (312 622-1667) in the hotel lobby to board the bus in time for a **10:00 a.m. departure** for Wickford. We will meet Tim at the Wickford Town Dock for a leisurely, informative walk along Main Street finishing at the head of Brown Street at noon. We will then have time for lunch or shopping. Here are a few eateries in Wickford:

- 1. Wickford on the Water**, 85 Brown Street  
Full Service Restaurant and Bar, Dining Room and Deck  
<https://www.wickfordonthewater.com/>
- 2. Tavern by the Sea**, Brown Street next to Updike Park  
Full Service Restaurant and Bar, Dining Room and Deck  
<http://www.tavernbythesea.com/>

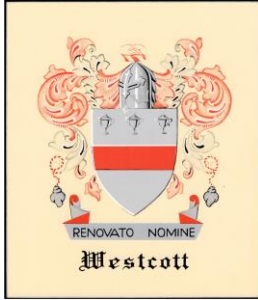
- 3. Shayna's Place**, 45 Brown Street  
Coffee, Sandwiches, Pastries, Seating out front and in an adjacent park  
<https://www.shaynasplaceri.com>

- 4. The Place**, 95 Brown Street  
Pizza and Sandwiches To Go, Seating Out Front and in Updike Park  
<https://www.facebook.com/The-Place-113499725350315/>

- 5. Alma's Juice Bar and Market**, 2 Main Street  
Sandwiches and Smoothies, Seating Out Front and In Updike Park  
<https://www.almajucebar.com/>

Please be ready to board the bus at the designated spot in the parking lot behind Brown Street for a **1:30 p.m. departure** to return to the Holiday Inn.





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### Forty-Third Biennial Meeting South Kingstown, Rhode Island June 18, 2022

Call to Order

Opening Prayer and Memorial Service

Salute to the Flag

Recognition of Active Service Members and Veterans

Registrar's Report

Announcement of the Barlow Westcott Scholarship Winner: Pete Bentson

Winner – Jack Baumgartner

New Business:

Group Photo

Slate of Officers for 2022-2024

- PRESIDENT: Louise Aitcheson
- VICE PRESIDENT: David Leflar
- SECRETARY: Mary Pat Carroll
- TREASURER: Bart Westcott
- REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: Jeff Westcott
- HISTORIAN: David Wescott Smith
- CHAPLAIN: Laura Westcott
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
  - Lynn Hulkow
  - Jennifer Verruto
  - Cathie Westcot
- QUARTERLY EDITOR: Connie Stirling
- WEBMASTER: Jim Leflar
- SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR: Pete Bentson

2024 Reunion

Closing Prayer  
Adjournment

## Membership report

Current Members as of June 15,2022	
Members	152
Life Members	87
Youth Members	12
Associate Members	2
Associate Life Members	3
Total Members	<u>256</u>
New since 2018 general meeting	
Members	14
Youth Members	5
New Associate Members	1
New Members Now Life Members	1
Total New Members	<u>21</u>
Members Who Became Inactive since 2018	
Members	26
Life Members	12
Associate Life Members	4
	<u>42</u>



Treasurer's Report 2022

Treasurer's Report

	As of 1/1/18	As of 1/1/19	As of 1/1/20	As of 1/1/21	As of 1/1/22	As of 6/12/21
Cash	17,573	9,556	11,211	9,977	10,248	13,005
Due to Scholarship Fund	<u>(5,415)</u>	<u>(1,563)</u>	<u>(3,828)</u>	<u>(3,933)</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Assets	12,158	7,993	7,383	6,044	12,723	13,005
	1/1/18-12/31/18	1/1/19-12/31/19	1/1/20-12/31/20	1/1/21-12/31/21	1/1/22-6/12/22	
Dues	1,630	1,625	190	2,580	240	
Scholarship Fund Donations	2,943	2,265	105	2,615	75	
Pin Sales				682		
Reunion revenue					5,955	
Total Income	<u>4,573</u>	<u>3,890</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>5,877</u>	<u>6,270</u>	
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	(6,795)			(4,073)	(2,550)	
Reunion	(2,807)	(500)				
Web Hosting & Maintenance	(1,309)	(726)	(1,129)	(1,265)	(567)	
Newsletter	(875)	(794)	(400)			
Cost of Pins	(536)					
Postage	(191)	(111)		(168)	(296)	
Donation	<u>(77)</u>	<u>(104)</u>		<u>(100)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	
Total Outflows	(12,590)	(2,235)	(1,529)	(5,606)	(3,513)	

June 18,2022

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South County Seafood Buffet  
with Special Guest Roger Williams  
Friday, June 17, 2022***

***6:00 p.m. Cocktails and Appetizers  
Cash Bar (closes at 7:00)  
Beer, Wine, Sodas  
Vegetable Assortment Tray  
Salumi (Cheese and Crackers)***

***6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet  
Mixed Green Salad  
Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressings  
New England Clam Chowder  
Clam Cakes  
Baked Cod  
Rosemary Roasted Fingerling Potatoes  
Sweet Corn Succotash / Vegetable Medley  
Mac and Cheese***

***Coffee, Tea and Water  
Assorted Dessert Tray  
Cookies, Brownies, Pastries***

*2022 Westcott Society Reunion  
Rhode Island Italian Fiesta  
with Special Guests from  
The Warwick Historical Society  
Saturday, June 18, 2022*

*6:00 p.m. Cocktails and Appetizers  
Cash Bar (closes at 7:00)*

*Beer, Wine, Sodas*

*Salumi & Fromaggi*

*6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet*

*Mixed Greens Salad*

*Italian, Lemon Vinaigrette Dressings*

*Homemade Focaccia Bread*

*with Parmesan Dip*

*Chicken Marsala*

*Vegetable Lasagna*

*Rhode Island Pizza Strips*

*Italian Cookies—Homemade Biscotti*

*Coffee, Tea and Water*

*7:30 Presentation*

*R.I. Souvenirs Drawing*

*You have have been autmatically entered*

*Group Photo*