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Greetings Wells Family:

Although no one can ever fill the shoes of our cousin, Mary Walton, as editor of our Wells Family Newsletter, I have agreed to take on this position until such time as another family member decides they would like to do so. Mary has provided most of the content of this newsletter and has promised to continue helping compile the information for as long as possible, hopefully for the next 50 years!!! There are few left in the family who possess the wealth of information relating to the Wells family ancestry that Mary does. Her help will be greatly appreciated as well as will any help any other family members can provide!!

If anyone has news about the family to include in the next newsletter (due around December), please forward it to me at the email address or phone number given above, or you can continue to send the information to Mary Walton.

#### 2016 REUNION

Another year has flown by, and The Wells Family will soon be gathering for our 2016 reunion. We will meet at the Johnson Central High School in Paintsville, KY, on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The doors will be open at 9 a.m. Please complete a registration form for you, and anyone attending with you, so that we will have an accurate count of attendees. Be sure to provide your current mailing address and your current email address if you have one.

We hope you'll join us this year for a special day of socializing with your extended cousins and reminiscing with immediate family as well as getting to know family you may not be acquainted with. Snacks will be provided to tide people over until dinner is served.

Everyone is asked to bring a favorite dish with a little extra to share. Soft drinks and beverages will also be needed. The Association provides paper plates, utensils, cups, napkins, and ice.

An auction will be conducted (be sure to bring items for the regular auction as well as the silent auction), a memorial service will be held remembering family

members who have passed on, new officers will be elected, awards and door prizes will be given out, John B. Wells III will present his genealogical workshop, and the annual \$500 Wells Family Scholarship will be awarded. We will also have t-shirts with the 1915 Wells Family Reunion picture on it for sale in addition to unframed and framed prints of the 1915 reunion and the 2015 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picture.

The doors will be open until 5 p.m. or until everyone leaves. We encourage everyone to stay after the dinner and activities are over to visit with family and friends. The reunion is the only time we have to get to know our extended family or those who live in other cities, towns and states.

#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

**Our historians are working hard to get all the family information compiled for the next edition of the Wells Family Genealogy which we hope to have printed by our 2017 reunion. Everyone is urged to get all their family information together for submission to the Historical Committee. The Wells Family Board has set a cutoff date of September 4, 2016, to submit the information, or you can bring it with you to the reunion. We want to include as many of our family members in the book as possible; however, if we don't have your information, we can't include it.**

Also, if you haven't purchased your copy of THE WELLS FAMILY OF KENTUCKY'S BIG SANDY VALLEY by John B. Wells III and the Wells Family Association, Inc., there are only **22** copies left. There will be no more printed. John will bring what copies he has to the reunion this year; however, if you won't be attending the reunion and need to order one, you will need to contact John B. Wells III at 216 Lake Ridge Drive, Newnan, GA 30263, or at [wellsga@bellsouth.net](mailto:wellsga@bellsouth.net). The cost is \$28.95 which includes mailing charges.

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## RECOGNITIONS & CONGRATULATIONS



**CLARA FAY “WELLS” PRESTON**, who passed away 6/20/10, was one of two deceased members honored Memorial Day, 2016, by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Urbana, OH. The DAR insignia was placed on the upper left corner of Clara’s monument. Relatives and Chapter members attended the event at Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, OH. Those pictured are, from left, Janet Ebert, Chapter Historian; Judith Clark Henson, Chapter Regent; and James Paul Preston, Clara’s husband, in striped shirt and cap near the monument. Others in the picture are family and friends. (If you look closely at the photo, you can see that Jim has placed a framed copy of the 2015 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary group picture in front of Clara’s monument—guess you might say we were all a part of the tribute!!)

Clara was the daughter of the late John Sherman & Lillian Collins Wells. Her husband, James Paul Preston, was always beside Clara as she did her work with the DAR. Clara and Jim were both long time members of the Wells Family Board. Clara descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**CODY LONGSWORTH**, of Calvert City, KY, the son of Anita Wells and Brad Longsworth, attended and graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology, earning a degree in Chemical Engineering on 12/19/15. His mother and father were

in attendance at the graduation ceremony and banquet. While attending college, Cody volunteered and worked at Missouri University of Science and Technology Alumni office. He also participated in Intramural Sports and was a part of the Ultimate Frisbee Competitive travel team for a semester during his freshman year. While at home during school breaks, he also worked in building and construction, installing

kitchens. Cody’s maternal grandparents are Susie Wells, Van Lear, KY and the late Alex Samuel Wells. His paternal grandparents are the late Robert and Dorothy Longsworth. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**SARAH MARIE STURGILL RUDD**, of Louisville, KY, received her Master’s Degree in Social Work from Campbellsville University on 12/11/15. Sarah has accepted a full time position as a social worker with Baptist Health Home Care and also does per diem work at Our Lady of the Peace Hospital as an Assessment Clinician. Her husband, Larson Rudd, and children, Logan and Lily, all have been a great support while she worked and attended school at the same time. Sarah is the daughter of Dr. Mark Sturgill of Greenwood, IN, and the granddaughter of Buddy and Barbara Hyden Sturgill of Louisville and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



