
Samuel Luke Americus Gallop Westcott, Jr.

“Lovie”

1848 – 1942

Wife Sarah Jane Coleman Westcott

1848 – 1924

Children

Nancy (Scotland - ?)

Mary Elizabeth Hunter (St. Paul, Mn)

Nannie (Mamie) Coleman (Scotland)

Martha Belle (New York) 1878 – 1936

Samuel Luke Westcott Sr (“Lovie II”) (Scotland) 1888-1966

Alexander B. (Scotland) 1889-1967

*this is but a small sampling of the legacy of “Lovie”
(much more to come!)

A TRIBUTE TO "LOVIE"



LUKE ("Lovie") WESTCOTT
Assistant Farmer -1911-1928

No story about Scotland would be complete without including Luke ("Lovie") Westcott. That nickname may have been given him by early students because of his favorite expressions, "do you love everybody?"

Lovie (some old timers called him "Lubby") was employed as an Assistant Farmer at the school from 1911-1928. He lived in the tenant house by the creek and continued to live there after retirement until his death in 1943. The title of his position was a polite term applied to all the tasks Lovie was asked to perform, some of them menial.

He was very popular with the students. Upon making an appearance on campus, he was quickly surrounded by a group of little children. They all were eager to hear him sing and tell stories. A few words of one song I remember him singing in his tenor voice, sometimes a little squeaky, was "git on board li' children, git on board, there's room for manya more." The stories he repeated many times mattered not to his willing listeners. They always sounded new to them. Lovie was always cheerful and his laughter fascinating.

In his little garden "patch" along the road from his home to the farm, he grew vegetables for his use. The late Freda Frantz Deam, Class of 1914, told me Lovie would carry vegetables onto the campus for the "kids" he thought were not getting enough to eat. Jim Grimes, Class of 1901, often mused about Lovie being the self-appointed trainmaster at the village station. He announced train arrivals and departures and answered the telephone. When a telephone was first installed in the station, Jim said Lovie laughed heartily and was amused at hearing a voice come to him over that thin wire.

One evening in the early forties, the boys' octet was rehearsing in the Chapel for the state Forensic and Music League Contest. One of the numbers selected was the Negro Spiritual "All God's Chillin' Got Wings." To the octet, this song seemed never ending. Mr. Maclay brought Lovie to hear the boys sing. When he learned they complained about the length of the song, he told the group that on the plantation they knew one hundred verses. Lovie was born of slave parents in North Carolina.

This kindly, loving gentleman, one of Scotland's fondest legends, passed away in 1943. He was one of the most unforgettable persons I have known.

Below: This little tenant house on the school property was known by many students as "Lovie's House." After retiring, he continued to live there until his death in 1943. It was also home for several staff members since then.



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