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The Wells Family Reunion on September 6, 2015 was a great success. We celebrated our 100th Anniversary with approximately 250 members in attendance. There were several attended that had not attended previously and, although some did not get in the photo, it turned out great. Some did not come until later, and the photo was taken at 12:00 noon. There were others that did not get in the photo by choice. Our newly elected officers included several completely new family members that became part of the board. Our newly elected president, Janette Mills, is not a stranger to the family since she served several years ago and still is a member of the Wells Board. She promised she will serve only one year until we find someone. We do appreciate her help. Our new board members are Leigh Ann Johnson, Lou Sherburne, Susie Music Colburn and Kathy Perkins. WELCOME to the Wells Board!

OLDEST ATTENDING REUNION



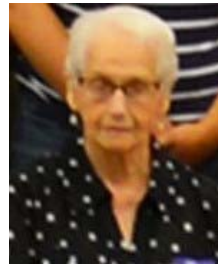
RACINE WELLS, age 90 years old, of Paintsville, KY was the more seasoned person attending. She is a long time member of the Wells Board. She is a daughter of the late Colvin & Tessie Burke Wells.

She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears.

YOUNGEST ATTENDING REUNION

NATHAN LOUIS SUSZYNSKI, two months old, was the youngest in attendance this year. Born on June 22, 2015 in Mentor, OH, you can see Nathan's photo and learn about his family in the Births Section.

TRAVELED MOST MILES TO REUNION



DORIS WELLS MCFADDIN, from Sequim, WA. She is the daughter of the late Colvin & Tessie Burke Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears.

LARGEST FAMILY ATTENDING REUNION

RICHARD & FANNY WELLS FAMILY won the award with more than 40 in attendance. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier. No picture.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

MADISON HALEY MEADE of Staffordsville, KY was the lucky student to win the 2015 \$500.00 Scholarship offered by the Association. There



were two applications, and the Association draws for the winner and Madison's name was drawn. She graduated from Paintsville High School, Paintsville, KY and is attending Eastern

Kentucky University majoring in Education. Madison is the daughter of Todd A. & Lisa Cox Meade of Staffordsville, KY. The paternal grandparents are Harold Meade and Jim & Annie Wilson all of Paintsville, KY. The maternal grandparents are Tice & Yon Cox of Maysville, KY. Congratulations Madison, and we are sure you will do well and look forward to receiving a copy of your grades after the first Semester. Madison descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

NOTICE FROM YOUR EDITOR
MARY WALTON

It has come the time for me to step down from doing the Wells Newsletter, and I am asking that someone out there step forward to do it for it is work but rewarding work. We don't want it to stop as we have so many family across the country that enjoys it and have no other way of hearing about their extended family. I have had people write or call me saying, "When I receive the newsletter my family know to leave me alone till I get it read" and some say they read it several times. The newsletter is the only means they have of hearing about their relatives. I am willing to help and send information to you. If I know how the people come down from Richard Wells, I will let you know. I will also gather data for whoever is willing to keep the newsletter going. We don't want to lose contact with our extended relatives. Please call me if you are willing, or call our President, Janette Mills or any other member of the board. I thank you for allowing me to be your editor for many years although I could not have done it without your input and especially Patti, for I am not a writer.

I have loved doing it and getting to know my relatives across the country. Love all of you, Mary.

CONGRATULATIONS

DR. LORI WELLS HUFF, of Lexington, KY, graduated from Rowan County High School and went on to graduate from Morehead State



University with honors in 2000. She entered University of Kentucky Medical School followed by three years of residency at UK in Pediatrics. She then served one year as Chief

Resident before going to Charleston Medical University, South Carolina for a Fellowship in Neonatology. She completed her Fellowship on June 20, 2015 and is practicing with Baptist Health, Lexington, KY. She and her husband Scott Huff reside in Lexington, KY. Her husband Scott graduated from Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY with a Master's degree and is currently the Youth Minister at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, KY. Scott is the son of David Huff & Kathy Cox of Collinsville, Illinois. Lori is the daughter of Kim Lundergan of Lexington, KY and the late Eddie Lundergan. Lori's grandparents are James Doug & Doris Connors Wells of Lexington, KY. While Lori was in Charleston Medical School, she and her husband were blessed with a baby girl--**CARLY EMERSON HUFF**, who was born in Charleston, SC on Aug 8, 2014, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz., and 20" tall. She missed being born on her great-grandfather Jim Doug's birthday by 2.5 hours. Carly and her mom, Lori, descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells. Her great-grandfather has been a member of the Wells Board for some years and is presently an honorary member.