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**ZACHERY “ZAC” MCCOART**, of Van Lear, KY is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Porter Elementary School and is a member of the Johnson Central wrestling team. Zac finished in 1st place in the Kentucky State Tournament and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Nationals in Tennessee. He was also picked as an All American by Diamond Sports Group in football. Zac will participate in the All American Games in May in Virginia Beach. His parents are Aric and Rebecca McCcoat. Zac’s paternal grandparents are John McCcoat of Van Lear, KY and Jerry and Vicki Brown of Sitka, KY, and his maternal grandparents are Donny & Kathy Witten of Van Lear, KY. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**ERIN COLLINS BUCHANAN** of Winchester, KY completed her Master's Degree in Social Work and has taken a new position over the cancer center at the hospital in Georgetown, KY. Erin is married to Brad Buchanan and is the daughter of Michael and Brenda Bailey Collins of Flat Gap, KY. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**SINTERA LYNETTE**

**FUTCH** of Van Lear, KY was recognized for attaining the honor roll and for having perfect attendance for the past school year. Sintere is a student at Johnson Central Middle School and is the daughter of Cynthia Camden of Van Lear, KY and Henry Futch III of Florida. She descends from Richard Wells thorough George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



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**DR. CHRISTOPHER**

**MUNCIE** of Winchester, KY, graduated 5/14/16 from the University of Pikeville, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Pikeville, KY, receiving the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Chris will complete his Orthopaedic Surgery Residency in 2021 at Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital in Columbus, GA. Prior to



entering the University of Pikeville, he graduated from George Rogers Clark High School and Murray State University. He received the 2008 Sigma XI Student Researcher Award, was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, presented research publications at the 2008 and 2009 Experimental Biology Conference in San Diego and New Orleans, and received other honors while completing his education. Chris is the son of Danny and Lisa Muncie and the grandson of Jane Wells Green, all of Winchester. Chris descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.



**LEAH CHEY HUNT**, of Ashland, KY, graduated from Eastern Kentucky University on 5/14/16 with a degree in Homeland Security and will be seeking employment with the TSA. Leah is the daughter of Onda Lowe Hunt and Dr. Drema Kaye Cornelison Hunt of Ashland, KY. Leah was the recipient of the Wells Family Scholarship in 2012 and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Both Leah's mother, Drema, and grandmother, Marlene Jarvis, are Wells Family Board Members.

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**TRACY DANIELLE BLEVINS**, of Van Lear, KY, graduated from Morehead State University with a degree in Sociology on 5/14/16. Tracy was an honor student and maintained the Dean's list. Tracy is the daughter of Danny & Trudy Blevins of Van Lear, KY. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**DANIEL TREVOR**

**BLEVINS**, of Van Lear, KY, graduated from Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, KY, on 5/27/16. Daniel Trevor, an honor student, was accepted into the Governor's Scholar Program where he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Social Studies Written Competition. He will be attending Morehead State University this fall from where his sister, Tracy, graduated on 5/14/16. Daniel Trevor is the son of Danny & Trudy Blevins of Van Lear, KY. He is a regular member of the Wells Family Association and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.







**DIANA BROOKE WALLACE**, of Louisville, KY, graduated from Christian Educational Consortium in May, 2016, with honors. Diana is planning on attending Florida College in Temple Terrace, FL. Diana is the daughter of John Mark & Patricia Wells Wallace of

Louisville, KY. She descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**AMBER NICOLE WILCOX**

of Van Lear, KY, graduated from Eastern Kentucky University on 5/14/16 with a degree in English and Political Science. Her plan is to find employment and later continue her education by working on a Masters Degree. Amber is the daughter of Richard & Vernita Lynn Wilcox of Van Lear, KY. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



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**ELIZABETH MARIE WELLS**, of Draffenville, KY, was one of eight students from Marshall County High School to be accepted into the Governor's Scholars Program (GSP). The Governor's Scholars Program is a stimulating, five-week, residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school. Established in 1983, the program provides

academic and personal growth through the balance of a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Elizabeth attended GSP on Murray State University's campus and afterward was accepted into Western Kentucky University's Honor's College where she will be attending in the fall. Elizabeth is the daughter of Jeffery Scott and Anna McDonald Wells of Draffenville, KY, and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells. Her

grandparents, Ronald and Judi Wells of Georgetown, KY, both serve on the Wells Family Board.

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**RACHEL MAE SALINES**

graduated from West Davidson High School in Linwood, NC, on 6/11/16. Rachel has been accepted at two different colleges but had not decided which school she would be attending at the time we received this news. Rachel is the daughter of Joey & Sherri Wells Salines of Linwood, N.C. Rachel descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.



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**MARCUS & KATIE WELLS**, the children of Bernita Wells, participated in the 2016 KHSAA Class 2A State Track Championship



Meet at the University of Kentucky Outdoor Track Facility on 5/27/16. Marcus and Katie were the only students from Johnson Central to compete in the games. Marcus placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 24 in the Boys Shot Put and 16<sup>th</sup> out of 22 in the Boys Discus Throw, and Katie placed 13<sup>th</sup> out of 25 in the Girls High Jump. Marcus and Katie's mother, Bernita, is the daughter of Susie Wells and the late Alex Samuel Wells. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**WESLEY WELLS** is an accomplished fiddle player and has won numerous awards for his playing. Wesley also plays baseball and is pictured in his



baseball jacket. Wesley lives in California and is the son of Jim Wells, the brother of John Calhoun Wells. Wesley is the grandson of the late John Wells and Josephine Wells of New Jersey. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

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On 4/26/16, **MOUNTAIN SPORTS HALL OF FAME** posted on Facebook the following Trivia Tuesday question: **This guy from our coverage area played baseball for Morehead State where he was an all-conference catcher three consecutive years with a batting avg. for those three years of .350. After his playing days he returned to his county to coach and as a result of that career he has since been inducted into the Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Can you name him?**

On 4/28/16, **Mountain Sports Hall of Fame** posted the following:

Answer to Tuesday Trivia: Mike Collins



Collins went to school at tiny Van Lear High School in Johnson County graduating in 1963. He was on the high school baseball team as a 7th grader but did not see much action until the 8th grade when he became the starting catcher. He also played

basketball there where his shot from the corner was deadly, and his rebounding was rugged. His high school years melted away too quickly but left a lot of people scratching their heads and wanting to see him play more.

