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Society of  
Stukely Westcott  
Descendants of America

THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY  
WINTER 2019

**FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**Greetings Westcott Cousins and Happy New Year!**

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and that 2019 brings Joy, Peace, and Happiness. Hats off to our Vice President, Lynn Hulkow, for working with FUG, Inc. and "BK" on reopening the Westcott Store for the Holidays! I know my family benefited with the gift of Westcott Swag!!

This Quarterly Message has multiple themes and I've attempted to organize them in a way that will make it easy to refer back to an item if desired.

**Stukely Westcott Society Scholarship**

Winter is the time that many of our high school seniors and college students are looking for scholarship funding for the next academic year. Please remind your young cousins that our **\$2500 Stukely Westcott Society Scholarship** is available to graduating high school seniors as well as to students already enrolled in a post-secondary educational program.

Stukely Westcott, (1592-1677), planter-churchman-public servant, held strong beliefs about liberty, freedom of speech, and taking action to create a new way of life in Colonial America. His commitment to those ideals is recorded in the history of early New England, and has been continuously modeled by his descendants through time since then.

To honor and promote these continuing family contributions to our Nation, the Westcott Society is pleased to offer a minimum of one \$2,500 scholarship to an applicant age 16-26, who will be entering, or returning to, an educational program beyond the high school level. The recipient, or parent of same, must be a member in good standing of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, and have been for at least two years, with all dues up-to-date.

Application documents are posted as downloadable PDFs on the website [www.SSWDA.org](http://www.SSWDA.org); **the deadline for submission is April 1, 2019**. The award will be paid directly to the Registrar of the institution where the recipient is enrolled. Winning essays will be published in the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America Quarterly Newsletter.

The **Scholarship Fund** is dependent on our donations and all monies designated for this are held in a separate, managed, account. I am grateful for the diligence our Cousin, Pete Bentson, devotes to the Scholarship Fund. We started 2018 with a Scholarship Fund balance of \$7,435.17, and we awarded one \$2,500 scholarship. Between June and December 2018 the Scholarship Fund received \$1,120 in donations, and as of December 2018 the fund had a cash balance of \$6,055.17. This means we have enough money on hand for just two scholarships, so please remember it, as you are able.

Speaking of the Scholarship Fund and donations...I want to thank each and every one of you that donated with your annual dues or at other times throughout the year. Your vision and commitment to the future in making this investment will pay dividends in the years and decades to come with the bright young people we are fortunate to have submitting applications. I believe this scholarship fund is more important than ever in helping our young scholars attain their post-high school education.

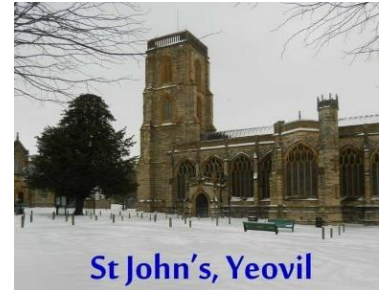
It is my goal to see the fund grow and wouldn't it be wonderful to have enough funds in the balance to award more than one scholarship each year? I think so!! To that end – the growth of the Scholarship Fund – stay tuned for opportunities to make contributions of any size. One such opportunity is the next topic and another idea is floated for the 2020 Reunion.

### **Westcott Society Pins**

Another way SSWDA Members can contribute to the Scholarship is through the purchase of our newly minted, **Limited Edition, Westcott Society Pins**. Details are in the article in this issue regarding the pins along with an order form to print or copy for inclusion with your check or money order. Your Board of Directors were consulted regarding the form and offering members the opportunity to contribute to the scholarship fund, and the feedback from a quorum of the Board was a unanimous Yes. Our sincere thanks to Lynn Hulkow for all of her hard work on restoring availability of these sharp looking updated lapel pins!

### October 2019 Trip to England

I hope those that have not signed up yet are still considering the **October 2019 Trip to England**. Our ancestors, Stukely Westcott and his wife Juliana Marchant, have a 400th wedding anniversary in Yeovil, England, in October 2019. We are offering an SSWDA trip to celebrate their wedding anniversary and our common bond to them from October 2-11, 2019, with an optional London Extension from October 11-14.



