

ADDENDUM: Two articles below that are for your information.

Being aware of what wonderful cooks the Wells women are the Wells Family Board voted on 7/31/04 that we do an addendum to the newsletter? It was felt that it would be great if some of you wanted to bake things such as candy and cookies to include in the auction at the reunion. If you choose to do so please put approximately ½ dozen to a dozen in each container for auctioning. It is felt that we Wells love goodies and members would love to have some of your wonderful bake goods to take home with them.

The Board voted to ask family members to provide articles of your deceased love ones that have served in the United States Military Services for the newsletters. If you would write about their services and where they served and special events they may have experienced or awards they received. We need information about family members all the way back to Richard Wells, revolutionary soldier and his sons that served in the Civil War. We would especially love to have information about deceased World War II soldiers and any of the other wars that your love ones may have served. We would love to have articles on all family members that have served in the military and once we run the articles on those deceased ones we will include the articles on those that are still with us. Please send the information to Mary Walton at the address on the newsletter or e-mail it to her and she will try and get the article in the uncoming newsletters



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In a couple of months the *Wells* relatives will be traveling across the country to Johnson County High School at 257N. Mayo Trail, Paintsville, KY for another great reunion. The reunion is on *Saturday*, *September 4th and Sunday*, *September 5th this year*.

If you have not made hotel reservations, you may want to do that soon. Last year, I procrastinated in making reservations until a month before the reunion and almost didn't find a room. We stayed in Prestonsburg since all rooms were taken in Paintsville.

I'm listing the facilities below for your convenience. If you are unable to obtain lodging in Paintsville, try Prestonsburg. It is only about 15 minutes away. Inez and Louisa are about 30 minutes away from Johnson Central School.

Ramada Inn	Paintsville	(606) 789-4242
Day's Inn	Paintsville	(606) 789-3551
Starfire	Paintsville	(606) 789-3551
Comfort Suite	Prestonsburg	(660) 886-2555
Holiday Inn	Prestonsburg	(606) 886-0001
Plantation	Prestonsburg	(606) 886-2797
Super 8 Motel	Prestonsburg	(606) 886-8855
Williams Motel	Prestonsburg	(606) 886-3333
Super 8 Motel	Inez	(606) 298-7800
Super 8 Motel	Louisa	(606) 638-7888
Best Western	Louisa	(606) 638-9417

--REUNION SCHEDULE—

Saturday: September 4, 2004

3:00 p.m. - School doors open (Family groups)

3:00 p.m. - Tour of the graves for those interested

5:00 p.m. - Refreshments

6:00 p.m. - Genealogical workshop

Sunday: September 5, 2004

10:00 a.m. - School doors open up:

11:00 a.m. - Welcome will be given by President

11:45 a.m. - Auction

1:00 p.m. - Memorial Service 1:10 p.m. - Dinner Served A prayer of Grace will be offered before the meal. NOTE: Please remain seated until the disabled and elderly, 80 years of age and over, get in the line first. An offering will be taken while in line to be served.

After dinner the scholarship will be presented to the lucky young high school graduate. The election of new officers will follow and awards will be presented to the youngest, oldest, largest family, one traveling most miles and door prize. Following will be a Genealogical Workshop for those who were unable to attend the Saturday workshop. *John B. Wells III* will lead the workshop with the other historical committee members assisting as needed.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

At the entrance, *Lyman Porter* and *Fran Moore* will be registering family. Please register, for this is the only way we know how many are in attendance. If you have genealogy on your family they will be happy to take it or you can give it to any of the historical committee member.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Darlene Burgess, Haskell Burgess, Malva Cline and Eulah Wells Villines will greet you again this year. Please let them know who you are if they don't know you. There will be other board members running around if you need directions or have any questions. Feel free to ask any of them. We will try and have special name tags on the greeters.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Deloris Booth and her husband, Clifford Booth, will assist you in anyway they can. Drinks and all paper products (including plates, cups, silverware and napkins) and ice will be furnished. You need to bring plenty of food for your own family and some extra to share. Out-of-towners can pick up food at one of the local restaurants or delicatessen or at one of the local food stores.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The 2004 scholarship of \$500.00 will be presented to the lucky winner at the reunion. The previous newsletter had an application and necessary information for young people to apply. The Wells Board will meet on July 31st and draw the lucky person from applications received.

Dr. Randy Wells, president, will notify the winner and the scholarship will be presented at the reunion. Since this newsletter will go out before the drawing, the winner will be announced in the fall newsletter.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Manford Walton, Herman Wells & Paul Burchell have not ordered any new markers as of vet but have several to order which will be done soon. We appreciate all who contribute to the fund.

AUCTION COMMITTEE

.Ann Porter and the committee members will accept your items for the auction. The auction will be minimized again this year to allow more time for visiting. Many of you sew or do crafts - have you thought of making things for the auction?

NEWSLETTER

Your editors, Mary Walton & Tommie Cochran will be available to take ANY NEWS YOU MAY HAVE FOR THE FALL NEWSLETTER. BRING THE INFORMATION WITH YOU! Rita Vest, Ron Wells. Marlene Jarvis and Patti Quallich proof the newsletter and help with the graphics and we want to thank them for their dedication to family. We also appreciate Louise McMonegal who helped with past newsletters but she has moved to a position on the Historical Committee. We will try to include more photos with future newsletter articles especially of our more seasoned family members. If you have pictures of your love ones for the newsletter, please send them to the editors or bring them to the reunion.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Wanda Collins, chairperson, and her committee members, Marlene Jarvis and Mary Walton will have new officers to present, for election at the 2004 reunion. If you are contacted to serve, please give it some prayer and thought and consider it a great privilege. Wanda Collins will present the officers for 2004 -2005. If you are willing to accept a position, please call one of the committee members and let them know, so you can be considered. Thanks to each of you for serving as you know it takes all of us to keep this great organization working!