BREANNA JOHNSON, is the daughter of Randy & Leigh Ann Harmon Johnson of Florida. “We are very proud of Breanna, for she auditioned for and was selected to sing in the Florida All State Middle School Choir”. It is a selective group of

choral students who are chosen from across the State of Florida. She will perform in Tampa, Florida on January 17, 2016. In addition, Breanna’s love for the theater took her to the county Thespian Festival. There she won superior rating and \$100 for her theatrical monologue. She will compete in the State Thespian Festival held in Orlando, February 4, 2016. In March, she will compete again in the Florida State Science Olympiad. Breanna was also chosen to participate in all county choirs. Breanna descends from Aaron Wells, son of William Green Wells. She also descends from Anna Lee Wells, daughter of Moses Wells and Margaret E Hillman

ANNIVERSARY



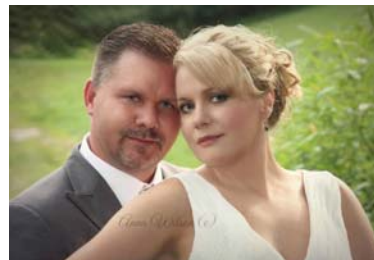
WILLIAM MOLLETTE, 96 and EDITH WELLS MOLLETTE, 92 of Boonscamp, KY celebrated their 70th marriage anniversary. William was born June 3, 1919 and

Edith was born June 1, 1923. They were married **Sept 1, 1945**. Edith is the daughter of the late George and Angie Sammons Wells. William & Edith have three children, Karen Kouns (Richard), Roger Mollette & Rita Vest (Aza).

They have several grandchildren and great grandchildren. They had a celebration Labor Day weekend with all their family attending. Although William was sick and had to be taken to the ER by his son Roger, they all enjoyed themselves. Edith is an honorary member of the Wells Family Board. Neither of them has been well but are being well cared for by their children. Edith’s father, Uncle George, lived to be 102 and 5 months. They have always been very active in keeping the Wells family going. Edith descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

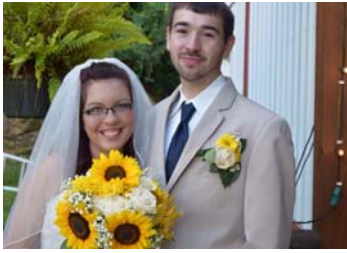
MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

MARY FRANCES KEEL & MICHAEL WOODS made the big announcement on FB of their engagement Sept 2015. No date has been set yet. Fran is the daughter of the late Frank & Beulah Wells Keel. She previously served for years on the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & William G. Wells.



CRAIG MEADE & HEATHER HALFHILL MEADE, were married July 4, 2015 at Fish

Trap Church at the Home Place, Paintsville, KY. Craig’s grandmother grew up and attended the old church before it was moved to the park. Many family and friends were in attendance. Craig is the son of Harold Meade and Jim and Annie Wilson all of Paintsville, KY. The paternal grandparents are the late Eyvand & Betty Wells Brown. The couple is residing at Staffordsville, KY. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.



HOPE WELLS & JONATHON SEXTON of Paintsville, KY were married on Sept 12, 2015 at Redfox, KY at the

Four Star Village. Lakin Wells served as her maid of honor. Hope is the daughter of Alex S. & Cynthia Wells of Van Lear, KY and Melissa Conley of Magoffin County, KY. Her maternal grandparents are Winfred & Sharon Witten Conley. The paternal grandparents are Susie Wells of Van Lear, KY & the late Alex Sam Wells Sr. Jonathan is the son of John and Shirley Sexton of Paintsville, KY. His maternal grand-parents are Azel & Bessie Blevins, the paternal grandparents are Bill & Elma Sexton. The couple is presently residing in Paintsville, Ky. Hope descends from Richard Wells thorough George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Auxier Wells.

