



## THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY WINTER 2022



### 1891 Reunion of Vermont Civil War Soldiers

Pictured here, labeled #19, is Johnson Westcott\* at an 1891 Reunion of Vermont Civil War soldiers.  
Thanks to cousin Jeffrey C. Westcott for sharing this historic photo.

\* Johnson Westcott 3rd (Johnson Westcott 2nd, Johnson Westcott 1st, Oliver Westcott, George Westcott, Jeremiah Westcott 2nd, Jeremiah Westcott 1st, Stukley Westcott).

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## EDITOR'S WELCOME

Greetings, Westcott Cousins:

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America Quarterly Newsletter. With the shift in seasons and the arrival of a new year, we recognize the challenges and successes we have endured along with celebrations of loved ones lost. In this issue, we pay tribute to a handful of legendary cousins: Barlow Miles Westcott (1919-1920), Pauline Joyce Westcott Dennis (1929-2021), Florence “Ann” Meneely Coltey (1940-2022), and Dr. Lyle Dumond Wescott Jr. (1937-2022). Alongside their respective obituaries, you will find a note from our President on each individual's impact on the Society.

On the topic of celebrations, please also see the enclosed Announcement and Registration for this year's biennial Rhode Island Reunion!

It is my aim to maintain the historically exceptional standards of this publication, while also striving to make it more digitally accessible and dynamic in alignment with developing technologies. Dear Cousins, I simply ask for your patience in this effort, and to allow me your grace as I learn from my inevitable mistakes.

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Cousins –

As I write this, we are in full Reunion planning mode – the committee met last evening via Zoom and finalized the information shared in this newsletter. It's an exciting time and I am truly looking forward to seeing Cousins in Rhode Island in June!!

Please join us in Rhode Island in June! I know David Wescott Smith and Rosemary Smith have spent countless hours on planning this reunion – so we can know our kindred better – I'll be there, and I hope you will be too. Details are enclosed.

We have been coming together biennially for decades – the only exceptions being times of war and more recently due to the pandemic. Your Board has voted to require proof of vaccination for check-in at the Reunion; we want this to be a safe and fun environment for all attending!

Our Gathering would please our Founders – of our Society and our own Stukely Westcott – and our Reunion would please the pillars of our Society we are remembering in this newsletter. We've lost four since we last saw one another in Indianapolis. Please join me in honoring and remembering the lives and legacy of: Barlow Miles Westcott (1919-1920), Pauline Joyce Westcott Dennis (1929-2021), Florence “Ann” Meneely Coltey (1940-2022), and Dr. Lyle Dumond Wescott Jr. (1937-2022).

We will miss them when we gather in Rhode Island in June, but I will relish the memories of their smiles, their laughter, and their wisdom.

I look forward to seeing you there and getting to know you – my kindred – better!

With Warm Regards,



Louise Aitcheson  
President, SSWDA

## SSWDA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION LINK

For more information about the SSWDA Scholarship, including information and links for new and returning applicants, please visit [www.sswda.org/about-us/scholarships/](http://www.sswda.org/about-us/scholarships/)

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION, ESSAY, AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS IS APRIL 1, 2022.

# *The Westcott Reunion Returns to Rhode Island*



**REGISTRATION FORM MAY BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER!**

## **2022 Westcott Reunion In South County, R.I.**

Please join us on June 17, 18 and 19, 2022 when Westcott Cousins gather in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, and nearby Narragansett for the 43rd Reunion of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America.

Narragansett and South Kingstown are two coastal communities in an area of southern Rhode Island informally known as South County. The area is rich in colonial history and contains numerous cultural and recreational attractions, one of which we will experience on Friday with activities at the South County Museum in Narragansett.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**For the protection of all participants, especially older members and children not yet eligible for vaccination, we require that you be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 (if eligible) and have proof of vaccination.**

## **Hotel Information**

The reunion will be held at the:

Holiday Inn – South Kingstown  
3009 Tower Hill Road (U.S. 1)  
South Kingstown, RI 02874  
401-789-1051

A block of 30 rooms has been set aside and the rate guaranteed until **May 17, 2022**.

