



**THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC.  
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Greetings!! I am sure that many of you are making plans to attend the 2008 Wells Family Reunion. Remember to note **August 31, 2008** on your calendars. Please make your reservation for lodging early. Many have found that if reservations aren't made early, all rooms are taken. There are so many other events going on that weekend with the Thunder Ridge race tracks and the Music Hall that hotels and motels are booked solid. The Wells Family Board Meeting was cancelled due to so much sickness and it is hoped that we will be able to meet in July to finalized plans for the reunion. We are aware that with the price of gas that it will be more expensive this year to travel. They are predicting that many people will not be taking vacations as they usually do. We are hoping that you will still attend the reunion and make this your vacation for 2008. The Wells Board will not meet due to gas prices and sickness of members. We will be contacting the board members by e-mail or phone and the reunion will go on as we do each year so please plan on coming and join us.

**GROUP PICTURE TAKEN AT REUNION**

It looks like one of our board members, Annie Wilson, will be taking group pictures at the reunion this year since it has been some years since we have been able to do pictures for our people. Annie will be floating around taking pictures of different members and will take your family groups if you would like. There is no obligation to purchase pictures but if you so desire, you may do so for a minimal cost. We will announce it at the reunion and I will have pictures to use in the upcoming newsletters.

**2007 REUNION CD / VIDEO UPDATE**

If you have been wondering why you had not received your CDs or Videos ordered at the 2007 reunion, it is because Ronnie Blair, since the reunion, has had several hospitalizations due to illness. He has been trying to get caught up with his work and has not forgotten. Ronnie said your orders will be sent eventually and he is working really hard to get caught up. I told Ronnie that he was burning the candle at both ends and must slow down a little. Let's remember Ronnie in our prayers.

**OTHER REUNIONS**

**COLLINS & SPEARS** Reunion will be Sept. 21, 2008 at Picnic Shelter 4 at Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, KY. For more information you may call Mary Margaret Ryder, at (606) 789-7768. Bring your favorite food and all will eat together.

**THE BOTTOMLINE BLUEGRASS SHOW**

**"The Tri-state's fastest growing bluegrass show"**— Don Rambo, Assistant Producer

Don Rambo is one of our very own and has performed for the Wells Family a couple times. This group is excellent and you will want to listen to them on their web page. Don and his group include his son Zach Rambo and Jim Crisp, all from the Ashland area. Their studio is at 1401 Winchester Ave., Ashland, KY. You can check out their web page by going to [myspace.com/bottomlinebluegrass](http://myspace.com/bottomlinebluegrass). You can call them at (606) 922-5419 or E-mail [bottomlinebluegrass@hotmail.com](mailto:bottomlinebluegrass@hotmail.com). Don Rambo is the son of Donna Sue Wells Rambo of Worthington, KY and the late Donald Rambo. Don descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**LOIS COLLINS MAY** of Van Lear, KY., celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party given by her family. Lois is the daughter of the late McKenley and Callie Daniels Collins. Her son James and his wife Sherry, her brother, Clyde Collins, and sister Maggie Penix, all attended plus numerous nieces and nephews. Lois descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

## ACADEMICS



**AUSTIN STEVENSON**, of Wheelersburg, OH has been accepted as an honor student in the 2007-2008 National Edition of Who's Who Registry of Academic Excellence. Austin, is a sixth grader honor roll student at Wheelersburg Middle School and the 2007 Spelling Bee Champion. Austin is the son of Scott and Kellie Wells Stevenson, the maternal grandparents are Bob and Ricca Wells of Greenup, KY and the great-grandson of the late Herman and Maggie Collins Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells.

**HOPE WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY the daughter of Alex and Melissa Conley Wells. She has been an honor student since beginning school. Hope graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will enter Johnson Central High School this fall. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier

**LAKIN WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY and the daughter of Alex and Melissa Conley Wells is an honor student at Porter Elementary school. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**JESSICA D. WOMACK**, of Greenup, KY was on the fall Dean's List at Ashland Community Technical College, Ashland, KY. Jessica is studying education with plans to become a teacher. To be on the dean's list you have to have a GPA average of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) with at least 12 credit hours course. Jessica husband Robert descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**AMBER WILCOX**, of Van Lear, KY, daughter of Richard and Vernita Lynn Wells Wilcox and has been an honor student since she begin school. She graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will enter Johnson Central High School this fall. Amber descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**LOGAN ALEXANDER CLINE** of Van Lear, KY graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Allen Central, Floyd County, where she maintained the honor roll. She will enter high school this fall in Floyd County. She is the daughter of Ron Cline of Martin County and Kim Wells, Van Lear. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Moses Wells

**TRACY BLEVINS**, of Van Lear, KY, a student at Johnson Central Middle School along with other students, won the governments' cup for the 6<sup>th</sup> time. Three area students placed first in individual contests. Johnson Middle School dominated this academic competition in Louisville, with the school capturing the state title in the division for the third year in a row and the sixth year overall. Johnson Central Middle school took first place honor overall with a total of 79 points, while its future problem solving team also won its competition. The team will now compete in an international competition. Tracy Blevins, was the winner in the Language Arts competition while another JCMS pupil, Andrew Salyers, placed first in the Social Studies category. Tracy is the daughter of Danny Blevins of Van Lear, KY and descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

**BRANDI MICHELLE HORN**, of Louisa, KY completed student teaching requirements in Weston, W.Va. Brandi is



currently completing her student teaching in Music at Peterson-Central Elementary School in Weston, W.Va., with teacher Andrea Heath and at Lewis County High School with cooperating teacher Bill Friend. Dr. Donna Maher, Dr. Carol Benton, and Mary Bland Strickland are Horn's supervisors for GSC. Brandi graduated from Glenville State

College in May 2008 and will be teaching this fall. She has had several offers but at this time has not decided which position to take. She is the daughter of Donnie and Lisa Wells Horn of Louisa and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**HEATHER QUALLICH**, of Parma, OH, the daughter of Patti Quallich and the late Douglas Quallich, has been an Honor Roll student since her freshman year. Based on Heather Quallich's outstanding academic achievement at Padua Franciscan High School, she was nominated for membership in **The National Society of High School Scholars**. Her hard work has placed her among a select group of students in recognition of dedication to excellence. Heather descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

## CONGRATULATIONS



**DR. PAULA HEATER WELLS**, Lexington, KY and the wife of Bradley Wells graduated from Prestonsburg High School, University of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky Medical School. She has done her residency in pediatrics, graduating June 2008 and will begin her practice at the Kentucky Clinic in July. She is the mother of twins Evan Bradley and Ella Brooke. Paula is the daughter of Kenneth and Mary Heater of Prestonsburg, KY.

