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Dear Wells Family Members:

It is hoped that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas in 2017. The past year has been a difficult one on so many fronts—so much turmoil in the world, so much hatred and distrust, so much sickness—let's send up many prayers that 2018 will be a Peaceful, Prosperous, Healthy and Happy New Year.

2017 REUNION

On September 3rd, we met at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, for our annual Wells Family Association Reunion. Although attendance was down due to so many of our family members who attend every year being unable to do so because of illnesses and others who had family events elsewhere, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship. We missed all our family who were unable to make it to the reunion and hope to see you this year.

Family members attending the reunion for the first time were Linda Sue Collins Goble, James W. Goble, Susan L. Goble, Sarah Goble Farris, Joel Couture, Jared Couture, Emily Ann Couture, Susan Samuel, Jennifer Witten, Madison Dalton, Virgil Anthony Wells, and Jeffery Allen Hunter. We were glad to have all you join us and hope you will make it a point to come back this year.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for **September 2, 2018**, so that we can enjoy another great day of family fellowship. Gather up as many of your extended family as you can to come with you—encourage them to come learn about their Wells ancestry and meet their extended Wells Family.

As all of us seem to be having to endure a lot of bad weather, it would be a good time for everyone to be thinking of ideas for things to bring for our annual auctions. Money raised from the auctions is used for printing and mailing newsletters as well as for the expenses incurred for having the reunion each year.

2017 AWARDS

YOUNGEST



ALEXANDRIA GRACE RAMEY was the youngest person in attendance in 2017. Alex, born 5/31/2016, is the daughter of Jeff and Cynthia Muncy Ramey of Williamsport. The youngest at the 2016 reunion also, she is the granddaughter of our vice-president, Charlene Patton Muncy, and Eugene Muncy of Williamsport and Ervin and Darlene Banks Ramey of Van Lear. Alex descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

OLDEST

RACINE WELLS

HOWARD, 92, of Paintsville, KY

was the eldest person attending.

Racine was born on Daniels Creek, Odds, KY on 3/1/25.

Racine, an honorary member of the Wells Board, has won this honor for the past several years and has not missed a reunion for as long as I can recall. She is a daughter of the late John Colvin & Tessie Burke Wells and is the widow of the late Lee Howard, Jr. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears.



TRAVELED FARTHEST

DORIS WELLS MCFADDIN, a

sister to our eldest attendee, is from Sequim, WA. Doris has so far to travel, she attends the reunion every other year. She is

a daughter of the late John Colvin &

Tessie Burke Wells, and her husband was the late Eugene McFaddin. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears.



2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

LARGEST FAMILY



The family of the late **Ben and Susannah Richmond Wells** had the most family members (approximately 25) in attendance. **MARY WELLS WALTON**, pictured above, the only surviving child of the 10 children of Ben and Ann Wells, accepted the prize for the family. They descend from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



OLIVIA PAIGE BURCHETT was the 2017 winner of the \$500 Wells Family Association Scholarship. Graduating from Johnson Central High School in May 2017, Olivia maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

Olivia was accepted at Auburn University in Alabama and was unable to be at the reunion to accept her award as classes had already started for the term. The Wells Family Association Board Members wish Olivia well and know she will be successful in her program.

Olivia is the daughter of Harry and Kathleen Burchett of Paintsville, KY, and descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.



Even though he has been unable to attend the reunion for the past few years, Jim Preston of Urbana, OH continues a tradition he started many years ago. Each year Jim was able to attend, he would throw 100 \$1 bills out to the children at the reunion for them to spend in the Chinese auction or on other items for sale. Now that he is not able to be here, Jim has been mailing the dollar bills to a Board member for the children. Shown above are the kids beginning the scramble for the dollar bills—needless to say, they had fun!!!!!!

Jim and his late wife, Clara, were devoted members of the Wells Family Association Board from its inception and attended the reunion regularly when able. Clara descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

RECOGNITIONS, ACADEMICS & CONGRATULATIONS



MARCUS WELLS, a 6'5", 320-pound senior at Johnson Central High School, competed in the State 2A Track and Field meet at the University of Kentucky Track and Field Complex in May 2017. Having earned a championship ring for being on the Golden Eagles Football State Championship team for

the 2016 season, Marcus won an individual state title as the top shotput thrower in his class in the Commonwealth. Marcus threw the shot 49 feet 9.5 inches (5 feet 1 inch longer than his seeded distance). He also finished fourth in the discus throw.

Marcus is the son of Bernita Wells of Van Lear and the grandson of Susie Goble Wells of Van Lear and the late Alex Samuel Wells. They descend from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.



The front page of a Paintsville, KY newspaper published on 7/7/2017 recognizes Oil Springs resident, **WILLIAM BLAZER**, 17, for his taking it upon himself to begin a cleanup of the Mayo Plaza parking lot in Paintsville following their 4th of July celebration. While visiting his mother at her job site the morning of the 5th, William was dismayed by the sight of all the garbage left strewn over the parking lot-- fireworks boxes, beer bottles, papers, etc. He got cleaning supplies and went to work on his own picking up the mess. William was recognized by Paintsville Mayor Bill Mike Runyon for his service. If only we had more teenagers who appreciated their community like this!!!!!!

William is the son of Marlena Music-Blazer and Danny Blazer of Oil Springs and the grandson of Sam Henry Music of Oil Springs and the late

Emma Joyce Sturgill Music. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.



The Johnson Central Golden Eagles won the Kentucky State Class 4A Football Championship for the 2016 season and played for the championship again in 2017 but lost to Franklin-Simpson at Kroger Field in Lexington, KY. A part of the team's success was the play of twin brothers, Alex and Matthew Horn, and their cousin, Marcus Wells (pictured above with Alex & Matt's grandmother, Rita Collins, and a friend). Alex and Matthew are juniors at Johnson Central, and Marcus will be graduating this year. Their only loss for the regular season was a game against Ashland in which Marcus was unable to play due to illness. Marcus also participates in track and field, and Alex and Matthew are on the wrestling team.

