



Society of Stukely Westcott Descendents of America

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Fall 2024

Greetings, Cousins!

I am thankful and humbled to be asked to act as President of the Society for the next two years. I am particularly pleased to follow in the footsteps of my father, Barlow Westcott, who held this post from 1998 to 2000.

Speaking of my dad, let me remind you to have any students in your family consider applying for the Barlow Miles Westcott Scholarship, which is made possible by the generous donations from members like you.

Our 44th Biennial Reunion convened in Charlotte, North Carolina in July. We enjoyed a visit to the impressive NASCAR Hall of Fame and a very interesting tour of historic neighborhoods in Charlotte. On Saturday evening we danced to the tunes spun by DJ Jimmy Huntley, and were treated to the wonderful singing of Cora Hardy, who is the granddaughter of our genealogist Jeff Westcott. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up with our cousins, as well as getting to know some new ones.

Big thanks and kudos go to Jennifer Westcott Verruto, who single-handedly organized this great gathering.

We are tentatively planning our next reunion for the summer of 2026 in New York.

Finally, a few members have asked whether the polo shirts and pins that feature the Westcott coat of arms might again be made available. Please email me (bwestcott2@gmail.com) if you are interested, and we will see about re-ordering.

All the best to you and yours,
Bart Westcott

2024 Reunion

44th Biennial Reunion, Charlotte, N.C. – July 18 to July 21, 2024 written by David Westcot Smith, Historian



It was a banner moment when the Westcott cousins gathered on the final evening of the 2024 Westcott Society Reunion in Charlotte and after some corralling, coaxing and coaching, looked at the camera and smiled for the traditional group photo. They then quickly returned to the [dance floor](#).

Thursday, July 18, Cousins Gather



On the evening of Day Zero, reunion participants began to arrive by auto and air (despite storms and a global computer outage) and immediately re-united with their cousins in the hotel restaurant to check in and share stories; (from the left) [Jessy Fregoe](#), [Judy Westcott Fregoe](#) and [Kathy Westcott](#); [Don Wolford](#) and [Nancy Westcott Pocock](#); [Roger Pocock](#).



Nancy and Bart Westcott and Susan Morris share a photograph of the Westcott trip to England in 2019; Registrar/Genealogist Jeff Westcott and Reunion Host Jennifer Wescott Verutto go over arrangements for Jeff to add to the genealogy database during the reunion; a beaming Mary Pat Carroll awaiting the arrival of more family is joined by Rosemary Smith, Connie Westcott Sterling and Tom Sterling.

Friday, July 19, Tour of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Charlotte



These Westcotts are up to speed after visiting the NASCAR Hall of Fame during the Westcott Society's 44th Biennial Reunion in Charlotte. The speedsters are (from the left) Paul Westcott, Matt Doro, Jr., Kelly Doro, Matt Doro, Sr., Donna Westcott, Annabelle Doro, Susan Morris, Mary Pat Carroll, David Smith, Don Wolford, Nancy Westcott Pocock, Bart Westcott, Nancy Westcott, Rosemary Smith and Roger Pocock. Many thanks to reunion host Jennifer Wescott Verruto, who arranged the tour but could not join us as she was busy making sure the rest of the weekend was a success.



Matt Doro races into the pit to fuel the car and change a tire as he competes with son Matt (background) in one of the many interactive events at the NASCAR Hall of Fame; father and son are joined by judges Annabelle and Kelly Doro and Mary Pat Carroll, who diplomatically declared it a tie.

Hospitality Room



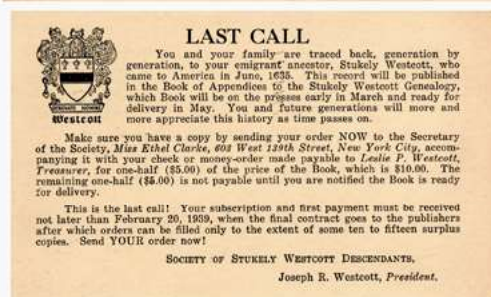
A Hospitality Room at the hotel was open during the reunion for cousins to pick up registration materials, meet with Registrar/Genealogist [Jeff Westcott](#) and explore his database of more than 128,000 Stukely descendants, and see items from the society archive. Click the picture to view five display panels, each featuring descendants from one of Stukely and Juliana's children: Damaris, Robert, Amos, Mercy and Jerimiah. (Their son Samuel died in Salem before the family moved to Providence to join Roger Williams).