**DR. LORI LUNDERGAN HUFF**, of Lexington, Kentucky, Lori graduated from Morehead State University and University of KY Medical Center, Lexington, Kentucky, 2008 and will begin her residency in Pediatrics at UK. She is the wife of Scott Huff and daughter of Eddie & Kim Wells Lundergan of Maysville, KY. The maternal grandparents are Jim & Doris Connors Wells of Aberdeen, Ohio and the paternal grandparents are Doris Cooper, Ripley, Ohio and the late Andy Lundergan. Lori descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells. Her grandfather Jim Wells serves on the Wells Family Association Board.



**(Dr. Lori Lundergan Huff & Dr. Bradley Wells)**  
Below you will find that we have a lot to be proud of since two of our own graduated May 2008 from the University of Kentucky Medical School. We have many young people that are in honorable professions in the family and I for one am proud of all of them. Lori & Bradley were not aware they were cousins until entering medical school. You can read about each of them in the articles below



**DR. BRADLEY ELLIOTT WELLS**, of Lexington, Kentucky, husband of Dr. Paula Heater Wells graduated from Prestonsburg, Kentucky High School, University of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky School of Physical Therapy, University of

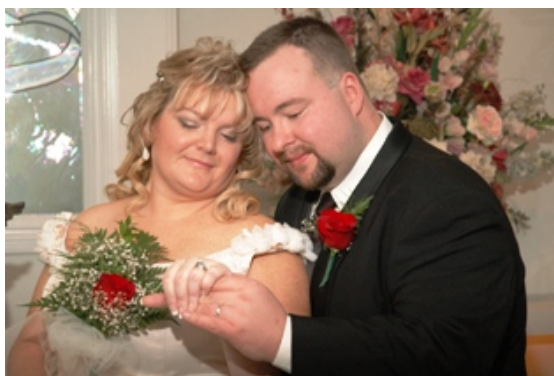
Kentucky Medical School, 2008. He will begin his residency in Radiology at the University of Kentucky Medical Center this spring. Bradley is the husband of Paula Heater Wells and they reside with their twins in Lexington. He is the son of Ralph B. and Barbara E. Wells of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of the late Eugene and Alma Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells.



**KATHERINE WELLS**, 5 years old of Lexington, KY, was picked as one of 4 winners in a contest for Cover Model Search Winners for the Cover of Lexington Family Magazine. The LFM said they pick their models at the Camp Fair each year in April. This year more than 325 cuties sat down for a few moments at the Fair and let the talented Photographers at the

Portrait Shoppe Capture their best smiles. How did they pick the winners? Well, it was hard. They saw more beautiful eyes, button noses, sweet smiles and engaging giggles than you can imagine. From more than 30 semi-finalists, four children were picked and became the winners. The next few months you'll see these adorable faces on the cover of Lexington Family magazine. Elizabeth is one of the children picked and will be on the magazine. She is the daughter of Chris & Lisa Wells and her paternal grandparents are Ronald and Judi Wells of Georgetown, KY. Katherine descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

## MARRIAGES



**SHAWN W. COLLINS & STEPHANIE L. YEARGIN COLLINS** of Warsaw, IN was married Feb. 29, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The groom is the son of Kermit and Louise Collins of Warsaw. Shawn is a 1993 graduate of Warsaw High School and is employed by A.M. General in Mishawaka. Stephanie the bride is a daughter of Steven and Lenore Lewis of Mentone. She is a 1999 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley and is employed by Arrow Services, Inc. in Plymouth. Shawn descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.



**Robert Womack & Jessica D. Hall** Womack was married 19 Jan 2008 at the Wedding Chapel in Greenup, KY. Robert is the son of Kermit & Pat Wells Womack of Greenup. Robert is a graduate of Greenup County High School in 2005 and graduate of Ashland Community Technical College with a degree in pipefitting. He is presently employed with the Plumbers & Steam Fitters Local Union 248. Jessica is the daughter of David and Tonia Thompson of Greenup and she graduated from Greenup County High School in 2006. She is student at Ashland Community Technical College where she is studying education to become a teacher. Robert's father Kermit was best man for the wedding and Jessica's mother was her bridesmaid. Attending the wedding was Kermit and Pat Wells Womack and David & Tonia Thompson. The couple is residing at State Rt. 3307, Greenup, KY 41144. Robert descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



**ERIN SUSANNE MCCOART AND JEFFERY LANCE BOWLING** of Johnson County were married May 17, 2008 at her father's home at Van Lear, KY. Erin is the daughter of John McCoart of Van Lear and Vicky Adkins McCoart of Van Lear. Erin is a graduate of

Paintsville High School and Eastern Kentucky University and employed as a Referral Manager for Salyersville Convalescence Home, Salyersville, KY. Lance graduated from Johnson Central High School and Pikeville College and is self employed. The wedding party was made up of the best man, Kenny Paul Richmond, bridesmaid Rebecca Keith, 3 flower girls: niece of bride, Morgan McCoart, daughter of the groom, Loureen Bowling and niece of groom, Jayden Bowling. The ring bearer was nephew of the bride, Zack McCoart. The Rev. Paul Wayne Browning performed the ceremony before approximately 100 family and friends. Erin is a granddaughter of James & Emma D. Wells Adkins of Van Lear. Lance is the son of David & Linda Bowling of Johnson County. Erin descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Erin has done special singing at the Wells Family Reunion.

**MICHAEL DAVID BLACKBURN & TABETHA ELAINE HOWARD BLACKBURN**, of Van Lear, KY was married in a private ceremony at Salyersville, KY in March 2008. The paternal parents are Rev. David & Brenda Blackburn of Van Lear. The maternal parents are Wayne & Caroline Howard of Royalton, KY. The groom is a Sergeant in the U.S. Army National Guard to be deployed to Afghanistan. The bride is a student in the nursery program at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Paintsville, KY. Michael is the grandson of the late Reatha Lou Williamson Blackburn and descends from Richard Wells though his son William Green Wells

## BIRTHS



**MADELYN HANNAH WELLS**, of Inez, KY was born Nov. 27, 2007 at Kings Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, KY. She weighed 7 lb 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. The proud parents are Clayton and Leigh Ann Wells of Inez, and the paternal grandparents are Carol Wells, Inez and the late Clay Wells. Her late grandfather Clay previously served on the

Wells Board and Clayton is presently a member of the board. Madelyn Hannah descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.