Members of the largest family in attendance this year, Alex and Matthew are the sons of Greg and Tonya Collins Horn and the grandsons of Larry and Rita Griffith Collins, and Marcus is the son of Bernita Wells and the grandson of Susie Goble Wells and the late Alex Samuel Wells. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



TAYLOR MACKENZIE SLONE, 15-year-old daughter of Ron and Stacia Howard Slone of Auxier, KY, is shown with her friend and escort Lukas Manns as they announced she was chosen from 15 homecoming representatives as the Duff-Allen Central Elementary School Basketball Homecoming Queen for the 2017-2018 school year. Kenzie, who has Down Syndrome, is well known and loved at her school, and the story was aired on both WLEX and WYMT News. She will be attending high school next fall. Kenzie is the granddaughter of Karen Patton Howard, Wells Family Board Treasurer and newsletter editor, and the late Tim Howard of Auxier, KY, and Ronnie and Joyce Lafferty Slone of Eastern, KY. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

BIRTHS



ANNISON ELISE HUFF was born 09/02/2017 to Dr. Lora Lundergan Huff and Scott Huff of Lexington. She was welcomed by her sister, 3-year-old Carly Emerson. Lora is a neonatologist at Baptist Health Center and Scott is youth Minister at Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington. Annison's maternal grandparents are Kim Wells Lundergan Huff and the late Eddie Lundergan of Lexington. The paternal grandparents are Kathy Cox and David Huff of Collins, IL.

Annison's maternal great-grandparents are Jim Doug and Doris Connors Wells of Lexington. Jim Doug is an honorary board member of the Wells Family Association Board, having served as vice-president for many years. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.



ADLEIGH ROSE WELLS was born 9/12/2017 to Ben and Nikki Hutchison Wells of Louisa, KY. Adleigh weighed 8.5 pounds. Her grandparents are Susie Goble Wells of Van Lear, KY and the

late Alex Samuel Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



WILLIAM KNOX WELLS was born 11/04/2017 at a Frankfort, KY hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 inches tall. William Knox is the son of Aaron Michael and Katelyn Elise Gott Wells. The paternal grandparents are William Leslie and Karen Lynne Hall Wells, and the maternal grandparents are John Charles and Connie Lynn Loague Gott. The baby's paternal great-grandparents are Charlie B. Wells of Lawrenceburg, KY, and the late Charlotte Wells. Charlie is a son of the late Leonard and Carrie Music Wells. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.



AIDEN CONNOR BANKS was born on 12/15/2017 at Kings' Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, KY, weighing 6 lbs. 15.6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Connor is the son of Josh and Kathy Muncy Banks of Williamsport, KY and was welcomed by his little sister, Alaina Paige, and grandparents, Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport, KY and Darryl and Karen Lafferty Banks, of Van Lear, KY. Connor's mom, Kathy, is on the Wells Family Board and his grandmother, Charlene, is the Board vice-president. Aiden Connor descends from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



SAMUEL ELLIOTT COCHRAN, son of David and Kristin Fender Cochran, was born 12/22/2017. He was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. Samuel Elliott was welcomed by his three siblings. Their grandparents are Bruce and Pamela Adkins

Cochran, and their great grandparents are the late Paul and Janice Wells Adkins of Mentor, OH.

Both great grandparents, Paul and Janice, descended from Richard Wells, Paul by way of George E. Wells and Janice by way of George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.

SICK /PRAYER LIST

Ray Wells, Darrell Wells, Benette Howard, Anna Wilson, James "Jim" Williams, Ronald Wells, Patricia Womack, James Adkins, Anita Wells, Mary Walton, Roger Delong, Phyllis Delong, Mary Ferguson, Lorraine Newberry, Genene Wells, James Brown, Ralph Wells, Larry Joe Wells, Richard Salisbury, Leigh Ann Harmon, Marlene Jarvis and Patti Quallich.

SICKNESS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS

James Wilson, husband of Anna Lois Brown Wilson, was in the hospital for several days at Paul B. Hall the week before the reunion with some health concerns. Anna Lois is the daughter of the late Evyand and Betty Wells Brown and they descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Anna Jean Delong of Oceana, WV, was hospitalized for five days in November for blood clots in both lungs. She is home now and doing much better. Both Anna Jean and her husband, Ernie, descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

Ray and Charlotte Wells moved to Mexico a few years ago to live with their daughter, **Sandra**. After hearing about the earthquake there, Mary Walton called to check on them. Mary had a long chat with Ray and Sandra and learned that they all have had health problems since she had last heard from them. Ray, who turned 90 last March 25th, was hospitalized in February for a short time but is now doing well. His wife, Charlotte, suffered two strokes after being hospitalized and is now confined to a wheelchair. Sandra had to be hospitalized for treatment for pulmonary edema which caused some heart damage, but she is now home on

medication and will undergo therapy. Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers, especially Sandra, who is their primary caregiver, that she will recover and be able to continue caring for them. Ray is the son of the late Russell and Georgia Burchett Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses, and Margaret Hillman Wells.

Roger Dean Patton of Decatur, AL, has been treated for bronchitis several times this past year and was recently diagnosed with Type B flu and pneumonia. After several rounds of medication, he is still having problems with congestion and tested positive again for flu. Roger is the brother of our vice-president, Charlene Muncy, and our treasurer, Karen Howard. They come down the George E., William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Tommie Cochran fell recently and broke a bone in her ankle and is recovering with help from her son, Vince. Tommie was the Wells Board secretary for several years before she and her late husband retired to Arizona where she now resides. Tommie is the daughter of the late Arthur and Dorene Collins and descends from Richard Wells through his daughter, Roseanna Wells Spears.