I am certain a fabulous time will be had by all while touring Yeovil and other spots where our ancestors lived (see trip info included in this Quarterly). If you are part of the SSWDA Facebook group, you really must check out the periodic posts from Mary Pat Carroll – she kindly keeps us all up-to-date on the happenings at St John's Yeovil.

Full details of the trip and its itinerary as well as a registration form, are available on the SSWDA website at [www.sswda.org](http://www.sswda.org) and while there take a few minutes to view the **Introductory Video Greeting** from **Rev. James Dudley-Smith, Rector of St. John's Yeovil**. They are eagerly awaiting our arrival and planning a wonderful celebration with us!

### SSWDA 2020 Reunion



The **2020 Reunion** will be held in the Seattle, WA area and Cousin Cathie Westcot will be greeting us with “Stuke” – our adorable tour guide pictured here. Stuke has been going around to various sites in the Seattle area with Cathie and she has been posting them on the SSWDA Group Facebook site for all to see. This photo is from September 2018 when Stuke took a look at The Green Labyrinth Sanctuary in Deming to meet some llamas, drive a tractor and take in the scenery.

A question for SSWDA members in the Seattle area as well as anyone planning to attend the 2020 Reunion – Would you be interested in participating in a mini golf outing? By mini I mean 9 holes rather than 18 holes to keep the time condensed? The idea is for proceeds after expenses to go to the Scholarship Fund, and we would look to get sponsorship dollars from businesses in the area in advance...businesses that would want to market to reunion attendees. I run a scholarship golf outing fund raiser for another group, so I know it is doable and fun!

Please e-mail me with input on this idea at [louise.aitcheson@gmail.com](mailto:louise.aitcheson@gmail.com) over the next month or so; I would be grateful for feedback on this either way – yes or no – input from members is important as we plan the 2020 Reunion. If there is enough interest in doing this, we will proceed with making plans to offer a 9-hole golf outing scholarship fundraiser in Seattle as an activity option.

In closing as I write this in the final days of 2018, I am thankful and grateful to be a member of SSWDA and to know those of you I've had the pleasure and honor of meeting. I'm also grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President and I look forward to working with our outstanding Board of Directors in the year to come.

*"Time is like a flowing river, no water passes beneath your feet twice, much like the river, moments never pass you by again, so cherish every moment that life gives you and have a wonderful New Year." ~Unknown*

Best regards,  
Louise Aitcheson, President

### **A NOTE FROM COUSIN NANCY**

Hello Westcott Society! I have been reading all the news from our members and decided to add my thoughts of how proud I am to be a member.

I am a descendant of Margaret Westcott and Hezekiah Matteson. I have been working for a long time to "certify" my claim to Margaret going through Hezekiah Matteson, Samuel Matteson, then Mercy Matteson married to Nathan Stone. Hugh Stone was also a original Proprietor. Nathan Stone is father of Russell Stone, Russell is the grandfather of my great Grandmother Mary Estelle Stone, who married William Henry Post, who is my direct line to Stephen Post who arrived in MA in 1634.

I am very honored to be a part of so many of the daring men and women who came to our shores in the early 1600s. The Westcotts, Mattesons, Stone, Post, Gibbs, Warrens and Hopkins to mention a few who I have been working on to make known as Patriots that fought and died for us to have the freedoms of our country. It pleases me to be a part of the Westcott Society that has done such a great job in honoring this line of our family.

After rereading what I just wrote, it sounds like a lot of bragging, but I can assure you, after joining the DAR I became very aware of my heritage of such brave men and women who gave us a free world. So many of those founding fathers gave up everything to be a free nation. Their stories are on Fold Three for everyone to read. The Westcott that died in the early Indian Wars, so many of our ancestors died doing what they believed in. Now I will get off my soap box. Forgive me for getting carried away.

-- Nancy Post Quillen

## LIMITED EDITION WESTCOTT SOCIETY PINS AVAILABLE

### PROCEEDS BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND



*Enlarged to Show Detail*

Based on feedback from our 2018 Reunion Attendees, Society Vice President Lynn Hulkow offered to research and spearhead the purchase of Westcott Society Pins with the Westcott crest. The result of her efforts shows in the pin pictured (*enlarged to show detail*); the actual size is 1-1/4" tall by 3/4" wide.