**LOGAN RILEY – JAMES RUDD**, born March 25, 2007 to the proud parents Larson & Sarah Sturgill Rudd. He weighed in as 6 lb. 10 oz. The maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Mark Eugene Sturgill and great grandparents Sheldon & Barbara Hyden Sturgill of Louisville, KY. Logan descends

from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Auxier. The great grandparents attend and always support the Wells reunion.



**ACOB RYAN HORN** was born March 24, 2008 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20.5" tall. He was welcomed by his twin brothers Matthew and Alex and parents Gregory and Tonya Collins Horn of Oil Springs, KY. The maternal

grandparents are Larry & Rita Griffith Collins of Van Lear. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



**MEREDITH KITTY MEADE** was born on March 29, 2008 at Frankfort KY Hospital. She weighed 6 lb. 10 oz. and was 19.5" tall. She was welcomed by her two sisters Madison and Abbey and her parents Todd and Lisa Cox Meade of Paintsville, KY. The paternal grandparents are Ann Wilson (Jim) and Harold Meade of Paintsville. Meredith descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



**VAN BRADLEY AND ELLA BROOKE WELLS**, the **twins** were born Jan 24, 2008 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Evan Bradley weighed 6 lbs 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. Ella Brooke weighed 7 lbs 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. The proud parents are Bradley and Polly Heater Wells of Lexington, KY. The paternal grandparents are Ralph and Barbara Elliott Wells of Prestonsburg, KY. The maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Mary Heater of Prestonsburg, KY. The paternal great grandparents were the late Eugene and Alma Wells and they descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

**CONNOR ANTHONY JAMES TUCKER**, of



Staffordsville, KY was born Dec. 19, 2007 at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20" long. The proud parents are Craig Wells Tucker & Jennifer Collins Tucker. The paternal

grandparents are Phillip & Sherry Wells Tucker of East Point, KY and the maternal grandparents Susan Prater Collins and the late James Collins. Connor descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

### **SICK LIST**

Members are home but been sick or have health problems and needs our prayers. Judi Wells, Lloyd Wells, Vicki McCoart, Emma Adkins, Emma Joyce Music, Marlene Jarvis, Georgia Richmond Hall, Lyman Porter, Tom Witten, Dolores Booth, Sandra Wells, Nancy Hackworth, Neva Sue Baker, Genevieve Wells, Christopher Wells. Cynthia A. Wells Morris, Don Morris. Geneva Harmon, Lois Marshall, Pat Womack, Anna Wilson.

### **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

**HERMAN WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY underwent surgery on Feb. 12, 2008 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, KY. He also was in Highland Regional Medical Center with pneumonia in April. He is recuperating at home after spending some time with his son Ronnie and his wife Diana but is back home at present. Herman is the son of the late Elmer & Pearl Hamilton Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears. Herman is a previous member of the Wells Family board.

**CLARA WELLS PRESTON**, of Urbana, OH, underwent surgery on Feb. 12, 2008 at Right Patterson Air Force Base Hospital in Dayton, OH. I talked with Clara and she said she felt great without pain in her back which she had been suffering for years and slowly ending up in a wheel chair. Clara sounded great and like her old self. She said the doctor said things could not have gone any better. Clara is the daughter of the late Sherman & Lillie Collins Wells and descends from Richard through George E. Wells. Her husband Jim is a member of the Wells Family board and Clara is a previous member.

**CLIFFORD BOOTH**, of Van Lear, KY underwent surgery in Feb. to have a pacemaker installed. He is presently home and doing well. Clifford is the husband of Dolores "Sis" Williams Booth and she descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells. She and Clifford have been members of the Wells Family board since we first became an Organization Association.

**GWENDELINE WELLS ALEXANDER**, of Prestonsburg, KY underwent surgery for a knee replacement on Jan. 23, 2008 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, KY. Gwen spent a week with her daughter after coming out of the hospital then returned to her home. She is recuperating with help from her husband Bud and the therapist coming to the house. Gwen is the daughter of the late Eugene & Alma Wells and descends from the Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**RANDALL LEE WELLS**, Louisville, KY underwent surgery on Feb. 20, 2008 to remove the plaque from his carotid artery at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. It was found that he had 70% blockage in his right carotid artery after going through comprehensive screening. He is recuperating with family after a couple nights in the hospital. Randy is the son of Dorothy L. Deering Wells and the late Ebbie Wells. He descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**ANNICE WILLIAMS MUSIC**, of Boonscamp, KY, was a patient in Highland Regional Medical Center a couple times, but is home recuperating at this time. Annice is the daughter of the late Bernard & Alta Wells Williams. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

**MANFORD WALTON**, of Lexington, KY spent a week in Central Baptist Hospital in May. He is the son of the late Chester & Lucy Delong Walton. He is presently home and recuperating with care from his wife Mary. Manford descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and serves on the Wells Family Board.

**ANN TACKETT PORTER**, of Waverly, Ohio has been a patient in Chillicothe, Ohio hospital twice in the month of May & June. She is presently home recuperating with care from her husband Lyman who is the son of the late Arbie & Judith Williamson Porter and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells. Ann & Lyman both serves on the Wells Family board.

**BROOKLAND MADISON MUSIC** of Lawrence County, KY underwent eye surgery in Charleston, WV in June. Brookland is 7 months old was born with cataracts. She is the daughter of Jason and Amanda Maynard Music and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells. According to family members the surgery was successful. The paternal grandparents are Dola and Annice Williams Music of Johnson County.

**PATTY "WELLS" LIVINGSTON**, of Urbana, OH, has been in Springfield Ohio Hospital couple, times since our last newsletter. Patty is the daughter of Jim and Clara Wells Preston and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. Jim is auctioneer for the Wells family.

**NEVARD WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY had cataract surgery in March. He is doing well at his home recuperating. Nevard is the son of the late Benjamin and Ann Richmond Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. He celebrated his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**EUGENE MUNCY**, of Williamsport, KY underwent gall bladder surgery at Paul B. Hall hospital in April. He also has had cataract surgery on both eyes. He is presently doing fine with care from his wife. Eugene's wife Charlene descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. She also serves on the Wells Family Board.

