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**Society of
Stukely Westcott
Descendants of America**

**THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY
JANUARY, 2012**

Greetings to all of the Westcott Clan!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a very happy and prosperous 2012. Here in the deep south we are having a very mild winter so far but, of course, January is far from over and February is no picnic either.

Susan Morris has been busy working on our upcoming 2012 reunion in Buffalo, NY and has a very interesting schedule of events including an excursion to Niagara Falls and a trip through the Lockport locks and a cruise on the the Erie Canal. I can remember singing a song about the Erie Canal when I was in grade school, a long time ago! The schedule of events follows on the next page and the registration form is on the last two pages of this newsletter. *—Lyle Westcott*

Spring Newsletter

In March your editor is going on an Eastern European river cruise from Budapest to Bucharest, cruising the Danube all the way to the Black Sea. After spending four days in Prague, we will travel to Budapest where we board a river boat for the cruise. We will be passing through Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. I look forward to sharing some of my adventures with you.

Items for the Newsletter

I would like to encourage any of you to please forward news items or other items of interest to me for inclusion in the newsletter. It is your newsletter.

Send items to:

Lyle_Wescott@yahoo.com

or to my mailing address at the end of this newsletter.

Welcome to Our New Member

On behalf of all of the cousins I would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new member:

Stephanie "Stasha" Powell of Redwood City, CA

Francis Willoughby

Francis Willoughby was the owner of Wollaton Hall near Nottingham, England and married Elizabeth Littleton of Frankly in 1564. Thomas de Westcote married Elizabeth Littleton of Frankly in 1414. If any of you know the connection, I'd love to hear from you.

SOCIETY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS OF AMERICA

39th Biennial Reunion

Buffalo / Niagara, New York

June 29 – July 1, 2012

Buffalo -- *WHO KNEW Buffalo is such a beautiful city?*

Buffalo -- *WHO KNEW there is so much to see and do there?*

Buffalo -- *WHO KNEW?!*

We are excited to be hosting our 2012 SSWDA Reunion in the Buffalo – Niagara region of western NY, and we think you will be enticed, surprised, and enthralled by all there is to see and do. In your free time, consider the following, just for openers:

- ⇒ Niagara Falls and world class attractions like the Maid of the Mist and the Cave of the Winds are a mere 20-minute drive from our downtown Buffalo hotel.
- ⇒ *Visit Old Fort Niagara, the site of historic battles and sieges, trading and conquest. It is preserved as it stood in the 1700's when France and Britain controlled Niagara.
- ⇒ *Architecture buffs will be impressed by the multiple works by Frank Lloyd Wright (the Darwin D. Martin House complex is the finest example of his Prairie Style), Louis Sullivan's ornate Guaranty Building, the Frederick Law Olmsted system of parks and parkways, and the birthplace of the American Arts & Crafts Movement, the Roycroft Inn and Campus, in nearby East Aurora, NY.
- ⇒ *Art lovers must make a visit to the reigning jewel in Buffalo's art scene, the Albright-Knox Gallery, rightfully famous for modern and contemporary works by such icons as Pollock, de Kooning, Warhol, and more.
- ⇒ *Check out the antique shops, galleries, pubs, boutiques, and bistros of the Elmwood Village, a few blocks from our hotel, and recently named one of America's top ten neighborhoods by the American Planning Association.

REUNION LODGING – LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION!

The Allentown Historic District is located in the heart of downtown Buffalo and boasts a culture all its own. Lavishly decorated in wood-frame and brick buildings and full of shops and restaurants, the Allentown District is home to the...

Holiday Inn – Buffalo Downtown
620 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
Telephone (716) 886-2121

Make reservations by calling the hotel directly and mentioning our **Group Code SSD**. We are guaranteed the *2010 room rate* of **\$109.00 per night** (plus taxes). The hotel has also offered our group this special rate before and after the actual Reunion itself – June 27-July 2, for those who may want to extend their stay. Free ample parking on site is available.

Hotel Registration Deadline: May 25, 2012

AIRPORT

Buffalo International Airport (BUF) is a short drive from the hotel. The hotel offers complimentary, 24-hour shuttle service to and from the airport.

2012 REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 28:

Board members arrive to attend the Friday morning Board Meeting.

Hospitality Room and displays will be open for registration, information, and an opportunity for “cousins” to greet each other and visit.

Friday, June 29:

Hospitality Room will be open for registration, information, and an opportunity for “cousins” to greet each other and visit.