100 Pins were ordered and are available for sale as a fundraiser for the Westcott Society Scholarship program. Cost per pin is \$8.50 which covers manufacturing each pin, shipping & handling, and a donation of \$1.00 to the Westcott Society Scholarship Fund. I encourage you, if desired and able, to include an extra amount with your order for the Scholarship Fund – this is a phenomenal scholarship for our kindred and in these days of ever increasing tuition and limited or no financial aid, our young scholars need our support.

#### **ORDERING – please print this page / use for ordering:**

Orders must be sent by US Mail and must include payment in full by either a personal check or a money order. Please make check or money order payable in the whole amount to: **“For Deposit Only Lynn Hulkow SSWDA”**

Mail the order form with check to: **Lynn Hulkow  
16140 Garrett Way  
Marshall, MI 49068**

Lynn Hulkow will mail the pin(s) to you, and she will work with Bart Westcott to get the Scholarship Fund Donations to the appropriate account. Questions: Lynn Hulkow at [hulkster2@msn.com](mailto:hulkster2@msn.com) - or – 269-781-6201; or, Louise Aitcheson at [louise.aitcheson@gmail.com](mailto:louise.aitcheson@gmail.com) – or – 518-729-4189.

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# STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS TOUR

**Scheduled Departure**

**October 2 – 11, 2019**

**Optional London Extension**

**October 11 – 14, 2019**



**Day 1: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 • Depart**

Our journey begins as we make our way to London today.

**Day 2: Thursday, October 3, 2019 • London**

On arrival in London, we make our own way to the hotel located near Paddington Station. We have free time to relax or explore London before we meet the rest of the group for our welcome dinner at a traditional pub. **D**

**Day 3: Friday, October 4, 2019 • Yeovil**

Departing London this morning, we make our way to Salisbury where we visit Salisbury Cathedral, one of the great cathedrals of England. Built to reflect the glory of God in stone and glass, it has always been a setting for great occasions, for huge colorful processions, a majestic and awe-inspiring church - as it has done for over 775 years. After free time to explore the town and find lunch on our own, we re-board our coach and travel the short distance to visit the mysterious "hanging stone" formations at Stonehenge. After learning about this prehistoric enigma, we continue to Yeovil for dinner and overnight. **B,D**

**Day 4: Saturday, October 5, 2019 • Yeovil**

Today we tour St. John's Church and learn about its history and current work, see the church bells, climb the tower, and meet the Rector. Later we enjoy a traditional tea celebrating our visit with overseas "cousins" and local church members. The rest of the day is free to explore Yeovil or the surrounding Somerset area. **B**

**Day 5: Sunday, October 6, 2019 • Barnstaple**

We begin our day today at St John's Church where we celebrate church service together in honor of the 400th wedding anniversary of our ancestor. We depart Yeovil after lunch and set out for Cornwall and Devonshire. We visit Dartmouth where we have a little free time to explore on our own. It is believed our ancestor Stukely set sail from there when coming to America. We overnight in Barnstaple. **B,D**

**Day 6: Monday, October 7, 2019 • Barnstaple**

Today we visit Tintagel Castle. The unforgettable vistas leave us awestruck as we look for clues to Arthur's chivalry (and existence), inspect the "Arthur Stone," and Merlin's Cave and ponder other tenuous mysteries. We have free time for lunch and to see some of the locations used in the filming of the TV show, *Doc Martin* in Port Isaac, a small, white-washed fishing village overlooking the magnificent, striking Atlantic coastline. Our next destination is Plymouth, one of England's original trading posts, it was the point that the Mayflower set sail on its famous voyage. It is also where Sir

Francis Drake set sail from; our maternal ancestor, Juliana Marchant (Stukely's wife) is the Granddaughter of Captain John Marchant who sailed with Drake against the Spanish Armada. We visit the interactive exhibition and explore the harbor to see how Plymouth's coastal location has shaped its history. **B,D**

