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Stukely Westcott
Descendants of America

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings, Westcott Cousins:

I need to begin this message with sharing how wonderful it has been to see the pictures and captions from our Westcott Cousins on the trip to England on the Society's Facebook page – it looks like they are having a wonderful time seeing some spectacular sites! I know we will have an article featured in the next edition of the Quarterly with pictures, and I am looking forward to that and the stories from our Kindred!

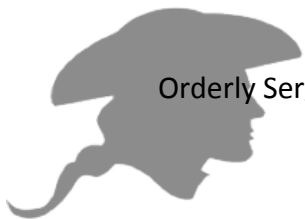
Now let's look ahead to next year. Your **2020 SSWDA Reunion** Committee is in high planning mode for our gathering in the **Seattle, WA area, July 17-19, 2020**. Our headquarters is the Courtyard Marriott in Everett, WA. It is close to all the sights the Seattle area has to offer and Cathie Westcott and the committee are preparing a wonderful set of tours and events for us. While details are still being finalized, sightseeing opportunities may include the Boeing Tour, Boeing Future of Flight Aviation, Puget Sound, Seattle Science Center & Children's Museum, Space Needle and the Dale Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum, Seahawks and/or Mariners stadium tours, Westcott Bay Nature Reserve and Culture Park, Westcott Bay Shellfish, and the Westcott Bay Cider & San Juan Island Distillery...to name a few... the list of possibilities goes on from here. Our committee is pulling things together for us, and they will be publishing the registration information in the Winter Quarterly. In the meantime, PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO JOIN US!

Fall is the season when many of our high school seniors make their college plans. Please spread the word about our **\$2500 Stukely Westcott Society Scholarship**. This award is available to graduating high school seniors as well as to students already enrolled in a post-secondary educational program. All of the details regarding the scholarship are on the Society's website and the application documents will be updated soon. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2020. ***The Scholarship Fund is dependent on our donations, so please remember it, as you are able when you pay your annual dues.***

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK – Section 2

Lastly, looking way ahead, in 2026 we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation, and recently I was asked to serve on **DAR's America 250!** Committee. One of the ways DAR members will be celebrating this milestone is to honor one or more Patriots by highlighting them socially. I share this because we all have Westcott ancestor Patriots! In an effort to spark similar interest among our SSWDA Kindred, I am sharing one of my "Patriot Minutes" focused on **Daniel Westcott** my 5th great grandfather. I hope you find it interesting and that it inspires you to discover, remember, and share the stories of your Westcott Patriot ancestors as we prepare to celebrate America 250!

All the best as we strive to Know Our Kindred Better,
Louise K. Aitcheson, President



Daniel Westcott

Patriotic Service / Rhode Island

Orderly Sergeant in Capt. Anthony Potter's Co, Col Dyer's Regiment; Minuteman

Residence: Cranston, Providence County, RI

Born: 4 Aug 1751 | Cranston, Providence County, RI

Died: 9 March 1823 | Mendon, Monroe County, NY

*A Patriot
Story*

Daniel Westcott married 24 April 1774 in Cranston, Providence County, RI, Marcy Warner, who was born 17 Jan 1754, Cranston, RI, died 22 Sep 1841, buried Rushford, Allegany County, NY. Their proven children are: Warner b. 11 Jan 1775, married Keziah Tefft; Anna b. 7 Sep 1776, d. 13 Oct 1778; Penelope b. 3 Apr 1778, married Zenas Chapman; Anna b. 22 Jan 1780, married Nathan Bates; Samuel b. 18 Nov 1781, married Cynthia Bates; Sarah b. 8 Jul 1784, d. 28 Sep 1838; John b. 6 Oct 1786, married Catherine Tanner; Marcy b. 27 Dec 1788, d. Jan 1855; Dorcas b. 4 Jun 1791, d. 4 Jul 1872; Daniel b. 3 Sep 1793; and, Davis b. 12 Jun 1796, married Anna Chapman.

Patriots Service: Daniel Westcott was a Soldier and Sergeant in the Army of the Revolutionary War. At the commencement of the War he enlisted or entered the service in the State of Rhode Island from the town of Cranston in the County of Providence, was drafted under Captain Anthony Potter in Colonel Dyer's Regiment, had an Ensigny Commission sent on to him which he did not accept but served as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Potter's Company.

Quoting the American Revolution Institute website, "As orders were handed down through the ranks they were copied into the unit's orderly book. At the company level, the orderly book was kept by the orderly sergeant who then read the orders aloud to the junior officers and enlisted men.