Peggy Mayo Rice, widow of Kenneth B. Rice, was a patient at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, KY, suffering with pneumonia and other serious medical problems. She was discharged home but has now been admitted to Highlands Regional in Prestonsburg. Mary Walton talked with her this week, and she says she is doing much better. Peggy's late husband descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

Louise Witten Samuel was recently hospitalized at Pikeville Medical Center. Louise, who has been battling cancer for a long time, is receiving new treatment and now has developed shingles which doctors feared would spread into her eye. Louise descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

Stanley Keel of Van Lear, KY, spent over a month in Highlands Regional Medical Center due to problems with his pacemaker. Doctors were unable to correct the problems due to him having a buildup of fluid. Stanley has been discharged home with care from his wife, Judy,

and will be undergoing therapy. Stanley is the son of the late Rufus and Lucy Keel and descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

Stacy Wells, daughter of S.J. Wells of Van Lear, was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV, in December and was on a vent. According to her sister, she is improving. Stacy descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.

William Mollette, husband of the late Edith Wells Mollette, has been in the hospital but has been transferred back to Mountain Manor of Paintsville. His daughter, Rita Vest, says that he is some better and is talking to them some. William was born on 6/3/19 and will be 99 on his next birthday. He and Edith had been married for 72 years when she passed. Edith descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

Jim Doug Wells and his wife, **Doris Connors Wells**, of Lexington, KY have moved to Richmond Place Assisted Living in Lexington. Jim Doug spent several months in rehab after suffering a stroke a couple years ago, and Doris has been in the hospital a couple of times in the last few months. Jim Doug is a son of James Everett "Boy" and Bessie Stephens Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

DEATHS



JOSEPH BRENT WELLS, SR., 42, and his son, **JOSEPH WELLS, JR.**, 3, both of Indiana County, PA, were killed in an

automobile accident in Young Twp. on 11/10/2016. Their daughter and sibling, Jessalyn Wells, survived the accident.



Joseph, Sr., was born 8/2/74 in Wabash, IN, to Larry J. Wells and Christine Marie (May) Lux. Joey was the son of Joseph Wells, Sr., and Haileigh Hartman of Nevada. He was born 9/22/2013.

Joe, Sr. attended Saltsburg High School and worked as a carpenter. He was a Boy Scout and earned his Life Badge. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved being a father and being with his children.

Survivors include Joey's mother, Haileigh Hartman of Nevada; Joe's parents and Joey's grandparents, Christine and John Lux, of Clarksburg, and Larry Joe and Connie Wells of Van Lear, KY; grandmothers and great-grandmothers, Ella Ruth Wells and Christine May. Other survivors include Joe, Sr.'s children and Joey's siblings, Ayngelea Stevens, Lance Griffith, Jasmine Wells, Jocelyn Wells and Kaylee Wells, all of Kentucky, as well as Ashlynn Wells, Allynia Wells, Ayriella Wells, all of Homer City, and Jessalyn Wells; and Joe's grandchildren, Abraella and Roman Stevens.

Other survivors include Joe, Sr.'s siblings, Lisa Marie Martz, of Homer City; Justin Lee Wells, of Indiana; David Ryan (Nora) Wells, of Brush Valley; and step-siblings, Jonathan Lux and Jennifer Lux, both of Ford City.

Joseph, Sr. and Joey were preceded in death by their grandfathers/great-grandfathers, Thomas Henry May and Rolland Wells.

Friends were received on Wednesday, 11/16/2016 from 11AM- 1PM at the Rairigh-Bence Funeral Home, 965 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA. The funeral service for Joseph and Joey was held at 1PM at the funeral home.

Joseph and his son, Joseph, Jr. descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells, and Elizabeth Delong Wells' son, James Wells.



PAULINE SPARKS WELLS, age 84, of Prestonsburg, KY, passed away 3/12/17 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, KY.

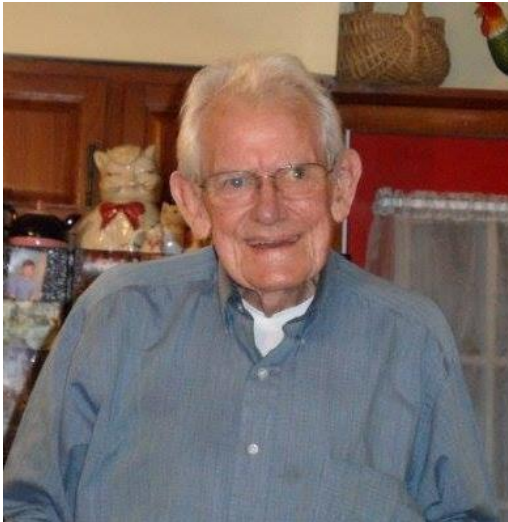
Pauline was born 12/15/32 in Paintsville, KY, a daughter of the late William and Jettie Susan Wells Sparks. Pauline was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Wells. She was a restaurant manager and homemaker.

Pauline is survived by two sons, William (Vikki) McGuire, of Prestonsburg, KY, and Solomon Worth (Virginia) McGuire of Richmond, KY; one brother, Oakie Sparks of Prestonsburg, KY; three sisters, Mary Click and Dinah VanHoose, both of Prestonsburg, KY, and Susan Tobin of Richmond, KY; three grandchildren, Worthie McGuire III, Wesley McGuire and Jami McGuire; step-grandchildren, Kalan & Cameron; and two great grandchildren, Worthie McGuire IV and Kyla.

In addition to her parents and husband, Pauline was preceded in death by two brothers, McKinley Sparks, Jr. and Harry Thomas Sparks, and one sister, Peggy Branham.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, 3/15/17, at 6 p.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY, and funeral services were conducted on 3/16/17 at 12 noon at the funeral home with Roger Rowe officiating. Burial followed at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY.

