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Greetings from your editor and the girls that assist me by proofing the newsletter. We are happy to have each of them aboard and we have others who assist when needed and I ask them if Patti or Pat are unable to assist and I do appreciate all of them. **Our reunion will be September 6<sup>th</sup> this year** and that is only a little over one months away. If you have not made your reservations yet then do so soon or you may not be able to obtain lodging since there are a lot of activities going on in the area on Labor Day weekend. I have run the local motel's phone number each year and figure that you won't need me to list them again this year. If you have any problems give me a call and I will be happy to assist you any way that I can.

The reunion will be **September 6th and members will gather at 10:00 AM to get set up for others to arrive**. If you don't eat something before coming **we will plan on having snacks again this year**. Snacks will be for everyone so don't be shy about coming over and getting something to hold you over until we eat. We are aware that some of our people are on medication and need to eat something. Many of our people do not arrive until near noon so if you are one of those please do not begin to leave soon as we eat but stay and visit with your relatives. In past years many begin to leave soon as we get through eating but this is not taking the time to get to know or visit with our relatives. Many of our people travel a long distance to attend the reunion and want to visit with you all. Why not move around and visit with each other for I know that we all have a lot to recall of past experience. Why not hang around after the dinner and reminiscence with our cousins.

We have a cousin and his wife coming this year that has not ever attended the reunion. They are David and Joan Collins and are flying in from Utah and David is the son of the late John

Wallace Collins. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells daughter Minta Wells who married John Porter. His grandparents are the late David and Nancy Porter Collins. Please make a point to welcome this couple.

**I think it would be nice to have a sharing time and let anyone who would like to get up and tell us things that they remember or have been told about their family. I think it would be the highlight of the reunion for I would love hearing stories of the past.**

There will be an auction again this year so please bring some nice things to auction. We want the young people to assist again this year for I think they had fun last year. The Wells Board will be meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> and will decide what other activities we will have. We would hope to find some entertainment especially with all the talent that runs in the family. I know we have singers and who knows we may even have a comedian that would entertain us. Please let us know if you have a talent to share.

See you all at the reunion. Mary

NOTICES

Some of us ordered a CHS or DVD from Ronnie Blair in 2006-2007 through Wildwood Video, Box 1948, Paintsville, KY 41240 and have not received it yet. I talked with Ronnie in April and he told me to inform you that he would have our CHS or DVD at the 2009 reunion. I explained to you before that due to unforeseen circumstances that he had not been able to deliver. He explained that he would promise to bring them to us at the reunion. If you want to call Ronnie his phone number is (606) 789-8879. He did a video from 2004-2007. Thanks Ronnie we will be looking for you at the reunion.

## MILITARY

**GEORGE WELLS**, 102, was born Aug 28, 1888 in Johnson County, the son of the late Aaron and



Melvina Porter Wells. He was a retired farmer, a member of the Methodist Church and a veteran of WWI. He died Feb 26, 1991. He was preceded in death by his wife, Angie Sammons Wells. Surviving are one son, Richard Wells, of West Van Lear; one daughter, Edith Mollett, of Boons Camp; and eight Grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held March 1, 1991, in Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, with Bill Pollack officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery at Boons Camp. George Wells was the oldest surviving member of the Wells family. His great grandfather, Richard Wells, was a veteran of the American Revolution. His grandfather, William Green Wells, was a Captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and his father, Aaron Wells, was a private in the Confederate Army. George was a veteran of World War I, while George's son, Richard, was a veteran of the Korean War. Tragically, Richard's son and George's grandson, Richard Arthur Wells, was killed in Vietnam on May 9, 1970, as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. Surely, this family has sacrificed greatly for its country!!!! This article was written by John B. Wells III. He resides presently in Georgia and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and is a great genealogist not only in the Wells family but in other families. He has lead several groups to England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany and other countries doing research.

