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Below you will find pictures and information on Richard Wells's son, John Wells.



**The pictures were taken by Louise McMonegal while visiting with her uncle Jeff in Ohio in 2011. She still is working on the history of John Wells family. The picture above is of the sign for the cemetery where John is buried.**

John Wells is buried in the Perkins Ridge Cemetery located on Lawrence County (Ohio) Route 2, off Ohio Road 775. It took a while for Uncle Jeff and I to find it. We found some other Wells graves there too, one of which we think was his grandson. I haven't started working on this part of the family yet - I'm working my way through.

On the right is the gravestone marker of John Preston Wells, son of the late Richard & Susannah Hutchison Wells. The late Lisa Wells found the cemetery before she passed away and gave the information to her cousin, Louise McMonegal, Chairperson of the Historical Committee. Louise visited the cemetery in 2011 during the weekend of the Wells reunion. It appears someone has been keeping the cemetery up and placed a new government stone on his grave but we don't know who has done this. If anyone knows of any family members that have been keeping up the cemetery please let us know who they are.



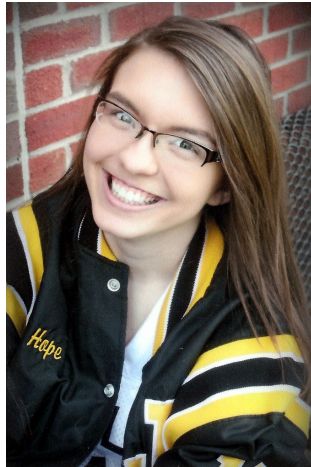
*Tombstone of John Preston Wells, son of the late Richard & Susannah Hutchison Wells*



## HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATIONS

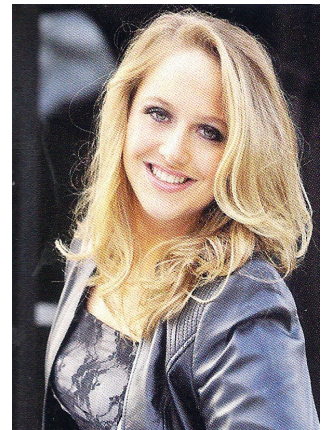
### HOPE ALEXANDER

**WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY graduated from Johnson Central High School, Friday, May 18, 2012, at Johnson Central High School. Hope is the daughter of Alex Samuel Wells Jr. and Melissa Conley. Hope will be attending Prestonsburg Community College, Prestonsburg, KY and studying Education. She is the granddaughter of the late Alex Sam Wells and Susie Goble. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



### LOGAN ALEXANDRIA

**CLINE**, of Van Lear, KY graduated from Johnson Central High School on May 18, 2012. at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, KY. Logan is the daughter of Kimberly Wells of Prestonsburg, KY and Ron Cline of Inez, KY. Logan will be attending Pikeville College on a softball scholarship and also made first all state, KY Max Preps Top 100 Players, East West All Star, All Region an All District. She also won an Academic Scholarship. Logan is the granddaughter of the late Dwayne Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Moses Wells. Her maternal great-grandparents are Genene Wells, Van Lear, KY and the late Nevard Wells.



### AMBER NICOLE

**WILCOX**, of Van Lear, KY graduated from Johnson Central High School May 18, 2012 at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, KY. Amber is the daughter of Richard and Vernita Lynn Wells Wilcox of Van Lear, KY. She is the granddaughter of the late Alex Sam Wells and Susie Goble. She will be attending Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY. She descends

from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.



### TYLAH RACHELL

**BRYANT**, of Logan, WVA. graduated from Logan High School, Logan, WVA on May 25, 2012. Tylah is the daughter of David and Shelia Bryant, and the granddaughter of Don Burress and Donna Porter Lucas. She is the great granddaughter of the late Howard and Rema Music Porter and the great-great-granddaughter of the late John W. and Arminta Wells Porter. Tylah will be going to Southern,

WVA Community College at Verdunville, WVA. She is pursuing a degree in Speech Pathology. She descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.