Pauline descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells and Margaret Hillman Wells and her late husband, Bill, descends from Richard Wells through Simon Peter Wells and Mary Polly Porter Wells.



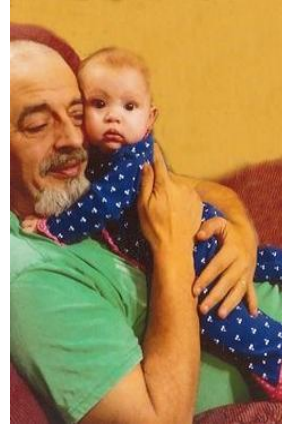
CHARLES GOMAN " BERRY" PATTON, age 83 of Hueysville, KY, widower of Emogene Patton, passed away Wednesday, 7/5/2017, at his residence. He was born 11/4/1933 in Garrett, KY the son of the late Russell and Maggie Conley Patton. He was a member of the Hueysville Church of Christ, the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association and is an alumni of Alice Lloyd College and Morehead State University.

He is survived by one son: Jeffery Phillip (Pamela) Patton, Georgetown, FL; four daughters, Susan Juliana (Richard) Salisbury, Eastern, KY, Charlotte Beth (Jerry) Case, Garrett, KY, Melanie Lynn (Randall) Turner, Hueysville, KY, Belinda Carol (Jeff) Fitch, Delphos, OH; ten grandchildren, Russell Morgan Salisbury, Maggie Salisbury, Ben Salisbury, Jenna Patton, Zachary Patton, Johnny Case, Thomas Case, Logan Turner, Greta Fitch, Alaina Fitch; four great grandchildren, Leslie Salisbury, Violet Salisbury, Avis Salisbury and Quinn Salisbury.

In addition to his wife and parents, Charles was preceded in death by one brother, Jackie Phillip Patton.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, 7/9/2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hueysville Church of Christ, Hueysville, KY with Chester Ray Varney officiating. Burial followed in the Patton Family Cemetery, Hueysville, KY. Visitation was held at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY on Friday and Saturday, 7/7 and 7/8/2017.

Mr. Patton was the father-in-law of our Board Member, Dr. Richard Salisbury, who descends from Richard Wells through Dr. William Green Wells by way of his son, Aaron Wells.



DWAYNE GORDON WELLS, age 55, of Meally, KY passed away 8/23/2017 at his home.

Dwayne was born 8/8/1962 in Johnson County, KY, son of Elmer Gordon and Delphia Fitch Wells of Meally, KY.

In addition to his parents, he is also survived by his wife, Natasha Page Wells; three sons, Michael Dwayne Wells, Matthew Gordon Wells, and Jonathon Andrew Wells all of Magoffin County, KY; two daughters, Haley Josephine Wells of Meally, KY and Whitley Wells of Cumberland, KY; one sister, Cathy (Donnie) Witten of Van Lear; and three special friends, Chris Taylor, Nadine Taylor, and Darren Hensley.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on 8/26/2017 in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Gary Blair and J.R. Connelly officiating. Visitation was at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on 8/24/2017 and 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on 8/25/2017 and 9:00 a.m. until time of service on Saturday, 8/26/2017.

Dwayne descends from Richard Wells through his daughter, Mary Polly Wells Butcher.

CARLOS HORN WELLS, age 82, of Walnut Avenue, Paintsville, KY, passed away Saturday, 8/26/2017, at Baptist Health Lexington, Lexington, KY.



Carlos was born 6/11/1935 in Floyd County, KY, daughter of the late Carl R. and Eleanor Spurlock Horn. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Charles C. "Hardware Charlie" Wells and one son, Charles Britton Wells.

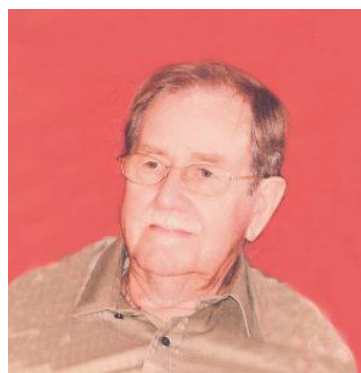
Carlos and her husband were the owners of Hardware Charlie Gas Company in Paintsville.

She is survived by one daughter-in-law, Sheila Price Wells, of Oil Springs, KY; one sister, Elizabeth Fannin, of Florida; cousins, Thomas E. (Palestine) Horn, of Flatwoods, KY and Deanna (Mike) Robinson and their daughter, Kathryn, of Ashland, KY; one niece; two great nieces; beloved cat, Charlie; and a host of special loved friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, 08/30/2017 in the Mayo Methodist Church, Paintsville, with David Spaulding officiating. Entombment followed at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. Visitation was at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home on Tuesday, 08/29/2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and at the Mayo Methodist Church for one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were requested to the Mayo Methodist Church or Charles B. Wells Scholarship Fund by contacting Jones-Preston Funeral Home at 606-789-3501.

Carlos's husband, Hardware Charlie, was a longtime member of the Wells Family Association Board and descended from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.



HENRY WELLS, 94, of South Point, OH was sent home to be with the Lord on 9/1/2017. He passed on in his home surrounded by family. He was

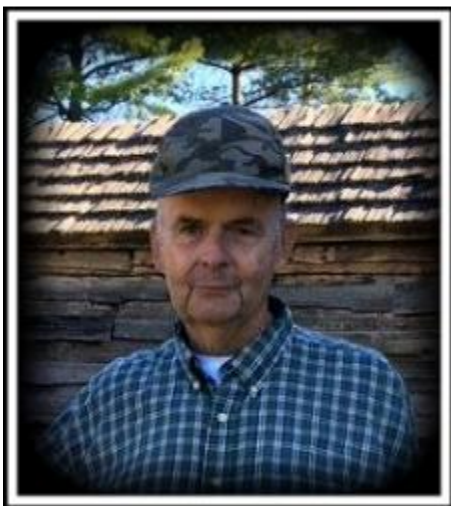
born 6/9/1923 in Johnson County, KY, the son of the late George Moses Wells and Cora Lee Honeycutt Wells. He is the remaining child of 7 brothers and 5 sisters. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheri Jean Wells, and his first wife of 53 years, Roberta Leveda Rice Wells. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Mildred Gwendolyn Hall Craddock Wells of South Point; one son, Mike (Becky) Wells; two daughters, Connie (Brownie) Perkey, Joy (Ivan) Hanshaw; two step-daughters, Kim (Kathy) Craddock Lawrence and Karma Craddock Vaughn; 7 grandchildren; 9 step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; as well as many friends and extended family members.