**Day 7: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 • Bath**

Departing Barnstaple this morning, we head northeast to Bath. We make a special stop en route at Exeter Cathedral. This is where John de Wescote was Canon Residentiary from 1216-1272. His father, Furbert de Wescote, was the first Wescote documented from the family history (1164-1225). On arrival in Bath, we meet a local guide and learn about the honey-colored Georgian houses and architecture as well as the various sights of Bath, including the Royal Crescent, Pulteney Bridge and Bath Abbey. The city of Bath, largely shaped by the Romans and once an important Roman town, houses the remnants of ancient thermal baths. We visit them as well as the Pump House and the Temple of Sulis Minerva and walk on 2000-year-old stones. We enjoy afternoon tea together at one of the many fine tea rooms in town before checking into our hotel and having the balance of the day at leisure. **B**

**Day 8: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 • Stratford-Upon-Avon**

Today we drive through the leisurely lanes of the Cotswolds, past bubbling brooks, and quaint villages. We make a quick stop at Stoney Littleton Long Barrow to view the fascinating prehistoric burial site, which is one of the finest examples of a chambered tomb and dates from 3500 BC. We stop along the way to have lunch in one of the charming villages, before continuing to Stratford-Upon-Avon, home of Shakespeare, the great bard himself. Sightseeing highlights center around the Shakespeare sights in the area, including, of course, the birthplace of the great writer, as well as the famed "Anne Hathaway Cottage." This will be a memorable day in the charming Cotswolds! **B,L**

**Day 9: Thursday, October 10, 2019 • London**

On our way back to London we stop in Oxford for a short tour of England's first university city. We discover something about the life of the students of the 36 colleges here and appreciate the spectacular skyline of tall towers and spires. Arriving in London, we take an afternoon panoramic tour of the city. Highlights along the way include Big Ben and Parliament, Trafalgar Square with the Lord Nelson Column, Westminster Abbey, and of course, Picadilly Circus. Later we check into the hotel and have dinner together as a group. **B,D**

Tower Bridge, London



**Day 10: Friday, October 11, 2019 • Return/London Extension**

Some of us transfer to the airport on our own this morning for a return flight home. For those extending in London, this morning we have a more in-depth exploration of London's most famous landmarks on a walking tour. We get up close to Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Picadilly and more! We also see the changing of the guard, complete with the horseguards and pagentry. The new guard departs Wellington Barracks and marches down Birdcage Walk to Buckingham Palace where they trade places with the outgoing soldiers in the Household division of the British Army. After lunch on our own we have an inside visit of the medieval masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral, including the transepts, porticos, towers and domes. With the help of a guide, we learn of its fascinating transition from the ruins of the Great Fire in 1666 to its present grandeur and the place where Diana married Prince Charles in 1981. After time to freshen up, we make our way to the famous Beefeater medieval banquet, held in torch-lit cellars. We can awe at the prowess of fighting knights, jesters, and minstrels while enjoying our meal with entertainment and even a little dancing. **B,D**

**Day 11: Saturday, October 12, 2019 • London**

First on our agenda is a visit to the British Museum for a special tour and experience. Expert guides will bring back life into the masterpieces of the world's ancient civilizations. We not only learn about the significance of the Rosetta stone and the beauty of the Parthenon sculptures, but also explore other objects. The tour might include the Mausoleum at Halikarnassos - one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, 'Ginger', the Sutton Hoo ship burial and many more 'must see' pieces. Exiting the museum, we gain a different perspective of London as we board a boat on the Thames River. We enjoy the lovely skyline while we cruise past Parliament and Big Ben, the London Eye, Canary Wharf, Maritime Greenwich, the Millennium Dome and other famous London sights. The rest of our day is free to explore individual interests. **B**

**Day 12: Sunday, October 13, 2019 • London**

The entire day is open for options, a time to explore on our own. Just a few of the many possibilities are the Tower of London, the Docklands or Greenwich area, the British War Museum, and for art lovers, the Tate Gallery. Certainly, of interest would be an hour or two at Harrods, one of the finest department stores in Europe. And, of course, a ride on the London Eye (ferris wheel) would be spectacular on a clear day. We meet up this evening for a final dinner together as a group. **B,D**

**Day 13: Monday, October 14, 2019 • Return**

We transfer to the airport on our own for our return trip to the U.S. **B**

**Tour Price: \$2,275**

Prices are per person, land only, double occupancy with a minimum of 25 participants