BIRTHS



NATHAN LOUIS SUSZYNSKI, was born on June 22, 2015 in a local Mentor, OH hospital. The parents are Brittany Roach and Joe Suszynski. The maternal grandparents are Paul and Tina Patton Roach. The maternal great grandparents are Roger

Patton of AL and Mary Coolidge of Mentor, OH. Nathan descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.



KENNEDY IRVIN TROUT was born May 21, 2015 at a Topeka, KS hospital. He was 21” long. The proud parents are Lee & Amanda Trout, of Topeka, KS. The maternal

grandparents are Mark & Patricia Wells Wallace of Louisville, KY. Kennedy descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.



VIOLET MAE SALISBURY was born August 3, 2015 at Edgewood, KY and weighed in at 7 lbs 4 oz. The proud parents are Russell Morgan and Nicole (Christler) Salisbury. The paternal grand-

parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Salisbury of Martin, KY. Violet descends from Richard Wells though his son, William Green Wells. Her grandfather is a member of the Wells Family Board.

SICK OR HOSPITALIZATION

DALE CLINE of Ohio is not doing well according to his daughter, Karen. Dale is the widower of the late Malva Belle Hall Cline who was always very active with the Wells Family and loved being with her relatives. Dale was always there to support her. He will be 90 years old next August so remember him in your prayers. His late wife Malva descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

RITA COLLINS, of Van Lear, KY had Retina Eye Surgery. She is doing well. Rita is the wife of Larry Collins, and he descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

ANICE WILLIAMS MUSIC, of Boonscamp, KY has been in the hospital several times the last few months and underwent surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY in November. She is presently at home receiving care from her husband, Dolie. Anice descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

BRENDA BAILEY COLLINS, of Flat Gap, KY had surgery on 7/30/15 at Markey Center, Lexington, KY for Ovarian cancer and has been doing chemo at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, KY where she has been since first of Oct. She is presently receiving Chemo and Therapy but seems to be doing somewhat better. Brenda's husband Mike is looking out for her, and he descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

PATTY PRESTON, of North Carolina, underwent Gallbladder surgery in July 2015 and is doing well with care from her husband, James Paul Preston, Jr. Her husband James descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. He is the son of the late Clara Wells Preston and Jim Preston who serves on the Wells Board.

JACKIE WELLS, Lawrenceburg, KY underwent hand surgery 10/20/15 and then a Colonoscopy and is doing well and will follow up with therapy on the hand. Jackie is the wife of John Thomas Wells and he descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells.

JAMES DOUG WELLS, of Lexington, KY had a fall hitting his head which caused bleeding around the brain. He has had a lot of difficulties after emergency surgery. Prayers was answered, and he began to improve. He is presently in therapy at Tanbark, Lexington, KY. He is receiving support and care from his wife, Doris and daughter, Kim. Jim is on the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells.

ALIVIA GRACE COLLINS, of Auxier, KY was a patient in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY with a UTI and then after she was discharged from the hospital she had an accident requiring stitches between her fingers. She is home doing fine and is the daughter of Adam and Kristal Collins. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

TERRI BARRIER WELLS, of Newnan, GA underwent eye surgery 8/15/2015, and her husband John III said that he had become a nurse. **John III** had a colonoscopy, and I would not dare to tell you what he said they found. He is fine though. You all know John III-- he may say anything for fun. Terri and John III both have served on the Wells Family Board for years, and her husband John III descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.

DARLENE CLARK BURGESS, of Dayton, OH has been very sick but is feeling some better and is in an assisted living facility and being cared for by her daughter, Marluta. Darlene had foot surgery on Friday Dec 4th. She is the daughter of the late Blaine & Lutie DeLong Clark and descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells. She is an honorary member of the Wells Family Board.

