



Society of
Stukely Westcott
Descendants of America

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY
SPRING, 2018

FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings, Westcott Cousins:

Our 42nd Biennial Reunion in Indianapolis, IN, June 29-July 1, will be here before we know it. Please plan to join us! The Registration information is included in this Quarterly. Also, go to the website, www.SSWDA.org, and click on the headline for "SSWDA 2018 Reunion in Indianapolis" to see all the activities our committee has planned. We especially hope to see those of you who have young children/grandchildren. Our Youth Activities Director, David Leflar, plans for fun activities to help them to know each other and feel included. (See page 8 of this newsletter.)

Pack your Westcott Crest Polo Shirts before you travel to Indianapolis. On the chance that you did not previously purchase polo shirts, thanks to the connections of our Vice-President, Lynn Hulkow, The Westcott Store (<https://fugink.com/westcott>) for Westcott Crest polo shirts, crew neck sweat shirts, and Drifit shirts, (adult and children's sizes), will be open online MAY 5 – MAY 27 ONLY. All products purchased will ship on June 8 in time for Reunion.

Westcott products are not just for reunions! They're great for graduations, birthdays, family pictures, traveling, golf, watching TV, casual Fridays, shopping, and more. "You're always a Westcott no matter where", so share it! If you have youth sized shirts that have been outgrown, bring them along, and we'll set up a "hand me down" table in the Hospitality Room.

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

Finally, as my term as President of the Society comes to a close (mandated by our By-Laws), I want to offer my thanks to our SSWDA Board and Directors who have consistently helped to keep our momentum going forward. Our Reunions are more fun than ever, and we have some wonderful things "Westcott" on the horizon, including a trip to England in October 2019 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the marriage of our ancestors, Stukely Westcott and Juliana Marchant, in Yeoville. Southern England is glorious in October! We will have more details to come in the next edition of the Quarterly.

Hoping to see you all soon in Indianapolis!
Susan C. Morris, President / Susan.Morris@mac.com

2018 WESTCOTT REUNION REGISTRATION FORM (PAGE 1 OF 2)

Enclose both pages of this form with a check/money order for all fees.

REUNION REGISTRATION: REUNION DATES: JUNE 29 – JULY 1, 2018	How Many	Cost <small>Tax and gratuity are included in all Meal Prices</small>	TOTAL
Adults		\$5.00 per person	\$
Children under 18		No Charge	

FRIDAY MORNING: Indianapolis Motor Speedway VIP Tour (includes motor coach)			
Ages 18+		\$30.00 per person	\$
Ages 0 – 17		\$15.00 per person	\$

FRIDAY AFTERNOON: Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site (includes motor coach)			
Ages 18+		\$8.00 per person	\$
Ages 5 - 17		\$5.00 per person	\$
"Babes in Arms"		No Charge	

FRIDAY EVENING: Meet Your Cousins, Family Supper (Cash Bar) **			
Buffet dinner including BBQ chicken and the "famous" Indiana pork tenderloin		\$42.00 per person	\$
Ages 5-10		\$26.00 per person	\$
Age 4 and under		No Charge	

SATURDAY MORNING: Indy Fun Trolley Tour (pricing has changed from Winter Quarterly) / Lunch stop Shapiro's Deli (not included in price) www.shapiros.com			
<u>All Ages</u> Motor Coach from hotel to Shapiro's to meet the Trolley, returning to Shapiro's for lunch (cost not included). Second Trolley Tour in afternoon if morning becomes fully booked.		\$15.00 per person	\$

SATURDAY EVENING: BANQUET (CASH BAR) **			
Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef carving stations. Make your-own salad station, and a mashed potato "martini" station. Dessert station including cupcakes and cheesecake.		\$59.00 per person	\$
Ages 5-10		\$26.00 per person	\$
Age 4 and under		No Charge	