The orderly books reveal in vivid, often gritty detail the realities and hardships of camp life, with frequent injunctions about cleanliness, profanity, theft, treatment of civilians in the community and proper behavior in camp." According to the Book of Minutes of Rations kept by Daniel Westcott as Orderly Sergeant, they were in battles in Rhode Island including the Battle at Newport; they were stationed at Warwick Neck - two or three tours for a month each time - was at Bristol several times, was out on alarms to Pawtuxet several times, and also at Butts Hill and at Providence.

Daniel Westcott – Section 2

It is believed Daniel Westcott also served in the Providence Regiment under Colonel William Barton, and at some of the tours Daniel stood as Minuteman in readiness to be called out at any time whenever the British vessels should appear in sight. Daniel Westcott served two years or more during the War.

Source(s): SS: R11332v; RI State Archives, Index Military & Naval Records; Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files (Pension File R11332); Westcott History & Genealogy by Roscoe L. Whitman; The Westcott Family Tree, Westcott Descendants from Stukely and Juliana by Edna Jay Lewis; The American Revolution Institute

NATHAN WESTCOTT HOUSE

This is a story about a shoemaker, weed and democracy in action. It's somewhat happy ending (which is really another beginning) goes like this: On September 23, 2019, the Cranston, Rhode Island City Council unanimously approved an ordinance placing the Nathan Westcott House on the Old Scituate Road in a "Local Historic District." The ordinance means that no alterations can be made to the exterior of this Pre- Revolutionary home, which is a site along the Washington–Rochambeau Revolutionary Route.

The Shoemaker

The story begins with Nathan Westcott (Nathan⁴, Josiah³, Jeremiah², Stukely¹), a cordwainer (shoemaker) by profession and an ardent Six Principle Baptist by profession of faith. Nathan made his home and plied his trade next to his father's large farm in the Meshanticut section of current day Cranston. Nathan was a deacon and testified before Baptist congregations throughout the colony.

Nathan was born on March 23, 1711 to Josiah Westcott, also a man of strong religious convictions, and Hannah Gardiner in Meshanticut, which was then part of Providence. Hannah was the granddaughter of Quaker evangelist Herodias Long, who in 1658 was convicted of Antinomian heresy and whipped in Massachusetts for trying to convert the citizens of Weymouth.

On March 6, 1735 Nathan married Anne Greene (born December 4, 1712). After her death on January 6, 1744/45, he married Mary Ruthenberg (1726-1808). Nathan had two children by Anne and 13 by Mary.

Around 1770 Nathan began construction of a modest "half-house", and later expanded it to be a three-bay one-and-half-story structure with a gambrel roof and clapboard siding. The house, built along the road to the neighboring town of Scituate, was placed on the National Historical Register in 1989 for "its ability to document the modest late eighteenth-century houses built by the town's small farmers." It is part of a small settlement of artisans and farmers that became known as Joy Town after Nathan's neighbor Job Joy, also a cordwainer. Job married Nathan's cousin Rachel Westcott (Rachel⁵, William⁴, William³, Jeremiah², Stukely¹).

The Westcotts were more than likely among the hundreds along the Scituate Road who cheered the 6,000 French soldiers under the command of Jean-Baptiste de **Rochambeau** during their 1781 march from Newport to Yorktown.



The Weed

The diminutive house that Nathan Westcott built and added on to in the 1700s remained an unaltered example of a simple farmhouse typical of the era, but it is a singular example as similar houses were either radically altered in the 19th century or demolished. Unaltered on the outside, that is In 2016, LiQiong “Lilly” Zheng purchased the property, blocked the windows, gutted the interior including removing the ceiling on the first level, installed grow lights and an irrigation system, and began cultivating over 100 marijuana plants. The operation went undetected until February 2019 when the house was raided, Zheng became a fugitive from justice and the Feds seized the property and eventually put it up for sale.

The People Speak

The National Registry of Historic Places is only advisory and does not provide certain protection of a listed property, but Cranston’s Local Historic District ordinance can be used to restrict any alteration to the exterior as well as removal of the structure. Led by the Cranston Historical Society (which owns the Joy Homestead next to the Westcott House), local residents and other historical groups rallied to preserve what was left of the Nathan Westcott House, and made their case in a series of public hearings and at the Cranston City Council meeting on September 23, 2019 to apply the ordinance to preserve the property. (I spoke on behalf of SSWDA.) It worked, with all nine councilmembers co-sponsoring the action and ultimately passing the measure unanimously. But the property will still need watchful eyes.

David Wescott Smith

Historian, Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America

Links:

<https://www.cranstonhistoricalsociety.org/>

<http://w3r-us.org/>

<https://www.nps.gov/waro/learn/historyculture/washington-rochambeau-revolutionary-route.htm>

<https://www.wpri.com/news/historians-stunned-250-year-old-home-gutted-to-grow-pot/>

WESTCOTT RULE COMPANY



Cousin (and past Society President) Susan Morris writes:

Don and I had a lovely afternoon hosting an August Sunday afternoon picnic in honor of cousin Cathie Westcot who was passing through Chicagoland on her USA Airstream camping adventure. The picture below shows standing: Laura Westcott, Jim Westcott, Jim Leflar, Chuck Westcott, Jr., young MIitch Westcott, and seated: Chuck Westcott, Sr., mascot Stuke, Cathie Westcot, Susan Morris.