JAMES "JIM" BROWN, of Van Lear, KY had two surgeries at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY this last summer. The operation was to correct blockage in both of his legs. He was given care by his family and is presently doing well. Jim is the son of the late Eyvand and Betty Wells Brown and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

VICKI ADKINS BROWN, of Paintsville, KY was taken to the ER very sick with an attack of Diverticulitis. She is being treated and is doing better. Vicki is the wife of Jerry Brown and daughter of James Adkins and the late Emma Wells Adkins. She descends from Richard Wells though George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

ANNIE BROWN WILSON, of Paintsville, KY was a patient at Paul B. Hall, Paintsville in October and was then transferred to Kings Daughters Hospital where she spent a couple weeks. She still is having major health problems but is home receiving help from her husband, Jim. Annie descends from Richard Wells though George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

APRIL HANBY, Lexington, KY had Gallbladder surgery in July & did well from it. However she has been having knee and neck problems and is being treated to prevent knee replacement surgery for a while. April is the daughter of James Hanby of IN & Dortha Porter Hanby of Lexington, KY. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

PHYLLIS DELONG, of Fairborn, OH has been discharged from the hospital but is experiencing a lot of pain. She is being cared for by her husband, Roger. Roger descends from Richard Wells through his daughter, Mary Wells Butcher.

ANITA WELLS, of Calvert City, KY is really under the weather and going through tests etc. On Dec. 7th, she had a colonoscopy but is waiting for results from another test. She is the daughter of Susie Wells of Van Lear, KY and the late Alex Sam Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

VIOLA DELONG WILLIAMS, of Springfield, OH has been to the ER several times in last few months with nose bleeds and other problems including eye problems requiring shots. Viola is the daughter of the late Marion & Dora Felty DeLong and descends through the Auxier family.

LORA MARIE BURCHETT WELLS, of Johnson County, KY is having major health problems and needs our prayers. She has been transferred from extended care to the hospital and back to extended care many times in last few months. She is the widow of the late Kermit Wells. She is the daughter of the late Robert & Lillian Burchett. Her husband Kermit descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

DORTHA FERGUSON STROBEL of CA., has been in the hospital to have her legs amputated and then spent several months in a rehab. She is home now with her husband, Gene. Dortha is the daughter of the late Dale & Susie Spears Ferguson and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

James N. Adkins, Genevieve Wells, Kitty Meade, Edith Mollette, Louise Whitten Samuel, Phyllis Blevins, Benette Howard, Jim & Ann Wilson, Peggy Rice, Everett DeLong, Thelma Wells McCullough, Sue Hopson, Clifford Booth, Patricia Womack, Tracy Harmon Petro, Marlene Jarvis, Charlie B. Wells, Roger DeLong, Anita Kay Wells.

DEATHS



WILLIAM LEE WELCH, 84, of Waverly, Ohio died at 1:05 a.m. Tuesday July 23, 2015 in Traditions at Bristol Village after a brief illness. He was born

14 October 1930 to the late William Thomas Welch and Georgia Lee (Meade) Welch. Surviving are three sons, William Daniel Welch of Waverly, David Wayne Welch of Seville, Ohio and Don Alan Welch (Tricia) of Waverly, daughter, Lisa L. Welch and Tom Bartley of Waverly; mother of his children, Margaret A Reed, Waverly; 5 grandchildren, W. Drexel Welch, Amanda, Travis and Jamie Welch and Riley Welch Tully and husband Richard of Scottsdale, Arizona. He will also be missed by his faithful dog, Willie. His parents, son, Robert Drexel Welch, and a grandson, Adam Daniel Welch, preceded William in death. Bill was a retired Shift Superintendent for Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Piketon, Ohio. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM Saturday, 25 July 2015 at the Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly with Pastor Dale Reed officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Union Cemetery, Denver Road, Waverly. William Lee descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green by way of William Allen Wells.

VERNON “Preacher” WELLS, 78, died July 1, 2015 at the Riverview Health Care Center. He was born to the late William and Margery Preston Wells on April 12, 1937 in Van Lear, KY. He is survived by 1 son, Jerry Wells; 2 daughters, Lisa Williams Strickland and Amy Alsip; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at the Sparks Cemetery, Blaine, KY on Monday, Jul 6, 2015. Vernon descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.