**PATRICK HAYNISH**, of Parma, OH, the son of Pam Volota Haynish and Thomas John Haynish graduated from Kent State University in May 10, 2012 with a degree in Computer Information Systems. He was hired at Allstate Insurance in Hudson, OH before graduation. He is the grandson of the late Steve and Geneva Wells Volota formerly of Euclid, OH. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells,

William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

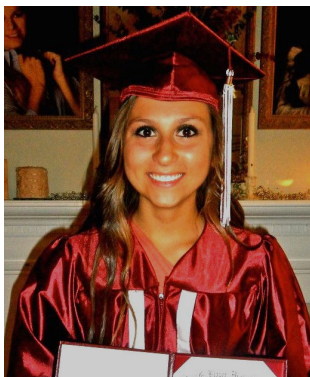
**SHERRI SALINAS**, of Linwood, NC graduated from Catawba College. The Board of Trustees and Faculty of Catawba College announced that Sherri was a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration at the Commencement Exercises Saturday, May 12, 1012 in Keppel Auditorium. Sherri is the daughter of Juanita Ranson and the late Alex Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. She will be working towards a master degree.



## GRADUATIONS *(Continued-)*

### LEAH CHEY HUNT

graduated from Ashland, Paul Blazer High School cum laude. Leah has been a cheerleader for the Ashland School system since 4<sup>th</sup> grade and was a Varsity Cheerleader for Blazer High School. She has been a student aide in the 5-6yo Sunday school class at Wildwood First Church of God since 2008 and loves working with children. She



enjoys reading and playing Xbox games. She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University and study pre-dentistry with the goal of being a pediatric dentist.

She is the second daughter of Onda Hunt, Jr and Dr. Drema Hunt of Ashland, KY and granddaughter of Marlene Jarvis, Van Lear, KY and great granddaughter of the late James & Mildred Wells Sturgill who also descends from Richard Wells through George E., Wells, and William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### WILLIAM & EDITH WELLS MOLLETTE, of

Boonscamp, KY enjoyed a birthday party with a dinner/fish fry at their home. Edith turned 89 on June 1 and her husband William turned 93 on June 3rd. Edith descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line and is the daughter of the late George and Angie Wells. Those in attendance were their family Karen and Rick Kouns, Roger Mollette and Rita and Asa Vest. The family said they hope to celebrate many more birthdays together. Edith is a member of the Wells Family Board.

**HASKELL BURGESS**, of Dayton, OH, celebrated his 90th Birthday; he was born March 28, 1922 in Martin County, KY. His wife, Darleen Clark Burges and daughter, Marluta Carroll, her husband (Terry) and sons, Andrew and Matthew helped to prepare for the celebration. Approximately 30 friends helped celebrate with plenty of food and a large birthday cake. I can't imagine they put 90 candles on the cake. Haskell and his wife are members of the Wells Family Board. His wife, Darleen descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

## BIRTHS

### BLAKE RYAN

**CHECOVICH**, born at Adena Regional Medical Center, Chillicothe, OH on March 24, 2012 weighing 6 lb. 13 oz. and 20 ¾ inch long. The proud parents are Daniel Checovich & Brandi Willard of Lancaster, OH. The Paternal grandparents are Richard & Karen Checovich of Brunswick, OH. The great grandparents are Elmer Wells Jr. of Lakewood, OH, & the late Mary Jo



Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.



**AUBREE MAKAY HOWARD**, was born April 3, 2012, in Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, KY weighing 6 lbs 15 oz. The proud parents are Pete and Jennifer Henson Howard of Prestonsburg, KY. The paternal grandparents are Karen Patton Howard of Auxier, KY and the late Timothy Howard. The maternal grandparents are Mike and Brenda Henson, Auxier, KY. Aubree Makay descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her grandmother, Karen Patton Howard serves on the Wells Family Board.

## SICK LIST

Haskell Burgess, Anice Music, Manford Walton, Genene Wells, Lora Marie Burchett Wells, Kermit Wells, Clifford Booth, Marlene Jarvis, Sheldon Sturgill, William Mollette, Edith Mollette, Roger & Phyllis DeLong, Wanda Sounders.



## HOSPITAL & OUTPATIENT

**DARLEEN CLARK BURGESS**, of Dayton, OH is presently in Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, OH after falling and injuring her elbow, shoulder and leg. She is receiving therapy to help with her walking. Darlene is the daughter of the late James Blain and Lutie DeLong Clark and descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. She and her husband Haskell serve on the Wells Family Board.