Before reaching Chicago, Cathie had visited Seneca Falls, NY. After checking out the Women's Rights National Heritage Park, Cathie walked around town and stepped into the visitor's center and museum (<https://www.senecafalls.com/visitor-center.php>). There she discovered display dedicated to the family and accomplishments of Henry Palmer Westcott. Henry had settled in Seneca Falls with his sons and is perhaps best known for founding the Westcott Rule Company.

The following is brief history of this company taken from Wikipedia (https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westcott_Rule_Company?wprov=sfla1&fbclid=IwAR3TKjFC1PFAMAcYluFix1lpcypUegIimEfXLAqRuPmpy6FIhJv9Jizjp0Search Wikipedia) along with some of Cathie's photos of the exhibits.

The history of school and office products brand Westcott dates back to 1872, when Henry Westcott, together with his two sons Charles and Frank Westcott, started manufacturing wooden furniture used by printers and trellis units in Seneca Falls, New York. The company expanded rapidly and became one of the largest manufacturers of desk and school rulers in the world. Throughout its history it remained in Westcott family hands until it was purchased by Acme Shear Co, which later changed its name to Acme United Corporation.

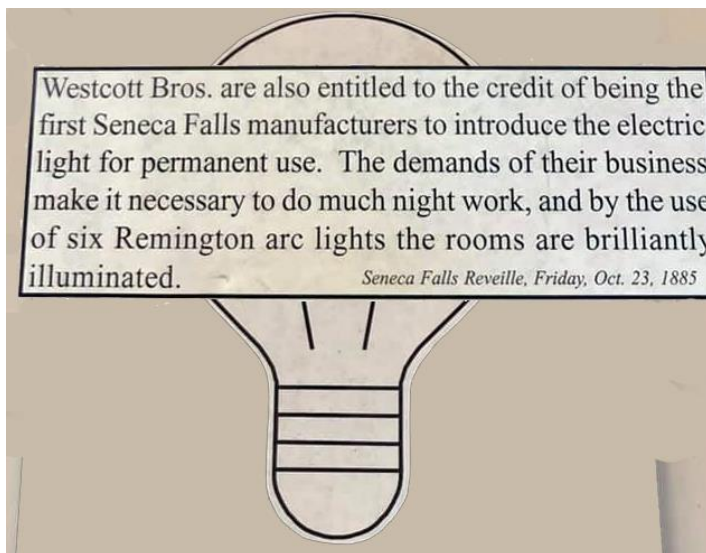
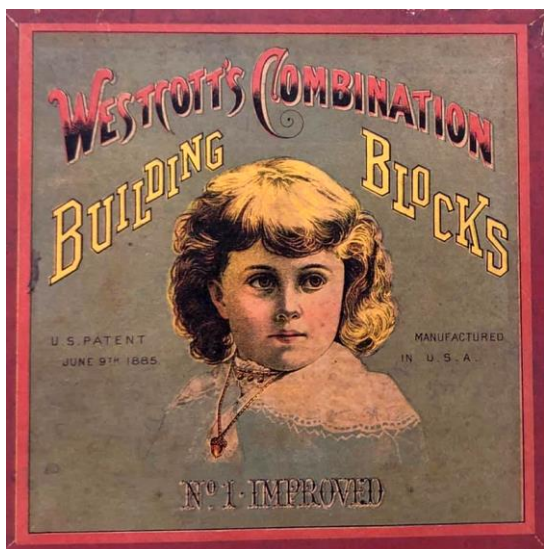
Because Westcott was such a strong brand, Acme United started selling dozens of other school and office items, like scissors, pencil sharpeners and paper trimmers under the Westcott name. Nowadays, Westcott sells 60 to 80 million scissors and 15 to 18 million rulers worldwide annually.

1808–1871

Henry Westcott was born in Newport, Rhode Island in 1808[6] where he learned the sash and blind makers' trade. Later, he started his own company together with his brother Edwin and an associate called Hiram Miller to manufacture sash, doors and blinds. After retiring from this business, he moved to Seneca Falls in 1847 to embark in the manufacture of an improved churn and butter pail on which he had secured patents. Also this business proved to be a success, mainly because Henry Westcott invented and built machinery to make the wooden products he sold, while competitors were still making them by hand. In 1868, at the age of 60, he sold his interest in this company.