FERRELL ROGER FRISBY, 96, better known to family and friends as “Sokie”, died July 2, 2015, in Louisville, KY. He was born Oct 10, 1919 in Weeksbury, KY –

a son of the late David and Zella Easterling Frisby. He was preceded in death by his wife Unoka “Nokie” Wells Frisby who is in the photo with him. Survivors are one son, Richard “Dickie” Frisby, of Louisville, KY, and two grandchildren. Ferrell retired from General Motors and was an Army Veteran in World War II and a Member of the Masonic Lodge. He had a private service and was buried in Louisville, KY. Ferrell’s late wife, Unoka, descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



CLAUDE DENNISON SR., 89, of Catlettsburg, KY, passed away Saturday, Nov 21, 2015, in King’s Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, KY with his family by his side.

Claude was born Aug 13, 1926, in Johnson County, a son of the late Leonard and Sylvia Collins Dennison. He was also preceded in death by a son, Gerald Wayne Dennison, in February of this year; a brother, Prince Dennison; and sisters, Eunice Hite, Eileen Stambaugh, and Wandena Young. Claude served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 7th Infantry where he earned the title of Corporal. He retired from Armco, Coke Division, as a coke handler. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and storytelling. Claude was a member of Catlettsburg Church of God. Survivors include his adoring wife of 66 years and 11 months,

Willa Faye Ison Dennison; their children, Jimmy Dennison (Linda Spurlock), of Catlettsburg; Janis Dennison Estep (Roger) of Staffordsville, KY; Claude Dennison, Jr. of Jacksonville, FL; Paul Dennison (Lisa Salyers) of Catlettsburg; and Deanna Felty (Brian) of Catlettsburg; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services to celebrate Claude's life were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 24, 2015, at Catlettsburg Church of God with Pastor Gary Wirtzfeld officiating. Final resting place was at Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens in Ashland, KY. Visiting was on Monday at Kilgore & Collier Funeral Home in Catlettsburg, KY. Claude descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and also comes down the Christopher Collins line.

MARK D. ANTIS, 63, of South Portsmouth, died, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015, in the Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio. He was born May 24, 1952, in Portsmouth a son of the late Robert W. Antis and Peggy Wells Antis. He was a registered pharmacist and was the owner of Osman Pharmacy in Vanceburg. He enjoyed playing the guitar and was an avid University of Kentucky sports fan.

Mark is survived by his wife, Sharon S. Antis; son David Antis of Fort Lauderdale, FL; daughter Allison (Scott) Frasure of Winchester, KY; daughter-in-law Krista Antis of St. Albans, WV; stepdaughter Ashley (Michael) Collins of Benbrook, Texas; five grandchildren, Logan, Davis, Dylan, Aiden and Autumn; first wife and mother of his children, Connie Reed Antis, of Lexington; sister, Karen (Gary) Griffith of Lloyd; brother, Keith (Salena) Antis of Russell, KY; and a host of beloved family, friends and co-workers. Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, at Morton Funeral Home in South Shore, KY with Howard Wilson officiating. Burial followed in Siloam Cemetery

in South Shore, KY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 5202, Cincinnati, OH 43201. Mark descends from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells.



JERRY WELLS, 67, Greenup, KY passed on Nov 19, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Van Lear, KY, Johnson County, on March 8, 1948 – a son of the late Benjamin “Bennie” & Juanita

Goble Wells. He was a retired operator at DuPont & Pactiv in Wurtland with 39 years of service, a US Army Veteran and a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Connie Lynn Craft Wells; a son, Jerry Michael Wells, of Greenup; a brother, Gerald Ray Wells, of Johnson County; two sisters, Patricia Ann Womack and her husband Kermit of Greenup, KY and Sandra Kay Wells of South Shore, KY and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Graveside services were held at 1:00 PM Monday, November 23, 2015 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery NE by Brother Richard Crum. Officiating The Kenova American Legion performed military honors. There was no visitation. It was the wish of the family that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Legion of your choice. Arrangements were under the direction of Wright's Funeral Home in Greenup, KY. Jerry descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Jerry's sister, Pat Womack served many years on the Wells Family Board and is an honorary member today.



TONY EDWARD MEADE, 45 of Paintsville, KY passed on Sunday Nov 1, 2015 at Hospice Care Center in Ashland, KY. Tony was born Jan 22, 1970 in Johnson County – a son of Harold E.