**JANICE PATTON** of Decatur, AL, had Rotator Cuff Surgery at a local hospital in Alabama. She is home recuperating with care from her husband, Roger and receiving weekly therapy. Roger descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**TONY MEADE**, of Paintsville, KY, has been in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg and Kings Daughters Hospital, several times. At Kings Daughters Hospital he had surgery to remove kidney stones. Tony is the son of Harold Meade and Jim and Annie Brown Wilson of Paintsville, KY. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**JEWELL CLARK MCMAHAN**, of Hattiesburg, Miss. had surgery to amputate her foot on April 12, 2012. According to her sister Darleen Burgess she is doing great. Jewell is the daughter of the late James Blaine and Lutie DeLong Clark. She just celebrated her 93 birthday on Dec, 29, 2011. She is a strong woman and independent. She descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

**HERMAN WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY has been in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg several times this past year. He is presently home receiving care from his son Ronnie and daughter in-law Diana. Herman is the son of the late Elmer and Pearl Hamilton Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**ANNIE BROWN WILSON**, Paintsville, KY underwent Rotator Cuff Surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY. She was in Paul B. Hall hospital, Paintsville, KY and then had surgery in Kings Daughters Hospital. She still will be going through another surgery in the near future. Annie is daughter of the late Eyvand and Betty Wells Brown. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**CAROL BROWN BURCHETT**, of Paintsville, KY has been in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY and Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Russell, KY several times the past few months for chemo. She was doing great for several months but had to resume chemo this month. Carol is the daughter of the late Eyvand and Betty Wells Brown and descends from Richard Wells through George E Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. She needs our continued prayers.

**DOLORES WILLIAMS BOOTH**, of Van Lear, KY was a patient in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY and was transferred to a Paintsville facility to receive therapy. She is the daughter of the late Bernard & Alta Wells Williams and the wife of Clifford Booth. Both are members of the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

**JACOB WELLS**, of Van Lear, KY the son of Wendell Lee and Kathy Wells was a patient in Highland Regional Medical Center in May. He had his Tonsils and Adenoids removed. He is home recuperating with care from his parents. Jacob descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Moses Wells. His paternal grandparents are Garald W. & Carol Hall Wells.

**TOMMIE COCHRAN**, of Gold Canyon, AZ, accidentally fell and broke her ankle. She has wore a boot for six weeks and now they think they may have to put a pin in and a cast on if wearing the boot for several more weeks does not work. Tommie is the daughter of the late Arthur and Doreen Collins. Her stepmother is Wanda Collins Saunders. Tommie descends from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears. She served for years on the Wells Family Board.

**CHARLENE STURGILL MUNCY**, of Williamsport, KY had an accident while on the England trip with the Wells group. She fell and thought she had sprained her ankle but after returning home and checking with her doctor - she found out it was broke. She is presently wearing the boot for 8 weeks. She said the trip was wonderful and enjoyed getting to know the Wells members that went including others they met. Charlene is a member of the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and George E. Wells.

**DONALD HOWARD** of Van Lear, KY was a patient in King Daughters Hospital with a blood clot in his leg that went to his heart and lungs. It was called deep vein thrombosis and caused him to have a light heart attack. They put a screen in his stomach to stop any more clots. Don is home doing well. He is the son of Racine Wells Howard and the late Eugene Howard. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears. His wife Benette Collins Howard serves on the Wells Family Board.

**JEFFERY WELLS**, of TN., underwent Rotator Cuff Surgery at a local hospital. Jeff is the son of Ronald and Judi Wells of Georgetown, KY. His wife Ann and daughters Caroline and Elizabeth have been giving him special attention while he is recuperating. Jeff descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells

**NANCY LEACH WALTON**, of Morgantown, KY underwent Gall Bladder surgery in May. She has returned to work and is doing well. She is the wife of Timothy Walton and he descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier

## DEATHS



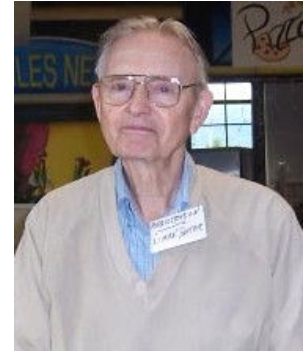
**ANNA LEE PORTER**, 82, of Waverly, OH died March 12, 2012 at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, OH. She was born August 31, 1929 in Ligon, KY, daughter of the late Emmett Tackett and Melpha (Newsome) Tackett. Ann was united in marriage on Dec 20, 1952 to Arbie Lyman Porter who survives. Also surviving are three nieces, Rhonda Lee (Tackett) Tutt of Dayton, OH, Carol Ann

Vandagriff and husband Randy of Xenia, OH & Cynthia Gayle Noirot of Beaver Creek, OH, many nieces & nephews. In addition to her parents, her infant daughters, Cecilia, Alyce Lynne Porter & brother, Ronald Gene Tackett, preceded Ann in death. Ann was the First Auditor & Vice President with 43 years of service for the First National Bank, Waverly, OH, member of Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 99, Waverly, OH, Go Go Girls Club, Waverly Garden Club & a member of the First Baptist Church, Waverly, OH. She was a member of The Wells Family Assoc. Inc. & served on the Wells Board. Funeral services were Friday, March 16, 2012 at the Boyer Funeral Home in Waverly, OH, with Pastor Greg Schaffer officiating. Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY. An Order of the Eastern Star service was held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday. Ann's husband, Lyman descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