Our group rate of \$259/night is available for the nights of June 16, 17 and 18. Click the reservation link on [SSWDA.org/Reunions/2022-reunion](https://SSWDA.org/Reunions/2022-reunion) and use these dates on the hotel booking page.

The system responds with the guaranteed rate. If you are booking by phone, ask for the **Westcott Society** rate.

## **Thursday, June 16**

Participants check in at the Holiday Inn - South Kingston or at other lodgings of their choice.

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

### Hospitality Suite

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

Visit the Hospitality Suite to meet and greet more of your cousins, pick up your reunion packet and learn about places to see in and around South County.

### Gathering at the South County Museum

10:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The South County Museum, which celebrates the agricultural and maritime history of South County, is located on a portion of Canonchet Farm, a 165-acre town-owned property that also includes saltmarshes, forested uplands, historic stone walls, coastal ponds, and views of Pettaquamscutt Cove. Canonchet was the estate of Rhode Island's "Boy Governor" and Civil War hero William Sprague and his wife, Kate Chase Sprague, "the Belle of Washington." Their mansion burned down but their stories remain (hot).

We will divide into small groups for a round-robin of museum activities, including the blacksmith shop, vintage letterpress demonstration, special exhibits on the Westcotts and other fishing families of Galilee, Civil War artifacts, and much more.

Sign up for this trip on the registration form. The \$45 fee includes museum admission, transportation and a picnic lunch on the museum grounds provided by Gansett Wraps.

### South County Seafood Buffet

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

Gather with your cousins for a South County Seafood Buffet featuring Chowdah, Roasted Cod and other local specialties. We will start with a cash bar and appetizers, enjoy a hearty buffet, and then have a visit from Stukely and Juliana's dear friend Roger Williams (aka NPS Ranger John McNiff).



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## Saturday, June 18

### 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.

### On-Your-Own Fieldtrips

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

See [sswda.org/reunions/2022-reunion](http://sswda.org/reunions/2022-reunion) for things to do in South County.

### Walking Tour of Historic Wickford

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

Take a stroll with North Kingstown Town Historian, Tim Cranston, and learn about Captain John Westcott the chandler, Oliver Spink Westcott, 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. The \$25 fee for this excursion covers the walking tour and round-trip bus transportation.

### 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

### Cousins Farewell

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

## IN MEMORIAM: CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF FAMILY LEGENDS LOST

### Barlow Miles Westcott (1919-1920)

It is with great sadness that the family of Barlow Miles Westcott (12/24/1919 - 02/27/2020) announces his passing.

Barlow was born and grew up in Gilbertsville, a small village in Otsego County, New York. He enlisted in the Army on 31 January 1940, he took part in the 1941 maneuvers in Louisiana and North Carolina. After serving in World War II, Barlow spent 5 years working father and brother-in-law. Barlow requested a recall at the start of the Korean War, during which he spent 18 months in Japan. After 12 months in Thailand during the Vietnam War, Barlow retired in 1967. His service during World War II and indeed his entire military career was an important part of his life for his entire life.



Barlow spent 10 years as Recorder of Al Kaly Shrine Temple. Upon his retirement, he and his wife Ruth (02/25/1918 - 09/18/2005) traveled extensively, covering the world several times over. He made many good friends throughout his life, and simply by his actions, inspired his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Barlow supported, disciplined and, on occasion, rescued his children, always appreciating them as the people they are!

To the end, Barlow was charming to everyone, charismatic and found joy everywhere.

Predeceased by his wife, Ruth B Westcott (nee Bailey) of 63 years, Barlow is survived by his children, Phylinda Westcott Romero, Nancetta R. Westcott, Barlow M. Westcott II (Nancy Vandenburg Westcott), and Jennifer Westcott Ley (Christopher J C Ley), his grandchildren Bill, Steve, James, Jenifer, Margaret, Ann, Adrienne and Jeremy and his great grandchildren Alex, Reagan, Riley, Nona, Amanda, Axel, Edward, Otto and Ford.