**BERNICE WELLS AUSTIN**, of Paintsville, KY has been a patient in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, KY. Bernice is home recuperating at this time. Bernice is the daughter of the late Kelly & Bertha Clark Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**ROSE MARY WELLS HARMON**, of Brookpark, Ohio has been a patient in a local hospital several times. Rose Mary is recuperating with Rehab at this time. She is the daughter of the late Elmer and Pearl Hamilton Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**VERNAN WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY is in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He previously was in the hospital several times. He is the son of the late Bill and Margie Preston Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**ALBERT LEE HALL**, of Brunswick, Ohio underwent stomach surgery in April at Medina, Ohio Hospital. Lee will be receiving treatment from the Oncologist. Lee is the son of the late Willie and Ollie Burke Hall. His wife Georgia descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**MARY MARGARET WELLS RYDER**, of Paintsville, KY has been a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland for several weeks. She was moved to Rehab at Huntington, WVA. Mary is the daughter of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**AVERY GAYLE FOX**, of Richmond, KY underwent gallbladder surgery on June 24, 2008. Avery has a rare genetic blood disease that caused the gallstones. Avery is the daughter of Will and Angela Williams Fox. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and

William G. Wells. The maternal grandparents are Bobby Williams of Van Lear and Pam Hall.

## DEATHS

**MARGARET SUE BERRYMAN**, 67, of Surry, VA., passed away peacefully in her home on Chestnut Farm, Surry. Margaret was the daughter of the late Joseph Shepard and Gladys Wells Berryman. She was well known for her activities in her native Surry County and various civic organizations. She was a proud co-founder of the Surry County Historical Society, and also a member of the Jamestown Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and the Wells Family Association Inc. Within those organizations she held various posts and positions. She was instrumental in founding the Surry County Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Margaret was a member of the Surry county Planning Commission, and also participated as an appointed member to the Wet Lands Board. She retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation, and previously worked for the Richmond Department of Utilities the Richmond National Band, and the Dominion Power Co. She is survived by her husband Joseph Sterling Perkinson, two brothers; Joseph W. Berryman, Benjamin R. Berryman (Sandy), her nieces, Anne B. Justus, and Susan B. Landis (Jon), and her great-niece, Amelia Anne Landis. She also is survived by her step-children; L. Gail Blaha (Charles), Jay S. Perkinson (Donna), Phillip E. Perkinson (Sheri); and step-grandchildren Amy Everett (Christopher) Joseph Craig, Brenda P. Criswell (David); Margaret loved her extended family of cousins and her many friends, especially Avis Rhoda, Julian and her friend Helen Snowdeal in Maine. A memorial service was held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Surry on 1 March 2008, with Rector Jim Browder officiating. Burial was private and The Purrvance Chapel of J.T. Morris and Son Funeral Home, Wakefield, assisted the family with arrangements. Margaret was on the Wells Family Board and she descends from Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells. Margaret and her cousin Helen Wells Piner attended the reunion 3 years ago and Helen provided me with information on her death. (Thanks, Helen)

**DOUGLAS JARVIS**, 60, of Van Lear, KY died April 29, 2008 at his home after a long battle with cancer. Doug was born May 22, 1947, in Floyd County. He was a son of the late Edgar Jarvis & Nellie Endicott Jarvis Dale. He was a factory worker of Automotive Supply and a member of Old Log Cabin Church of Van Lear, KY. He was also preceded in death by six brothers, Esau Jarvis, George Jarvis, Mick Jarvis, Monroe Jarvis, Greene Jarvis, and Estill Dale. Survivors include his wife, Marlene Sturgill Jarvis of Van Lear; two sons, Danny Cornelison of Ypsilanti, Mich. and Sheldon Douglas Jarvis of Van Lear; two daughters, Drema K. Hunt of Ashland and Debbie Cleavinger of Pinckney, Mich.; six brothers, Luther Jarvis of Pikeville, Jake Jarvis of Banner, Herman Jarvis of

Ypsilanti, Edgar Jarvis of Tram, Merli Dale of Stanville, and Don Dale of Ivel; four sisters, Frances Vanover and Pat Hamilton, both of Stanville, Alice Graves of Tennessee, and Sandra Justice of Betsy Layne; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY with Richard Music and Newt Music officiating. He was cremated. His wife Marlene descends from Richard Wells thorough George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Marlene serves on the Wells Family Association Board as chairperson of the Historical Committee.

**DONNA SUE WELLS POWERS**; 70, of Aurora, Colo., formerly of Meally, KY., died Tuesday 12/11/2007 at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora. Donna was born Feb. 1, 1937, in Johnson County, to the late Nevard and Edna Mae Webb Wells. Her husband, Phillip Powers, preceded her in death. She was a sales clerk with a retail department store. Surviving are one daughter, Sandra Gail Powers of Alma; one brother, John P. Wells of Wabash, IND.; and one sister, Barbara Branham of Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. The funeral was Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at Highland Church of Christ with Rev. Terri Scott officiating. Burial was in the Short Family Cemetery on Short Branch at Meally, KY. Donna descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**BETTY JEAN PANASHY COOPER FRALEY**, 69, of Princeton, WV died on 5/8/2007 in Bluefield Regional Medical Center. Betty was a homemaker and born 6/13/1937 in Yukon to the late Matthew Panashy Sr. and Mildred Wells "Panashy" Roach. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Gerald "Jerry" Cooper and a brother, Freddie Panashy. Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Larry Fraley of the home; daughter, Lynn Cooper Profitt of Charleston; grandson, Jerry Lee Mabry; brothers, Matthew Panashy Jr. (Phyllis), Philip Panashy (Nancy), sisters, Margaret Tanner (Kenneth), Freda Swim (Jack), JoAnn Hall, Carol French (Tracy), all of Princeton, and Lou LeGlaire (Mickey), of Los Angeles, Calif.; mother-in-law, Bonnie Fraley of Peterstown; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2007 at the George W. Seaver Chapel of Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Rob Buchanan officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Betty Jean was a grand-daughter of the late Ireland & Willia Hyden Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**POLLY M. WELLS**, 79, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, died 12/14/2007 at Med Central Hospital in Mansfield, OH. Polly was born 9/30/1928 in Paintsville, KY the daughter of the late Bradley and Mary Ann Burchett Patrick. She was retired from North Electric Co., and was a member of the Edison Enterprise Baptist Church. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Sebert Wells; one daughter, Linda L. Long; and two brothers and one sister.