**JOHN PHILIP WEBB**, 40 of Paintsville, KY, passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 at his residence. He was born April 3, 1971 in Pike County the son of Philip and Betty S. Williamson Webb of Paintsville, KY. He was a materials engineer with the KY Dept. of Transportation. Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, Teresa Prater Webb of Paintsville, KY; one daughter, Abbey Nicole Webb of Paintsville; father and mother-in-law, Ray Prater (Sue) of West Van Lear, KY; one sister, Anita Cantrell (James), and nephew, Brennan Cantrell, all of Flat Gap, KY. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones and Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY, with Jimmy Price and David Blackburn, officiating. Burial followed in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Staffordsville, KY. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

**OPAL GOBLE MCKENZIE**, 102, of Auxier, KY, died Tuesday Feb 14, 2012 in Prestonsburg Health Care Center Prestonsburg, KY. She was born 1910, the daughter of the late James Sheridan Goble and Florence Wells Goble. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville, KY. The funeral was at 1 p.m. Friday at Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Auxier, KY with burial in Auxier Relocation Cemetery. She descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

**ARBIE LYMAN PORTER**, 88, of Waverly, OH, died, May 9, 2012 in Traditions at Bristol Village, Waverly, OH. He was born June 13, 1923 in River, KY, son of the late Arbie Porter and Judith Alice (Williamson) Porter. On December 20, 1952, Lyman was united in marriage to Anna Lee (Tackett) Porter who preceded him in death on March 12, 2012. Surviving are three nieces, Rhonda Lee



(Tackett) Tutt of Dayton, OH, Carol Ann Vandagriff and husband Randy of Xenia, OH and Cynthia Gayle Noirot of Beaver Creek, OH, and many great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, his infant daughters, Cecilia and Alyce Lynne Porter, two brothers, Ethridge and Bernard Porter, and three sisters, Vedena Mary Crum, Ivory Hensley Hill and Mildred Castle. Lyman was a retired employee for the Goodyear Atomic Corp. with 35 years of service, U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the First Baptist Church, Waverly, OH, member of the Wells Family Association Inc., and served on the Wells Board. Funeral services were held May 15, 2012 at the Boyer Funeral Home in Waverly, OH, with Pastor Greg Schaffer officiating. Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY. Friends called at the Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly, OH, from 4-7 p.m. Monday and from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday. Lyman descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

**RONALD COLEMAN WELLS**, 85 of Barton City, Mich., died March 22, 2012. He was born June 17, 1926 in Johnson County, son of the late Delmer Preston and Fannie Ratliff Wells. He was a U. S. Navy Veteran, and retired from United Airlines. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Jack David Wells; and one sister, Elwanda Wells Butcher. Surviving are his wife, Peggy Stapleton Wells; one son, Scott Coleman Wells of Grayling, Mich.; one daughter, Karen (David) Jordan of Barton City; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, with service in the chapel, Paintsville, KY with Paul David Coleman and Chad Blair officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Staffordsville, KY. He descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

**MELVIN WELLS JR.**, 89, of Prestonsburg, KY, died January 25, 2012 in Riverview Health Care Center. He was born January 18, 1923. His wife, Mary Esther Wills Wells, preceded him in death. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg, KY. A memorial service was at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Funeral Home with burial in Wanix Wells Cemetery in Prestonsburg, KY. Melvin descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**SAMMIE E. WELLS**, 80, died March 25, 2012. He was born June 26, 1931 in Floyd County, KY to the late Curtis and Josephine Hunter Wells. He is survived by his wife Jean Slone Wells. Surviving are his children; Sammie Wade (Beth) Wells; Douglas E. (Fran) Wells; Bernardine (Babe) Isaac; Belinda (William) Amburgey, brothers and sisters, Herny Wells, Jamie Cassada, The late Claude Wells and the late Fayette Hughes; Grandchildren, Racheal, Sara, Laura and Joseph. Arrangements were directed by the Nelson--Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY, with Bobby Carpenter officiating. Burial followed in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat, KY. Sammie descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells



**MARTHA GESS HAYMAN WELLS**, 89, died Feb 27, 2012. She was born May 18, 1922, in Lexington, KY, to the late John Henry and Ada Mary Duncan Hayman. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Britton Wells, Jr., long time Paintsville mayor and businessman. She was a graduate of University High School in Lexington, attended Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, VA, and graduated as an economics

major from the University of Kentucky, where she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. For over 50 years, she was a resident of Paintsville, KY, where she was very active in civic affairs serving as Regent of the Harmon Station Chapter of the D.A.R., organizing President of the Paintsville Garden Club, President of the Junior Women's League, President of the Johnson Co. Democratic Woman's Club, organizing board member of the Salvation Army, trustee of Mayo Memorial Methodist Church, and President of the United Methodist Women. She was also instrumental in the planning and development of the Paintsville Park and Playground. In 1999 she and her husband moved to Lexington, where she joined Second Presbyterian Church, renewed old friendships and made many new ones. She loved her family, her friends, bridge, and tried to "dance every dance". She is survived by four children John III (Terrie) of Newnan, GA.; Mary (Dean) Hammond of Lexington; Martha (David) Heil of Lexington; Jennie (Mike) Scruggs of Lexington; one step daughter, Jane (Keith) Green of Winchester; and several generations of grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Milward Funeral Home, Lexington, KY. Her late husband John Wells, Jr., descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells. Her son John B. Wells III serves on the Wells Family board.



**CHARLES BRITTON WELLS**, 52, of died February 21, 2012 in Georgetown, KY. He was born Nov. 11, 1959 in Paintsville, KY to Carlos Horn Wells and the late Charles Wells. He was a grandson of the late Charles J. Wells of Paintsville and the late Carl and Eleanor Horn of Prestonsburg, KY. Charles was a 1978 graduate of Johnson Central High School and 1953 graduate of Georgetown College. Surviving includes his beloved wife and best friend, Sheila; his devoted and much loved mother

Carlos Wells; an aunt, Elizabeth Fannin; father-in-law and mother-in-law Neil and Bonnie Price, two sisters-in-laws, Bonnie (Robert) Houf and Kim (Rob) Miller; a niece, five nephews, and a great niece. In 2008, Gov. Beashear appointed Charles as special assistant in the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, where he was liaison between the state and the labor groups representing its employees. Charles held that post until his death. Previously, Charles worked for 19 years in Frankfort as the director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees and the American Federation of Teachers. Charles will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. The world has lost a true gentleman. A memorial service to celebration his life was held March 3, 2012 at John L. Hill Chapel, Georgetown College, in Georgetown, KY. A graveside service was held at 2:30 pm Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery at Staffordsville, KY. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. Charles descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

**BOBBY A. WELLS**, 75, of Van Lear, KY, died April 14, 2012 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville, KY. He was born April 15, 1936 in Johnson County, KY, son of the late Tommy and Thelma Hyden Wells. He was also preceded in death by one son Jeff Wells. Surviving are his wife, Wanda VanHoose Wells of Van Lear, KY; one brother, Benjamin T. Wells, Dayton, OH; two daughters, Monie R. Castle Baldwin of Paintsville, KY, and Verronda K. Castle of Van Lear, KY., four sisters, Anna Ruth Bowling, Hager Hill, KY, Wanda Faye Stanford of OH, Doris Sue Robinson of Summerville, OH and Glenda Hill, London, KY; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the directions of Jones-Preston Funeral Home with service in the Chapel, Paintsville, KY. Joe Hill officiated with burial in the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Staffordsville, KY. Bobby descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.



**THOMAS A. WELLS**, 59, of Hilliard, OH, died Sunday, May 6, 2012, at his residence. Tom, formerly of Cable, OH, was born March 3, 1953, in Wheeling, W.VA, the son of the Helen S. (Buza) Wells and the late Thomas Wells. He attended "Triad High School & Urbana University. He was the owner of Wells Brothers Associates and has for several years been the owner of American Mold Abotlment, Hilliard, OH. Tom loved the outdoors and enjoyed hiking, Kayaking, canoeing throughout Ohio & spending time with his 3 daughters Amy, Gretchen & Jenny & his grandchildren. He is survived by his brother Chris Wells, Cable, OH; his daughters Amy Wells of Yellow Springs, OH; Gretchen Wells (Anthony Fritts) of Springfield, OH. & Jenny (Damion) Gosheff of Fort Wayne, Ind.; grandchildren, Anthony, Elizabeth, Jacob, Josephine, Katie, Sarah & 2 more on the way; three nephews, Mark Wells, Noah Wells & Alrixs Wells all of Springfield, OH & numerous aunts, uncles, cousins & friends. He will be sadly missed by all. He was preceded in death by his father and his brother Kim Wells. A gathering to celebrate his life by family & friends was 6-9 pm on Mon., May 14, 2012 at the Olde Barn, Urbana, OH with Pastor Grant Cordell. Tom descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