Henry proudly served in the 1st Infantry Division in Germany and France from January 1943 to 1945 during WWII. He was employed at South Point Allied Chemical for 14 years, retired from Aristech Chemical in Wayne County, WV, after 19 years of employment, and also worked 10 years as a Real Estate Agent. He was a long-standing member of the South Point Church of Christ and enjoyed working with his hands in large gardens, orchards, caring for livestock and the construction/remodeling of multiple properties in the area. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather who dedicated his life to the care of his family. He was a friend to many, and he will be greatly missed.

Henry's family and friends joined in the remembrance and celebration of his life at his memorial service on Tuesday, 9/5/2017, at 1 PM at Slack and Wallace Funeral Home, South Point, OH. Burial followed at Highlawn Memorial Gardens, South Point, OH with Minister Mark Aites officiating. Military rites

were provided by VFW Post 8850. The family asked in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the South Point Church of Christ in his name.

Henry descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses, and Margaret Hillman Wells.



BOSSIER GOBLE, age 77, of Flat Gap, passed away Friday, 09/08/2017 at Pikeville Medical Center. Born 03/26/1940 in Martin County to the late Linzie Goble and Goldie Howard Goble, Bossier was the widower of Ida Blackburn Goble. In addition to his parents and wife, he is preceded in death by one sister, Belvie L. "Rena" Goble McCoy.

He is survived by his children, Martha Jean (Darrell) Blair of Staffordsville, and Linzie Burgess (Michelle) Goble of Flat Gap; grandchildren, Marcy Jean Blair, Darrell Ethan Blair, Linzie Ashton Goble, and Elena Faith Goble; brothers, Monroe Goble of Michigan, Buford Goble of Inez, Susie Goble Wells of Johnson County, Denver L. Goble of Inez, and Deresa Goble Slone of Floyd County.

Funeral services were held at 11:00am Monday, 09/11/2017 in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Goble Cemetery at Flat Gap. B. Joe Hill officiated. Visitation was at the funeral home from 6-9pm Saturday and 12-9pm on Sunday.

Bossier's sister, Susie, is the widow of Alex Samuel Wells who descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



WANDA CASTLE COOK COLLINS SANDERS, 92, of Argillite, KY, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, 9/12/2017, at Our Lady of Bellefonte

Hospital in Russell, KY, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Sanders was born 6/5/1925 in Greenup, KY, a daughter of the late Julia Huff and Orlando Castle.

She was a teacher for three years in Florida and taught school for 30 years at Greenup County System before retiring. She was a devoted deliverer for Greenup County Meals on Wheels, was a member of Greenup County Senior Citizens and Greenup County Dance Club. She was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three husbands, William Cook, Arthur Collins and Alfred Sanders; four brothers, Ara Castle, Ira Castle, Laurys Castle and Donald Castle; three sisters, Eva Stacy, Blanche Stewart and Lora Gould.

She is survived by one son, John (Jessie) Cook of Argillite, KY; one daughter, Sandra (Richard) Mendez of Argillite, KY; one step-daughter, Tommie Collins Cochran of Arizona; one sister, Mildred Cook of Tampa, FL; five grandchildren, Missy Griffith, Traci Jo Campbell, Richie Mendez, J.D. Cook and Jenna Cook; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 09/14/2017, at Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, KY, by Pastor Gary Airring and Pastor Dwayne Slusher. Burial was in Huff Cemetery in Argillite, KY. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until service time on Thursday.

Wanda's second husband, Arthur Collins, descended from Richard Wells through his daughter Roseanna Wells Spears. Wanda was a devoted member of the Wells Family Association Board for many, many years.



LEENA JOYCE GUIDOT, age 2, died on 9/12/2017, the result of an automobile accident on Interstate 75 in Henry County, GA, as she and her family were returning to their home in Tarpon Springs, FL, after evacuating to stay with relatives because of Hurricane Irma.

Leena was a passenger in the car driven by her father, Jeremy Jones Guidot, along with her mother, Cortny Joyce Music, and 5 year old brother, Landon Joseph Guidot. Cortny suffered severe injuries and was hospitalized for several days in an Atlanta hospital. Landon was treated for bruises.

The accident happened when the driver of a stolen Dodge truck rear-ended the vehicle the Guidot family was traveling in, causing a change reaction collision with two other vehicles. The driver of the truck was reportedly following too closely and driving too fast for conditions. Leena was appropriately restrained in her car seat. The driver of the truck (who has since been indicted for homicide by vehicle in the first degree, two counts of hit and run, theft by receiving a stolen vehicle, and driving with a suspended license) and his passenger fled the scene and were later arrested.

Private services were held for Leena. A Go Fund Me Page was set up for the family and a Benefit for Leena was held in Michigan to help with their expenses.

A Memorial Service is scheduled to be held on 07/21/2018, Leena Joyce's 3rd birthday, in Pinckney, MI.

Leena is the granddaughter of Milford Eugene and Joni Miller Music, of Michigan, and the great-granddaughter of Sam Henry Music and the late Emma Joyce Sturgill Music. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



JAMES ROBERT (BOBBY) COLLINS, age 74, of Inez, KY went home to be with the Lord on 9/23/2017 at his home. He was born 6/4/1943 to the late Richard and Veneda Faye Dennison Collins. In addition to his

parents, he was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Cindy Renee Collins, and three sisters, Joyce Hagerman, Willa Dean Spears, and Mary Magdalene Wells.