Surviving are her son-in-law, William Long of Cardington, two brothers, Henry Patrick of Wittensville, Ky., and Clyde Patrick of Paintsville; one sister, Myrtle Caudill of Nippa, KY.; and two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of The Gomp Funeral Home in Cardington, OH with the Rev. Edward Colegrove officiating and burial in the Glendale Union Cemetery. Her late husband was the son of the late Brownlow & Goldie Butcher Wells and descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**RICHARD WOODRIDGE SPEARS**, 71, husband of Phyllis Brooks Spears, died Jan. 5, 2008, in Lexington, Kentucky. Dick Spears was born Sept 4, 1936, in Ashland, Kentucky, to the late Woodridge and Evalena Spears. A civic and corporate leader, his commitment to improving education has impacted generations of Kentucky students. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Georgetown College and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Kentucky College of Law where he served on the Lafferty Society. In 2007, he was inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Law Alumni Hall of Fame. In his honor, the University of Kentucky College of Law established the Ashland Inc. — Spears Distinguished Research Professorships. He is a past president of the Boyd County Bar Association. Mr. Spears was the Senior Vice President, Law and Human Resources, of Ashland Oil, Inc. During his tenure with Ashland, he spent a considerable amount of time promoting education in Kentucky as the President of the Board of Ashland Oil Foundation, Inc., which raised significant moneys to enhance education at all levels in Kentucky. Through his leadership, Ashland established the Ashland Inc. Legal Scholars Program that provides student scholarships at the College of Law. He was a Co-owner and director of Kentucky Bank and Trust Co. He served as Counsel to Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald PLLC. He was a member of the Georgetown College Foundation Board, sponsored the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, received an honorary Doctorate degree and served on the Board of Directors. He was the President and a Director of Ashmark, Inc., a private retail venture which he co-founded. He served on Northern Kentucky University's Board of Directors. He was elected as an independent Board of Director of Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS) in 2007. He was active in the Episcopal diocese, including Calvary Episcopal Church in Ashland and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington. He was the co-chair of the 2nd Century campaign which is credited with raising funds for a youth camp run by the Episcopal diocese. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Phyllis, and his children, Richard and Elizabeth Spears; his brother, Philip (Judy) Spears; sister, Sandra Spears; and brother-in-law, Bill (Carol) Brooks. Visitation took place at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, 2008. Following a private burial at Lexington Cemetery, a memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, at Good Shepherd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 533 East Main St., Lexington, KY 40508, the University of Kentucky College of Law, 620 S. Limestone, Lexington,

KY 40506-0048, and Georgetown College, 400 East College Street, Georgetown, KY 40324. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on Main Street in Lexington is in charge of the arrangements. Richard descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears lines.



**BRIAN DOUGLAS**

**GEORGE** 34, of Houston passed away suddenly as a result of a traffic accident on Feb 10, 2008 in Montgomery, TX. He was born Feb 28, 1973 in Pikeville, KY. He is preceded in death by his father, Michael Douglas George of KY. Brian is survived by his wife, Mary Rebecca (Becky) Marks George; parents, Mary Lee and Fred Colston, III; step-mother, Linda George; brothers, Chris Colston, Josh George and Ben George; grandparents, Peggy George and the late

Douglas George, the late Darwin and Christine Patton and Joanna and Fred Colston, Jr.; parents-in-law, Linda Marks and the late Richard Marks, Sr.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard and Diane Marks, Jr. and Dale and Pam Faltysek; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in KY, WI, OH, VA and MI. Brian graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and was employed as a chemical engineer with Baker Petrolite in Houston. He was an avid outdoorsman. Funeral services were set for 10:30 a.m. Fri, Feb 15, 2008 at Forest Park the Woodlands Funeral Chapel. Interment followed in Forest Park the Woodlands Cemetery. Visitation was held Thur., Feb 14, 2008 from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home. In memory of Brian, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 6350 North Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2130 or Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Fwy., Ste. 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

**WELMA E. HOVIS**, 67, of Marble Hill, MO., died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at Elder Care of Marble Hill. She was born June 30, 1940, in Bollinger County, daughter of Lucus and Oma Gattis Simmons. Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Wells Wallace of Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, Roy Simmons, Bunker Hill, IL, Jimmy Simmons, Nimmons, AR, and Glen Simmons, Marble Hill, MO., one sister Frances Nations of Beatyville, KY. Visitation was from 9 a.m. to service time Monday at Hutchings Funeral Chapel. The funeral was at 11 a.m. Monday at the chapel, with Kelly Francis officiating. Burial was in the McGee Chapel Cemetery. Patricia is the Secretary for the Wells Family Board and she descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

**OLA H. WELLS**, 82, of Auxier, KY, died Dec. 27, 2007 at her residence. Ola was born Jan 6, 1925 to the late Anderson & Lula Stephens Hatfield. She was preceded in

death by her first husband James Burchett and her second husband Melvin Wells. Surviving are three sons, Melvin C. Wells and Franklin D. Burchett both of Auxier, and James L. Burchett of Lexington, KY; one daughter, Linda Rose of Prestonsburg, KY; one brother Charles Hatfield of Floyd County; two sisters Virginia Hall and Ann Banks, both of Prestonsburg; and nine grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home with the funeral in the chapel. Jerry C. Workman officiated with burial in the Gethsemane Gardens in Prestonsburg. Her second husband Melvin Wells descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**LINDA L. SPEARS**, 56, of Wurtland, KY, died Friday, March 7, 2008, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Mrs. Spears was born March 16, 1951, in Ashland, a daughter of Wetzel and Hazel Pennington Lee of Worthington and the late Roosevelt Pennington Jr. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Terry V. Spears. Mrs. Spears was a member of Danleyton Missionary Baptist Church and also attended Wurtland Missionary Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Wurtland High School and Ashland Community College. She is survived by a stepson, Matthew (Adele) Mallow-Spears of Wisconsin; a daughter, Amanda Beth Spears (Roger) Covert of Wurtland; a brother, Jerry (Cheryl) Pennington of Raceland; two sisters, Sandra (Harold) Slaughter of Worthington and Donna (Tim) Dement of Russell; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Quinten and Wanda Spears of Wurtland; a sister-in-law, Rayna (Scott) Nixon of Texas; and six grandchildren, Terron Riley Covert, Kendall Paige Covert, Haylee Covert, Tayla Mallow-Spears, Rhiannon Mallow-Spears and Quinten Mallow-Spears. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2008, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup by Brother Marvin Boggs. Burial was in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods. Linda descends from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears.

**JAMES ORVILLE WELLS**, 67, of Westwood, husband of Evelyn Adams Wells, died Saturday morning at Community Hospice Care Center following an extended illness. Mr. Wells was born Nov. 9, 1940, in Westwood, son of the late Orville and Mary Evelyn Helton Wells. James was a retired lab technician from Kentucky Electric Steel and was of the Baptist faith. He was also a member of the VFW Post 76 and the Ashland Eagles Daniel Boone Aeries. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons; Jimmy and Tim Wells of Westwood; two daughters; Paulette Clark (Rusty) of Princess and Tammy Sue Wells of Cannonsburg; two brothers; Gary Richard Wells of Melbourne, Fla., and Charles Wells of Westwood; two sisters, Sharon Callihan of Westwood and Charlene See of Ashland; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were at the Preston Family Funeral Home in Ashland by the Rev. Ron Riley. Burial was in the Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens. James descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Nancy Butcher Wells.

