A FILIAL TRIBUTE.

George Burgin Westcott.

The necessity to know one's lineage in order to obtain membership in some one of the patriotic societies that have been organized, has led to the acquisition of much valuable, personal and historical information. One of the most forcible conclusions derived from discoveries in family records—as contained in public archives—is the value of *heredity*.

Persons of good judgment and keen observation, enabling them to discriminate wisely, are those who hold to the truth that good blood is a precious inheritance. In tracing the past history of families and the career of individual members, the proof of heredity is too clearly shown to be disputed. A case in point is the genealogy of the late George Burgin Westcott, for many years a citizen of Chestertown. His unassuming manners and natural reserve forbade any display of his high mental and moral endowments. His possession of these qualities was evinced by his sound judgment in business matters, which won for him the confidence of his community and also, financial success.

Such results in this world of ours, so full of competition, do not come by chance. In this case, a long line of honorable ancestry gave to George B. Westcott an inheritance more valuable than gold. Every one who knew him, could not help perceiving that he was no ordinary man. He used to speak of his sturdy father, who gave the strength of his early manhood to his country's service in her struggle for national independence, being made a captain when only a youth of nineteen years. Later in life he again took up arms as captain of a company of volunteers in the war of 1812. Lineally on both his father's and mother's side the history of George Burgin Westcott's ancestry is most creditable. The name "Westcott" is a corruption or anglicising of the ancient one of "de Weftcote," derived centuries back from an estate in Devonshire, England. One of the Westcott descendents belonging to this country, when in England a few years ago, was shown and allowed to read the "Westcote Annals" in a "History of Devonshire," a book more than 400 years old, of which only two copies are known to exist; one kept with the utmost care in the "close" of Westminister Abby, and the other in the British Museum. The one in Westminister Abby was shown to Mrs. Caroline Westcott Romey by Bishop Westcott, (Lord Bishop of Durham Cathedral.) This "History of Devonshire" of the family of "de Westcote" was ancient and honorable," at that time, so long ago. The first one mentioned in this book is "John de Westcote" who wrote a book before printing was invented, which was placed in the archives of Exeter Cathedral. Many others of the name are spoken of "as gentlemen of leisure and learning" and quite a number were of the nobility.

Lord Lyttelton, known as the father of English Jurisprudence, "Coke on Lyttelton" is the first book of legal study for law students, was a "Westcote," that *one* son taking his mother's family name to inherit an especial estate, the other brothers retaining their paternal name of "Westcote." Bishop Westcott, one of the present representatives of the English branch, is a noted author. The London publishing house of McMillan & Co., alone having printed thirty books from his pen on classical and theological subjects. In St. Paul's Cathedral, London, there is an elegant life size monument to a Capt. George Burgin Westcott, who was killed in a naval engagement, off the coast of Trafalgar. He is of the same ancient family of "de Westcote."

Burke's books of peerage give the family and also the coat of arms which has, now, added *new* quarterings from inter marriages. In this country, descendents of the American immigrants, have, as heir looms, an old fashioned watch seal and seal ring, bearing the ancient crest and shield of the "de Westcote" family.

About 1639, or between 1639, we find "Stukly Westcott" and "Richard Westcote" in this country, and all authorities agree, that they were brothers. Stukly went into Rhode Island with Roger Williams; was a warm *personal* friend, and became a prominent man in the forming of *that* colony.

Richard Westcotte, with a party of colonists, who first landed in Massachusetts, went farther and founded "Wethersfield," (the first town in Connecticut.) His house and town lot of three acres are shown on the map of the town, recently published, and, in the local archives his name is often mentioned.

Richard Westcote's two sons left an honorable record.

Daniel is found all through the "History of Stamford" Connecticut, filling many positions of trust as "Surveyor," "Town Commissioner," "Adjuster of Disputes about Boundaries," "Arbitrator in personal differences," 'Commissioner' to lay out public roads,to "prepare list of the estates for the government," &c. At one time this "Daniel Westcote" was authorized to construct a bridge with "authority to summon men and teams" at his discretion. In 1684 he was one of a "committee to effect a loving, peaceable settlement of lines between the towns of Stamford and Greenwich," also on a committee to "take up illegally placed fences." He was also chosen to "represent the town in ye court at Fairfield."