Lower Daniels Creek (Clark) School picture & was given to us by the late Goldie Wells Stevens. Below you will find the article identifying each of the class including Arnold Spears the teacher

Lower Daniels Creek School Picture (taken approximately 1910-1912)

Teacher: Arnold Spears (extreme right) son of Alex M. & Rosie Clark

Spears.

1st Row left to right: Fred Wells, Alice Sherman (married Paris Wells), Hazel May (daughter of Grover Effey Spradlin), Willa Hyden (married Arlan Wells), Manchie Montgomery (daughter of Sam & Lizzie Montgomery), Earl Sherman (brother Alice Sherman & reared by Betty Clark Hibbit), Martha Clark (daughter of Charlie Clark), Elmer Montgomery (brother to Manchie Montgomery), Tharphin Spears (son of Alex M. and Rosie Clark Spears), Willie Burchwell (son of Jessie & Mintie Burchett Burchwell).

2nd Row: Mamie Shermon, Jeff Montgomery, Estill Hydon (brother of Willa Hyden), Hazel Hopson (daughter of T.W. Hopson & sister to Margie Hopson Clark), Anna Golda Wells (daughter of Moses & Mintie Bevins Clark Wells), Stella Burk (daughter of Albert & Laura Alice Conley Burk), Shermon Burk (son of Albert & Alice Burk), Jim Mayo (son of Grover Mayo)

3rd Row: Jetta Wells (daughter of Moses & Minta Bevins Clark Wells), Ora Hopson (daughter of T. W. Hopson), Susana Richmond (daughter of Samuel B. & Unoka Clark Richmond), Frank Burk son of Albert & Alice Burk, George Spears son of Alex M. & Rosie Clark Spears, Charlie Setser

4th Row: William Bill Richmond (son of Samuel B. & Unoka Clark Richmond) Sam Spears son of Alex M. & Rosie Clark Spears, Hobart Wells (son of Moses & Minta Bevins Clark Wells).

DR. RANDALL L. WELLS, will be providing a musical for you who would like to go hear him. It will be on Sunday in the Library. Randall is a musician and has performed at many important locations including performing for the State Legislators in Frankfort. Dr. Wells is a retired professor from Morehead State University. You will not want to miss this performance. Dr. Wells descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line. He serves on the Wells Family Board.



Johnny Depp shared the Oscars with his mom, Betty Wells Depp. He was nominated BEST ACTOR.

For Your Information.

Many of you have asked about how *Johnny Depp* is connected to our Wells family. Many of our young people were excited finding out that Johnny may be connected since they love *Johnny Depp* & his movies.

We have found that *Johnny Depp*, the movie star descends from our *Richard Wells*. He descends through *Richard's* line through:

Simon Peter Wells & Mary Porter Wells.

Wm. C. Perry Wells & Rebecca Litteral Wells

Richard M. Wells & Annie Cooper Wells

Walter Everett Wells & Bessie Whittaker Wells

Betty Sue Wells & John Christopher Depp

Johnny Depp

This is how you are connected. I don't know if he is aware that he is part of our Wells Family but I will send him a newsletter.

This article below was given to me by one of our board members and I think it is worth sharing especially with you researchers.

My Genealogy Quest Where did they migrate, Way back in their day, What was their life like, Where "next" did they stay? Where were they born, here now do they rest? These family I follow, Their life, is my quest. As the "new lands" were opened In droves, did they leave, Family scattered like driftwood, Leaving old ones to grieve. What land were they fathered What there did they see? Were they somehow related, To both you, and me? Who were their life partners, What names will I find? Their children are many, Were their faces like mine? First names keep repeating As surnames entwine, With descendants so many Which John will prove mine? Each day, by the mail box I hope and I pray, Someone with more knowledge Will send answers my way Please Lord, send an Angel, Give me proof, as I sort; With birth dates, speculations, And first names, "cut short". Old maps, clips and photos, I find, trade, and share All help solve this puzzle With spaces left bare, The lessons in history, That now, I know well, From guesses, to gospel, For years, I did dwell. Lost memories, so precious, I find, now and then At times real discouraged, Then find faith again! What hardships, achievements, Adventures, and woe, What joys, and true blessings, Did "my people" know? Family stories, so treasured, Memories told, without doubt, Old voices and faces, From "our world", winked out. Where last did they travel? My ancestors, "true". With each question answered The quest starts anew (author unknown)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

EDITH MOORE CLARK, of Martin County, Kentucky celebrated her 90th birthday on 9/27/2003 with approximately 85 relatives and friends attending. The party was at the Warfield Baptist Church and according to her sister in-law *Darlene Burgess* there was several new babies in attendance to continue this family on.

Edith is the widow of the late Sheldon Clark and he descended from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line. Edith and Sheldon had two daughters, Billy Jo Clark Harris and Patricia Clark Muncy both of Martin County.



Nevard Wells at the 2003 Wells Family Reunion.

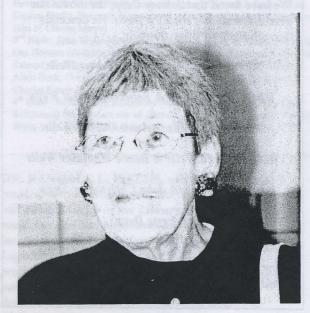
NEVARD WELLS, of Van Lear, Kentucky celebrated his 82 birthday on March 27, 2004 at his home with his wife Genene and other family members. Nevard is the son of the late Benjamin & Anna Richmond Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Nevard & Genene are the parents of two sons, Garold Wendell Wells of Van Lear and the late Dwayne Wells. They have five grandchildren that spend a lot of time with them.