**CHESTER C. WEBB**, 84, of Van Lear, KY died Dec. 31, 2007 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY. Chester was born Oct. 13, 1923 in Johnson County, KY, son of the late Willie Webb and Bertha Clark Webb Wells. He was a coal miner and a veteran of WWII. Chester spent many years as a member of the Veterans of Foreign War and assisted in conduction military services throughout the area. Surviving are his wife, Geraldine Vires Webb of Van Lear, two sons Danny & Larry Webb, both of Van Lear; two sisters, Bernice Austin and Elsie Ramey both of Paintsville; three grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Paintsville with Greg Nichols and Rod Wells officiating. Burial was in the Wells & Webb Cemetery, Van Lear, KY. Chester's sister Bernice descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears. Chester comes through the Clark family.



**JOYCE WELLS CREECH**, 84, of Waverly, OH died Dec. 26, 2007, at her home. She was born April 1, 1923, in Greenup, KY, the daughter of the late Herman & Maggie Collins Wells. She was united in marriage on April 12, 1970 to Arlas E. Creech of Waverly who survives her. Other survivor's are a son, Jim Jordan (Pamela) of Fort Collins, CO; one grandson, Brian Jordan (Susanna) of Denver, CO; one brother, Robert Wells (Rica) of Greenup, KY, two sisters, Betty Fitzwater of Flatwoods, KY, and Jean Webb of Lucasville, OH; and several nephews and nieces. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband James Jordan. Joyce was a very devoted Christian, and openly expressed that. She was a retired engineer associate for Goodyear. Arrangements were under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly, with services at the funeral home. The Rev. Joe Nelson officiated with burial following in Brick Union Cemetery in Lloyd, KY. Joyce descends from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells.

**GLORIA JEANNE CASTLE SPURLOCK**, 67, of Prestonsburg, KY died Dec. 21, 2007, at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH. She was born 6-2-1940, in Paintsville, KY the daughter of Lorraine Stambaugh Stapleton of Paintsville, KY and the late Jack C. Castle. She was a thoroughbred trainer, a homemaker and a former registered nurse. She is survived by her husband, Burl Wells Spurlock. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Paintsville, KY and the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg, KY. In addition to her husband and mother, survivors include a son, Beau Spurlock (Susan Rose) of Prestonsburg, KY; two grandchildren; Julia Rose Spurlock and Elizabeth Ivy "Libby" Spurlock. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home. Services were at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mark Walz and Rev. Wesley

Stedtefeld officiating with burial in the Spurlock Cemetery, in Prestonsburg. Visitation was Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, 4089 Ironworks Parkway., Lexington, KY 41653, Jeanne C. Spurlock Memorial Fund Emergency Department. Gloria Jeanne's husband Burl Spurlock was the son of the late Burl and Elizabeth Jane Wells Spurlock and descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.



**AGNES "LIBBY" WELLS**, 86, of Dayton, OH, passed away Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Heartland of Beavercreek. She was born December 6, 1922 in Maysville, KY, the daughter of the late Charles and Rosalie (Fritsch) Eppensteiner. Libby was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kermit Wells, in 1992, and one sister, Anne Harris. She is survived by her daughters, Rosemary, Patsy, and Peggy; beloved son, Tad; grandchildren, Susette, Tess, and James; great-grandson, Christian; sister, Theresa Falter; brother, Charles Eppensteiner (Avanelle) and brother-in-law Robert Harris. A memorial mass will be held at Holy Family Church on April 12, 2008. The family will receive friends at 12:30 p.m. prior to the service. Mass will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Father John Krumm. To send a special online message to the family, please visit [www.NewcomerFamily.com](http://www.NewcomerFamily.com). "Libby was truly special and will always be remembered with a smile." Libby's late husband Kermit Wells descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. He and Libby both were faithful members of the Wells Family Reunion.

**FRANK OSBORNE**, 86, of Hager Hill, KY, died Dec 31, 2007 at his residence. He was born April 25, 1921 in Johnson County a son of the late Pat Osborne and Alice Delong Osborne. He was a water plant foreman for 40 years and a U.S. veteran. Surviving are his wife, Flora Dixon Osborne of Hager Hill; one daughter, Lilly (Jeff) Laudermilt of Hager Hill and three grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral home, Paintsville with B. Joe Hill and L.C. Moore officiating. Burial was in the Osborne Family Cemetery at Hager Hill. Frank descends through the Auxier Delong.

**ANNA M. WELLS**, 72, of New Carlisle, OH died Tuesday; March 4, 2008 in the Springfield Regional Medical Center Fountain Campus. She was born in Huntington, West Virginia on May 2, 1935, the daughter of Loren Odel and Della Eyeland (Watson) Warren. Anna was preceded in death by her parents; son James E. Wells; her brother John E. Warren; and sister, Dorothy F. Warren. She is survived by her husband of 55 years Arlie E. Wells; daughter Debra L. Mather both of New Carlisle; son Roger & Karen Wells of Raiford, Florida; sisters Kay and Ray Overman of Springfield and Betty Sullins of Port

Charlotte, FL; sister in law Janet Warren of Springfield; seven grandchildren Danielle and Kyle Mather, Jamie, April, and Jeremy Wells, Brittani and Tracey Wells; three great grandchildren Jasmine, Gabriella, and Isabella Wells; three nephews Dale Patton, Johnny Reed, and Tim Sullins. A gathering of friends and family will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in the Richards, Raff & Dunbar Memorial Home. Services will be Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the memorial home with Rev. Dene Anstine officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Burial Park. Her husband Arlie is the son of the late Ireland & Willa Hyden Wells of Van Lear, KY. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Elizabeth DeLong Wells.