**ELSIE MARIE RAMEY**, 83, of Paintsville, KY, died June 8, 2012 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home Paintsville, KY. Elsie was born July 7, 1928, Van Lear, KY daughter of the late Willie and Bertha Clark Webb. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Ramey. Surviving are three sons, Ronald and Ervin Lee Ramey, both of Van Lear, KY and Fred Ramey of El Paso, TX; one daughter, Teresa Preston of Paintsville; one sister, Laura Bernice Wells Austin of Paintsville, KY; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. Service was in the chapel with Wes Stedtefeld officiating and burial followed in the Webb-Wells Cemetery, Daniels Creek, Van Lear, KY. Elsie descends through the Clark-Webb family and her step-father was the late George Kelly Wells and he descended through Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

**JO IMOGENE BUTCHER MILLS**, 95, of Paintsville, KY died March 9, 2012 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville, KY. Mrs. Mills was born Dec. 19, 1916 in Johnson County, daughter of the late Beecher and Ollie Williams Butcher. She was a retired cosmetologist. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Luther Mills. Surviving are two sons, Charlie (Patricia) Mills of Frankfort, KY and Doyle (Linda) Mills of Somerset, KY; three brothers, Douglas Butcher of Meally, KY, Donis Butcher of Taylor, Mich., and Ivan Butcher of Louisa, KY; two sisters, Anita Walters of Miamisburg, OH, and Georgene Barnett of Lexington, KY; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY, with service in the Chapel. Gary Blair officiating, with burial following in the Butcher Family Cemetery at Williamsport, KY.



**JANNETTA MUNCY**, 39, of Greer, S.C. Died Jan. 27, 2012. She was the daughter of Richard and Ina Mary Ward of Inez, KY. She was survived by her three children; David Scott, Anna Catherine, and Joshua Alexander; and her sister, Lucinda Ward of Georgetown, KY. She was a member of Taylors First Baptist Church. Pallbearers were Joey Brooks, Jeff Holt, Kyle Candler, Chuck Morton, Brent Railey, and Tom

Turner. A celebration of Janetta's life was at Taylors First Baptist Church with Dr. Carey Hedgpeh and Rev. Paul Jimenez officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Jannetta is Eulah Villenes great niece and the granddaughter of her late brother Eugena "Skeezee" Ward's. Eulah is a member of the Wells Board. They descend from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

**LELAND WINFORD WELLS**, 67, of Rush, KY passed away July 2, 2012 at his residence. He was born Sept. 15, 1944, at Rush, a son of the late Truman and Thelma Thompson Wells. Leland was a retired electrician with C.W. Electric. His survivors include three sons, Gary (Trayci) Wells of Rush, KY; Johnathan (Bethany) Wells of Dade City, Fla., and Christopher Wells of Ashland, KY; two sisters, Aloma Wilburn of Coalton, KY and Adele Holley of Rush, KY; one brother, Lyle "Corky" Wells of Rush, KY and nine grandchildren, Summer Wells, Savannah Wells, Ryan Wells, James Herring, Stevie Leathers, Adam Wells, Alison Wells, Adalyn Wells and Josephine Wells. Malone Funeral Home, Grayson, KY was in charge of arrangements with service at the funeral home, with Joed Rice officiating. Burial followed in the Thompson Wells Cemetery. Leland descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**LAURA BERNICE AUSTIN**, 74 of Prestonsburg, KY, passed away July 6, 2012 at Hospice House of Huntington, Huntington, W.VA. Bernice was born March 31, 1938 in Johnson County, KY, daughter of the late George Kelly and Bertha Clark Webb Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband Billy Ray Austin, five brothers, Dow, Kelly, Jesse, Arthur and Chester Webb, and two sisters, Irene McKenzie and Elsie Marie Ramey. Surviving are one son, Timothy Wayne Austin of Prestonsburg, KY, one daughter, Denise Ann Rains, Lexington, KY; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. Service was in the Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Scott officiating. Burial followed in the Webb/Wells Cemetery at Daniels Creek, Van Lear, KY. Bernice descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.