Meade of Paintsville and Anna Lois Brown Wilson of Paintsville, KY. He was an entrepreneur, self-employed in the jewelry business. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his step-father, James Wilson, of Paintsville, KY; two brothers, Todd Allen (Lisa) Meade and James Craig Meade (Heather), both of Staffordsville, KY. Services were held at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel on Nov 4th at 1:00 pm, with John Skaggs, Derek Meade and Rev. Bruce Lee officiating. The burial followed in the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Staffordsville, KY. Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY was in charge of arrangements. Tony descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



JEWELL CLARK MCMAHAN, 97, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi passed away peacefully at home on Nov 10, 2015. Jewell was born Dec 29, 1918 to the late Blaine Clark and Lutie DeLong Clark in Inez, KY. After

graduating from College, Jewell went to Mississippi to teach at Forrest County AHS, where she met and later married her late husband, Bryce McMahan. In 1952, she took in an elderly relative of Bryce. As others asked her to care for their elderly relatives, she decided to open one of the first nursing homes in MS, Hattiesburg Convalescent Center. She was a pioneer in the care of the elderly in MS and was instrumental in upgrading and improving the

care of the elderly throughout MS. She personally wrote many of Mississippi's first rules and regulations governing nursing homes. She helped organize the MS Nursing Home Association (now the MS Health Care Association) and later served as its President. In the 1980's, she opened Hattiesburg's first personal care, Harford Place, and later the Arlington Health Care Center which was later sold to Forrest General Hospital. Hattiesburg Convalescent Center eventually had 184 beds and 250 employees, and Jewell ran every aspect of it until her retirement at the age of 90. She considered her employees part of an extended family and was fiercely loyal to each and every one. Survivors include 2 sons, Lynn (wife Marty) and Mike (wife Marci) and daughter-in-law Martha McMahan (wife to son Gary who passed in 2010) along with numerous grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is survived by her sister, Darlene Burgess, of Dayton, OH. She is also survived by Lottie Wilson, who was her best friend, confidante, and companion for 41 years. Visitation was Nov. 14, 2015 at Moore Funeral Home, Hardy Street, Hattiesburg, MS. Burial followed the service. Jewell descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.



VIRGIL RAY DELONG, 63, of Sabina, OH, died Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at his residence. He was born June 29, 1951 in Youngstown, OH, a son of the late Riley and Effie Viola

Kirk DeLong. He was also preceded in death by his step-father who had raised him from his teen years, Tommy Perry. Virgil was a retired self-employed mechanic and machinist and was a US Army veteran. He is survived by two daughters, Mary Catherine (Anthony) Jones and Cora Frances Roberts, both of Springfield; three grandchildren; and four brothers, Joseph

(Wanda) DeLong of Xenia, OH, James (Elaine) DeLong of Marshall, TX, Philip (Penny) Perry of Jamestown, OH, Jason (Elaine) Perry of Rarden; and special friend and caregiver, Delores “Sis” Clifford. Graveside services were conducted on Dec 12, 2014 in Mt. Olive Cemetery, on Camp Creek Road, with John Laufer officiating. Military rites were performed by the William A. Baker and James Irwin Posts of the American Legion. Arrangements were under the direction of the McKinley Funeral Home. Virgil Ray descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Mary Wells Butcher.

BOBBY “BOB” TROY PORTER, 59, of Chillicothe, OH, passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at the Adena Regional Medical Center following an extended illness. He was surrounded by family at the time of death. Bob was born Feb 25, 1956 to Judy McKenzie Porter and Noah Malcolm Porter, Jr. On Jan 28, 1975 he married the love of his life, the former Linda Lowry, who survives. He is also survived by his mother, Judy, of Frankfort, OH; two sons, he was so proud of, Michael “Troy” (Heather) Porter and Jamie (fiancée Jennifer Hughes) Porter, both of Chillicothe; two grandchildren that he loved dearly, Ryan Porter and Willow Porter; a step-grandson, Zyrick Evans; brothers, Tom Porter and Mac (Brenda) Porter, both of Chillicothe; a sister, Robin (Mike) Yates, of Frankfort, OH; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Noah Malcolm Porter. Arrangements were under the direction of Ware Funeral Home and service was there, March 21, 2015 with Pastor Roy Truman officiating. Burial followed in Rowland Cemetery. Bobby descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

DEREK NEIL BLACKBURN, 28, of Prestonsburg, KY passed away July 20, 2015.