1872–1893

In 1872 Henry, along with his two sons Charles and Frank, established the firm Westcott Brothers to manufacture a variety of wood specialties. While Charles concentrated on operating the factory and Frank on selling the products, here too, Henry's experience and inventive genius were responsible for the company's growth. When Henry retired in 1890, the company was renamed to Westcott Bros. Co. and expanded into numerous products like toy blocks and other games.



1969–Present

Acme Shear changed its name to Acme United Corporation in 1971 to better reflect its diversified product mix. When hard times fell upon Acme United during the mid-1990s, the company decided to sell the old Westcott factory and move its production to the lower cost and more efficient facility in North Carolina.

But that wasn't the end for Westcott. It had become such a well-known brand that Acme United started using the name on a wide variety of school and office products such as trimmers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, math tools, craft tools, etc.

Thanks to constant innovation, Westcott continues to bring new products to the market. In 2016, for example, a new scissor for kids, coined Ergo Jr, was launched. These are the first and only scissors developed in cooperation with the United States Ergonomics organization.

More recently, it launched a set of glue guns for the craft and DIY markets. These guns have non-stick internal mechanisms so that the glue sticks don't clog up the machines. Also, the tips of the guns have non-stick color changing coatings. That way, when the tip of the gun is hot, it turns red and users know not to touch it. When it's red, it's also ready to dispense the glue. And when the tip is cool, it's blue.

Main Products Today

Although Westcott manufactures everyday products, the brand tries to stay one step ahead by improving the materials it uses, such as titanium coated blades[23] or blades with a non-stick coating. Other products have Microban antimicrobial protection to prevent the growth of bacteria on the surface.

Scissors

Westcott sells a wide assortment of scissors. Starting from regular, everyday scissors to scissors with titanium coated blades or non-stick coated blades to use in areas where lots of glue and paste is used.

iPoint pencil sharpener

A pink Westcott iPoint Evolution pencil sharpener

Westcott is also known for its line of iPoint electric pencil sharpeners. The original iPoint, the iPoint Evolution, and the iPoint Orbit all won a Good Design Award from the Chicago Athenaeum, Museum of Architecture and Design in the office products category. It's one of Acme United's best selling products. In 2013, for example, the sharpener's revenues reached about \$11 million.

Rulers

Westcott sells rulers in wood, plastic, stainless steel and aluminum. Next to regular rulers, the company also manufactures Twist-It flexible rulers that can't be broken and rulers with Microban, an ingredient that inhibits the growth of bacteria.

Other

Other main Westcott products include TrimAir paper trimmers, drafting and measuring tools, erasers, math tools, stencils, and vinyl lettering..

CONDOLENCES

The following was sent to us by Robert's daughter, Allison Greene Morrison



ROBERT ALLEN GREENE, 91 of East Greenwich, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Marilyn R. (Felthousen) Greene for sixty-one years.

Born in East Greenwich October 5, 1927, he was the son of the late Harold A. and Mildred E. (Stone) Greene. He graduated from the East Greenwich Academy and earned his BSBA from Bryant College. His education was interrupted twice serving his country in the U.S. Army, first during World War II in Italy during the occupation years and again in Korea during the Korean Conflict.

Bob, a retired businessman, owned and operated Greene Industries Inc., a wooden box and packaging company since 1956. As a local business owner, he was a great friend and mentor to many in East Greenwich.

He was an active supporter and participant in many different organizations. He was the past Governor of the RI Mayflower Society and the former Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. He had served both organizations in many capacities. Bob was also past president of the Roger Williams Family Association, Past Commanding Colonel in Kentish Guards, RIM, past President of the Rotary Club of East Greenwich, Denison Family Association member, past president Pilgrim John Howland Society, Founding member and past President of East Greenwich Preservation Society, Equipment manager and strong supporter of the East Greenwich Little League and sponsoring a major league boys team for close to thirty years. He also sponsored one of the first girls' softball teams. He was a long-time director and Vice President of Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery Corporation, founder of The Yankee Foam Packaging Company and The Indian River Company, past president of Founders and Patriots, active member of Sons of the American Revolution and many, many others too numerous to mention. Bob was a past member of the East Greenwich Yacht Club and the Squantum Association. He was also an active member of The First Baptist Church and served as a trustee and on the investment committee. In his 80's he started the East Greenwich Genealogical Society or as he likes to call it EGGs, always looking for ways to help people with their genealogy and to meet new cousins. He was a proud member of the Korean War Veterans Association.

He was an avid genealogist, train enthusiast, sailor, military reenactor, reader, publisher, painter, florist, woodworker, stamp collector, Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. He especially loved spending time at the family summer home on Point Judith Pond in South Kingstown. Bob led a very busy and full life and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Besides his wife he is survived by four children and nine grandchildren; and a great grandson.

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