Collins took his baseball game to Morehead State University where he excelled and made all conference (OVC) three years, though it was not three consecutive years as was posed in the trivia question. Info was not available at time the question was posted. He was 1st team all-conference his freshman (1964), junior and senior years (1966 & '67) but failed to be on the all-conference team his sophomore year due to a lingering illness that began the season and slowed his numbers for the year. His batting avg. over the years at MSU was .350. As a result of his prowess as a hitter and catcher, Collins was inducted into MSU Hall of Fame in 2001. Collins was signed by the New York Mets organization to a free agent contract and played professionally three years into AA baseball with them until he made the decision to return to his roots. One game as a pro that he remembers well was at Reno where he hit two home runs and a double. He remembers catching two future Major League Hall of Famers that were on their way to the majors- Nolan Ryan and Tom Seaver. "You could sit in a rocking chair and catch Seaver. He was always in the black (edge of home plate) and knee high on his pitches."

After returning to Johnson County he became the baseball coach at Johnson Central High School where he amassed 492 wins. It was always a treat for fans when his team played cross town rival Paintsville, coached by Collins' friend and battery mate at Morehead, Charlie Adkins. His best performances in high school that he remembers: One game as a senior at Prestonsburg where their right field wall was tall but not that far away from home plate so if the ball was hit over the wall it became a ground rule double. Collins, a natural left handed hitter said to heck with that and switched over to bat from the right side of the plate so he could pull the ball toward left field. Result? Three home runs and a double to left that day.

Another high school highlight came at Auxier High School in Floyd County where he hit four home runs that went across the street in rt., past a yard and hit the same house on three of the four home runs. The fourth went over the house. "It about beat his house to death."

College highlights? Here are just two: One was a game at Morehead against Tennessee Tech. In that game Collins hit a grand slam, providing all the runs while his friend and future rival Charlie Adkins threw a shutout. Also standing out in his memory is a game against Ohio University when he had a grand slam and a double. As coach at Johnson Central High School, Collins had a total of 492 coaching victories. Besides being in MSU's Hall of Fame, Collins has also been inducted into the Kentucky Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Mike is the son of the late Carl and Polly Wells Collins. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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## **MARRIAGES**



**SHAWNA LASHAY KEEL HOWELL and MICHAEL J. WILLIAMS** of Johnson County were married 5/20/16 in Gatlinburg, TN. and spent their honeymoon at Honeymoon Hill in Gatlinburg, TN. Shawna is the daughter of Stanley & Judy Butcher Keel of Van Lear, KY and Michael is the son of Michael J. Williams, Sr. and the late Pearlle Fay Miller Williams of WV. Shawna is employed with Big Sandy Community Action Program under the



Administration Branch that oversees seven Head Start Programs. Michael is employed with Clark Vaults. Shawna descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells. The couple will be residing at Van Lear, KY.

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**MARY FRANCES KEEL MOORE & MICHAEL WOOD**, of Johnson County, KY, were married on 5/14/16 at Jenny Wiley State Park. Their family and friends were present for the wedding. Fran is the daughter of the late Frank & Beulah Wells Keel and

descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & William G. Wells. Fran previously served on the Wells Family Board for many years.

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### **BIRTHS**



**HADLEE BRIELLE COLLINS** was born to Adam and Chrystal Collins of Auxier, KY, at Highlands Regional Medical Center on 1/5/16. Hadlee weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. The paternal grandparents are Larry and Rita Griffith Collins

of Van Lear, KY. Hadlee was greeted by her parents and by her two sisters and brother. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

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### **GRAYSON ABLE**

**NEWBERRY** was born at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY, on 8/10/15 at 6:00pm and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. The proud parents are Eric Newberry and Regina Morrison of Van Lear, KY. The paternal grandparents are Terry and Linda Richmond Newberry. Grayson descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.



### **PAISLEY GRACE JARVIS**

was born 9/3/15 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. Paisley is the daughter of Haley Jarvis and Tyler Hagans. Her maternal grandfather is Sheldon Jarvis of Van Lear, KY. Paisley's great-grandmother, Marlene Sturgill Jarvis, is a member of the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.



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**SHELBY ANN JARVIS** was born at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY, on 3/21/16 and weighed 7.5 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Shelby was welcomed by parents, Sheldon & Darla Wells Jarvis, of Van Lear, KY, and her siblings, Hunter, Brooke, Trenton, Katie & Johnsie. Her maternal grandparents are the

late Phillip Wells and the late Vicky Corns, and the paternal grandparents are Marlene Sturgill Jarvis of Van Lear, KY, and the late Doug Jarvis. Shelby descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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### **RIGGINE ROBERT**

**MAGIAFICO** of California was born 5/11/16 at a local hospital. The proud parents are Marc and Allison Wells Magiafico. Riggine was welcomed by his siblings, Aven Jaymes, Easton Joseph and Cuttler Wells Magiafico. The maternal grandparents are James Douglas and Doris Connors Wells of Lexington, KY. Jim Doug is an honorary member of the Wells Family Association Board.