**Main Tour Single supplement: \$599**

**Optional LONDON Extension: \$1,426**  
with a minimum of 10 participants

**LONDON Extension Single supplement: \$299**

**Your Tour Includes:**

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- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Services of professional tour manager**
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- **Roundtrip Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
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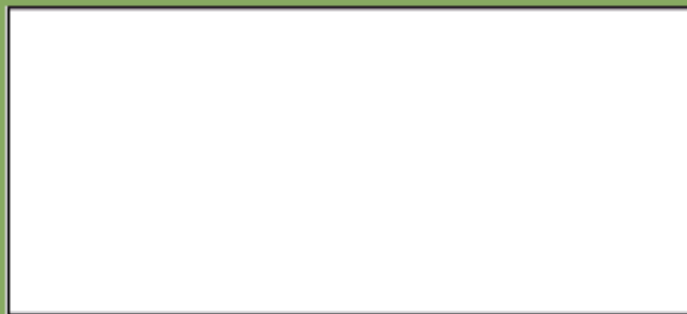
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**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

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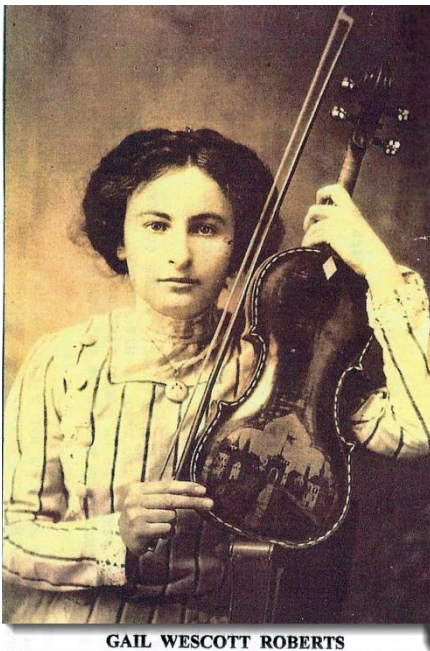
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## THE WESCOTT FIDDLE

The story goes back to the Seattle Folk Kife Festival on Memorial Day, 1986 where Lew Holt admired the violin for several days dreaming of owning it. After many bids, the violin belonged to him. Lew made a phone call to the man who took the violin to the auction. The man's father had been a violin dealer in Chicago at one time. He moved to California, taking the violin with him. He died there in 1980.

The violin was inscribed "Repaired by E.M. Wescott, Hampton, Iowa 1884". In another location, "Made by Eugene M. Wescott, Sumner, Iowa 1876. Age 19 years. Born in Crawford County, Pa. 1857". Gail Wescott Roberts inherited the violin from her father and played it on the Chatauqua Circuit. She graduated from the Chicago Institute of Art and also did oil paintings and sculptures.

A great-granddaughter of Eugene M. Wescott, Thyria Wilson in Colorado wrote that he made the violin with a piece of glass and a jackknife. He learned how to do it from a German violin maker who passed through Iowa. The inlaid wood pieces are from famous ships that sank in the Great Lakes. Her great-aunt Gail Wescott Roberts sold the violin to a dealer in Chicago during the great depression.



GAIL WESCOTT ROBERTS

Lew Holt began to search the internet for a descendant of Eugene M. Wescott. He found five Eugene Wescotts in his search. He called a Eugene Wescott in Fairbanks, Alaska and located the grandson of the violin maker. Eugene actually had a picture of his grandfather holding the fiddle. After playing the violin for a year or so Lew Holt contacted the grandson in Alaska, asking if he would like to have the violin. Eugene said yes. So with a big lump in his throat, Lew Holt boxed the violin and sent it home to a Wescott. After 60 years the violin was finally back with the family.

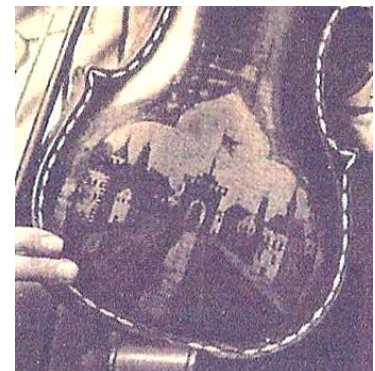
Came the reply, "Dear Lew the violin arrived safely at noon today, and it was very touching to actually hold it in my hands....."