#### President's Note:

Barlow Miles Westcott was an incredibly powerful force on our Society – a past President and faithful servant / member, he reveled in meeting and reconnecting with “Cousins” at our reunions. Barlow was a joy to speak with and he never failed or disappointed with his pearls of wisdom, wit, and charm!

## IN MEMORIAM: CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF FAMILY LEGENDS LOST

### Pauline Joyce Westcott Dennis (1929-2021)

Pauline Joyce Wescott Dennis of East Poultney, Vermont, passed away peacefully at home on December 29, 2021, at the age of 92. Pauline was born on December 9, 1929 in East Poultney, Vermont to Mabel (Lake) and H. Phillips Wescott.

On July 10, 1954 she married Charles H. Dennis, together they had three children together, Lynda Dennis Zanolli (Don), Kathleen Dennis Cartier, and Donald Oscar Dennis (Penny). Charles (Chuck) Dennis passed away in October of 1993. On January 10, 1999 she married Charles (Carl) W. Schumann, Jr., of New York. Pauline and Carl enjoyed a life together in Sheffield, MA until his death in 2013.

Her biggest passion was genealogy. Trips to different states included stops at the local cemeteries to find historically significant dates. Pauline assisted Edna Jay Lewis with the publication of a book entitled The Wescott Family Tree.

Services will be held summer 2022 at the United Baptist Church of Poultney.



#### President's Note:

Pauline Westcott Dennis was advocating for our genealogical research and collaboration right up to the end of her life. She made sure her daughter knew her wishes regarding the boxes upon boxes of family history research she had collected over the years. Those boxes are now in the hands of our newly appointed Genealogist Jeffrey Westcott and I am confident he along with David Wescott Smith will be good stewards of the data!

## IN MEMORIAM: CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF FAMILY LEGENDS LOST

### Florence “Ann” Meneely Coltey (1940-2022)

Florence “Ann” (Meneely) Coltey, 81, passed away at Glens Falls Hospital on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Born on April 30, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Edwin R. Meneely and Florence Eva (Dudley) Meneely, who died while giving birth to her. Walter and Lucy Bardin became her parents at 6 weeks old.

Ann graduated from Hudson Falls High School in 1958 and married Floied V. “Sonny” Coltey five years later on November 2nd, 1963. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on November 2nd, 2021.

She was a secretary for the ASC office and US Catheter and a payroll clerk for Nibco before becoming a Teacher’s Assistant in Remedial Reading for Fort Ann Central School where she retired in 2002 after 26 years.

Ann was a past member of the First Baptist Church of Hudson Falls for 18 years and then the West Fort Ann United Methodist Church for 48 years where she was the memorial treasurer and a Sunday school teacher. Ann and Sonny were also youth leaders at both churches. She was a Cub Scouts Den Mother and also a 4-H leader. Ann was also a member of the Merry Mohicans, Adirondack Bluegrass League, Northeast Association of Country Western Entertainment, Washington County Expo Committee, Stukely Wescott Descendants Vermont Chapter where she served as Treasurer for 10 years, and National Chapter Stukely Wescott Society Secretary for 8 years.

Her enjoyments included a passion for photography and always had her camera with her. She also enjoyed working on the family genealogy, scrapbooking, camping, coin collecting, and her beautiful rock and flower gardens but her greatest love was spending time with family.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Edwin Meneely and her sisters, Inez Wright and Shirley Goodman.

Survivors include her husband, Sonny; son, Darryl (Mylene) Coltey; daughters, Lori (Keith) Lunt, and Jaclyn Coltey (Troy); granddaughters, Logan Coltey (fiancé Lester Weller), Melanie (Kevin) Lovett, Kennedy Coltey (fiancé Jason Yard), Ashley (Paul) Butler, Melissa (Andre) Lacross; grandsons, Kyle Ketcham, Keith Lunt II (Cristie), Shane (Laura) Lunt; great grandchildren, Leighton and Lucy Weller, Lillian Lovett, Rhyann, Gavin, Alexander and Grace Butler, Shawn Lunt, Hunter and Nolin Lacross, and Gideon and Amaya Lunt; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.



President’s Note:

While I did not know her, Ann’s fingerprints are on the Society given her service along with her husband, Shorty. Both have had leadership roles and for that we are grateful.