He was born April 6, 1987 to Yvonne Wells of Prestonsburg and the late Gary Blackburn. He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents, the late Archel & Emma Jean Blackburn, and the late William “Junior” & Rina Mae Calhoun Wells. Other survivors are three sisters, Jennifer Conn and Crystal Salisbury both of Auxier, and Alissa Downing of MI. Service was July 23, 2015 at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial followed at Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, KY. Derek descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

WILLIAM DONALD MUSIC, 52 of East



Point, KY passed away Sunday, July 26, 2015. Born March 2, 1963 in Johnson County, he was the son of Emma Jean Ramey Music of Paintsville and the late

Billy D. Music. In addition to his mother, he is survived by one son, William Alex Music of Grayson, KY, and two sisters, Teresa McFadden of Nippa, KY and Susie Colburn of Grove City, OH. Funeral service was held July 29, 2015 at Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church with James Kelly Caudill officiating. Burial followed in the Sadler Cemetery at Nippa, KY. Arrangements were by the Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. Donald's sister Susie Colburn descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. Susie is a member of the Wells Family Board.



JIM B. CALDWELL, 72, of Prestonsburg, KY, husband of Carletta R. Whitaker Caldwell, passed away March 13, 2015 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, KY. He was born

Aug 4, 1942 in Woods, KY, a son of the late Kenneth Brown and Imogene Burchett Caldwell. Jim was retired as General Manager of Pocahontas Land Company, was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association, Chief of the Cow Creek Fire Department, Chairman of the Floyd County 911 Board, Emergency Management Director of Floyd County and a member and Deacon at First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial, Prestonsburg, KY. In addition to his wife, Carletta, he is survived by one son, Jim M. (Ramona) Caldwell, Prestonsburg, KY; two brothers, Bill F. (Linda) and Kenny (Wanda) Caldwell, all of Prestonsburg, KY; one sister, Judith (Jim C.) Curnutte, Prestonsburg, KY; two grandsons, Zachary K. and Matthew L. Caldwell. Pallbearers were Jordan Caldwell, Adam Caldwell, Chad Caldwell, Grant Honeycutt, Wesley Stevens, Greg Clark, and Gerald Clark. Funeral service was March 16, 2015 at the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial, in Prestonsburg, KY, with Dr. Jerry Workman officiating. Burial followed in the Burchett-Caldwell Cemetery, Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, KY. Arrangements were under direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin, KY. Jim descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.



BARBARA JEAN “WELLS’ LYNCH, 61 of Prestonsburg, KY passed away on Aug 2, 2015. She was born Jan 15, 1954 to the late Homer Wells Jr., and Ethel Jane Bowling Wells. Barb was a former manager at Big Lots. Her

survivors are two sons, Johnny Craft (Dawn) of Prestonsburg, KY and Jamie Craft (Tonya) of Stanton, KY; one brother Homer Jr. Wells III of Tutor Key, KY; one sister; Janet Marlene Martin of Prestonsburg, KY; three grandchildren; Jonna, Kyler and Hunter. Other relatives that preceded her in death are one brother, Don Homer Wells, and one sister, Doris

Wells. The funeral service was Aug 6, 2015 at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY. Burial followed at Auxier Relocation Cemetery, Auxier, KY. Barbara descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.