He leaves behind his wife of 18 years, Bonnie, whom he loved for 22 years. They were joined together in Holy Matrimony on 2/27/1999 at Vineyard United Baptist Church. She was his caretaker during his nearly 8-year journey. He also leaves behind three daughters, Jamey Wiley of Paintsville, Amanda (Calvin) Cantrell of Daniels Creek, and Ashley (Jonathan) Jackson of Inez; two step sons, Rondal (Kim) Endicott of Debord and Jonathan (Leann) Endicott of Inez; nine grandchildren, Austin, Blake, Tyler, Morgan, Brady, Colin, Anna, Brodie, and Silas; three brothers, Richard Jr. (Lois) Collins of Hager Hill, Rex (Regina) Collins of Lowmansville, and Ray Collins of Louisville, KY; several nieces, nephews, friends and his beloved dog, Ruby.

Bobby was a dedicated Christian, a proud Marine who served in the Vietnam War from 1968-1969, a retired coal miner, and a loving husband, daddy, papaw, brother and a wonderful friend to all. Although Alzheimer's disease took his memory away from him, the memory of him will live on forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 9/26/2017, at the Vineyard United Baptist Church with burial following in the Riverview Memorial Gardens. Richard (Doc) Maynard and Dave Bowen officiated. Friends visited the church after 6 pm Sunday and until time of services on Tuesday at the church. Arrangements were under the direction of the Crum Funeral Home, Inez, KY.

Bobby descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

IMOGENE “JEAN” WELLS

SAMMONS, age 94, of Van Lear, KY, passed away Sunday, 10/01/2017 at Mountain Manor of Paintsville, KY.



Imogene was born 03/30/1923 in Martin County, KY, daughter of the late Marion Jackson and Alice Burke Wells. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Bailey Sammons, and one daughter, Billie Sue King.

She is survived by one daughter, Marion Alice Lafferty, of Magoffin County, KY; three grandchildren, Roger (Hilda) King of Marietta, GA, Johnny (Lori) Tackett of Salyersville, KY, and James (Stephanie) Tackett of Hager Hill, KY; six grandchildren, Trevor James Tackett, Jamie Leann Tackett, Lisa Marie Tackett, William Robert Tackett, Leo Thomas King, and Sergio Eduardo King; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10/05/2017, in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with B. Joe Hill officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY.

Imogene descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.



CLIFFORD BOOTH, age 92, of Van Lear, KY passed away Thursday, 10/05/2017 at Paul B. Hall Medical Center.

Clifford was born 03/25/1925 in Whitehouse, KY to the late Lon Booth and Bessie Dawson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife and his second wife, Deloris “Sis” Williams Booth.

He is survived by one daughter, Sandra Booth (O.J.) Horn of Fairborn, OH; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on 10/09/2017 in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Harry Neal Frisby officiating. Burial followed at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. on 10/08/2017 and from 9 a.m. until time of the service on 10/09/2017.

Clifford and Sis were devoted members of the Wells Family Board from the time it was organized and attended every reunion until illnesses prevented them from doing so. Sis descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William Green Wells.



DONALD RAY WEBB, 76, passed away 10/13/2017 at his home in Wabash, IN surrounded by his family. He was born on 04/02/1941 to Melvin “Ted” Webb and Clara

Marie (Ramey) Webb in Butcher Holler, Van Lear, KY.

Donald attended Wabash High School and retired from Martin Yale. He enjoyed fishing, playing and singing music, was an avid mushroom hunter, and he was very proud of the fact that he was a recorded songwriter.

Donald is survived by his wife Debra Ross Webb; two daughters, Janie (Troy) O’Dell of Roann, IN, Donna Webb of Kokomo, IN; a son, Michael Webb of Ft. Wayne, IN; a stepdaughter, Paula Ross of Indiana; four sisters, Loretta Lynn of Hurricane Mills, TN, Peggy (Sonny) Wright of Hendersonville, TN, Brenda “Crystal Gayle” (Bill) Gatzimos of Nashville, TN, and Betty (Gene) Hopkins of Hendersonville, TN; one brother, Herman Webb of Van Lear, KY; 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; a special niece Kristin Snyder; and a best friend, Paul Mollett. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Melvin Webb Jr. and Jay Lee Webb.

Funeral services were held on 10/18/2017 at 11:00 a.m. at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Ave, Wabash, IN 46992 with Pastor Daniel Boone officiating. Calling hours were from 2p.m. to 7p.m. on 10/17/2017 at the funeral home. Burial followed at Falls Cemetery in Wabash, IN.

Donald descended from Richard Wells through Mary Wells and William Butcher as well as Nancy Martha and William Webb.

GLENNORA WELLS MONTGOMERY NUNNERY, age 88, of Auxier, KY, passed away 10/16/2017 at her residence. Lovingly known to friends and family as “Dinky”, she was born 01/27/1929 in



Auxier, KY, to the late George Washington and Cora Bell Goble Wells. She was the wife of the late Henry Clay Montgomery and the late Albert Nunnery. She was a retired Art Teacher and Counselor, a University of Kentucky Graduate, and a lifetime member of the Auxier United Methodist Church. She is survived by her son and daughters: Thomas Eugene (Karen) Montgomery of Knoxville, TN; Henrietta (Robert) Castle of Auxier, KY; and Dr. Cora Lou (James) Sherburne of Indiana, PA; daughter-in-law, Mary Montgomery, of Lexington, KY; brother, Bobby W. (Herbie) Wells, of Prestonsburg, KY; 11 Grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren.