SUNDAY MORNING: FAREWELL COUSINS BREAKFAST BUFFET			
Breakfast buffet including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and Belgian waffles		\$35.00 per person	\$
Children (ages 5-10):		\$19.95 per person	\$
Children (age 4 and under):		No Charge	

KNOB CREEK BOURBON: Single barrel 9 year old bourbon with Westcott coat of arms stamped in the wax seal.		\$55.00	\$
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Total -- check or money order (do not send cash)			\$
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2018 WESTCOTT REUNION REGISTRATION FORM (PAGE 2 OF 2)

Print attendees names and state as you want them on the Name Tag:

NAME	STATE

In case we need to contact you (PLEASE PRINT):

NAME	
STREET ADDRESS / APARTMENT	
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	

** If there are special dietary requirements that cannot be met by the buffet offerings, please complete the form as if registering for the meal offered, but place a check mark here. We will be in touch with you after the registration form and payment have been received to follow up on this request.

Please contact me regarding special dietary requests.

⇒ DEADLINE FOR REUNION REGISTRATION: FRIDAY, June 1, 2018 ⇐

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CONDOLENCE



WESTCOTT, TOM (FRANK THOMAS) 92, of 95 Mechanic Street, Attleboro, MA (14 years), previously at 38 Commonwealth Avenue (58 years), died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on February 15, 2018. Predeceased by the love of his life, Patricia, 68 years, he leaves behind his children Peter Thomas Westcott, Nancy Westcott Pocock and Deborah Auliya Westcott, his granddaughter Jemila Kester and great grandchildren Sarah Kester and Hannah Kester.

Born September 12, 1925, he was the son of the late Frank Tourtellotte Westcott and Mildred Cullen Westcott of North Attleboro.

Among his achievements, Tom was appointed by President Reagan to the EPA Advisory Committee for Municipal Water, elected chairman by his peers, and testified in Congress in 1985 regarding the Clean Water Act. With that testimony, he was significantly responsible for saving the Clean Water Act and received an EPA Special Achievement Award for his contribution.

A graduate of MIT, while working for the Navy as an aeronautical engineer during WWII, Tom figured out how to eliminate the flame-outs occurring in steep climbs in jet engines which was one of the final developments before full scale production. It was a huge disappointment to him that the Navy would not let him fly any more once they saw his value to the program.

A registered Professional Engineer since 1960, Tom was President/CEO of Westcott Construction Corporation since the 1950s, Chairman of the Municipal Utilities Committee of the Massachusetts American General Contractors (AGC), 1983 Chairman of the Municipal Utilities Committee of the National AGC of America, and elected Treasurer of AGC in 1987.

Locally, Tom was one of the original founding committee members of the Hockomock YMCA and a trustee for years. He was the First President of Anawon Trust, now part of Bristol County Savings Bank, and an Honorary Trustee of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

After Patricia, his second love was fishing and he was an avid member of the International Light Tackle Tournament Association, with active membership since 1951. He was a superb, award winning fisherman on Cape Cod and the Islands, Palm Beach and the Caribbean, with an active commitment to the Masters Angler Tournament as a committee member since 1964.

Tom was a life force. His good humor, level headedness and unique perspective will be sorely missed and often remembered by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be announced in the near future. Please contact Duffy Poule at (508) 222-0193, 20 Peck St, Attleboro, MA 02703 for more information. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Hockomock YMCA, 300 Elmwood St, North Attleborough, MA 02760.

(Tom's daughter, Nancy Westcott Pocock, is on our SSWDA Board.)

BENEDICT ARNOLD: GUILTY AS CHARGED?

We occasionally have articles about Benedict Arnold as he is well known (albeit for unsavory reasons), and he is, in fact, a descent of Stukeley Westcott as noted below and in the flow chart to the right.