## CONGRATULATIONS

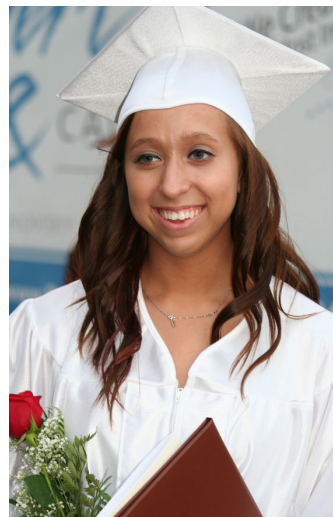
**JOSEPH & JANET BAILEY MARSHALL** of



Flatwoods, KY celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on May 23, 2009 with an open reception at the Flatwoods Senior Citizen Center, 2513 Reed Street, Flatwoods, hosted by their children Rhonda Gilliam, Robin Marshall and assistants Jim Lambert and Pat

Marshall. The couple were married on May 26, 1959 in Permille, by the Rev. JP Durham. Joe is the son of Lois Clark Marshall and the late Oliver Marshall of Van Lear, KY. Janet is the daughter of the late Clarence and Lillian Bailey, of Flatwoods, KY. Joe was employed with Armco Steel in Ashland and Janet was employed with Russell School System. Joe is a Mason with Smith Lodge in Flatwoods, Ashland Scottish Rite and the Ashland El Hasa Temple. They are members of First Christian Church, Russell, KY. They are the parents of Rhonda Gillam of Lexington and Robin A. Marshall of Ashland; and they have two grandchildren, Jared Gillam and Kelsey Marshall. Joe descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

## ACADEMIC



**HEATHER ANNE QUALLICH** of Parma, OH, graduated with Honors from Padua Franciscan High School on May 29, 2009. Heather received a Dean's Award from Baldwin Wallace College in

Berea, OH. Heather is the daughter of Patti Quallich and the late Douglas Quallich. She descends from Richard Wells through George E.

Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**TIMOTHY MOLLETTE,**

the son of Roger and Dianna Mollette of Williamsport, KY and Wanda Estep Mollette of Fugate, KY. He is a



grandson of William and Edith Wells Mollette of Boonscamp, KY. Tim is a 1994 graduate of Johnson Central High School from which he received the honor of being the Valedictorian. He then attended Eastern Kentucky University and received his Bachelor degree in Journalism and received many awards and scholarships including Editor of the "Eastern Progress." Tim then worked for six years as the Graphics Editor of "Crain's Chicago Business Magazine" during which he won many awards including Best Newspaper design named by the Chicago chapter of Professional Journalists. Tim was then accepted into the prestigious school of architecture at the University of California of Berkeley. During his very intense studies at Berkeley, Tim made his mark by representing the university as guest speaker at symposiums in Mexico and Japan, he was named, one of twenty-eight students from universities across the country as "Olmsted Scholar". . Timothy completed a Masters of Landscape Architecture form University of California of Berkeley on May 23, 2009. Tim also received the "Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award." Timothy completed a Masters of Landscape Architecture form University of California of Berkeley on May 23, 2009. He is married to Danielle Mollette-Parks and they reside in Berkley, CA. Tim descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.

**SHELBY HARTING,** of Greenwood, ILL



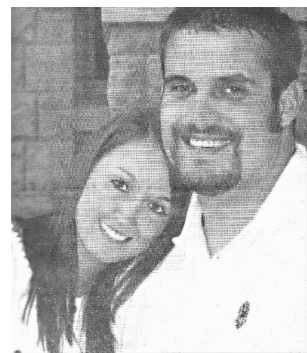
graduated May 29, 2009 from Greenwood High School. Shelby was very active in Marching Band which won the State Championship, two years in a row. She was active in student counsel and year book editor. She

will be attending the University of Indianapolis majoring in Broadcasting and Journalism. Shelby is the daughter of William and Regina Hall Harting and the maternal grandparents are Jack Ray Hall and the late Delight Wells Hall. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

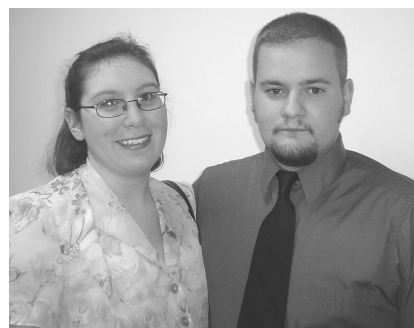
**ENGAGEMENTS AND MARRIAGE**

**ADAM COLLINS & KRYSTAL NICHOLE**

**WARD,** Bobby & Jane Ward of Denver, KY., announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Krystal



Nichole, to Adam Clayton Collins. Adam is the son of Larry and Rita Collins of Van Lear, KY. The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Johnson Central High School and is employed with Booth Energy in Inez. The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Johnson Central High School and a 2007 graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She is employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse with Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, KY. The nuptials will take place on July 11, 2009 at Riceville New Bethel Church, Riceville, KY. A Reception will follow in church Fellowship Hall. A honeymoon will immediately follow to Gatlinburg, TN. The couple will reside at Auxier, KY. Adam descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