In 1687 he was elected to "lay out the Common for the use of the towns people" and again in 1694, "Daniel Westcote" was appointed on a "commission to sell town lands" in a certain district. Earlier in 1676 "Daniel Westcote" was voted town lands in return for military service, when the citizens had been called upon "to go out against the common enemy." All these facts are recorded in the "History of Stamford" and the Connecticut state archives. In the "list of senators and representatives" in the "General Court" in Hartford, three different times is the name of "Daniel Westcote of Stamford" recorded.

The New England climate was terribly cold in winter and the soil full of rocks and not very fertile, so that it is not surprising that many New England colonists, migrated in search of more genial surroundings.

About 1696, this same "Daniel Westcote," with others, left Connecticut and came into the state of New Jersey,—pioneer settlers again. He died in Fairfield, New Jersey, in 1702, and in his will he mentioned his children and his "former home in Stamford Connecticut."

His three sons were "Samuel, Daniel and Ebenezer." They were among the founders of the settlements in Salem County, New Jersey. Later, Salem County was divided, and part received the name of "Cumberland County." From this Daniel of Stamford descended his son, Samuel. He mentions in his *will*, his five children (three daughters and two sons,) "Samuel and John."

George Burgin Westcott, of Chestertown, is the son of this second Samuel.

In the History of Cumberland Co., N. J., the Westcotts have an enviable record. In the very earliest accounts of the family in old England—long before the reformation—we find some of them in ecclesiastical life, members of the church of Rome; later, and at the present time, the representatives of this same family are staunch protestants, and are filling high places to-day, in civil positions, and the church of England. Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott, (Lord Bishop of Durham) has five sons, all in the ministry.

The branch of this ancient family of "de Westcote" that emigrated to America are now all Protestants, but divided among the Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches.

Stukly Westcott became a Baptist, Richard it is believed remained a church man, and many of his descendents are to-day "Episcopalians."

Daniel, (son of Richard), and some of his immediate descendents intermarried with the New England puritans, and in that way, many of the New Jersey descendents, became Presbyterians.

In the founding of the first stone Presbyterian Church in Fairfield, Cumberland Co,, N. J., many "Westcotts" and their near kindred were very largely the incorporators and chief supporters. The name of "Westcott" occurs very frequently in the list of Presbyterian *deacons, elders* and ministers. Sons of this family have been eminent in civil positions of trust in their native state, and other places. They can be traced like "Richard of Weathersfield" and "Daniel Westcotte of Stamford" all through the public archives in their lives of usefulness and honor.

I have so far spoken only of the Westcott ancestry of Geo. Burgin Westcott, but on his mother's side he inherited sterling qualities as well.

His maternal grandfather, "John Buck," was descended from another one of our early colonist families migrating, as did the Westcotts from Connecticut to New Jersey.

They too, have been honored by the ability and useful lives of many direct descendents.

The largest and most influential mercantile business firm in West and South N. J. for many years was the firm of "Whitacar & Buck," followed later by "Buck & Stratton" in Bridgeton. Dr. Ephraim Buck of this family, became eminent in medicine. One of this family was elected to the U. S. Senate. Dudley Buck—considered one of the most able composers of music in this country, belongs to this family also. The *grandmother* of Geo. Burgin Westcott, was a daughter of Richard Whitacar, one of the Fenwick colony, who came from London to the colonial province of N. J. with others in 1676.

Richard Whitacar, was made one of the "Council of Governors" and kept the office from 1679 to 1702, when a royal government was formed. This little chapter in ancestral history has been given to the public, believing there are many in Kent county who will feel an interest in learning something of the antecedents of one, who was such a good citizen of Chestertown as the late George Burgin Westcott.

Unfortunately he enjoyed in his youth only extremely limited educational opportunities, being next to the youngest in a family of 13 own brothers and sisters (all girls but two.) *This* privation he deeply regretted all his life, and his appreciation of the advantages of early education induced him to afford to his own children every facility to acquire this equipment for the duties of life.