**ALAINA PAIGE BANKS**, daughter of Josh and Kathy Muncy Banks of Williamsport, KY, was born on 5/25/16 at Kings Daughters Hospital in Ashland, KY. Alaina weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19½ inches long. The maternal grandparents are Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy, and the paternal grandparents are Darrell and Karen Lafferty Banks. Alaina's grandmother, Charlene, is Vice President of the Wells Family Board, and her mom, Kathy, is also a board member. Alaina descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**ALEXANDRIA GRACE RAMEY** was born on 5/31/16 at Highlands Regional Medical Center weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. Alexandria is the daughter of Jeff and Cynthia Muncy Ramey of Williamsport, KY, and was welcomed by her big sister,

Cassidy. Alexandria's maternal grandparents are Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy, and her paternal grandparents, are Ervin and Darlene Banks Ramey. Alexandria descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**GRACE CAROLINE CLIFTON** was born on 6/20/16 in Wabash, IN. She weighed 10 lbs. 5 oz. The parents are Billy Clifton and Rachel Dotamore Clifton of Wabash. Grace was welcomed by her sisters, Margaret Elizabeth and Susanna Josephine Clifton. The paternal grandparents are the late Bill and



Susie Brown Clifton. Grace descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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### **SICK /PRAYER LIST**

Darrell Wells, Michael Collins, Brenda Collins, Benette Howard, Anna Wilson, Doris Wells, Lloyd Wells, Roger Patton, Wanda Sanders, Edith Mollette, William Mollette, James "Jim" Williams, Stanley Keel, Patricia Womack, Lloyd Wells, and James Adkins.

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### **HOSPITALIZATION/OUTPAIENT**

**TERRI BARRIER WELLS** of Newnan, GA, underwent rotator cuff surgery on 4/18/16. She recovered quickly under the care of her personal nurse, John III. Terrie and John III have both been members of the Wells Family Board for years. Terri's husband, John Wells III, descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

**ANNICE WILLIAMS MUSIC**, of Boonscamp, KY, has been in three different hospitals several times since the last newsletter, and she had surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY. She is presently home and seems to be doing a little better with care from her husband, Dolie. Annice has had major health problems for some years now. She is the daughter of the late Bernard and Alta Wells Williams and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

**JAMES DOUGLAS WELLS**, of Lexington, KY, has been in Baptist Health Hospital and spent some time at Tanbark Health Center for rehab. He is presently home getting care from his family. Jim is a son of the late James Everett "Boy" Wells and Bessie Stephens Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells. Jim is a member of the Wells Board where he has served for some years as Vice President. He is presently an honorary member.

**GENENE WELLS** was a patient in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY, for several days and is presently home recuperating with care from her family. Genene is the daughter of the late Willie and Lutie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells and Margaret Hillman Wells.

**CLIFFORD BOOTH**, of Van Lear, KY, was a patient in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg,

KY, with pneumonia in February. His daughter Sandy came and stayed with him to give him the care he needed while recuperating. He is presently doing well and back active again. Clifford is a member of the Wells Family Board, and his late wife, Dolores Williams Booth, descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William Green Wells

**BRENDA BAILEY COLLINS**, of Flat Gap, KY has been in the Pikeville Hospital several times since the last newsletter where she was undergoing chemotherapy. Due to contracting shingles, her treatments had to be stopped until they cleared up. Brenda is the wife of Michael Collins who is taking care of her with the help of their children. Mike descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

**JUDI WELLS**, of Georgetown, KY, underwent Cataract Surgery in January. She is doing well and had care from her husband, Ronald Wells. Judi and her husband, Ronald, are both members of the Wells Family Board. Her husband, Ronald, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

**CHARLIE B. WELLS**, of Lawrenceburg, KY, underwent hernia surgery in January and, after some difficulty, is doing well with care from his family. Charlie is now pain free he tells me. Charlie is the son of the late Leonard & Carrie Music Wells and descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells.

**ADAM COLLINS**, of Auxier, KY was a patient in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY, in February. Adam is presently home and doing well with care from his wife Cynthia. Adam is the son of Larry & Rita Collins of Van Lear, KY. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier

**VIOLA DELONG WILLIAMS**, of Springfield, OH, has been in the emergency room or hospital several times since the last newsletter and has been trying to deal with health problems she is having. She is home recuperating and doing well right now. She is the daughter of the late Marion & Dora Felty DeLong and descends from the DeLong/Auxier family.

**LORRAINE KEEL NEWBERRY**, of Van Lear, KY had an accident, hitting her head, and has been having difficulty for a while now. The doctor feels she may have to have brain surgery but at this time it is not certain if or when. She is the daughter of the late Rufus

& Lucy DeLong Keel and descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

**PAM “VOLOTA” HAYNISH**, of Parma, OH, was admitted to the Parma Hospital Tuesday 2/24/2016 and was found to have Hyperactive Thyroid and is presently home recuperating with medicine to stabilize her. She is the daughter of the late Steve and Geneva Wells Volota and is the twin sister of Patti Quallich who is on the Wells Board. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

**RITA GRIFFITH COLLINS**, of Van Lear, KY, was a patient in a local hospital where she underwent gallbladder surgery on 5/9/16. She is recuperating very well with help from her husband, Larry. She is the daughter of the late Otis and Margaret Powers Griffith. Her husband, Larry, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**ANITA K. WELLS**, of Calvert City, KY, has been sick for many months, having undergone gallbladder and thyroid surgeries and has had to undergo treatment for other problems. She is still having major health problems that they are trying to find out what is going on with her. Anita is the daughter of Susie Wells, Van Lear, KY and the late Alex Samuel Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**DORTHA FERGUSON PAIN**, of Arizona, has been sick after losing both her legs and is now having wrist problems. Her husband, Gene, also had another stroke, and she has been his caregiver, also. Dortha is daughter of the late Dale and Susie Spears Ferguson. She descends from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears and William G. Wells. Her grandparents John T. and Leona Clark Spears moved to Chino, CA in the 1920's, and she was raised there.