**JUSTIN B. WELLS & JESSICA WARRIX,**

were married April 14, 2009 at Paintsville, KY By Judge Tucker Daniels, Paintsville, with their immediate family present. Justin is the son of Garold Wendell Wells and Carol Hall Wells of Van Lear, KY. He graduated from Johnson Central High School and is employed with Food City, Prestonsburg, KY. Jessica is the daughter of William and Anna Lynn Warrix, of Raccoon, KY. She graduated from Pike County High School and



is employed with Southeast Telephone Company, Pikeville, KY. The couple is residing at Prestonsburg, KY. Justin descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier



**AMANDA SOTO & LEE TROUT**, of Mayfield, KY., were married May 15, 2009. Amanda is the daughter of Patricia Wells Wallace & Mark Wallace of Lexington, KY. Lee is the son of

John & Becky Trout of Mayfield, KY. The couple dated for two years before getting married and were engaged in December of 2008. The wedding took place at Columbus-Belmont State Park in Columbus, KY. The wedding was an outdoor wedding overlooking the Mississippi River up on the bluffs. The colors were green and white with daisies as the flower choice. The wedding attendants were: Matron of honor: Kelsey Boyd (bride's college roommate) Bridesmaid: Amanda Chandler (bride's cousin) Junior Bridesmaid: Diana Wallace (bride's sister) Flower Girl: Baylee McPherson (family friend) Best Man: Grant Bloecher (groom's best friend) Groomsman: Brandon Trout (groom's brother) Junior Groomsman: Kent Wallace (bride's brother), Ring Bearer: Cannon Ford (family friend). Amanda and Lee honeymooned at the Lake of the Ozarks in MO. The happy couple now resides in Paducah, KY. Lee has a degree in Law Enforcement and interviewing at this time for Police Work. Amanda is employed with Parks and Recreation with Summer Camps. Amanda descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her mother Patricia is a member of the Wells Family board.

**SAVANNAH CHANTELE KEEL & ADAM PAUL MCCARTY**, of Johnson County, KY. exchanged their wedding vows on May 9, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Blockhouse Bottom Church of Christ, Hagerhill, KY. A reception followed at Van Lear Free Will Baptist Church. Savannah is the daughter of Stanley & Judy Butcher Keel of Van Lear, KY and a graduate of Johnson Central High School, Morehead State University and is employed with the hospital in Richmond, KY.

Adam is also employed at the hospital in Richmond, KY. Savannah descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells

**BRANDI HORN & SCOTT SMITH**, were married June 20, 2009 at Christ Church United Methodist, Charleston, WV. Mandi's attendant was a best friend Mr. Jeremiah Smallridge. Scott's father was best man. A reception followed in the church fellowship hall. Brandi is the daughter of Donny and Lisa Wells Horn of Louisa, KY. Brandi is a graduate of Louisa High School, and earned her degree in Music Education from Glenville State College, Glenville, WV. She is presently a Music Specialist at Galax Elementary school, Galax, VA. Scott Smith the son of Earnest E. Smith and Trudy Talkington Smith of West Union, WV., Doddridge County. Scott is a graduate of Glenville State College where he and Brandi met. Scott earned a Masters degree in trombone performance from the University of North Carolina, Scott is the Director of Choral Activities at Grayson County High School in Independence, VA. . The young couple honeymooned at Paradise Island, Bahamas. They will reside in Galax, VA. Brandi, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

## BIRTHS

**HADEN RYAN RAMBO**, was born April 3, 2009 at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY. The proud parents are Zack & Mistie Barber Rambo of Greenup County. The paternal grandparents are Don & Lori Rambo of Greenup County KY. The maternal grandparents are Bob & Barbara Barker of Elliott County, KY. The paternal great-grandparents are Donna Wells Rambo of Worthington, KY and the late Donald Rambo. Haden Ryan descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears line.