Oval Bingham Hall

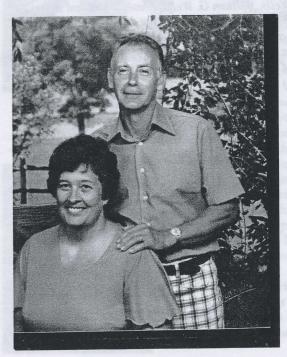
OVAL BINGHAM HALL, of Lexington, KY., celebrated her 90th birthday. She was born 12/27/1914 to Claybourn & Margaret Wells

Bingham. She is the widow of the late Palmer Hall and has one daughter & four grandchildren. Pam & husband Scott Lapish are there for Oval. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells lines. Oval is a musician and taught for Morehead State University. She is still active at the retirement village where she is music director. She leads the music for Sunday evening services and on special occasions...



Mary May Welch Kazee at the 2003 reunion.

MARY MAY WELCH KAZEE, of Paintsville, KY., celebrated her 88th birthday. She was born 5/19/1916 to the late *Ulysses G. & Sarah Susan Wells Welch*. She is the widow of *Howard Kazee*. She and her daughter *Pat Burchett* attend the *Wells* reunion each year. *Mary* descends from *Richard* through his son *William G. Wells* line.



Georgia and Albert Lee Hall

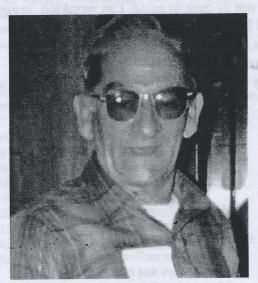
ALBERT LEE & GEORGIA RICHMOND HALL, of Brunswick, Ohio celebrated their 50th

Anniversary on June 26th with an open house at their residence. Fifty one friends and family attended the celebration and refreshments were served to all. They were married June 19, 1954 at Euclid Ave., Christian Church, Albert is the son of the late Willie & Ollie Burk Hall and Georgia is the daughter of the late Bill and Myrtle Spears Richmond. Georgia descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears lines. The Hall's have two children, David Lee Hall of Van Lear, KY and Kim Willard of Brunswick. They have two grandchildren.



Haskell & Darlene Clark Burgess

HASKELL BURGESS, of Dayton, OH. celebrated his 82nd. Birthday 3/28/1922. *Haskell* is the husband of **DARLENE CLARK BURGESS**, who celebrated her 81st. *Darlene* was born 1/30/1923 to the late *James Blain & Lutie DeLong Clark*. Darlene and Haskell are on the Wells Board and attend the reunion each year. They have one daughter Marluta Correll and two grandsons.



Edwin Wells at the 1987 Wells Family Reunion.

EDWIN P. WELLS, of Urbana, OH. celebrated his 85th birthday. He was born 9/23/1919 to the late *Sherman & Lillian Collins Wells. Edd* attends the reunion regular with his wife *Jane. Edd* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells.* Edd is the father of six children, Ida Jean Yocum, Elsea Salyer, Ellen Cordell, Hellen Combs, Lillian A. Hostetller and Ewin Dale Wells.

JUST A LITTLE HUMOR FOR US MORE SEASONED PERSONS.



LIFE OF HUMOR

Remember, inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the heck happened! I'm the life of the party....even if it last until 8:00 p.m. I'm very good at opening childproof caps with a hammer. I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I am going. I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a word you're saying. I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not as cute as mine. I'm wrinkled, saggy, and lumpy and that's just my left leg. I'm sure they're making adults much younger these days. And I'm wondering, if you're only as old as you feel, how can I be alive at 150?

MAKE A FRIEND

Make new friends, but keep the old
Those are silver, these are gold.

And new-made friendships – like new wine
Age must mellow and refine
But friendships that have stood the test
of time and challenge are surely best.
Brows may wrinkle, hair grow gray
Old friendships never know decay.
So cherish friendships when you're best
New is good, but old is best.
Make new friends, but keep the old
Those are silver, these are gold.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

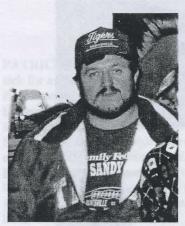
graduated from Johnson Central High School on 5/20/2004. Justin is the son of Garold Wendell & Carol Hall Wells of Van Lear. The paternal grandparents are Nevard & Genene Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. I am not certain where Justin will continue his education at this time. The picture is not as clear as I had wanted but it was the only one I had of Justin.



Wanda Young Wells.

WANDA YOUNG WELLS graduated from Ashland Community College in December, 2003 with a 3.8 GPA and received her Associate Degree in Social Work and Sociology. Wanda plans to attend Marshall or Morehead University. Wanda's late husband was Phillip Wells who was very active in the Wells Family. Both Wanda & Phillip were past members of the Wells Board. Phillip descended from Richard Wells through George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells line.

WILLIAM MCGEE LAPISH, graduated from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA. On May 8, 2004. His degree is in Sociology and Youth Ministry. He is the son of *Scott* and *Pam Hall Lapish* of Danville, KY. The maternal grandmother is *Oval Bingham Hall* of Lexington. *McGee's* fiancée, *Emily Shaw*, also graduated from Covenant College on May 8th with a degree in English and Theatre. They will be married Oct. 23, 2004 in Sumpter, SC. *McGee* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Moses Wells* lines.



Ronnie G. Wells, (Coach) in 1991.



Katheryn Muncy at the Wells Family reunion four years ago.



Richard Brad Soto, of Irving, TX. This photo was provided by his mother Patricia Wallace of Lexington, KY.