**THOMAS EARL WELLS**, 62, of Van Lear, KY died March 14, 2008 at Hager Hill, KY. Earl was born Dec. 20, 1945 in Honolulu, Hawaii, the son of the late Joe Wells Jr. and Hilda Idigpio Wells. He was preceded in death by on brother, Roy Neal Wells. Surviving are three brothers, Edward Lee Wells of Williamsport, KY and David Rolland Wells and Brian Keith Wells both of Van Lear, one sister, Lois Collins of Hager Hill; and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home in Paintsville with the funeral in the chapel of the funeral home. Roger D. Williams officiated with burial in the Wells-Webb Cemetery at Van Lear. Earl descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

**FREDRICK KEITH BURCHETT**, 48 of Sitka, KY died May 11, 2008 at his residence. He was born Jan. 9, 1960 in Johnson County, KY, son of Fredrick and Wilma Joy Green Burchett of Sitka. He was an equipment parts foreman. Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Unoka Sharon Richmond Burchett; one son, Dillon Keith Burchett; and one brother, Kevin (Debra) Burchett, all of Sitka; and one nephew, Jimmy Burchett. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 13, 1 p.m. at the Funeral Home. The service was officiated by James Kelly Caudill and Jim McKenzie, with burial in the family cemetery at Sitka. His wife Unoka Sharon Richmond Burchett descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**JAMES WARREN WELLS**, 63, of Roan Mountain, TN., died June 10, 2008 at Sycamore Shoals Hospital in Elizabeth, TN. He was born Oct 20, 1944 in Johnson County, KY, a son of the late Denzil and Geraldine Gullett Wells. Surviving are one son, Larry Lee Wells of Columbia, S.C.; one daughter, Gina K. Wells of Roan Mountain; one brother, William "Bill" Wells of Clarksville, TN.; one sister, Doris Deana Wells Kirk of Westerville, OH; and four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville, KY. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, KY. James descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, Roseanna Wells Spears.

**BILLY E. CLIFTON**, 62, of Wabash, IN., formerly of Van Lear, died Jan.31, 2008 at Wabash Skilled Care Center, Wabash. He was born Aug. 6, 1945, at Van Lear, the son of the late Frank and Lila Fairchild Clifton. He was a Ford Meter Box Production worker. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Sue Brown Clifton, in 2004. Survivors include two sons, Billy E. Clifton, Jr., and James Robert Clifton, both of Wabash; five brothers, Johnny Clifton and James Clifton, both of Wabash, Ronald Clifton of Hinesville, Calif., Daniel Clifton of Lagro, Ind., and Robert Clifton of Van Lear and one grandchild. Funeral services were Feb 4, 2008 at Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, Paintsville with Roger Hill and Ronnie springs officiating. Burial was in Clifton Family Cemetery, Van Lear, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home. Billy's late wife Janet Sue Brown Clifton was the daughter of the late Eyvand & Betty Wells Brown. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her sister Anna Wilson serves on the Wells Board.

**JACKIE RAY "JACK" HOBSON**, 59, of Prestonsburg, KY died June 21, 2008 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Jack was born Aug 25, 1948 in Johnson County, KY, son of Effie Nunnery Hobson of Van Lear and the late Sammie Hobson. He was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Hobson. Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Ruth Price Hobson of Prestonsburg; one son, Michael (Whitney) Hobson of Whitesburg, KY.; one stepson, Steve Price of Richmond, KY.; one brother, Gary Hobson of Van Lear, KY.; one sister, Dolores Hobson Preston of Hager Hill, KY.; three grandchildren and seven nieces and nephews. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, with the funeral in the chapel. Tom Nelson, officiated, with burial in the Hobson Family Cemetery at Van Lear. Jack descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells.

**NOTE:** This poem was used at the funeral of Charles R. "Chuck" Wells and I thought it was so good that we needed to use it.

*POEM FOR THY LIVING*

*When I am dead, Cry for me a little*

*Think of me sometimes, but not too much.*

*It is not good for you, or your wife, or your husband, or your children to allow your thoughts to dwell too long on the dead.*

*Think of me now and again as I was in life at some moment which it is pleasant to recall. But not too long.*

*Leave me in peace as I shall leave you, too, in peace.*

*While you live, let your thoughts be with the living*

**CHARLES ROWLAND "CHUCK" WELLS JR.**, 44, died May 24, 2008 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY. Chuck was born June 24, 1963 in Defiance, OH to the late Charles Rowland Wells and Minnie Sue Wells. Preceding him in death was his parents and one sister Catherine Wells Collins and a brother Philip Wells. Surviving are his two children Charles Joseph Wells and Rhianna Kenzie Wells both of Van Lear, KY; one sister Lisa Wells Horn (Donnie) of Louise, KY.

Arrangements were under the directions of Jones-Preston's Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY with the service at their chapel. Rod Wells officiated with burial in the Wells Family Cemetery, Rt.3, Van Lear, KY. Chuck descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

**LORA CASTLE GOLD**, 80, of Ashland, wife of Everett Gold, died Sunday in Community Hospice Care Center following an extended illness. Lora was born Sept 21, 1927, in Greenup County, KY, a daughter of the late Orlando and Julie Huff Castle. She was of the Baptist faith and was a preparer and owner of R & M Tax service and with her husband operated the Kirby Flats Cemetery. Preceding her in death in addition to her parents is a grandson. Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Grover Gould (Rose Ann) of Ashland; Steve Gould (Debbie) Catlettsburg, KY; a daughter, Shirley Rowe and husband, Kenneth of Ashland; three sisters, Eva Stacy of Circleville, OH, Wanda Collins and Mildred Cook of Naples, KY; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Family Funeral Home in Ashland with service at the Funeral Home. The Rev. Rick Mays officiated with burial in Kirby Flats Cemetery. Her sister Wanda Collins late husband Arthur Collins descended from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears. She serves on the Wells Family Board.

## MILITARY SECTION

**CHARLES JEFF WELLS**, 86, of Grayson, formerly of Auxier, KY, Charles Jeff Wells, devoted husband; loving father; proud grandfather; and great-grandfather; was born on May 12, 1922 in Floyd County Kentucky to James



Everett "Boy" and Bess Stephens Wells. He was called to be with Jesus following a sudden unexpected illness on Saturday, May 31, 2008. He was a veteran of World War II where he served as Sergeant of Company B First Armored Division.