**GWENDOLYN “GWEN” WELLS ALEXANDER**, of Lexington, KY, fell and broke her wrist and is now in a cast. She displays it proudly on FB. Gwen is being cared for by her husband, Bud, and daughter, Kelly. Gwen is the daughter of the late Eugene and Alma Wells. Gwen said she was recuperating by telling her family what to do. (LOL.) Gwen descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

**ROBERT WOMACK**, of Greenup, KY had an accident on the job, cutting his arm and hand in a machine. Robert was sent to Lexington to a specialist where he



had to go through extensive surgery due to a tendon being cut. He is presently undergoing therapy for his hand. Robert is being helped by his wife, Jessica Womack. He is the son of Kermit and Patricia Wells Womack of Greenup, KY. Robert descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

**MARGARET DELONG “LYNAM” BAHMAN** of Lancaster, CA, underwent Cataract surgery and is recuperating well at her home. She is the daughter of the late Marion & Dora Felty Delong. She descends from the Auxier line. She is the Aunt of the late Manford Walton.

**BRAD LONGSWORTH**, of Calvert City, KY, has cancer and has been in treatment for some time. Due to having to have his gallbladder removed, his chemo treatments had to be stopped until he recovered from the surgery. He is presently back on the chemo and will be doing radiation and chemo together each week soon. He is presently not up to visitation and must watch about being exposed to anything that is going around due to his immune system being so slow. Brad is being cared for by his family, Anita and Cody. Brad's spouse, Anita, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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### DEATHS

**. WANDA PHYLLIS BURKE DYE**, 71, of Sycamore Creek, Van Lear, passed away Friday, October 30, 2015 at her home. She is survived by one son, Chris Dye, of Prestonsburg, KY; one daughter, Regina Annette Dye, of Van Lear, KY; three brothers, John Burke of Indianapolis, IN, Paul Burke of Virginia and Willis Burke of Van Lear, KY. She is preceded in death by her Father, Robert Ellis Burke, her Mother, Goldie Collins Burke, and three brothers, Lowell Burke, Angus Burke, and Bob Burke. There was no public visitation or service at this time. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later time. Jones-Preston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Wanda descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells.



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**JAMES “BUG” HOWARD**, 80 of Debord, KY, passed away Sunday, 12/13/15, at his home. He was born 5/12/35 in Johnson County, KY, to the late Thomas and Julie Collins Howard. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Shelby Jean Howard (2/10/97); one brother, Joe Edward Howard; five sisters, Myrtle Ratliff, Elizabeth Howard, Betty Howard, Ella Setser, and Ruth Evelyn Goble. He is survived by two sons, James M. Howard of Inez, KY, and Gregory Howard of Raleigh, NC; two brothers, William Chester Howard of Inez, KY, Johnny Ray Howard of Columbus, OH; one sister, Rosemary Kelley, of Blaine, KY; six grandchildren, Michael Brandon Howard, Jason Howard, Brandy Michelle Harless, Melissa Howard, Samantha Howard, and Annie Paulson; and three great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, and the funeral was 12/15/15 in the chapel with Roger Harless officiating. Burial followed in the Goble Cemetery at Debord, KY. James descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**LACY JIM WELLS**, age 65 of Van Lear, KY, died Thursday 1/7/16. He was born 7/24/50 to the late James Darvin and Letha Burchett Wells. Jim was a security guard with Collins Security. He is survived by four sisters, Ruth Ann Wells Davis of Hager Hill, Dorothy Marie Wells, Betty Jean Wells Hunter, Linda Sue Hunter all of Van Lear, six nephews, three nieces, and several great nieces and nephews. Friends may visit the Preston Funeral Home from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Services are scheduled for 11 A.M. Monday January 11, 2016 at the Preston Funeral Home with Travis Tackett officiating. Burial to follow in the Burchett Cemetery at Van Lear. Lacy Jim descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**EMMA JEAN RAMEY MUSIC**, 80, of Paintsville, KY, passed away on 1/26/2016 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville, KY. She was born Dec. 2, 1935 in Johnson County, daughter of the late Sam Ramey and Ann Lee Sadler Ramey. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Billy

D. Music (2012); one son, Donnie music; one brother, Howard Ramey; one sister, Mary Lee Burchett; one sister –in-law, Eileen Ramey, and two brothers-in-law, Kenny Salyer and Bill Burchett. Surviving are two daughters, Teresa (Don) McFaddin of Nippa, and Susie (Greg) Colburn of Grove City, OH; one brother, Johnny (Cheryl) Ramey of Nippa; two sisters, Sue Salyer and Cynthia (Wait) Williams of Nippa; three grandchildren, Amanda Cox, Kayla Hensley and Alex Music; and two great-grandchildren, Harper and Graham. Emma Jean previously worked as an Office Manager at Big Sandy Hardware and was a faithful member of Tom's Creek Free Will Baptist Church. The service was officiated by James Kelly Caudill with burial in the Sadler Cemetery at Nippa. Phelps and Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Her daughter, Susie Colburn, is a member of the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