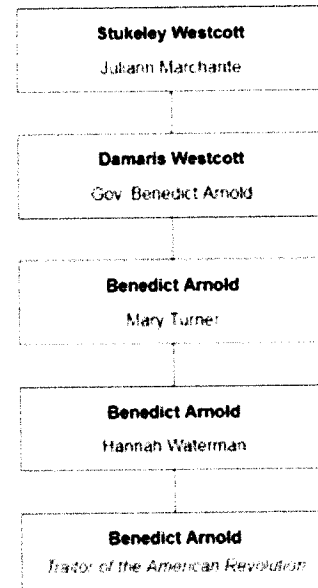
In the following article, his guilt has been questioned and a review requested with the hope of having it reversed.

Stukeley Westcott
(c1592–1677)

2nd Great-grandfather to

Benedict Arnold
Traitor of the American Revolution

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ARMY IS REVIEWING CHARGES AGAINST BENEDICT ARNOLD

By ISRAEL SHENKER / JUNE 9, 1973

<https://nyti.ms/1GUzvj>

Benedict Arnold will probably always be considered a traitor to this country, for having tried to surrender West Point to the British in 1780. But the tides of revisionist history may yet wash an earlier blot or two from his escutcheon.

Dr. Vincent A. Lindner of Scotch Plains, N. J., a history lecturer and newscaster, has taken the Arnold case in hand and petitioned the Army to set the record straight.

And the Army has decided to investigate.

Francis X. Foley, a super vising examiner in the Army Board for Correction of Military Records, has called for the archival records, and will carefully examine what the archivists turn up.

'Less of a Devil'

"The issue before the board is not to make an angel out of Arnold, but perhaps less of a devil," Mr. Foley said in an interview yesterday. "Arnold was a contentious person, but he was probably the best divisional commander the Army had."

What exercises Dr. Lindner is the belief that Arnold's conviction on two of eight charges—dating to a period before the West Point fiasco—was not only trumped-up but also crucial in leading this Colonial general into the pit of treason.

Dr. Lindner picked up the lance for Arnold in a perfectly conventional way— after reading the books of Kenneth Roberts, whose gift was for making history readable, popular and stirring. Instead of leaving things where Roberts did, Dr. Lindner determined to play a role in changing the record.

Arnold's court-martial took place in Morristown, N.J., and Dr. Lindner feels patriotic about his state. "I'm anxious to get people interested in our past," he said.

From start to dismal finish, the way histories read how Arnold's saga went: Born in Connecticut in 1741, Arnold ran off to a life of adventure. When the Revolution came he was commissioned a colonel, joined Ethan Allen, and—while Allen got credit for capturing Ticonderoga—it was Arnold who was probably greater still.

Arnold fought brilliantly in Canada, was wounded in the leg, and then promoted to brigadier general for his courage. He was also accused of nefarious conduct during the occupation of Montreal, but exonerated.

Since Arnold was a friend of George Washington, he was attacked by Washington's enemies. But when Connecticut was invaded in 1777, Arnold rode into battle and had two horses shot out from under him. A grateful Congress made him major general.

Arnold reciprocated by defeating Britain's General Burgoyne (suffering another wound, with his leg). In June, 1778, he was given command of Philadelphia. He lived well —perhaps, even well beyond his means—and was charged with extortion and misappropriation of public money.

A committee of Congress recommended his acquittal of all charges, including the two that had been proved: that he had issued a pass for a ship's departure without fulfilling all the requirements and that he had pressed idle public wagons into service to save private property from the enemy.

Feeling vindicated, Arnold resigned his Philadelphia command. But his enemy, Joseph Reed, president of Pennsylvania's Executive Council, got the charges reviewed by a court-martial. The court martial confirmed the Congressional findings, but recommended a reprimand from George Washington. Convinced that Arnold was being persecuted, Washington phrased the reprimand in terms amounting to a eulogy, and then offered Arnold command of the Northern army.

Too embittered to seek solace in loyalty, Arnold took refuge in treachery; he plotted to put the British in control of the Hudson. Foiled in this grand design, he sold his services to the enemy for a brigadier's rank and a handful of silver.

Before the Army can render a new verdict on the old court-martial, it must assure itself that the request for investigation comes from a relative of the deceased.