Along with her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her son and daughter, George Dayrus Montgomery and Bonnie (Hershel) Joseph; brothers and sisters, Eugene Wells, Edward Wells, Richard Wells, Paul Wells, Herbert Wells, Kenneth Wells, Loraine Tungen, Elsworth Crum and Georgia DeRossett. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Visitation was held at the Auxier United Methodist Church from 4-8 p.m. and after 10 a.m. until time of service on Sunday. Funeral services were conducted at 12 noon on Sunday, 10/22/2017 at Auxier United Methodist Church, Auxier, KY, with Mearl Music officiating. Burial followed in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery.

Glennora’s daughter, Lou, is on the Wells Board and is working with the Historical Committee compiling and inputting the Wells Family Genealogy for the descendants of Richard Wells. Bobby, her only surviving sibling, and his wife, Herbie, have been devoted workers for the Wells Family Association since its organization,

devoting immeasurable time towards organizing the reunion and researching and recording the Wells Family Genealogy. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.



EDITH WELLS MOLLETTE, age 94, of Boonscamp, passed away 10/22/2017 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. She was born 06/01/1923 in Johnson County to the late George and Angie Sammons Wells. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by four brothers, Walter Wells, Ray Wells, George Wells, Jr., and Richard Wells.

Edith is survived by her husband, William R. Mollette, of Boonscamp, KY; one son, Roger Mollette, of Boonscamp; two daughters, Karen M. (Richard) Kouns of Ashland, KY, and Rita (Asa) Vest of West Liberty, KY. Four grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held at 1pm on Wednesday, 10/25/2017 in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with burial following in the Mollette Family Cemetery at Boonscamp. Ed Hickman and Jimmy Price officiated. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday prior to the service from 11:00am-1:00pm.

Edith descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

JOANNE MILLER WELLS, 83, of Raceland, passed away on 10/27/2017, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Mrs. Wells was born 5/7/1934 in Portsmouth, OH.

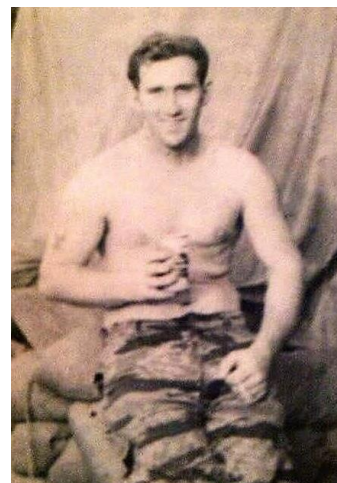
She was preceded in death by her father, August William Miller; her mother, Katherine Mayhew Miller; and her husband, Gerald "Gary" Wells. Mrs. Wells was a member of Raceland Christian Church. She was a cosmetologist and owner of Jo's Beauty Shop in Raceland.

Joanne is survived by two sons, Brett (Cindy) Wells of Grayson and Scott Wells of Raceland; two grandsons, Matthew (Sara) Wells and Jonathan Wells.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on 10/31/2017, at Evans Funeral Home in Raceland. Burial was at Brick Union Cemetery in Lloyd. Visitation was at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, family requested that contributions be made to Raceland Christian Church.

Joanne's late husband, Gary, descended from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells and Margaret Hillman Wells. Gary's first cousin, the late Paula Wells, was a Board Member for many years.

HAROLD EDWARD (BROTHER) PORTER, 71, of Stollings, WV, formerly of Dehue, passed away 10/27/17, at Logan Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born on 10/9/46 at Dehue, WV, a son of the late Delmar Howard (Two Gun) and Rema Music Porter.



Harold was a 1965 graduate of Logan High School and served our country as a sergeant in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was later employed at Vandenburg Air Force Base in Lompoc, CA, for over 11 years. After returning to Logan in 1980, he was co-owner of Sunshine Construction Company along with his brother in law Don Burress. He was also owner of Dan Tax in Williamson, WV, for many years where many of his customers called him "Dan".

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Jim and Sibby Weekley, of Blair, and his brother-in-law, Jackie Weekley.

His presence will be deeply and forever missed by his wife of 27 years, Lisa Weekley Porter; his daughters, who were his pride and joy, Alysa Michele Porter (Haley Slate) of Mill Creek and Peyton Taylor Porter, at home; his only grandchild, Levaya Elise Porter, at home; and his special son, Dana Bennett, at home. He will also be missed by four sisters who spoiled him rotten, Lillian Porter Smith Richards of Chapmanville; Donna Porter (Jim) Lucas of Branchland; Brenda Porter (Billy) Sipple of Logan; and Teresa Porter (Robbie) Hensley of Dunbar; brothers-in-law, James (Debbie) Weekley, Jr.; Estel Weekley; and sister-in-law, Lucinda Weekley; nieces and nephews who lovingly called him Uncle Bubby, Shelia (David) Bryant, Leisha (Steve) Roberts, Darissa (John) Meade, Donny Burress, Glen (Julie) Smith, Kevin Smith, Billy (Angie) Sipple, Jr., Valerie (Jeremiah) Carter, and Josh Sipple; nieces and nephews who lovingly referred to him as Uncle Duck, Amanda and Joe (Dana) Weekley, Jeremy, Robbie, Chasity and Jonathan Weekley, April, Shara and Timothy Weekley, Alisha, Tammi and Samantha.

Visitation was held for family and friends from 12 p.m. until the time of funeral services at 2 p.m. on 10/30/17 at Akers-James Funeral Home in Logan, WV, with Rev. Donnie Wells officiating. Per Harold's wishes, his remains were cremated following the service.

Harold and his family descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.



PAUL E. ADKINS passed away on 11/24/2017 in Terre Haute, IN. He was born 8/14/1933 in Auxier, KY.

Paul served in the U.S. Army, earned the National

Defense Service Medal, the Army Occupation Medal (Germany), and a Good Conduct Medal. He worked and lived in Euclid, OH before moving to Terre Haute, IN. He worked for over 30 years as a Tool and Die Maker and achieved the status of Master Tool & Die Maker.