Friday, July 19, Family Buffet

On Friday evening after the trip to NASCAR Hall of Fame, a bus tour of historic Charlotte and visiting other attractions in and around the city, we gathered for a Family Buffet in the DoubleTree's Barringer Room, and were joined by more Westcott Cousins, some just getting off the road.



Jane Westcott Bailey (center) with Nancy and Bart Westcott; Carolyn and Luke Hardy with Carolyn's aunt and uncle Tom Stirling and Connie Westcott Stirling

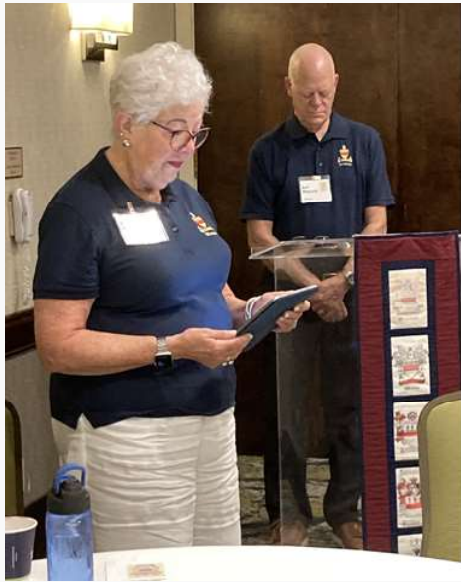


Craig and Elizabeth Crosswhite share with Jim Westcott their story of how a 1939 postcard promoting the second volume of Roscoe Whitman's *History and Genealogy of the Ancestors and Some Descendants of Stukely Westcott* brought them to the Westcott Society Reunion.

Craig Crosswhite told the postcard story in his application to join the society: "Enclosed is the form with my information, my wife's and my ancestral chart back to Stukely Westcott, as well as my check for \$15.00. Also included is a scanned copy of a postcard, front and back, that was mailed to my great aunt, **Ruth Harriet Spooner Stone**, from Joseph R. Westcott, President of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants in January, 1939. I was looking through some papers I had saved from her house when she died in 1978 when I came across this postcard. I was amazed when my wife looked up the Society on the Internet and found that you were still existing and planning one of your biennial reunions this summer in Charlotte, N.C. It happens that I am a member, through my father's side, of the Shoun Family Association that traces our ancestors back to a couple who lived in Mountain City, Tennessee starting in 1792. This year, our reunion is being held in Wytheville, VA the weekend before your reunion in Charlotte. I have relatives in Raleigh, and am hopeful that I will be approved to join your Society and attend the reunion in Charlotte."

Saturday, July 20, SSWDA General Membership Meeting

On Saturday morning it was time to conduct some Westcott Society business during the General Membership Meeting to review activities since the last reunion, remember our kin, elect officers and board members, and discuss plans including the 2026 SSWDA reunion.



Past President Susan Morris gave the invocation and remembrance of members who have died since the last reunion; Treasurer Bart Westcott discussed the strength of our 300-plus-member association and announced that we will be able to award an SSWDA Scholarship in 2025 of up to \$3,000; Registrar/Genealogist Jeff Westcott described his work in documenting Westcott genealogy with a myheritage.com database, which currently has 128,350 entries.