## SICK LIST

*BRANDI HORN, EMMA ADKINS, PATRICIA WOMACK, EMMA MUSIC, TIM HOWARD, LISA HORN, , MANFORD WALTON, JUDY RICHMAND, MARLENE JARVIS, BILL KELLY, ONDLEE KELLY, COLBERT COLLINS, DAVID COLLINS, RONNIE WELLS, LLOYD WELLS, THELMA GOBLE,*

## HOSPITAL AND OUT PATIENT LIST

**TERESA ALLEN**, of Jacksonville, FL., underwent Cataract surgery on July 1, 2009. Her husband Linny is giving her the special care she needs. Teresa is the daughter of Ocal and Eileen Wells Oney Martin and the late Ishmail Oney. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears

**DOLORES “SIS” WILLIAMS BOOTH**, of Van Lear, KY underwent surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY on May 18, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. & July 7<sup>th</sup>. Her husband Clifford is giving her the care that she needs. Sis and her husband Clifford both are members of the Wells Family Board. She is the daughter of the late Bernard and Alta Wells Williams, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

**ANNA LOIS BROWN WILSON**, of Paintsville, KY was a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, and Cleveland Clinic as an outpatient in May. She will be returning to Cleveland Clinic in June in an effort to find her problem. Anna is the daughter of the late Eyvand & Betty Wells Brown and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Anna and her husband Jim both are members of the Wells Family Board.

**KRISTOPHER “KRIS WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY was a patient in University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington, KY in May. He is presently home with care from his family. He is undergoing outpatient testing from UK. Kris is the son of the Jenny Sammons and the late Dwayne Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Moses Wells. He is the grandson of Genene Wells and the late Nevard Wells.

**HERMAN WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY underwent Cataract surgery in May plus other complications. He is still receiving continued treatment for his health. Herman is presently recuperating at his home with help from his son Ronnie & wife Diana. He is the son of the late Elmer and Pearl Hamilton Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears. His son Ron is a member of the Wells board.

**JAMES “JIM” VILLINES**, of OH. suffered a stroke on June 24<sup>th</sup> and has a blood clot in his leg. They are attempting to dissolve the clot with medication. He has other complications that he is also having to deal with but has faith that it will be fine. James is the husband of Eulah Wells Villines and she is a member of the Wells Family Board. They both are very supportive of the Wells Family by attending the reunion. Their daughter Jeanette Mills is the vice president of the Wells Family. His wife Eulah descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.

**GEORGIA RICHMOND HALL**, of Brunswick, OH has been a patient in Medina, OH., hospital twice during March and moved to the Masonic Health Care, Medina, OH where she has spent two months. She received therapy while there and went home June 3<sup>rd</sup> and had to go back in the hospital for surgery on 9<sup>th</sup> for a blood clod in her leg. Her son David is caring for his mother. Georgia is the widow of the late Lee Hall and daughter of the late Bill & Myrtle Spears Richmond and descends from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears, Agnes Wells Auxier and William G. Wells. Georgia is a member of the Wells Family Association where she previously served on the Wells board.

**ARBY LYMAN PORTER**, of Waverly, OH was in the hospital in April. He is presently home recuperating. Lyman is the son of the late Arby and Judith Williams Porter. He descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells. Lyman and his wife Ann both serve on the Wells Family Board

**DONNA WELLS RAMBO**, of Worthington, KY has been very sick with a blood disorder for sometime. She entered Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY on June 22<sup>nd</sup>., and was to have surgery on 25<sup>th</sup> but due to complications it was postponed until June 30<sup>th</sup>. She had her spleen removed which weighed 5 lb. She is still in intensive care at the hospital. I talked with her sister Eileen Martin and they are hoping that she will be able to be moved to a room soon. Donna is the daughter of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**ANN PORTER**, of Waverly, OH had an accident at her home on May 30<sup>th</sup> after falling and obtaining a head injury. Ann was transferred from the Waverly Hospital to The Grant Hospital, Columbus, OH. She has had bleeding around the brain and due to nausea had to enter Pleasant Hill Manor, Pikton, OH, where she will remain until she is able to go home and care for herself. Ann and her husband Lyman both are members of the Wells Family Board. Her husband descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.