**WILLI DEAN (WELLS) RUSSELL**, 80 of Urbana, OH died Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at her residence. She was born October 10, 1931, a daughter of the late John Sherman Wells, Sr and Lillian (Collins) Wells. She retired from the Drackett Company. Willi enjoyed her grandchildren, playing cards, hunting mushrooms and was a sports fan of the Cincinnati Reds, OSU Buckeyes Football and NASCAR. She was "grandma" to anyone who came along. Survivors

include one daughter Carla Lindsey of Urbana, OH; sons Michael G. Russell (Elizabeth "Ann" Russell) Anthony L. Russell both of Urbana, OH.; grandchildren Michelle M. Switzer of Mechanicsburg, OH, Bradley M. Russell, Urbana, OH, Brandon J. Russell, Bellefontaine, OH, Andrew L. Russell, Matthew C. Russell and Amanda M. Lockard, Bryan A. Lindsay, John A. Music, Ethan C. Grim, all of Urbana, OH. Jody L. Lindsay of Marysville, OH, Robert A. Russell, Joseph L. Russell and Tobias J. Russell, all of Urbana, OH; great-grandchildren, Bristol, Hunter, Drue, Lilly, Cheyenne, Aubry and Drew; sisters, Sophia L. Stevens of North Lewisburg, Wavelean Cope (Larry) of California, Coralee Wells of California; sister; sister-in-law Beulah J. Wells of Woodstock; brothers-in-law, Ralph Markley of Terre Haute, OH and James Preston of Urbana, OH. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Tondra F. Anderson, daughter-in-law Kelly S. Russell, sisters Magdalene Markley, Clara Fay Preston, Imogene Russell; brothers Gus Wells, Ed Wells, Doug Wells, Walter Wells, Tommy Wells and John Wells. Arrangements were under the direction of Walter & Smith Funeral Home. Service was at the funeral home on July 10, 2012 with viewing from 1-2 p.m. and service at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Grant Cordell officiating. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, St. Paris, OH. Willi Dean descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.



**JENNIFER JO "JENNY" SHAFER-RUSSELL**, 34 of Urbana, OH., died unexpectedly June 20, 2012 in her home with her family by her side. She was born July 2, 1977 in Bellefontaine, OH. Jenny's zest for Life will be missed by all who knew her and loved her. She enjoyed watching Karaoke and her dogs and cats. Jenny loved her family; she loved watching her sons play sports. She was involved with their 4H projects

and the fair, most of all she loved spending time with them, and just loved spending time with them. She is survived by her parents, Gary and Robyn (Chamberlain) Shafer, her husband Brad Russell, her son Andrew and Bristol, her brother, J.R.

(Terri) Shafer her grandmother, Jean Shafer, her great-grandfather, Scott Blake, her brother-in-law, Michael (Elizabeth) Russell, her mother-in-law, Jackie (Larry) Picklesimer, numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives. Jenny is preceded in death by her Uncle Luke Chamberlain and many other relatives. Memorial services to Celebrate Jenny's Life was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2012, in the Vernon Funeral Home, Urbana, OH, with David MacGillivray officiating. Jennifer's husband Brad Russell descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**DEXTER MUSIC**, 73 of Hager Hill, KY passed July 4, 2012 at River Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, KY. Mr. Music was born Jan. 5, 1938 in Johnson County, son of the late Frank and Dorothy Wells Music. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Rexford Music. Surviving are his wife, Judith "Judy" Ratliff Music; one son, James Music of Stambaugh, KY; one daughter, Sharon Zimmerman of Washington, D.C.; two brothers, James Music and Joe Music, both of Van Lear, KY; one sister, Vivian Spencer of Leesburg, FL; and one grandson... Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY with service in the Chapel. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. Dexter descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. He was a previous member of the Wells Family Board.

**RODGER D. SETSER**, age 71 of Millville, N.J. passed away suddenly June 20, 2012, in Jefferson Hospital, with his family at his side. Rodger grew up in a small coal mining town in Eastern Kentucky in very tough conditions. After losing his father at a young age, he was blessed to have the love and guidance of his brothers, sisters and mother to see him through their hard early life. He met the love of his life, Joan, while in college. Their life together was a true love story that lasted for over 47 years of marriage which blessed them with two sons and four grandchildren that he loved with all his heart. Their life brought them to Millville, N.J., where he worked as an educator, starting in 1965, until his retirement in 1996. During his life in Millville he touched so many lives as a coach, teacher, mentor, friend and church member. He enjoyed his family and will be remembered by them for being such a loving uncle, brother, grandfather, father and husband. He was a true hero to everyone in his life. He always shared a smile and gave all that he had to anyone he knew. Rodger is survived by his wife, Joan; two sons, Chris Setser (Allison), and Steve Setser (Jessica); four grandchildren, Madison, Meredith, Hutch and Marin Setser; two brothers, Paul Setser (Patricia), and Fred Setser (Jeanne); three sisters, Ella Ruth Ratcliff, Sandra Buckles (Victor), and Debra Hill (John). Rodger's funeral services were held Saturday, June 23, at the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. 2nd Street in Millville, N.J. Rodger was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery, in Drexel Hill, Penn. Rodger descends from Richard Wells through Mary Wells Butcher and William Butcher.