Officers and directors for 2024-2026 include (from the left): Mary Pat Carroll, David Wescott Smith, Bart Westcott, Judy Fregoe Westcott, Jeff Westcott, Connie Westcott Stirling, and Jennifer Wescott Verutto

The membership unanimously approved this slate of [officers and directors](#) for the 2024-2026 term:

- President:** Bart Westcott
- Vice President:** David Leflar
- Secretary:** Mary Pat Carroll
- Treasurer:** Bart Westcott
- Historian:** David Wescott Smith
- Registrar/Genealogist:** Jeff Westcott
- Chaplain:** open
- Quarterly Editor:** Connie Westcott Stirling
- Webmaster:** Jim Leflar

Scholarship: Pete Bentson

Directors: Judy Westcott Fregoe, Lynn Hulkow, Jennifer Wescott Verruto, Cathie Westcot

Next Reunion: We hope to announce the date and location of the 2026 reunion by Summer 2025. Judy and Jessy Fregoe will look into Watertown, N.Y. near [Westcott Beach State Park](#) on the shore of Lake Ontario where several dozen Westcott cousins have been meeting on a regular basis for some time now.

Saturday, July 20, Reunion Banquet



On Saturday evening we gathered for dinner: (from the left) Nancy and Bart Westcott, Carolyn Hardy, Pam Scheaffer, and Kathy and Jeff Westcott. Oh yes, and dancing as led by Judy Westcott Fregoe (center) and demonstrated by smoothies Roger and Nancy Westcott Pocock.



Jeff Westcott and Connie Westcott Sterling flank their brother Paul, a graphic designer who produced the signs and the [SSWDA banner](#) for the 2018 reunion in Indianapolis led by Jeff. The signs and banner were then put into service for the 2022 reunion in Rhode Island before heading to the 2024 event in Charlotte. Word has it, the graphics have already headed to New York for the 2026 reunion (watch this space for details). But before we get too far into the future, the Westcott Society gives a great big thank you to Jennifer Wescott Verutto (left in this Mary Pat Carroll selfie) for producing a fabulous 2024 Westcott gathering.

Barlow Miles Westcott Scholarship

SOCIETY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS OF AMERICA BARLOW MILES WESTCOTT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Spring 2025

“Raising future generations on the foundation of our ancestry”

Description

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 within the diaspora of 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 \$2500 scholarship to an applicant age 16 to 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.

This scholarship is named in honor of **Barlow Miles Westcott**, a veteran and long-standing member, officer, and director of SSWDA. If the recipient is a veteran or a child of a veteran, an additional \$500 will be awarded.

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.

Scholarship Application Packet – New Applicants

Scholarship Application Packet – Returning Applicants

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION, ESSAY
AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS IS APRIL 1, 2025.**

Please contact the Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@SSWDA.ORG with any questions.

From our 2023 Barlow Miles Westcott Scholarship winner:

Dear SSWDA Officers,

Good morning to you and to all the attendees of the upcoming SSWDA reunion!

Once again, I wish to thank you for selecting me as your 2023 Scholarship recipient. I identified with Charles Henry Westcott due to his characteristics of adaptability, versatility, strong leadership, and being bound by a sense of commitment and duty. As a rising senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I continue to strive towards those ideals as a member of the Men's Rowing team, team leader on the Wisconsin Alumni Student Board (WASB), and prospective officer of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.



Due to my commitments this summer on the rowing team and work obligations, I am unable to attend the reunion but wanted to express my gratitude for receiving the Barlow Miles Westcott Scholarship. Your scholarship is greatly appreciated and is being put to good use during my education and career development journey here at UW Madison.

Please express my regrets for not attending and my gratitude to all SSWDA members.

Wishing you all well!

Sincerely,

Liam Smith

Welcome to these Westcott cousins who joined the Society in 2024:

Michael G. Andrews, Michigan
Beverly J. Kirby, Pennsylvania
Brian Kux, Maryland
Dennis William Westcott, California
Stephanie B. Thompson, Nebraska
Linda M. Duntsch, Tennessee
Craig S. Crosswhite, Kansas
Michelle L. Long, Oregon
Joshua D. Mann, Indiana

These society members received life memberships in 2023-2024:

Dmory J. Westcott from Ankeny, Iowa
Julianna Westcott from Albuquerque, New Mexico
Dana Matteson from Brockport, New York
Myrtianne Downs from Nashville, Tennessee

To stay up on the Society of Stukely Westcott descendents, share family events or contact the board of directors, check out the SSWDA website <https://www.sswda.org/>