**NORMA WELLS**, of Grove City, OH fell and broke her ankle in Feb. She was taken care of her late husband Woody during the time she was recuperating. Norma did well and is back to her normal self at this time. Her late husband Woody descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

## DEATHS

**NEVARD WELLS**, 87, of Van Lear, KY.,



passed on April 3, 2009 at his home with his family by his side.. He was born on March 27, 1922, the son of the late Benjamin and Anna Richmond Wells. He was also preceded in death by one son Dwayne Wells in

2003 and one grandson, Nevard Jackson Wells in 1994, seven siblings, Geneva, Bennie, Jeanette, Betty, Polly, Minnie and Alex. Nevard was retired from the Kentucky Department of Reclamation, where he was supervisor. . He was a World War II Veteran under Gen. Douglas McArthur, where he earned 5 Bronze Stars and was a Sergeant. He was a farmer and had a love of nature including hunting. He was a member of the National Rifle Association; VFW (life member), Kentucky Colonel. He loved sports especially UK ball. His grand-daughter Kimberly Wells obtained a basketball autographed by Coach Billy Gillespie, which he enjoyed during his sickness. He loved his family and was a member of the Wells Family Association Inc., He is survived by his wife, Genene Wells of 61 years, Other survivors include one son Garold Wendell (Carol) Wells; five grandchildren, Wendell Lee Wells (Kathy), Deidre Lawson, Justin Wells (Jessica), Kimberly Wells, Kristopher Wells; five great-grandchildren, Logan, Keithen, Leannah, Jacob and Hallanee, all of Van Lear, KY; two sisters, Emma (James) Adkins, Van Lear and Mary (Manford) Walton, Lexington, KY and many nieces and nephews that loved him. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones and Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. Service was 4/5/2009 in the chapel with full military Services. The Rev. David Rolland Wells officiated with burial following in the family Cemetery on Daniels Creek, Van Lear. KY. Nevard descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**WILLIAM 'BILL' DARWIN SLONE**, 64, of Hager Hill, KY., died April 20, 2009 at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W. VA. Bill was born Aug. 5, 1944, son of the late Dr. Augustus D. and Mary Malissa Wells Slone. He was a medical technologist. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Paintsville Masonic Lodge # 381 F & AM. Surviving are his wife, Judith Marion Rice Slone of Hager, Hill, KY; one daughter Alicia Lea (Scott) Souther of Hager Hill, KY; one son, William Ryan Slone of Calton, GA.; one brother James Seymour Slone of Atlanta, GA.; and two granddaughters. Arrangements were under the directions of the Paintsville Funeral Home, with service in the Chapel. The Rev. Robert Coppins officiated with burial in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. There were military rites and service by the DAV Chapter 18 of Auxier, KY. Bill descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

**WANETTA WARD SETSER**, 93, of Morehead KY, formerly of Van Lear, KY, died June 17, 2009 at St. Claire Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 28, 1916, in Auxier, daughter of the late James Oliver and Sarah Agnes Ward. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Frank Setser; and one brother, Quentin Ward. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Paintsville, a graduate of Van Lear High School, and a teacher in the Johnson County School system. She is survived by one sister, Carlis Butcher, Van Lear; two sons, Howard (Jo Anne) Setser, Morehead, and James Lowell (Mary Helen) of Marietta, Ga. Six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The service was conducted by Bruce Nettleton, with burial followed in Brown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Morehead United Methodist Church Building Fund, 227 W. Main St. Morehead, KY 40351. Arrangements were under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, Morehead. Services were at the Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, June 20, 2009. She descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.

**MORRIS BELKNAP WELLS**, 70, died June 6, 2009 in Lake City, FL., and formerly of Van Lear, KY. He was born July 21, 1938 in Johnson County, the son of the late Curtis Jackson Wells and Verna Phipps Wells. He was a retired machinist engineer at A.O. Smith Co., Mt. Sterling, KY. He was preceded in death by one son, Gary Morris Wells and one brother, Roger Wells. He is survived by his former wife Mary Edith May, one daughter, Peggy B. Wells, Lake City, and four grandchildren, Justin Wells, Tiana Wright, Ashley Wells and Shea Spears. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-

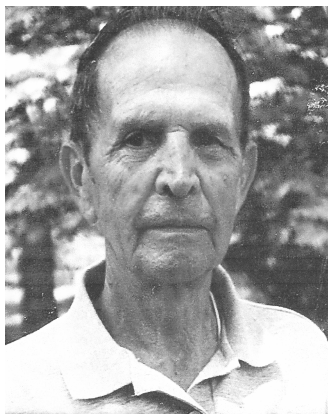
Preston Funeral Home with service in the Chapel on June 11, 2009. Donald Ray Caudill officiated with burial in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. He descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.