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**DENVER LEE WELLS, JR.**, age 68, of Paintsville, passed away Tuesday, 2/9/16 at his home. Born 8/17/47 in Johnson County, he was the son of the late Denver and Nellie Sparks Wells. In addition to his parents, Denver preceded in death by one brother, Billy Ray Wells. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Franklin Wells; two daughters: Terri Profitt and Tammy Wright both of Paintsville; one brother, Charles Edward Wells, of Wabash, IN; one sister, Linda Sue Stapleton, of Tutor Key; and two grandchildren, Donovan Wright and Sydnee Profitt. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 13, 2016, in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with burial following in the Franklin



Family Cemetery at Concord. Rick Ratliff officiated. Chapter 18 DAV conducted Military Services following the funeral. Arrangements were by the Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Paintsville. Denver descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**REBECCA FRANKLIN WELLS**, 68, of Paintsville, KY, passed away Tuesday, June 14 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Mrs. Wells was born July 19, 1947 in Johnson County, daughter of the late Everett and Bertha Davis Franklin. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Denver Lee Wells; and two brothers, James Marion Franklin and Thomas Edward Franklin. Surviving are two daughters, Terri (Tony) Profitt and Tammy (Michael) Wright, both of Paintsville; one brother, Carl Michael Franklin of Tennessee; and two grandchildren, Donovan Wright and Sydnee Profitt. The service was officiated by Larry Blair, with burial in the Franklin Family Cemetery in Paintsville. Arrangements under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home of Paintsville. Rebecca's late husband Denver who passed away on Feb. 9, 2016 descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. Her husband, Denver Lee Wells, descends from Richard Wells thorough George E. Wells.

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**WANDA LOU VANHOOSE WELLS**, 77, of Van Lear, KY passed away 2/8/16 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, KY. Wanda was born 9/22/38 in Johnson County, daughter of the late Bernard VanHoose and Darcus Melvina Wheeler VanHoose. She was a retail store manager. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Wells. Surviving are two daughters, Monie Rose (Richard) Mullins of Paintsville, and Varronda Castle of Van Lear; one brother, Harold Dean (Paula) VanHoose of Piketon, OH; two sisters, Pina VanHoose Kilgore and Monnie VanHoose Kestner, both of Paintsville, KY; two grandchildren, Casey Jonathan Leonard and Jeffery Jaimes Simmons; and five great-grandchildren. The service was officiated by Roger Hill, with burial in the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery at Staffordsville. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral home, Paintsville, KY. Wanda's late husband was the son of Thomas and Thelma Hyden Wells and descended through Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**JANICE ALLENE WELLS MUSIC DUNSEITH**, age 88, formerly of Johnson County, passed away Wednesday, 2/24/16, in Conyers, GA. Mrs. Dunseith was born 9/2/27 in Johnson County, KY, a daughter of the late William Elza Wells and

Mary Bayard Roberts Wells Counts. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Claude Music, in 1954. She is survived by one son, Doyle Music, and wife, Terry, of GA; one brother, Roger Wells; two sisters, Sally Jane Morris and Carol Ward; three grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, 3/1/16 at the Music Family Cemetery, Ford's Gap, Auxier, KY, with Steve Hazelett officiating. Friends called at Jones-Preston Funeral Home on Monday, 2/29/16 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Jones-Preston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Allene was an honorary member of the Wells Family Association Board and descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**VIRGIL "BABE" ISAAC, JR.**, age 65, of Martin, KY, husband of Bernadine Wells Isaac, passed away Friday, 2/26/16, at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, KY. He was born 1/29/51 in Martin, KY, a son of the late Virgil and Joanna Smith Isaac. Babe was a member



of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church, John W. Hall Masonic Lodge, Oleika Shrine, Hillbilly Clan #31. He was also a Kentucky Colonel and a retired coal miner/operator and a member of the UMW. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Rachael Emily (Jason) Greer, Martin, KY, Sara Marie Isaac, Martin, KY, and Laura Jean Isaac, Martin, KY; two brothers, Tom (Helen Isaac), Morehead, KY, and Rodney "George" (Lynn) Isaac, Hueysville, KY; four sisters, Sandy Wright, Pat Stumbo, Beulah Jane and Katherine "Katbird" Isaac, all of Martin, KY; and one grandchild, Kaydence DeCarla Greer. Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Morris Isaac. Funeral services were conducted Monday, 2/29/16, at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, KY, with Mark Tackett and Roy Harlow officiating. Burial was in the Isaac Family Cemetery, Martin, KY. Visitation was 6-10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday until 10 p.m. with

Masonic Services at 7 p.m. at Hall Funeral Home. Babe's wife, Bernadine, descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

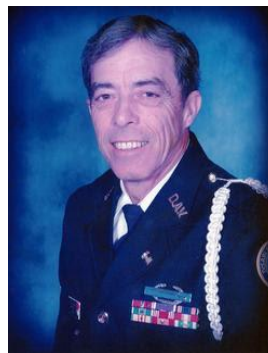
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**TIMOTHY JOSEPH RICHMOND**, 58, of Fort Wayne, IN, passed away Friday, 3/18/16. He was born to the late Elijah and Doris Richmond on 12/1/57 in Fort Wayne. He was a very hard working man and spent most of his working days working from Al Gratz as an automotive detailer. He enjoyed spending time with his family and had a great love for the Vikings and Red Wings. The people that knew him best would say he was the hardest working man they knew as well as a devoted family man.