## IN MEMORIAM: CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF FAMILY LEGENDS LOST

### Dr. Lyle Dumond Wescott Jr. (1937-2022)

Dr. Lyle Dumond Wescott Jr, 84, of Holly Springs, passed away at Desoto Healthcare in Southaven on January 26, 2022. He was born on January 27, 1937, in Hackensack, New Jersey, to Lyle Wescott and Tula Williams Wescott. Dr. Wescott received his undergraduate degree from Georgia Tech, and his advanced degrees from Penn State. He taught organic chemistry at both Christian Brothers University and Ole Miss. He was a United States Naval Reserve Veteran, and a member of the Doberman Rescue Association of Memphis. He also leaves behind his beloved pets, Atilla and Gracie. Dr. Wescott was a member of the Mississippi River Rangers and the MSSA. He loved ballroom dancing.

Dr. Wescott is survived by his sons, Doug Wescott (Melissa) of Covington, Tennessee, and Paul Wescott of Hollywood, Florida, and his longtime companion, Sherry Chasen. He also leaves a sister, Elaine Marshall of Sanford, Florida, two grandchildren, Christy Hamm and Ryan Wescott, and two great grandchildren, Katlyn and Lilly Hamm.



#### President's Note:

Lyle Wescott – gentleman, scholar, ballroom dancer – and our Quarterly Editor until his retirement from that duty not long ago. He was passionate about our Society right up to the end and we will miss his charming wisdom!

**FEWER THAN 25 LEFT!**

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Proceeds benefit scholarship fund



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Mail check & form to:

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Total Amount of Order \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete this in case we need to reach you:

Your Name:

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# Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

## 2022 Reunion, June 17 to 19

### Holiday Inn, South Kingstown, Rhode Island

## Registration Form

You can download this reunion registration form from [sswda.org/reunions/2022-reunion/](http://sswda.org/reunions/2022-reunion/) and complete the registration on your computer using Adobe Acrobat or a similar PDF reader.

When you have completed the form, you can either print and mail the form with a check made out to Westcott Society to:

Bart Westcott, SSWDA Treasurer  
722 Southhampton Drive  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

or email the registration form to Bart ([bwestcott2@gmail.com](mailto:bwestcott2@gmail.com)) and mail your payment separately.

Please use the tables below to compute your costs for registration and for the optional meals, and excursions.

Reunion Registration Reunion Dates: June 17 - June 19, 2022	How Many	Cost	Total
Adults		\$15 per person	\$
Children under 18		No Charge	

<b>Trip to the South County Museum, Friday from 10:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.</b>			
Includes admission, bus transportation and picnic lunch; please indicate choice of wrap			
Italiano Wrap		\$45 per person	\$
Chicken Club		\$45 per person	\$
Vegan Wrap		\$45 per person	\$

<b>South County Seafood Buffet, Friday, Narragansett Room, Holiday Inn, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.</b>			
Adults		\$75 per person	\$
Children under 12		\$20 per person	\$

<b>Walking Tour of Historic Wickford, Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.</b>			
Includes transportation and tour. Lunch on your own in Wickford. Limit: 30 individuals			
		\$25 per person	\$

<b>Rhode Island Italian Fiesta, Saturday, Narragansett Room, Holiday Inn, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.</b>			
Adults		\$70 per person	\$
Children under 12		\$16 per person	\$

TOTAL REGISTRATION COST \$

## 2022 Westcott Society Reunion Registration Form, page 2

**Attendees:** For each person included in this registration, please print the name, age if 18 or younger, and the name to appear on the name tag.

Name	Age if 18 or younger	Name Tag

**Contact Information:** Let us know the ways to contact you. Please print.

Name	
Street Address / PO Box Number	
City, State ZIP	
Telephone	
Email	

**Emergency Contact:** Please provide the name and telephone number of a person not attending the reunion whom we should contact for you in case of an emergency. (This information will not be saved after the reunion.)

Name	
Telephone	

Please contact me regarding special dietary requests.

The deadline for Registration is **May 16, 2022**. Please mail the completed registration and a check payable to **Westcott Society** to:

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