**GLORIA GERALDENE "SPEARS" SALLIE**, 77, passed away 3/29/2009 with her loving family and friends at her side in the Community Hospice Care Center, Ashland, KY. Gloria was born 6/3/1931, in Westwood, KY., a

daughter of the late Beverage and Norma Miranda Spears. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Vencil Spears. She graduated from Wurtland High School, where she was salutatorian of her class, was a former teacher of a one room school house in Oak Grove and Hunneywell and operated Gloria's Home Day Care. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Bill Roy Sallie of Ashland; three sons Garry (Judy) Sallie, Gregory (Vicki) Sallie and Darryl (Krys) Sallie, all of Ashland; one daughter Renee Sallie (Kevin) Badgett of Rush, KY.; one brother, George Spears of Ashland; one sister, Carol Tufts of Lancaster, OH.; four grandsons, Brent, Chad, Ryne and Tyler and four granddaughters, Emily, Bekah, Tori and Maddi. Arrangements were under the direction of Malone Funeral Home, Grayson, KY with the funeral at the chapel on 4/1/2009 at 11:00 am. Sheldon Wheeler and Shane Cox, officiated with burial in the Sallie Family Cemetery. Gloria descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears. She was a member of the Wells family where she served previous as a member of the Wells Family Association Board.

**JAMES "JIMMY" GOBLE**, 83, of Allen, KY.,



husband of the late Fannie Hall Goble, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2009, at his residence. He was born Nov. 15, 1925 in Auxier, KY., the son of the late Paris Goble and Effie Hager Litz. Jimmy was an U. S. Navy.,

World War II Veteran and a member of the Allen Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, James Goble, Bean Station, TN., three daughters, Sharon Neeley, Allen, Ky., Sheila Griffith, Allen, KY., Belinda Wilson, Winchester, KY., three brothers and three sisters, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Funeral services was conducted 3/22/2009 at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, KY., with the Clergyman Earl Waugh officiating. Burial followed in the Riley Hall Cemetery, Allen, KY. Arrangements were under the care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin, KY. Pallbearers were, Adam Wilson, Richard Neeley, Matthew Goble, Andrew Griffith, Seth McCoy, Eric D. Hall, James Hall, Jeffrey Hall, Ray Hall, Robin Creswell, Tim Creswell and Kevin Creswell. Honorary pallbearers were Freddie Goble and Mary Ann Hall. Jimmy descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

**JOSEPHINE WELLS CASSIDY**, 81, of Kettering, OH passed away May 22, 2009. She was born Sept. 19, 1927 in Johnson County, KY, to the late Joseph and Lillie Webb Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Cassidy and grandson, Scott Michael MacKnight; four brothers, Joe Wells Jr., Denver Wells, Charles Wells and Raymond Wells. She is survived by her children, Shirley (John) MacKnight, Mike Cassidy, Jim (Vicki) Cassidy, Danny (Debbie) Cassidy and Jeffrey Cassidy; grandchildren, Ericka Mattingly, Amy (Chris) Winkelman, Eric (Kate) Cassidy, Beth Cassidy, Ryan Cassidy and Daniel Cassidy; great grandchildren, Sean Stinnat, Greyson Wilhoite, Alexandra Winkelman and Davis Mattingly. Three brothers, Herbert Wells, Everett Wells of Van Lear, KY; George Wells of Ohio and one sister Geraldine Cassidy of Lexington, KY. The funeral service was held May 27, 2009 at Newcomer Funeral Home Kettering Chapel, Kettering, OH. The family received friends 2 hours prior to the service. Burial followed at Forest Hills Memorial Gardens. Josephine descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

**MABEL ERNESTINE COLE RATLIFF**, 86, of Printer, KY, widow of Donald Mack Ratliff, died Thursday Feb 12, 2009 in McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She was born Feb. 17, 1922 in Bevinsville, KY. She is survived by her daughter Judy Ratliff Music (Dexter) of Hager Hill, KY. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall's Funeral Home, Martin, KY, with burial in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY. Judy's husband Dexter descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. Judy & Dexter are both members of the Wells Family Association. Dexter was previously a member of the Wells Board.