Surviving are his wife, Kim (Wilkin) Richmond; daughter, Shannon Pressler; sons, Timothy Joseph Richmond II, Joseph Richmond and Joshua Richmond; grandchildren, Kalah Pressler, Adam Pressler, Chloe Richmond, and Eli Richmond; and sisters, Sandra Gray, Darlene Schneider, and Diana Richmond Byers. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews to cherish his memory. Tim was preceded in death by his brother, James Richmond. Memorial contributions can be made to the family in care of Kim Richmond. A memorial celebration of life was held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4/2/16 at North Highlands Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, IN. Arrangements were under the direction of Advantage Funeral & Cremation. Tim descends from James Auxier Richmond and Julie Sturgill Richmond, then John and Susana Angeline Richmond, then Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**EDWARD "PARROT" LEE WELLS**, age 68, of Williamsport, KY, passed away Sunday, 5/1/16, at Community Hospice, Ashland, KY. Ed was born 10/27/47 in Johnson County, KY, son of the late Joe Wells, Jr. and Hilda Katherine Idigpio Wells. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death

by two brothers, Thomas Earl Wells and Roy Neil Wells. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Pamela



Gaye Walters Wells; one son, Travis Wells of Georgia; two daughters, Melissa Wells Shepherd and husband, Billy Daniel, of Meally, KY, and Tina VanHoose and husband, Paul Marshall, of Nippa, KY; two brothers, David "Rod" Wells and Brian Keith Wells, both of Daniels Creek, KY; one sister, Lois Wells Collins, of Hager Hill, KY; five grandchildren, Tabitha Ratliff, Krista (Seth) Ferguson, Paul Edward VanHoose, Erica Renee Osborne, & Trace Daniel Shepherd; two great grandchildren, Noah Scott Ratliff and Kenzie Slone, and expecting another great grandchild. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, 5/4/16 in the Jones Preston Funeral Chapel with Rev. Steve Rose officiating. Burial follow in the Webb Wells Cemetery, at Daniels Creek, Van Lear, KY. Friends visited the Jones Preston Funeral Home Tuesday, 5/3/16 from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, 5/4/16. Full military honors were conducted by Auxier Chapter 18 D.A.V. Edward descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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**LEE E. QUAIL**, 69, of Crestline, KY, died Monday, 5/2/16, at his home surrounded by his family. He went to be with his Savior after a brief serious illness.

Lee was born in Crestline on 12/15/46 to the late Russell E. and Dorothy E. (Troutman) Quail. He married Linda C.

Delong on 8/29/69, and she survives him. Lee lived in Crestline his entire life and was a 1965 graduate from Crestline High School. Lee worked as a line operator at PPG Industries and later at Pittsburgh Glass Works until his retirement on 6/9/15. He retired after 46 years of service. He was an avid bowler. He rolled three 300 games (a perfect score) and numerous games of 299. He loved sports and enjoyed helping with his grandsons' Little League teams. Lee was a wonderful father, grandfather and loved all of his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his two sons, Brandon L. (Theresa) Quail, Crestline; Tyson A. (Mandy) Quail, Farmington, NM; his seven grandchildren, Joshua, Brianna, Dakota, Deklyn, Zachery, Luke, and Laura Quail; his sister, Rebecca (R. Daniel) Schwam, Galion; brother-in-law Jerry and Susan Delong, Newark; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother,

Stanley Quail. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 5, 2016 after 10:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM at Crestline Church of the Nazarene, Crestline, with Pastor Scott Buell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Crestline Church of the Nazarene or Home Care Matters Home Health and Hospice in care of the funeral home. The Mark A. Schneider Funeral Home is honored to serve the family Lee A. Quail. Online condolences may be made to the family at [masfh.com](http://masfh.com). Lee's wife, Linda, came down the Auxier line.

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### **BUFFORD WELLS**

**DELONG**, age 84, was born in Van Lear in 1932 to her parents, Brown Lowe and Golda (Butcher) Wells. She is the beloved wife of the late Mitchell DeLong, Jr., loving sister of Willa Dean (Jerry) Kovatch, Sola (Gordon) Cole, Andrew (Katherine) Wells, and Jack



(Anita) Wells. Bufford was preceded in death by her brothers, Brown Lowe (Seiko) Wells, Jr., Sebert (Polly) Wells, Woodridge (wife Patsy living) Wells and Darvin (wife Elenore living) Wells. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Bufford was a supervisor at the former Precision Metalsmith Co. in Euclid, OH, for over 40 years and was a member of the Eastern Star (Nottingham Chapter). Bufford passed away 6/2/16 at Lake West Hospital in Willoughby, OH. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 9, at 11 a.m. at the Brickman Brothers Funeral Home at 37433 Euclid Ave. in Willoughby, OH. Entombment took place in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, OH. She descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells by way of his son, James Wells.

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**BETTY SUE WELLS DEPP PALMER**, age 81, died on 5/20/16 in Los Angeles, CA, following a long illness. Betty was born in Prestonsburg, KY, on 1/1/35 to the late Walter Everett and Bessie Irene Whitaker Wells. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Wells, and one sister, Peggy Wells Conley.

Betty is survived by her sons, Johnny Depp and Daniel Depp; two daughters, Christi Dembrowski and Debbi Depp; and several grandchildren. A memorial service was held on 6/29/16 in Los Angeles for family and friends. Betty descends from Richard Wells through his son, Simon Peter Wells, and Mary Polly Porter Wells.