RUTH EVELYN GOBLE, 75, of Inez, KY passed away on Dec 5, 2015 at the home of her daughter. She was born on April 20, 1940 in Odds, KY to the late Thomas and Julia Collins Howard. She was preceded in death by

her parents as well as her husband, Hershel Howard Goble, a son, Hershel David Goble, a grandson, Bradley Goble as well as siblings, Myri Ratliff, Elizabeth Howard, Betty Howard, Joe Edward Howard, and Ella Setser. She was a homemaker and a member of the Davella Church of Christ. Ruth is survived by her son, Roger Lee (Mary) Goble of Ohio, daughter, Joann Goble (Eddie) Horn of Inez, KY; 5 grandchildren; Jeremy Horn, Jessica Osborne, Derrick Goble, Aaron Goble, and Wesley Goble and 7 great-grandchildren. Ruth also leaves behind her siblings, James Willard and William Chester Howard both of Inez, KY, Johnny Ray Howard of Ohio, and Rose Mary Kelley of Blaine, KY and caregiver, Daisy Slone.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 1:00pm at the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Inez Chapel with Roger Hairless officiating. Burial followed in the Goble Cemetery of Debord, KY.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, KY. Ruth descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

HASKELL WELLS, 92 of Melbourne, Florida, passed away on Thursday, December 18, 2014. He was born in Delva, KY on Dec 28, 1921. He was a veteran of the US Army in

Central Europe with action in the Battle of The Bulge and later Germany and was an avid outdoorsman. He came to Melbourne in 1963 from Milan, NM and worked as an electrician all his life. Survivors include his wife of 67 years Joyce, sons Galen, George, and Chris, daughters Deborah and Dora, 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren. Haskell descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. He was the brother of the late Ebbie Wells and uncle of Randy Wells who serves on the Wells Board.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Wells Family appreciates each of you for your donations in memory or honor of your loved ones. The family will be sent a notification to the family that you have given in their memory or honor. The following contributions have been received:

JOHN DAVID PRESTON made a donation of \$25.00. John attended the reunion this year and brought a number of the many books that he has compiled to sell.

NANCY W. RIPPE TOE made a donation of \$50.00 to be used for the Scholarship Fund.

THOMAS E. WELLS made a donation of \$100.00 to be used in the General Fund. They are siblings of Randy Wells who serves on the Wells Board and descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

MARY WALTON, of Lexington, KY gave \$25. to the Scholarship fund in memory of her nephew, Jerry Wells who passed away Nov. 19, 2015 at his home in Greenup, KY. You can read the full obituary under the deaths on page 8.

PATTY BURCHETT and Family of Paintsville, KY, gave \$100.00 in memory of her late mother, Mary Mae Welch Kazee, her grandmother, Sarah Susan Wells Welch, and great grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Hicks Wells.

Patty's mother was a great supporter of the Wells Family Association and always was there to support in any way she could. Patty and her family descend from Richard Wells though William Green Wells.

PATTY BURCHETT and Family of Paintsville, KY., gave \$100.00 in memory of her first cousin, William Lee Welch of Waverly, OH. William passed away July 23, 2015. William's obituary is under the deaths on pg. 7. Patty & her family descend from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

LUTIE E. CLARK WILLIAMS, of Inez, KY gave \$50.00 in memory of her late father, Haskel Thornton Clark, who was the son of the late James Blaine (J.B.) Clark, who was a long time attorney in Martin Co., KY and served as a state senator during his long career. Haskel's mother was the late Lutie Exer Delong Clark, a very witty and talented person. Lutie and her family descend from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. Her aunt, Darleen Burgess, served as an active member of the Wells Family Board and is still an honorary member of the Board.

KERMIT & PATRICIA WELLS WOMACK, of Greenup, KY gave \$100.00 to the Scholarship fund in memory of Pat's brother Jerry Wells of Greenup, KY. Jerry passed away on Nov 19, 2015 at his home in Greenup. There was graveside service at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Greenup with Kenova American Legion performing Military honors. You may read the full obituary under deaths on page 8.

NOTE:
**WELLS FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS
ARE AVAILABLE**

We still have 39 copies of the book **The Wells Family of Kentucky's Big Sandy Valley "From Willesborough, England to Daniels Creek"**. If you have not purchased yours yet, you should do this soon as there will be no more printed once these 39 are sold.

Purchase your book for **\$28.95** each. Checks should be made payable to "**The Wells Family Association, Inc.**", Mail it to John B. Wells III at 216 Lake Ridge Dr., Newnan, GA 30263.

*Merry Christmas
to all of you and
Wishing you a
Happy and Healthy
New Year !*

*From
Mary Walton
Patti Quallich,
Karen Howard
Charlene Muncy
And the
Wells Family Board*