**ROSEMARY WELLS**

**HARMON,** of Brookpark, OH., died Feb. 24, 2009. Rosemary was born Oct. 28, 1929 Johnson County KY to the late Elmer and Pearl Hamilton Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband Dolie C. Harmon; a sister Janice Adkins. She is

survived by her children Gregory A. Harmon and Tracy L. Petro (Mark); grandchildren, Katelyn Marie and Allison Rose Petro; brothers Elmer Wells Jr., of Cleveland, OH.; Herman Wells, Van Lear, KY; Neva Sue Baker of Cleveland, OH. nephews and nieces; Ronnie Wells (Diana), Debra Jackson (Larry), Jeff Baker (Marilyn), Gary Wells (Debbie), Karen Checovich (Richard), Mark Scott Wells (Lisa), Pam Cochran (David), Paul Dwayne Adkins (Chris), Timothy Adkins (Janice). Arrangements were under the direction of Dostal Funeral Service with burial in The Sunset Memorial Park, 6245 Columbia Rd., Rosemary descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears. She was a member of the Wells Family Association.

**CARMA HONEYCUTT STURGILL,** 82, of Pottsville, PA, formerly of Harold, KY, died April 6, 2009, at Broad Mountain Nursing Home, Frackville. She was born Nov 6, 1926 in Big Schols, KY, daughter of the late Spurgeon C. and Gladys Wells Honeycutt. She was a graduate of Auxier High School, Auxier, KY. a member of the Kentucky Homemakers Association. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman E. Sturgill in Apr of 2000, a brother, Vernon Honeycutt and a sister, Bernice Mason. Surviving are a daughter, Rose A. Steidle (Bruce) of, Pottsville, PA., a brother Franklin Honeycutt, Prestonsburg, KY, 1 granddaughter, 3 great-grandchildren, Nieces, and nephews. Graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family at Odd Fellows Cemetery, St. Clair. The family would prefer remembrances in the form of contributions made to: Alzheimer's Association, 57 N. Franklin St, Wilkes Barre, PA. James E. Humphrey Funeral Home, Pottsville, was in charge of arrangements. Carma descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears. She was a member of the Wells Family Association.

**DIANA L. MEEHAN MATAWAN,** Diana L. Meehan, of Matawan, and Charleston, S.C., passed away in her sleep on the morning of Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The wife of Thomas J. Meehan, Diana is the daughter of Joseph Goodman and Evelyn Collins Goodman (deceased), of Lancaster PA. Diana is survived by her children, Michael of Greenville, S.C., Cindy of Morristown, Christopher of Morristown, and Amy of Melbourne, Australia. Becoming a licensed cosmetologist following her graduation from Freehold Borough High School and cosmetology school in Asbury Park, Diana later found business more attractive working in the accounting department of Jersey Central Power & Light and then the Comptroller's Office of Lawn Doctor International. A supporter of youth activities as a Den Mother, Brownie Leader, an original Soccer Mom, Diana supported her children's football, baseball, softball, track, basketball, hockey, and field hockey teams, as well as serving in the St. Benedict's and St. John Vianney PTA organizations, the later once as its vice president and once as its president. Recently retiring to Charleston, S.C., Diana turned her attentions to restoration of a 17th century "Charleston Single" in the Peninsula's Historical District. Diana is succeeded by her sisters, Vicki Devico, Donna Salin, and Bonnie DeAngelis. Services for Diana was April 10 at the Waitt-Nelms Funeral Home, with burial at St Mary's Cemetery, South Amboy on Saturday, April 11 will take place following a 10 a.m. Mass at the funeral home. Contributions, in lieu of flowers, can be made in the name of Diana L. Meehan to the Bayshore Community Hospital Foundation, She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**ELIZABETH NEWTON EASTON,** 91, Ashland, KY, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in King's Daughters Medical Center. She was born Sept. 13, 1917, in Maysville, KY., a daughter of the late Perry Newton Wells and Nellie Tucker Wells. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mrs. Easton was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles D. Easton, in 1978. Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law James (Rebecca) Easton and Joseph W. Easton, all of Ashland, and Raymond L. (Kim) Easton of New Orleans, La.; four grandchildren, Jonathan Easton, Byshe Easton, Jason Easton and Christopher Easton; and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was on Jan. 26, 2009, at Lazear Funeral Home in Ashland by the Rev. Ike Nicholson. Burial was in Ashland Cemetery. I don't know if or how Elizabeth descends from Richard Wells.