Charles Jeff entered the Armed Forces on July 30, 1940 and was discharged on June 28, 1945 with the rank of Sergeant. He was in the invasion of North Africa in 1942, in the African campaign into Italy, and was commander of the first tank onto Anzio Beachhead. The medals he received included: the Purple Heart; American Defense

Service Ribbon; Presidential Unit Citation; European African Middle-Eastern Theater Ribbon; 4 Battle Stars; and Good Conduct Medal. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jack Frost Wells. He is survived by one brother, Jim Doug Wells. In addition, he is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Ella Virginia "Jenny" Wells, and their 3 children: Larry Wells (Hazel) and wife, Hazel, of Richmond, Kentucky; Terri Waggoner and her husband, George, of Grayson, Kentucky; and Jeffrey Wells and his wife, Jeanie, of Banner, KY. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Christopher Cool, Robin Daniel, Erin Waggoner; Kelly Crouse, and Himella Wells, as well as 5 great-grandchildren. Papaw Wells was a great influence to all who knew him. He spent his life serving God and serving others. Whether in songs of praise, or fishing on the Ocklawaha River, teaching a life-lesson, or telling a joke or tall-tale we'd all heard many times before – he always held us in the palm of his hand and deep in his heart. Arrangements were under the directions of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. The funeral was held at the funeral home chapel with burial at Auxier Relocation Cemetery, Charles Jeff descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells. His brother Jim Doug Wells serves on the Wells Family Association Board.

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**Note:** I got an e-mail from Louise McMonegal of Quincy, CA. and she said since we have been running articles on servicemen during World War II then she wondered if I might like to include something from women. I told her yes we would and she gave me the information on her mother who worked in a war factory during World War II. Louise serves on the Wells Family Board as a member of the Historical Committee.

**VIRGINIA (WELLS) MCMONEGAL**, 86, and resides in CA near her daughter Louise always wanted to work at Curtis Wright. She went to stay with her aunt, Myrtle Hergfesell, in Columbus, Ohio. She was hired as a welder, working on the assembly of switch boxes



that went on war planes. She trained for one month. She had small hands and used her hands well. They liked her for that work because her small hands could get into places that the men couldn't and she was fast at everything she did. She worked on second floor; airplanes were on the first floor –destined for the war in the Pacific. Her sister, Maxine Wells Robinson, also came to Columbus and worked for Curtis Wright in the same division as Virginia.

They were there when the war ended. They had to leave the work, since they weren't needed anymore. Virginia is the daughter of the late William Franklin & Lora Ethel Hillman Wells and was born Oct. 10, 1921 and married the late Daniel James McMonegal who died in 1994 while she was attending the Wells Family Reunion. They had three daughters Louise, Linda Marie and Nancy Anne. Virginia is a sister of Jeff Wells who attends the reunion every year from Pedro, Ohio.

### MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

**We appreciate each of you for most all of you are faithful contributors. If it were not for you and others like you who support the organization we would be unable to have the reunions, give the scholarship and mail the newsletter twice yearly. Thanks so much!**

**HARLENE SUE WELLS HOPSON** of Ada, OH donated \$33 to the Wells Family in memory of her two late sisters *Helen Wells Pack* and *Judy Wells Napier*. They are the daughters of the late Ireland & Willie Hyden Wells of Johnson County, KY they descend from Richard Wells his son George E. Wells.

**KAY GROSNIKLE**, of Springboro, OH gave \$20.00 to the Wells Family for the general fund. She states that she enjoys the Wells newsletter and that she descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Mary Wells who married William Butcher. She comes down their daughter Amanda Wells.

**ROBERT "BOB" WELLS**, of Greenup, KY gave \$50 to go toward expenses of the Wells Family Association. Bob is the son of the late Herman & Maggie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses and Margaret Hillman Wells. We appreciate the gift especially that he sent his family genealogy for the book that is being written.

**VIRGINIA "ADAMS" CAMPBELL**, of Allen, KY gave \$25 in memory of her late Mother *June Wells Adams* and her late aunt *Naomi Wells Preston*. Virginia is the daughter of the late Frank & June Wells Adams and descends from Richard Wells thorough George E. Wells by way of his son Allen Wells. Her mother June and Aunt Naomi were the daughters of the late Elijah Brown & Effie Burchett Wells.

**MILLARD PLUMMER**, of Fort Gay, WV, gave \$50 to the Wells Family in memory of his late wife *Krimhilde Plummer*. Millard is the son of the late Eddie Lee and Edith Mable Williamson Plummer. He descends from Richard Wells through William Green & Mary Butcher Wells. Millard is a faithful contributor to the Wells family.

**RAY & CHARLETTE WELLS**, of Catlettsburg, KY gave \$30 to the organization to be used where needed most. Ray is the son of the late Russell Wells and Georgia Burchett Wells descends from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells.

**KENNETH & ELENORE WELLS** of Hot Spring, NC, gave \$50 to the organization to be used where needed most. Kenneth is the son of the late Roland and Pauline Fay Wells and descends from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman. He is the brother of Paula Wells who is on the Wells Board.

**JACK RAY HALL**, of Greenwood, IN. gave \$100 to The Wells Family in memory of his late wife Delight Wells Hall who died Nov. 2, 1999 in Louisville, KY and her parents the late Richard & Fanny Richmond Wells. Also in memory of Delight's siblings; Glenn Wells, Chester Wells, Haskell Wells, Mildred Sturgill, Lucille Patton, Beatrice Childers, Unoka Frisby and all the deceased Wells Family members. This family descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Jack's late wife Delight supported the organization and he has continued to do so.

**PAULA WELLS**, of Flatwoods, KY, gave \$50 to the Wells Family in memory of her late sister *Miriam Wells May*. They are the daughters of the late Roland & Pauline Fay Wells and descend from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman. Paula has served on the Wells Board since we organized.

**LOIS ANN "SHORT" LORCH**, of San Antonio, TX gave \$50 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. Lois is the daughter of the late Edward and Pearl "Wells" Short and she descends from Richard Wells through William G. and Mary Butcher Wells.

**HELEN WELLS PINER**, of Spring Grove, VA, gave \$50 to the Wells Family in memory of her cousin Margaret Sue Berryman who died after a long battle with cancer on Feb. 19, 2008. They both descend from Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells. (Helen, thanks for keeping us informed.)

**LEE & GEORGIA RICHMOND HALL**, of Brunswick, OH gave \$25 to the Wells family in memory of Georgia's cousin's husband, Douglas Jarvis, of Van Lear, KY. Doug was the husband of Marlene Sturgill Jarvis and she descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Auxier. Georgia is a faithful supporter of the Wells Family.

### Memorial Contribution Form

The Memorial Fund is an appropriate tribute to your deceased loved ones and assures that their interest and support for the Wells family Association Inc. continues. For every memorial contribution, a notice of the gift will be placed in the next newsletter. Donors may request that their names not be used and the board respects such a request. Please accept \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a memorial contribution in the Honor or Memory of

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- ☐ Use toward stones for unmarked graves
- ☐ Use toward the general fund
- ☐ Use in the college scholarship fund.

NOTE: If one of the above is not checked the fund will go to the general fund for expenses of the newsletter and defraying expenses of the reunion

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