RONNIE "COACH" WELLS, of Johnson County, KY and Recreation Director for Paintsville was elected to the president of the Kentucky League of Sportsmen at the 2004 Convention in Lexington, June 19th. Wells is the seventh district director, replaces *Jim Thompson*.

The League of Kentucky Sportsmen is Kentucky's oldest and largest statewide organization of sportsmen/conservationists. Individuals who were concerned with the proper management of Kentucky's wildlife and natural resources, both game and non-game, formed the League in 1935.

The League is a nonprofit conservation/education organization comprised of individuals and state, local, and national affiliate groups working for the wise use and proper management of Kentucky's wildlife and of the state's renewable and non-renewable natural resources. "I feel as many others do", Wells said, "We need to create a proper habitat for our wildlife. We need to allow the wildlife to propagate. Then wildlife will prosper, therefore the hunters will prosper." "In districts seven, eight and nine, we have a little over one million acres, none of which have had any habitat work done to where the small game animals have a place to nest. We hope to change that." Wells added. "We're not only working for "A survey done by the Department of Fish and Wildlife stated that 146,000 hunters said that they didn't have a place to hunt. Hunting license sales were down last year, because hunters do not have access to places to hunt." Wells explained. Hunting and Fishing is the truest form of recreation and dates back to the beginning. "I hope to get out and visit as many hunting and fishing organizations as I can, and recruit as many new clubs to the League of Kentucky Sportsmen as possible." Wells added.

Ronnie is the son of Herman Wells, Van Lear and the late Jeanette Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier small game hunters, but all hunters. There is a myth I'm interested in just small game, but I'm interested in all wildlife, and habitat improvement," Coach Wells said.

KATHERYN MUNCY of Williamsport, KY, the daughter of Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy, graduated May 8, 2003 from Morehead State University, with a GPA of 3.97. Her degree is a major in history and a minor in government. She has been on the deans list all though her college years. She is a member of the Gamma Beta phi, Phi Kappa Phi and during her senior year she had been a Resident Hall Advisor in Thompson Hall. She will be attending Appalachian Law School in Grundy, VA., this fall. Katherine was the recipient of the 2000 of the Wells Scholarship and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells*, and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines. Her mother *Charlene Patton Muncy* is a member of the Wells Family Board. Katheryn is a faithful member of the Wells Family and attends the family reunion yearly.

RICHARD BRADLEY "BRAD" SOTO, of Irving, TX. graduated from Texas A & M University May 2004, with a degree in Economics and a minor in Business. *Brad* is currently employed with Wells Fargo Bank in Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

Brad is the son of Richard Soto of Texas and Patricia Wells Wallace of Lexington. The maternal grandfather is Jack Richmond Wells and he descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier line.

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGE. DR. LYNN MCMAHAN, & MARTY SMITH,

were married 11/25/03 in the Gold Room at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. This being their second marriage Lynn's daughter, three sons and Marty's two daughters were in attendance. Lynn is the son of Jewell Clark McMahan of Miss., and the late Bryce McMahan. His mother and aunt Darlene Clark Burgess were able to attend the elegant affair. After the ceremony a reception with a set down dinner was served to approximately fifty friends and relatives. Lynn descends from Richard Wells by way of the William Green Wells line.

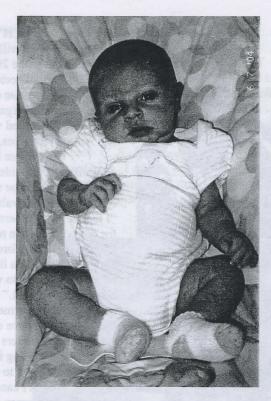
CHRIS HILL & NISSA HUGHES were married 9/27/2003 in Lexington, KY. Chris & Nissa reside in River Run Subdivision in Lancaster, KY. Chris is the son of Scott and Pam Hall Lapish of Danville, KY. Chris is employed at Courtesy Acura in Lexington and Nissa is a Dietician working with Mary Gregory. Chris's maternal grandmother is Oval Bingham Hall of Lexington. Chris descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

RYAN HILL & DONNA PAGE were married 5/15/2004 in Lancaster, KY. Ryan is the son of Scott and Pam Hall Lapish of Danville, KY. Ryan is employed at Rocky Top Furniture and Railing in Lancaster. They are residing at Polly's Bend Rd. Lancaster. Ryan maternal grandmother is Oval Bingham Hall of Lexington. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

BIRTHS

NICHOLAS CHASE TUCKER, born 5/24/2004 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 20 inches long. Nicholas was welcomed by his parents Todd and Leslie Tucker and brother Bryce. The maternal grandparents are Phillip and Sherry Wells Tucker of East Point, KY. He is the great grandson of Ernestine Wells of Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg and the late Chester Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier line.

TORY PAGE BADGETT, born 10/27/2003 to Kevin & Gloria Renee Sallie Badgett of Rush, KY. The maternal grandparents are Bill and Gloria G. Spears Sallie of Ashland, Ky. Tory descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears lines.



Michael Thomas Coburn, photo provided by Paula Wells of Lloyd, KY

at King Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 ½ inches long. The proud parents are *David & Angela Wells Coburn* and *Maxwell* is their first child. The maternal grandparents are *Bob & Ricca Wells* of Greenup. The paternal grandparents are *Gary & Karen Coburn* of Ironton, OH. *Maxwell's* great-grandparents are the late *Herman* and *Maggie Collins Wells*. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *Moses Wells* line and is a 7th generation descendants of *Richard & Susannah*.