HARRIET L. WESTCOTT HILL.

What Doctors Say of Bicycling.

The New York *Herald* says: "The *Herald's* European edition published recently in its medical columns an article giving the views of physicians regarding the effect of bicycling on the health of its votaries. In the discussion that took place a few months ago at the Academie de Medicine de Paris the members, with three exceptions, pronounced themselves against bicycling. But Sir Benjamin Richardson, of London, who had great experience in studying the effect of the bicycle on health, is disposed to approve its use in moderation. Bicycling has a decided and immediate action on the heart. In every rider it quickens the heart's action—the pulse may rise from 65 or 75 pulsations a minute to 200—and sometimes an increase in the size of the heart is detected. But Sir Benjamin Richardson reports no instance of overtaxing the heart, loss of breath, angina pectoris or vertigo of sufficient importance to oblige any one to abandon the bicycle. But the lesson to be derived from his researches and those of other physicians is, as our foreign medical correspondent says: Moderation should be observed in all things. It is very well to use the bicycle, but should not be carried too far. Too much and too violent exercise makes the heart muscle irritable and has a tendency to increase its volume. The fear of accidents and the emotion felt on riding a bicycle through crowded streets may bring on palpitations and other cardiac disorders in timid and impressionable people. The way in which this kind of sport may be harmful, or even dangerous, is in the exertion required in going up hill or in riding against a high wind, the excessive fatigue due to a long ride and in the non-observance of this fundamental rule of the wheelman's alimentary hygiene—to have small but frequent repasts and not to overexcite the heart by alcoholic drinks. * * * I therefore think that persons with any lesion of the heart will do well not to use the bicycle unless authorized to do so by their medical adviser."

Uncle Sam's Wife.—A little girl was sitting by her mother reading, one day, when she came across Aunt Ruth's name. "Mamma," she said, "I wonder who Aunt Ruth is." "Why, don't you know, dear, who Aunt Ruth is?" replied the mother. The little girl thought a minute, "Well, I guess she is Uncle Sam's wife."

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Curables versus Incurables.

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The curable forms of disease, that is what the faculty claim they *sometimes* cure, are few, and entirely, almost, are to be found among the fevers.

The incurable forms, that is what the faculty say cannot be cured, and must therefore be endured, or removed by the knife, or helped by crutches (glasses are crutches), are many. Among them are:

Asthma,	Astigmatism,
Catarrh,	Cataract,
Cancer,	Near-sightedness,
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The County Commissioners of Kent county will meet at their office in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, 5th DAY OF MARCH, 1895, at 10½ o'clock A. M., and will continue to meet at the same place and hour EVERY TUESDAY, for the purpose of noting transfers and correcting assessments, until the SEVENTH DAY OF MAY NEXT.

All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since their last sitting for said purpose, are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessments corrected and adjusted.

Persons making application for transfers of property will be required to comply with the following sections of the Code, Article 81.

SEC. 19. They shall also interrogate said person on oath in reference to any acquisition or investment made by him and not already assessed, and the amount of all such acquisitions and investments shall be added to the assessable property, and if he refuses to answer, no allowance or deduction shall be made on his assessment.

AFTER TUESDAY, SEVENTH DAY OF MAY NEXT, no alterations or corrections in the assessments will be made for the present year.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR FOR KENT COUNTY will be appointed on the second Monday—8th day—of April next.

A KEEPER OF THE STANDARDS OF WEIGHTS and MEASURES will be appointed on Tuesday, 9th day of April next.

☞All persons having accounts against the county are requested to present the same on or before TUESDAY, 28TH DAY OF MAY NEXT, otherwise they may be excluded from the levy this year. All accounts properly chargeable to the county are required to be made out in a clear manner and itemized and rendered under oath.

All applications for pensions must be made in writing, stating the condition and circumstances of the applicant and vouched for by three or more freeholders having knowledge of the facts therein set forth.

N. B.—All persons neglecting to have their assessments corrected are hereby notified that no allowance for taxes paid in error in consequence of such neglect will be made.

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