## MEMORIALS

**RAY & CHARLOTTE WELLS**, of Hunucma, Mexico gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family. Ray & Charlotte moved to Mexico two years ago and he is the son of the late Howard & Georgia Burchett Wells. They descend from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells. Ray is a previous member of the Wells Family Board.

**ELMER "BUCK" WELLS JR.**, of Lakewood, OH gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family in memory of his lovely late wife Mary Jo Wells. Buck is the son of the late Elmer & Pearl Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears. He is the brother of previous Wells Board member Herman Wells.



**SUSAN MARNELL WEAVER**, of Williamsburg, KY gave \$100.00 to the Wells Family in memory of her parents, Sherley Rae Wells Marnell & John Marnell. Her mother Sherley Rae passed June 12, 2011 at age 93 in Auburn, AL. She was born March 11, 1918 in Richardson, KY to John L. Wells and Theodosia Long Wells of Paintsville, KY. After college she went to Washington DC where she met her husband John Marnell. They married Oct 10, 1941 and were married for 56 years. Thanks, Susan.

## RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

In our previous newsletter we asked those that have e-mail to please send it to me so we could send your newsletter by e-mail. You will receive it much faster. This method will save the association a great deal of money. Printing and mailing costs approximately \$500.00 or more. About 50 family members have sent theirs but I am sure there are more that have e-mail. We would like to reduce the size of our mailing, thus reducing costs. Presently we have 300 receiving their newsletter by e-mail. Remember you can always print a hard copy and it will be just like the one we mailed you. Help save money for our family organization – we are looking forward to hearing from more of you. Thanks, Mary Walton

## NOTICE:

### THE WELLS REUNION

**September 2, 2012**

**Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, KY.**

**DOORS OPEN 10:00 am**

for visiting before the following activities begin.

- An auction.
- Children Activities
- A Memorial Service for those who have passed away since the last reunion.

SNACKS - available for everyone until the meal is served.

### BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- **DONATED ITEMS** for the auction
- **FOOD** for your family plus extra to share with those who are unable to bring anything. If you are traveling from out of town you can purchase food from the different restaurants and grocery stores in town.
- **DRINKS** for your family

### *The following will be provided:*

- **PAPER PRODUCTS** including plates, cups, silverware, napkins
- **ICE**



### **On the Wells Family Heritage Tour of England:**

**Kim Albert and Dave Morris** taking a photo of the living room mantel at Buckwell Manor in Boughton Aluph, Kent, where our ancestors were tenant farmers.

## Wells Family Heritage Tour of England (continued)

The owner of Buckwell Manor, Mrs. Lucy Thompson, has made a wonderful discovery - carved into the living room mantel is "Wells" based on the mantel's age and other graffiti written nearby, Amazing!!!



**The 2012 Wells Family Heritage Tour of England** was a wonderful trip of discovery. Seventeen Wells cousins traveled to the County of Kent in southeastern England to trace our family's English heritage. We followed our family from our earliest known ancestor the Rev. William Atte Welle who pastured Pett Church near the village of Charing to our immediate British ancestor Richard Wells who settled in America in 1635. We visited Pett Manor, the location of William Atte Welle's church, Buckwell Manor at Boughton Aluph where Robert Wells, Richard's father, was a tenant farmer from 1610 through 1636. It was at Buckwell Manor that we made an exciting family discovery. On the front of a 16<sup>th</sup> century fireplace was carved the name of "WELLS!" This fireplace was uncovered just years ago after being covered over by a mantel for almost 400 years. This graffiti was carved either by Robert Wells or one of his sons, including our Richard. We also visited the church at Willesborough, Kent, where our family worshipped for over 300 years and the church at Boughton Aluph where our Richard was baptized in 1618. We also visited many non-family sites including Canterbury Cathedral, Dover Castle, the famous White Cliffs of Dover, the Secret Garden of Sandwich, Leeds Castle and all the famous sites in London before traveling home. I hope to be able to present a power point show of the trip highlights at this year's reunion.

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