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**JAMES ARTHUR HUGHES**, 67, of Lexington, KY, passed away on 7/5/16. James was born in Pikeville, KY, on 3/21/49 to the late Glyn Arthur and Fayette Wells Hughes. He was a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and continued on to receive a Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree from Morehead State University.

James was the manager of the fondly remembered Hobbs Dime Store, like his father. He was mentored by a trusting business leader and began the business of developing land and shopping centers. He worked as a commercial developer from 1976 until he retired in 2012. He enjoyed fishing, birdwatching, photography, working puzzles, and playing with his grandchildren. He was actively involved at Southland Christian Church and most recently at Church of the Savior.

James Arthur is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia Scott Hughes, whom he married on 3/11/83; his son, Tyler (Kathryn) Hughes; his daughter, Jahde Hughes; a brother, Robert (Joyce) Hughes; grandchildren, Ella and Simon; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 2 p.m. on 7/9/16 at Clark Legacy Center – Brannon Crossing with a gathering of family and friends being held prior to the service from 12-2 p.m.

James Arthur descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

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**MARK ALLEN WELLS**, age 43, of Urbana was found dead in an alley in Springfield, OH, on Monday, 7/18/16. The newspaper reports that the death is being investigated as a murder. Mark was born on 2/8/73 to the late Master Kim Wells and Guadalupe



(Rosales) Wells in Urbana, OH. In addition to his mother, Mark is survived by his children: Joshua Wells, Mary Davis, Chase (Miranda Wallace) Williams, Aaron Wells, Kaiden Wells, Jaiden Wells, and Annika Wells; grandchildren: Gabriel, Gabby, Blayke, and James; brothers, Noah (Jamie) Wells and Airixs (Becka) Wells; maternal grandmother, Fina Rosales; paternal grandmother, Helen Boza Wells, as well as his special friend, Heather Arnold. Mark is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, paternal grandfather, Thomas Wells; maternal grandfather, Enrique Rosales; uncles: Thomas Wells Jr., Henry Rosales, and Danny Rosales; nephews, Andrew and Adrian; cousins, Steven Rosales and Billy Jo Rosales. Mark graduated from Urbana High School in 1992 and attended Clark State Community College to study business. He was self-employed and enjoyed construction and landscaping. Mark was an Oakland Raiders fan, a great salsa dancer, liked fishing and tubing with his children. A visitation will be held on Friday, July 22, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Walter & Stowe Funeral Home. Funeral service on Saturday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. also at the funeral home. Burial at Oakdale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be made to the funeral home to offset funeral expenses. Online condolences are forwarded to the family by visiting [www.walterfunerals.com](http://www.walterfunerals.com)

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Mark Allen was the great grandson of the late Sherman and Lilly Collins Wells and descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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## EXTENDED FAMILY

Mary Wells Walton and Charlene Patton Muncy traveled to Phoenix, AZ, on 3/8/16 to visit with our Wells cousin, Tommie Cochran, who formerly lived in Ashland and was secretary for the Wells Family Board before moving with her husband to the Phoenix area several years ago. Tommie took us on a tour of many wonderful sites in the



area. While there, we visited with another cousin, Dortha Ferguson Pain..Her family moved from Kentucky to California in the 1920's where she was born.

Dortha moved with her husband, Gene, to Kingman, AZ, about 3 ½ hours NW of Phoenix. During our visit, we talked about how we were related and about the reunions we have each year. Pictured in the photo above are Mary Walton, Dorothy Pain, Tommie Cochran and Charlene Muncy.

Before leaving Phoenix, we visited with another cousin, Brenda Harmon Schutz, who lives north of Phoenix. Brenda's parents, Chester Harmon and Ella Layne, were born in Kentucky but moved to Montana where Brenda was born and raised. She says she remembers visiting Kentucky once when she was a young girl. She and her husband retired to Phoenix when their son settled there.

They had been snow birds for many years, spending the winters in Arizona and going back to Montana in late spring. Brenda lives in a gated community on a golf course with a back porch overlooking the fairway. We enjoyed



brunch and iced tea served with huge lemons from a tree in her yard—there was also a grapefruit tree. Pictured above are Tommie Cochran, Charlene Muncy, Brenda Harmon Schutz, and Mary Walton.

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## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**Michael B. McMahan**, of Hattiesburg, MS, gave \$100.00 in memory of his late Mother, Jewell Clark McMahan, who passed away 11/10/2015. She was the daughter of the late Blaine and Lutie DeLong Clark. The gift is to go for the Scholarship Committee. Jewell descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. Her sister, Darlene Clark Burgess, has been a member of the Wells Board for many years and is presently serving as an honorary member due to health. Thanks so very much Michael.

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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

**It is hoped that you enjoy the newsletter. If you have news you wish to share with your extended family, please forward it to me or Mary Walton. Also, if you have a child or grandchild who will be graduating from high school in 2017 and will be furthering their education in the fall, remember the Association grants a \$500 scholarship each year. The application for the 2017 scholarship will need to be submitted by August 1, 2017. If you need an application, let me or Mary know, and we will send one to you with the instructions for completing. It is a requirement that the student has attended at least one Wells Family Reunion so they would need to attend this year's reunion in order to qualify for next year's scholarship if they have not already done so.**

**We look forward to seeing everyone on September 4<sup>th</sup> at Johnson Central High School.**