CONNOR MICHAEL CASTLE, born 3/22/2004 weighing 9 lbs. 8-1/2 oz. at King Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY. The proud parents are Jerrod & Goldie Ann Wells Castle of Johnson County. The maternal grandmother is Susie Goble Wells of Van Lear and the late Alex Samuel Wells. The paternal grandparents are Mike & Dottie Meade Castle of Johnson County. Connor descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

SICK LIST

Magdalene Wells Markley, Dorothy Payne, Manford Walton, Emma Adkins, Haskell Burgess, Sherri Bennett, Georgia Richmond Hall, Jim May, Mariam Wells May, Lois Marshall, Ann Wilson, Mabel Allen, Lloyd Wells, Lyman Porter, Samuel Richmond, Susie Wells,

HOSPITAL & OUT PATIENT SURGERY

PATRICIA WOMACK, of Greenup, KY has been sick for awhile and was recently diagnosed with Parkinson Disease. She is being treated by a doctor in Lexington who hopes to find a medication that will stabilized her condition so she can function normally. She has been having trouble with medication side effects. Pat has been a member of the Wells Family Board for years and presently serves as treasure. Pat descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

ANN PORTER, many of you knew that Ann was almost blind and has had to use a magnified glass to view things close up, at the reunion. Ann had both eyes surgically repaired this spring and now can see. She will be driving again something which she has not done for a long time. Ann is chairperson of the reunion family..

WANDA COLLINS, had Cataract surgery on June 10th, and from what I hear is doing great. She will have the other eye operated on in mid July. *Wanda* is on the auction committee and is chairperson of the Nomination committee..

POLLY COLLINS, had Cataract surgery on June 10th, and is doing well. She will have the other eye operated on within a couple of weeks. She already is back doing her housework. *Polly* is *Mary Walton's* sister..

RUBY HAYSLETT WITTEN, of Sitka, KY., was hospitalized 9/2003 and 2/2004 for neck surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital where a plate was put in her neck. The screws began to come out and she had to go through another surgery to remove them. She underwent eye surgery 3/17/2004 at Commonwealth Eye Surgery center, Lexington, KY. Ruby is at home recuperating with care from her family. Ruby is the daughter of the late Luther & Josephine Crider Hayslett. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells line.

PHILLIP J. WELLS, of Van Lear, KY was horseback riding when a man, drove off the highway hitting him killing the horse. P.J. was seriously injured with a broken neck and other injuries. P.J. needs to wear a halo and will be confined for quite some time. P.J. is the son of Phillip Wells, Sr., and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier line.

CLAY WELLS, of Inez, KY was a patient in Veterans Hospital, Lexington experiencing some complications from a heart stint that was inserted a month ago during one of his earlier surgeries. Clay is the son of the late Willard and Melissa Jane Wells and the brother of Eulah Wells Villines who serves on the Wells Family Board. He descends from William G. Wells line.

PATTI QUALLICH, Heather Quallich's mother, of Parma, Ohio underwent outpatient surgery in February at Parma hospital. Patti is doing much better. This makes the fourth surgery for *Patti* in less than two years. They descend from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells* Auxier lines

PEGGY WELLS LOONEY, of Fairfax, VA. has been undergoing extensive chemo again. I talk with Peggy often and she has really been having a difficult time. Her husband Herm is giving her that special care that she needs. Peggy is the daughter of the late John Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

LAURA BIDLE, of North Webster, Ind., has been a patient in a local hospital where she underwent a spinal tap and was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She is presently committed to bed rest due to some problems she is experiencing. Laura descends from Richard Wells through Agnes Wells Auxier line.

JAMES DOUGLAS DELONG, of Marion, Ohio has undergone extensive chemo and radiation since the last newsletter. This has not worked and he entered a Columbus hospital for an operation to remove a portion of his liver. He is now home receiving special care from his wife *Hilda*. We talked with her and she said he is doing very well. He descends from the *Auxier/Delong* family line.

WHITNEY ELIZABETH MAYO, of Pike County has been a patient in the hospital and is presently at home. She is the daughter of Royce and Susan Wells Mayo. Her maternal grandparents are Dortha Carter Wells of Floyd County and the late Jack Frost Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells line.

RALPH MARKLEY, of Urbana, Ohio, underwent cancer treatment but is doing well according to his wife, Maggie. His wife, Maggie Wells Markley, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line



DEATH

This poem below was provided to me by Ernestine Wells of Charleston, WVA. This poem was read at the funeral of her late husband Clarence Wells who died 12/2003. He was a Wells board member and I think you will enjoy this poem since it could be very meanful to any of us that have lost a love one.

If You Could See Where I Have Gone If you could see where I have gone, The Beauty of this place, And how it feels to know you're home, To see the savior's face, To wake in peace and know no fear, Just joy beyond compare. While still on earth you miss me yet, You wouldn't want me there. If you could see where I have gone, Had made the trip with me. You'd know I didn't go along, The savior went with me. When I awoke, he was by my side. And reached down his hand, Said, "Hurry, You're going home To a grand and glorious land." If you could see where I have gone And see what I've been shown, You'd never know another fear, or never feel alone. If you could see where I have gone, Could stay a while with me; Could share the things that God has made, To grace eternity, But, no, you couldn't ever leave, Once Heaven's joy you'd know. You couldn't bear to walk earth's paths Once Heaven was your home. If you could see where I have gone, You'd know we'll meet someday, And though I'm parted from you now, You know I am just away. And now that I am home with him, Secure in every way, I'm waiting here at Heaven's door, To greet you some Sweet Day.

RUSSELL HARMON, 92, of Sarasota, Florida died 3/18/2004. Surviving are his wife of 67 years Geneva Clark Russell, of Sarasota; one son William Russell Harmon, Georgetown, KY; three daughters, Russell's wife Geneva descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears line.