Paul was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Janice (Wells), his parents, Berta (Wells) and Edd Adkins, three brothers, Edgar, Carl and Ronnie, and sister-in-law, Emma (Wells) Adkins.

Paul's family was very precious to him. Survivors include a daughter, Pamela (Bruce) Cochran; sons, Paul (Chris) and Tim (Janice); brothers, James and Billy (Patty); grandchildren, Kristi (Scott) Craven; David (Kristin) Cochran; Brittany, Kelly, Matt and Adam Adkins; six great grandchildren, Natalie, Daniel, Jayla, Tucker, Benjamin and Alexie, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on 12/2/2017 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 with Pastor Scott Craven of First Baptist Church in Polson, Montana officiating the services. Visitation was held at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. on 12/1/2017. Burial followed in Whitehaven Cemetery in Mayfield Village.

Family requested that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter, P.O. Box 74924, Cleveland, Ohio 44194-4924 or online at ALZ.org.

Paul's surviving brothers, James and Billy, live in Van Lear, and they descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells, and his wife Nancy Butcher Wells. Paul's late wife, Janice, was the daughter of Elmer and Pearl

Hamilton Wells, and they descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.

ALICE ELIZABETH MOLLETTE WILLIAMSON, age 85, of Cincinnati, OH passed away on 12/05/2017. Alice was the daughter of the late Larce and Lora Wells Mollette. She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodridge Williamson.

Alice is survived by her sons, Mark (Lisa) Williamson and Matthew (Lisa) Williamson; grandchildren, Kyle, Alex, Kelsey and Joshua; and one great grandchild, Avery.

Alice was a longtime member of the Northeast Church of Christ, 12020 Southwick Lane, Cincinnati, OH where visitation was held on 12/11/2017 from 2 p.m. until the time of service at 3 p.m. The family suggested that memorial donations be made to Northeast Church of Christ. Burial followed in Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY.

Alice descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, and her late husband, Woodridge, descends from William Green Wells.



CHARLES R. WELLS, JR., 81, of Westlake, OH, passed away on 12/23/17.

Born on 1/5/36 in Auxier, KY, he was the son of the late Charles Richard Wells, Sr. and Alpha Hatfield Wells. He

attended Morehead State College before joining the United States Army and enjoyed being with his family, fishing, golfing and playing cards. Charles is survived by his wife, Joyce (Nemeth) Wells. They were married for 55 years. Other survivors include their children, Marc Joseph (Cori) Wells and Wendy Ann (Rob) Lund;

grandchildren, Megan Lund, Aubrey Buckley, Lauren Wells and Oliver Wells, and Darlene Wells, Edsel Wells and Jerry Wells.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by a son, Scott Charles Wells, grandparents, William Brownlow Wells and Ola Burke Wells Hall, and siblings, Janice Wells, Ray Wells and Jimmy Wells.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on 12/30/2017, at 10 a.m. at St. Ladislav Church, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake, OH. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Jenkins Funeral Chapel.

Charles descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Lou Montgomery Sherburne gave \$100.00 to the Association in honor/memory of her mother, Glennora Wells Montgomery Nunnery, to be used where needed.

James Williams of Paintsville, KY, gave a \$100.00 donation to the Association to be used where needed.

Leland Wells of West Van Lear, KY, donated \$100.00 to the Association to be used where needed most.

RELOCATION OF GRAVES OF OUR AUXIER RELATIVES

As many of you will recall, on 6/17/2016, a group of Wells Family Board Members visited the graves of our Wells Ancestors. Susie Colburn made a recording of our search of the many grave sites located in Floyd and Johnson Counties which was shown at the reunion that year. A few of the sites were well kept and easy to get to. However, the site where George E. Wells and other descendants are located was in very bad shape. Also, the cemetery where Richard and Susannah Wells' daughter, Agnes Wells Auxier, and her husband and infant child were buried could not be

reached at all due to the overgrowth of trees and vines. That cemetery was located on KY 321 (old US 23) across from the Combs Airport.

After many family members expressed concern, the Auxier Cemetery Committee was formed and met on 3/10/17 to visit the site which had been cleared by new owners of the property, and it was decided that the graves of Agnes and Samuel Auxier II and their infant daughter would be moved to the Auxier Family Cemetery located at the northwest end of the Combs Airport.

Requests were made for membership fees and donations to the Auxier Cemetery Committee for the purpose of clearing the new site and moving the graves and the headstone of Samuel and Agnes. This was accomplished sometime before our reunion on September 3rd.

Following are pictures of the graves of Samuel Auxier II and Agnes Wells Auxier and their infant child, Nancy Ann Auxier, that were taken when Mary Walton, Patti Quallich, Richard Salisbury and I visited the new location following the Wells Reunion:



EDITOR'S NOTES

- 1) **We need news from all the Wells Family. If you have news about graduations, marriages, births, deaths, etc., PLEASE send it to me or Mary Walton. As always, if any of you have news about your families that you would like to share with your extended Wells Family, please send it to me at the email or mailing address shown above or to Mary Walton at wmary582@gmail.com.**
- 2) **We still have a few of the framed 2015 100th Anniversary Group photos to sell. The price is \$70. We will have them at the 2018 reunion as well as t-shirts and cookbooks.**
- 3) **If you have a high school senior who will be graduating this spring and plans to attend an accredited college in the fall, be sure to have them apply for the \$500 Wells Family Association Scholarship. The application will be forwarded by email to everyone who receives the newsletter that way. For those who receive the newsletter by standard mail, you will need to contact either myself at 606-889-0600 or Mary Walton at 859-971-7748, and we will forward a copy of the application to you. The application and required documents must be submitted by August 1, 2018.**
- 4) **Remember to bring items to the reunion to sell in our auctions.**