**ANGELA SUSANNA PFIEFER FARR**, 33 of, died at her home in Jacksonville, FL., on Jan. 15, 2009. Angela was the daughter of Freider Pfiefer and the late Gayle Wells Pfiefer. Preceding her in death is her mother and maternal grandparents, Eugene and Alma Wells of Floyd County. She is survived by her father; her husband Mike Farr and two children Autumn Gayle Farr and Austin Farr of Jacksonville. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells

**WOODRIDGE "WOODY" WELLS**, 73 of

Grove City, OH, passed on 5/9/2009 at his home with his family by his side.

Woodridge was born 9/15/1935 in Floyd County, KY to the late Glen and Loretta Blair Wells. He is survived by his



wife Norma Minkin Wells and one son Danny William (Andrea) Wells and one grandson, Zachary Glen Wells of Grove City. Woody was retired from Ohio State University, and a member of the Wells Family Association . He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**CATHERINE WELLS**, 101 of Lexington, KY., formerly of Van Lear, KY., died June 8, 2009 in Lexington. She was born Jan 29, 1908, to the late Morgan and Lizzie Crum Bowens of Boons Camp, KY. She was a homemaker. Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, Bilknap Wells. She is survived by eight grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. The service was June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Funeral Home Chapel. Wes Stedtefeld officiated with burial at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. Catherine's late husband Bilknap Wells descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

## MEMORIALS

**NEVARD WELLS**, the following memorial's was given in memory of Nevard who died 4/3/2009 at his home in Van Lear, KY. Nevard descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

**ANNONOMOUS** person donated \$20.00 in memory of Nevard Wells to be used where needed most.

**RONNIE & DIANA WELLS & FAMILY**, of Paintsville, KY, gave \$50.00 in memory of his uncle Nevard Wells to be used where needed most.

**KERMIT & PAT WELLS WOMACK**, of Greenup, KY, gave \$25.00 in memory of her uncle Nevard Wells, to be used where needed most..

**JAMES & EMMA ADKINS**, of Van Lear, KY, gave \$25.00 in memory of her brother Nevard Wells, to be used in the Scholarship fund.

**MANFORD & MARY WALTON**, of Lexington, KY, gave \$25.00 in memory of her brother Nevard Wells, to be used in the Scholarship fund.

**JUDY RICHMOND & FAMILY**, of Van Lear, KY gave \$40.00 in memory her cousin Nevard Wells to be used where needed most.

**DARLEEN & HASKELL BURGESS**, of Dayton, OH gave \$50.00 in memory of her cousin Nevard Wells to be used where needed most.

**PATTI & HEATHER QUALLICH, AND PAM & PATRICK HAYNISH** , gave \$40.00 in memory of their uncle Nevard Wells to be used where needed most.

**ANNONOMOUS**, giver gave \$1,000 to the Wells Family Association to be used where needed most. This person is a regular contributor and we appreciate him very much. He has never been able to attend the reunion but we know his heart is with us.

**ARTICLES PROVIDED BY FAMILY  
MEMBERS OF LOVE ONES THAT HAVE  
PASSED ON.**

**BEECHER JEFFERSON WELLS,** (The

information was  
provided by his  
grandson Danny  
Blevins of Van  
Lear) The late  
Beecher Wells was  
born June 26, 2907  
in Van Lear, KY  
the son of the late  
Samuel Jefferson  
and Cynthia  
Spriggs Wells.



Beecher Jefferson  
died Feb. 17, 1936. He was married to Marjorie  
“Margie” Goble Wells the daughter of John and  
Pearl Collins Goble. My grandmother is still  
living and resides in Mountain Manner,  
Paintsville,KY. Beecher was well-known in  
Johnson County for his ability to play the fiddle.  
He often played for square dances. In the 1940's  
my grandfather and grandmother were often heard  
playing and singing live on a radio program that  
aired on radio station WSIP in Paintsville.

Beecher and Margie had seven children: Lawanna  
Sue, Phyllis Jean, Russell Eugene, Roger Dean,  
Judy Kaye, Harold David and Carl Wayne Wells.  
Beecher was a descendant of Richard Wells by  
way of, George E. Wells, James Wells, Samuel  
Jefferson Wells and then Beecher. Some of you  
may remember some years ago his wife Margie  
and a cousin Clogged for the us at the reunion.