PATTY SUE MONTGOMERY MAGGARD, of Columbia, TN., died 5/16/2004. She was born 4/10/1960 to Douglas & Judith M. Childers Montgomery. Survivors other that her parents are her husband Sherman L. Maggard, two children; Jasmine Chelsea Maggard and Justin Maggard. Patty's maternal grandparents are Clifford Childers of Prestonsburg, KY and the late Beatrice Wells Childers. Arrangements were under the direction of Oaks & Nichols Funeral Home with the funeral in the chapel, at Columbia. Burial was in the Polk Memorial Gardens in Columbia. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

PHILLIP BRAYDON WELLS, two-month-old son of Phillip "PJ" and Elizabeth Shepherd Wells of David, KY, died 4/10/2004, at his residence. He was born 1/30/04 in Prestonsburg, Ky. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Charles and Minnie Sue Wells. Norma and Grace Allen Shepherd, and Milford and Reecie Hall Blackburn. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents: Phillip Wells of Van Lear, Terry & Vicky Corns Chaffins of Garrett; Denver & Brenda Owens Shepherd of David; and Richard and Lena Blackburn Skaggs of Thelma; great-grandparents, Wesley and Verna Palmer Corns of Greenup County. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, KY. Burial was in the Norman Shepherd cemetery at David, KY. Phillip Braydon descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

CHARLES RAY WELLS, 72, of Floyd County, died 12/27/2002. He was born 7/18/1930 in Johnson County, KY to the late Arthur and Jenny Ward Wells. Survivors include three daughters, Linda Justice of Raccoon, KY, Linda Spears of Prestonsburg, KY and Cora Louise Picklesimer of Sitka, KY; two sisters Carol Wells of Staffordsville, KY, and Frances Honaker of Bowling Green, KY. Charles descends from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells line.

STEVEN LAMAR WILLIAMS, 38 of West Van Lear, died 3/4/2003. He was born 4/24/1965, in Johnson County, son of the late Daisy Mae Collins Williams and Roger Lamar Williams. Additional survivors include his wife, Regina Lee Cook Williams; a son, Carl Lee Cook of Thelma; three daughters Tiffany Marle Cook Fields, Tara Danielle Williams, and Tasha Renee Williams all of West Van Lear; a brother, Roger Dwayne Williams of Meally; three sisters, Beverly Dickerson of Morehead, Melissa Baker of Offutt, and Kim Castle of Paintsville; and two grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston funeral Home, Paintsville, with Joe Hill officiating. Burial was in Wells Family Cemetery, Daniels Creek, Van Lear, KY. Steven descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

DONNA SUE DELONG, 65, of Rosedale, Ind., died 4/1/2004. She was born 5/8/1938 in Johnson County, a daughter of Willie DeLong and the late Virgie Adkins DeLong. Additional survivors include her husband, Roland Greek, three sons, Nick Greek, Billy Greek, and Donnie Greek, all of Rosedale; four brothers, Darrell DeLong, David Delong, Michael DeLong, and Danny DeLong, all of Van Lear; two sisters, Linda Ward of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Brenda Brown of Lexington; and nine grandchildren. Funeral services were 4/4/2004 at Mattox and Wood Funeral Home, Terra Haute, Ind. Burial was in the Greek Family Cemetery, Rosedale, under the direction of Mattox and Wood Funeral Home and Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Paintsville. Donna descends from the Auxier line.

BROOKSIE WEBB, 93 died 3/31/2004 at Somerset Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was born 7/2/1910 at Van Lear, KY., son of the late Harry and Martha DeLong Webb. Brooksie was a retired grocer and a member of Stinson Church of Christ, Grayson, Ky. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janette Spears Webb, three sisters, Gertrude Moles, Frances Caudill, and Dixie Collins, two brothers, Chester and Heber Webb. Surviving are two daughters, Marcella, Somerset and Lois (Robert) Azbill, of Richmond, KY., two grandchildren, Marcia (James) Hicks of Midway, KY., and David (Suzanne) Azbill of Lexington, Ky.; three great-grandchildren, Nathan, Newell and Evelyn Hicks, all of Midway, KY, Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston funeral Home, Paintsville with the funeral in the Chapel. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. Brooksie's late wife Janette descended from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears line. Brooksie descends from the Delong and Webb lines.

VELMA HINKLE, 78, of Milo, KY., died 2/5/2004 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY. She was born 2/19/1925, in Martin County, a daughter of the late Nathan and Alice Williamson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Seburn Hinkle; two sons Luther Ronald Hinkle and Gary Lynn Hinkle; and several brothers and sisters. Survivors include a daughter, Ina Carol Hammond of Milo; two sons, Kevin Hinkle and Randle Hinkle, both of Milo; and several grandchildren. Services were 2/8/2004 at Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, Ky., with burial in the Hinkle Family Cemetery, Milo. Velma descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line.

FRED WELLS, 62, of Ashland, KY died 5/4/2004 at his residence. He was born 7/18/1941, in Carter County, KY., a son of the late Lunda and Lois Glass Wells. He was a member of the Old Orchard Church of Christ. Surviving are his wife Rosalene (Rose) Chaffin Wells of Ashland; a daughter, Melora Leigh Wells, who is a senior at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN; a brother, Marion Wells (Vonnie) of Grayson, KY.; a sister Sue Hillman (John), of South Point, Ohio; a nephew, Rick Wells. Arrangements were under the direction of Steen Funeral Home-Marshall Steen Chapel in Ashland with burial in Rose Hill Burial Park. I am not sure if or how Fred descends from Richard Wells