Ancestry: Stukely (1), Jeremiah (2), Jeremiah, Jr. (3), George (4), George, Jr. (5), George III (6), George Washington W. (7), Orris Waterman W. (8), Eugene Merritt Wescott (9), Roy Russell Wescott (10), Eugene Michael Wescott (11)

Betty W. Acker / Society Historian, 2004



ADA MAY and EUGENE MERRITT WESCOTT  
SUMNER, IOWA - 1879



## REQUEST: WESTCOTT / WESCOTT IN WORLD WAR I

Dear Cousins,

Our descendants have fought in every major military engagement pre-and-post the American Revolution. Yesterday, the world commemorated the signing of the armistice that halted military actions in World War I.

Our cousin's collective narratives of their service in World War I are accumulated within our own family networks with limited expression within our larger family. According to Ancestry.com, 683 Westcotts and 640 Wescotts were issued World War I Draft Registration Cards. I know that not all of them served in actual military actions nor may have been shipped to the European battlefields; some did though. I can attest that some are buried in the American cemeteries in Europe.

I would like to collect as many of our cousin's World War I narratives (letter's, photographs, oral histories, military unit, and other materials) into one volume. I would like to have completed by our next reunion. If you would like to submit those narratives (as copies), please snail mail to Timothy Westcott, 1327 Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas, City, MO. 64127 or scanned copies to tim.westcott@park.edu.

If this particular family history is successful, we could proceed with a similar volume related to World War II and other military service. If you have family members that served in World War II or the Korean Conflict, and haven't engaged those family members in an oral history, may I suggest doing so in order for possible inclusion in our World War II and Korean Conflict volumes. As you sort through the many boxes of your history, please put aside and forward those. I would maintain those records also for future volumes.

If you snail mail items please include your name, mailing address, and email. If you don't have an email address, please include a telephone number. I will only maintain this information, if you desire to provide, during the writing of the volume. I may need to contact you for clarification of information.

Sincerely,

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## MEET YOUR NEW MEMBER COUSIN

The following was received from new Society member **Matthew Doro**:

My family (Kelli, Annabelle, & Matthew Jr.) and I live in Dingmans Ferry, Pike County, PA. I am a diesel/cryogenic mechanic and work for Praxair (now Linde) in Stockertown, PA. For hobbies-in whatever spare time I do have-I am a volunteer firefighter for Delaware Township Volunteer Fire Company and currently hold the officer position of Engineer. I also hunt and fish in whatever time is left for that. Our family enjoys visiting National Parks and pretty much anything that encompasses history.

## THE IOWA CHAPTER OF SSWDA CEASES TO MEET

Nancy Westcott Bruckman, President, Iowa Chapter of SSWDA informs your editor that The Iowa Chapter of SSWDA, sadly, will no longer be meeting due to poor attendance and the aging of its members. This chapter was once very active in Society matters.

The first organizational meeting was held June 21, 1959 at the Hotel Whitney in Atlantic, Iowa. A few years later an invitation was made by the Iowa Chapter to the National Chapter to host the 16th National Biennial Meeting. It was accepted and the meeting was held June 24 -26, 1966 with 100 cousins in attendance.

In 1968 , at the 10th Annual Meeting the Chapter voted to give Mrs. Harold Perdue, National President, up to \$50 to provide a special case to protect the personal Bible of Stuckely Westcott. He brought this Bible with him when he came to America from England in 1635. A case was purchased which was made of red leather and bucrum with gold lettering. It now rests in the Rhode Island Historical Library in Providence.

At the 14th Annual Meeting the Iowa Chapter donated \$25 to the Stuckely Westcott Scholarship Fund. This fund was was founded by Dr. Howard Westcott who gave \$10,000 to initiate the fund.

Once again the National Chapter accepted a second invitation to hold its Biennial Meeting in Iowa. This meeting was held August 2,3 and 4, 1974 and was attended by 56 cousins.

In 1980 the Iowa Chapter took on the overwhelming task of publishing two-volume sets of the Stuckely Westcott book by Roscoe Whitman. On June 12, 1983 it was dcided to send \$633.91, the profit from the sale of the reprinted genealogy books, to Dr. Howard Westcott as the Iowa Chapter's contribution to the Westcott Scholarship Fund.

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