Through a news item, Dr. Lindner, who works for WPAT, found a 19-year-old Skidmore College sophomore, Mary P. Carroll of Ridge wood, N. J., who indeed appears to be an Arnold descendant.

"She claims to be a great great-great—I think there are 12 greats — grand-cousin of Benedict Arnold," said Mr. Foley of the Army board. "We'll have to go into her genealogy before we examine the application. But we'll do them collaterally, since I don't want to delay this investigation."

Nov 20, 1973:

Army Still Not Convinced Of Arnolds Innocence WASHINGTON (API –

After poring over time-yellowed records, an Army board has ruled solemnly that there isn't enough evidence to clear Gen. Benedict Arnold of Revolutionary War misconduct charges. But Vincent A. Lindner, a Scotch Plains, N J., history buff who reopened the 193-year-old case, says "public opinion is now in Arnold's corner" and he's going to appeal to Congress.

The Army's Board For Correction of Military Records did not look into treason accusations that have blackened Arnold's name throughout history. What it did examine was Lindner's claim that Arnold should not have been convicted by a 1780 court-martial on two charges of misconduct, including "using public wagons to transport private property." Lindner contends Arnold was a victim of "character assassination" by political enemies, that the prosecution never proved Arnold profited by his actions, and that the general was subjected to double jeopardy because a congressional committee previously had exonerated Arnold of the same charges.

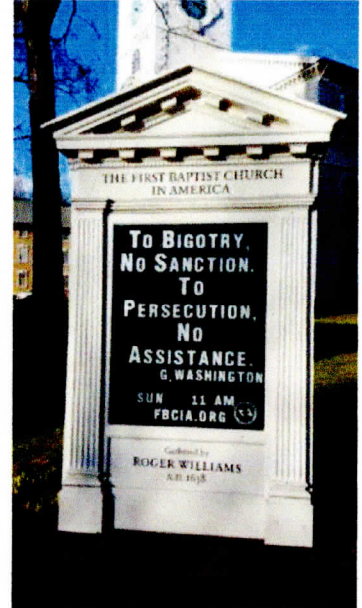
Recently, about five months after agreeing to consider Lindner's formal appeal, the Army board notified him that "insufficient evidence has been presented to indicate probable material error or injustice" and that his application was denied. Raymond J. Williams, the board's executive secretary, told a reporter "we tried to give the guy (Arnold) a fair shake. We spent a lot of time on the case." Williams said, "We had extreme difficulty in locating the records of General court martial." Arnold's " The records were hard to decipher," Williams said. "It was terrible."

Lindner had no complaint against Army board officials, calling them "fair minded men working within the framework of ... military law." But he said in a letter to The Associated Press that "I have no intention of abandoning my appeal." Many people who have read or heard of his appeal have been writing to him, Lindner said, and the mail is running at better than nine to one in favor of Arnold. Lindner plans to encourage historical societies and pro-Arnold people to write their congressmen. "A congressional committee in 1779 did find Arnold innocent of these charges," Lindner said. "That pronouncement has never been altered."

EASTER FLOWERS

The Society's historian, David Smith, advises that he has made the annual Easter flower donation to the First Baptist Church in America, Providence, RI in loving memory of Betty Westcott Acker.

David has sent the photo below with the flowers during the Easter morning service's "Children's Message".



REUNION CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

From the Director of Youth Activities, David Eli Leflar:

Greetings, Cousins! As we begin preparations for our convergence upon Indianapolis this summer, I hope you plan to bring the whole family -- children included -- to our 42nd biennial Stukely Westcott Descendants celebration. Not only will we have the opportunity to visit the acclaimed Children's Museum of Indianapolis (literally the world's largest children's museum!), but also we will have youth activities prepared to entertain our youngest SSWDA members while the grownups enjoy the Friday evening activities. In the past, youth activities have included puzzles, games, coloring books, balloon animals, and additional options for all ages! Please be sure to include your children's names and ages on your Reunion Registration.

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