SARAH BUTCHER NEWBERRY, 87, of Auxier, died 2/26/2004 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY. She was born 2/17/1917, at Daniels Creek, Johnson County KY a daughter of Hiram and Emma Meeks Butcher. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her first husband Carl Richard Setser; and second husband J. D. Newberry. Survivors include three daughters, Ella Ruth Wells Ratliff of Columbus, Ohio, Sandra S. Buckles of Bunnel, Fla. and Debra N. Hill of Hilton Head, S.C.; three sons, Paul R. Setser of Prestonsburg, Rodger D. and Frederick L. Setser, both of Millville, N.J.; two stepdaughters, Lena N. Carti of Willowick, Ohio and Helen N. Robinson of Lima, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and nine greatgrandchildren. Graveside services were 2/28/2004 at Wells Cemetery, Auxier, with Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, in charge. Sarah descends from Jacob Butcher and her daughter Ella Ruth's late husband Haskell descends from Richard Wells. He was the son of the late Richard & Fanny Richmond Wells and came down through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines

MALTA CASTLE WELLS WATSON, 89, of Auxier, KY., died 4/4/2004 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY. Malta was born 1/18/1915 at Auxier to the late Julius Castle and Ethel Alexander Castle. She was a self-employed seamstress and charter member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist church. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Rollan Wells; second husband, George R. Watson; a daughter Beulah Wells Keel; and a stepson, Dolph Watson, Jr. Survivors include a son James E. Wells of Virginia Beach, Va.; a stepson, Elmer L Watson of Auxier; two sisters, Imogene Price of Jacksonville, FL., and Mary Evelyn Henry of Irvin: a brother Andrew Jackson Castle of Oklahoma, City, OK.; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg was in charge with the funeral at Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Burial was in the E.B. Auxier Cemetery, Malta's late husband Rollan Wells descended from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells line. Her granddaughter Mary Frances Keel Moore is a member of the Wells Family board.

LES HALL, died 9/8/2003 and many of you will remember that he used to entertain us with *Haskell and Darlene Clark Burgess* at the reunion. According to *Darlene* they had a military funeral since he was an air force veteran. She said it was very impressive as the planes flew over the cemetery with one dropping out to represent that one of theirs was going away.

OLLIE RUTH CRUM, 79, of Coal grove, died 4/4/2004. *Ollie* was born 6/16/1924, at Odds, KY to the late *Walter & Fanny Goble Spears*. Arrangements were under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home, Ironton, Ohio with burial in Woodland Cemetery. Ollie descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Roseanne Wells Spears* line

. WILBURN COLLINS, 85, of Salyersville, died 2/27/2004 at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, KY. He was born 4/6/1918, in Johnson County, son of the late *George* and *Nancy Pennington Collins*. Survivors include a brother, *Seaman Collins* of Oil Springs; and three sisters, *Jo Ann Church* of Huron, Ohio, *Lora Ellie Brown* of Hurricane, W. VA., and *Betty Davis* of Hager Hill, KY. Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Paintsville with the funeral at the chapel on 3/1/2004. Burial was in the *Nancy Collins* Cemetery, Van Lear. *Wilburn* descends from *Richard Wells* through *Roseanne Wells Spears* line.

DOROTHY BALDRIDGE WELLS HALL BICKFORD, 88 of Prestonsburg, KY., died 2/11/2004. She was born 4/8/1915, at Auxier; daughter of the late Willie and Bessie Webb Baldridge. She was a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church. Survivors include two daughters, Betty Puckett of Prestonsburg and Doris Wallen of Westland, Mich.; a sister Audrey Setser of Auxier; seven grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg with the funeral in the chapel. Burial was in the Government Relocation Cemetery, Auxier, KY. Her first husband the late Cody Wells descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

MARCUS RILEY WELLS, 79, of Dayton, Ohio, died 1/19/2004. He was born 6/4/1924 a son of the late William Walter and Gertie Stephens Wells. He was a retired pastor of Vermont Enterprise Baptist Church, retired from the G. M. Motors and a World War II United States Navy veteran. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Lou Thompson; and two sisters, Marcella Roark and Melinda Burroughs. Survivors include his wife Amy Robison Wells; two sons, William Wells and John Wells; two daughters, Geraldine Bentley and Donna Thacker; two brothers, Richard Wells and Nileford Wells; four sisters, Myrtle Murphy, Grace Sheward, Karen Vanhoose and Madge Robison; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home with the funeral at Sulphur Springs United Baptist Church, Tomahawk on 1/24/2004. Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery, Rockhouse Rd., Tomahawk, KY. Marcus Riley descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line.

CONNIE JEAN BARBER WELLS, 50, of Westwood, KY., died 2/26/2004, in University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, KY., following a brief illness. Connie was born 8/27/1953, in Ashland, Ky., the youngest daughter of Lillie Mae Joseph Barber and the late Delbert Barber. Survivors are her husband Charles Edwin Wells; a daughter Stacy Nicole Wells; a son Charles Matthew Wells, all of Westwood; and her mother, Lillie, of Ashland. Additional survivors include three brothers, John Taylor (Gay Nell) Barber, and Lonnie Eugene (Carol) Barber of Catlettsburg, KY.; two sisters, Peggy Louise (Ed) Withrow, and Priscilla Sue (Dorsie) Roy, all of Westwood. Preston Family Funeral Home, Ashland, KY was in charge of arrangements with interment at Rose Hill Burial Park. Connie's late husband descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells line.

CHARLES W. "CHUCK" WILLIAMS, 67, of Daytona Beach, FL., died 9/21/2003. At Hospice Care Center in Port Orange, FL. Chuck was born in Newport, Tenn., and moved to the Daytona Beach area in 1995 from Springfield, Ohio. He retired as a railroad conductor. In Florida he worked as a security guard at Bonner Elementary School. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign War, Moose Lodge and union Club both of Springfield, a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans and the Elk Lodge where he was a trustee. He enjoyed fishing and CB radio. Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Viola DeLong Williams; two daughters, Donna Bowers and Marsha Wheeler, both of Springfield; one son, Gary Williams of Detroit, Mich.; one brother, Jerry Williams, Newport, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Alavon Direct Cremation, South Daytona, was in charge of the arrangements. His wife Viola descends from our Auxier line.