8:30 – 10:00 AM: SSWDA Board Meeting

10:45 AM: We will take boxed lunches aboard our chartered luxury coach en route to Lockport, NY, and our **Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruise**. This unique 2-hour cruise includes “locking through” and being raised the 49 ft. elevation of the Niagara Escarpment (the same one that creates Niagara Falls) in the only double set of locks on the Erie Canal. We will pass under bridges the raise straight up, see water cascade over Lockport’s famous “Flight of Five” 1840’s locks, and travel through the solid walls of the “rock cut” as our captain describes the architecture, sights, and folklore along the way. We will return to the hotel by 4:00PM.

6:00 PM: A fun evening to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones at our cash bar and **Taste of Buffalo Evening**: enjoy those famous Buffalo Wings, Beef on ‘Weck, and delicious Chiavetta’s Barbecued Chicken with all the trimmings. A lively presentation, *Life on Delaware Avenue: 1890-1910*, from the Buffalo Erie County Historical Society will tell us stories about our hotel neighborhood.

Saturday, June 30:

Hospitality Room will be open for registration, information, and an opportunity for “cousins” to greet each other and visit.

8:30 – 10:30 AM: The SSWDA Membership Meeting and Memorial Service to follow.

Morning and Afternoon: On your own to explore the “Queen City” area.

6:00 PM: Gather for **cocktails** at the cash bar, followed by our **banquet** and the introduction of the new Society officers. *Midnight Traffic*, a terrific western New York R & B band, will provide live music for our dancing and listening pleasure.

Sunday, July 1:

8:00 – 9:30 AM: Enjoy a *Breakfast Buffet with your Cousins*, as we get in one more visit, make our final good-byes, and bring another terrific SSWDA Reunion to a close.

PLEASE SEE THE LAST PAGE OF THIS QUARTERLY FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM

The following five photos are from old tintypes sent in by Cathie Westcott our cousin from Washington State. They are probably in the Nathan Westcott or Sylvia Jane Holt line.

Have any of you seen them before?

Does anyone know who these people are?





Word from Our President

SSWDA Note from the President:

Susan Morris is planning our next Reunion for June 29, 2012 in Buffalo, New York. It sounds like it will be a great adventure. Although I was born and raised near Syracuse, NY, I have never visited Buffalo. I am really looking forward to seeing my “cousins” again and seeing all the sights. So, for those who plan ahead, hold that weekend open and join us for a really good time.

A Word from Your Editor

Please send any news or articles re the Westcott Family which you may wish to have considered for inclusion in the Quarterly to your editor at:

Lyle_Wescott@yahoo.com

or

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Holly Springs, MS 38635

While there are no firm deadlines, I shall try to publish the Quarterly in January, April, July and October of each year.

The Westcott Family Quarterly

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2012 Westcott Reunion Registration Form

Enclose this form with a check/money order for all fees. Mail to the address below.

Reunion Registration	Number	Cost Tax and gratuity are included in all Meal Prices	TOTAL
Adults		\$5.00 per person	\$
Children under 18		No Charge	

FRIDAY BOX LUNCH (INCLUDES CHIPS, PICKLE, COOKIE) AND LOCKPORT LOCKS & ERIE CANAL CRUISE (LUXURY MOTOR COACH COST IS INCLUDED)			
Adults Lockport Locks/Erie Canal Cruise		\$16.00	\$
Children ages 4-10 Lockport Locks/Erie Canal Cruise		\$8.50	\$
Lunch: Ham & Swiss Wrap		\$11.00	\$
Lunch: Turkey & Provolone Wrap		\$11.00	\$
Children Turkey & American Cheese Sand.		\$8.50	\$

FRIDAY EVENING A TASTE OF BUFFALO			
Adult Appetizers and Dinner Buffet		\$26.00	\$
Children's Meal (ages 4-10):Chicken Fingers & French Fries		\$13.00	\$

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET			
Breast of Chicken Marsala		\$25.00	\$
Baked Italian Haddock		\$25.00	\$
London Broil		\$25.00	\$
Children's Meal (ages 4-10):Chicken Fingers & French Fries		\$13.00	\$

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BUFFET			
Adults		\$16.00	\$
Children (ages 4-10)		\$10.50	\$

TOTAL – check or money order (do not send cash)			\$
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DEADLINE FOR HOTEL AND REUNION REGISTRATIONS: FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012

Make checks payable to and mail to:

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Print attendee names and state as you want them to appear on Name Tag:

NAME	STATE

In case we need to contact you:

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Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
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