DAVID D. WELLS, SR., age 60, of Ashland, KY, died March 23, 2004 at his residence. Mr. Wells was born 11/15/1942, in Ashland and was the son of the late Charles Wells and Geneva Honaker Wells Bates. He was a land agent with Midwest Land Service and attended Greenup Presbyterian Church in Greenup, KY. His survivors include his wife, Janie Thompson Wells of Ashland: two sons, David D. Wells Jr. of Chesapeake, VA., and Scotty Thompson Wells of Ashland; a daughter, Melanie Ann Wells of Westwood, Ky.; and a brother Gene Wells of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Carman Funeral Home in Flatwoods, KY was in charge of arrangements with the Rev. Jack Edwards officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Burial Park in Ashland. I am not sure if or how David descends from Richard Wells.

MATTHEW MORGAN, of South Alabama died on 2/17/2004. *Matthew* is the father of *Janice Morgan Patton* who is the wife of *Roger Patton*. Roger descends from *Richard Wells through George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.



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CONRAD DURAN CHILDERS gave \$20.00 to the Wells Family in memory of his mother *Beatrice Childers* to be used where needed. *Connie* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

\$\footnote{SHELDON & BARBARA STURGILL} gave \$50.00 in memory of his parents James & Mildred Wells Sturgill to be used where needed most. Sheldon & Barbara are faithful supporters of the Wells family. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines

GENEVA CLARK HARMON, of Sarasota, Florida, gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family. Geneva states in her letter that she was told the Wells Family was cleaning the cemetery back of her sister *Lois Clark Marshall's* house. She said they were so happy about that and she contributed her donation to help in the expenses. *Geneva* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* line. We do appreciate her donation.

DORTHY FERGUSON STROBEL-PAYNE gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. Dorothy is a faithful contributor of the family. Dorothy descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green Wells* and *Rosanna Wells Spears* line. We appreciate her faithful support.

JERRY & CONNIE CRAFT WELLS, of Greenup, Ky., gave \$100.00 to the Wells Family. Jerry is the son of the late Bennie & Juanita Goble Wells and descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.. They told me in their letter that every time they receive a newsletter that they planned to send a donation but never done it and they set right down and sent it this time. We do appreciate Jerry & Connie and their support

VIOLA DELONG WILLIAMS, of Daytona, Florida gave \$25.00 in memory of her late husband Charles "Chuck" Williams. It is to be used where needed most. Viola is a faithful supporter of the Wells family. Viola is the daughter of the late Marion & Dora Felty Delong and descends through the Auxier line.

PAT WOMACK, ANNIE WILSON, EMMA ADKINS & MARY WALTON, gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family in memory of *Phillip Braydon Wells*. Phillip Braydon was born 1/30/04 and died 4/10/04. The parents are *Phillip P.J. & Elizabeth Shepherd Wells* of David. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.



RECIPES

BREAKFAST TARTS

By: Mary Walton

1 can Biscuits

1 lb. Sausage cooked (or ham)

3 Eggs, beaten

4 Tablespoons Milk

½ cup mild shredded Cheese

½ cup Parmesan Cheese

3/4 cup cottage Cheese

Grease 20 muffin cups, Cut biscuits in half and press ½ biscuit in bottom of each muffin cup. Mix 3 beaten eggs with 4 tablespoons of milk. Add shredded mild cheese and Parmesan cheese. Add cottage cheese. Add choice of meat to the mixture. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full with mixture over biscuit. Bake at 350 degree for 15 to 20 minutes. Allow to cool before removing from pan. This is excellent and freezes great and you can take a few out as needed and thaw and heat a few minutes in the microwave oven.

BAKED VIDALLA ONION DIP

By: Mary Walton

2 cups Vidalia onions, chopped 2 cups Swiss cheese, shredded

½ cup Hellmann's mayonnaise

1 tsp. celery salt

1-1/2 tsp. dill weed

3/4 tsp. white pepper

1 bag Fritos Big Dippers or crackers

Mix all ingredients well. Spray a round ovenproof dish lightly with olive oil for baking. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven and cool about 10 minutes before serving. Serve with Fritos Big Dippers or crackers. Excellent.



SQUASH CASSEROLE

2 -lbs. yellow squash or zucchini or combine both
1 cup grated cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
1 small pkg. Pepperidge Farm stuffing
1 can cream of celery soup
1 large carrot (chopped)
1 small carton sour cream
1 small onion (diced)

Parmesan cheese

Paprika

Combine stuffing with melted butter. Boil sliced squash and drain. Combine soup, carrots, onion, sour cream and grated cheese with squash. Layer squash mixture and stuffing mixture in alternate layers. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and paprika. Bake at 325 degrees in shallow dish for 45 minutes. In a deep dish allow 60 minutes. Very good.

KEY LIME PIE

(8 servings; 3 *POINTS* per serving) By: Judy Wells

1 Box (0.3 OZ) Sugar-free lime-flavor gelatin 1/4 cup boiling water 2 containers (8 oz. each) key lime pie-flavor,

light yogurt 1 container (8 oz.) frozen fat-free whipped

topping, thawed

1 prepared 9" reduced-fat graham cracker pie crust

1. In large heat-resistant bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling

water. With wire whisk, stir in yogurt; with wooden spoon,

fold in whipped topping.

2. Transfer mixture to prepared crust; refrigerate overnight, or at least 2 hours.

Nutrition information: 148 calories 3.5g fat, 1g fiber

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