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Dear Wells Family Members:

Preparing this issue of the newsletter has been a challenging endeavor, to say the least. Although it is late coming to you, we hope you enjoy the information it contains. We would appreciate submissions of information from all of you to include in future issues so that everyone can hear news from all our relatives, and there are a lot of them, across all the states.

Today, our families and friends are struggling to come to terms with the COVID19 pandemic, something that most of us have never endured and never thought could happen with all the medical technology available today. We pray that any of our family members who may have contracted the virus have recovered, and that our nation will soon recover as well. We are a world in turmoil, both from the pandemic and all the civil unrest happening everywhere. Prayers that both will be under control soon.

With the uncertainty of the COVID19 situation and the struggle that some may have recovering financially, your Board felt it best to not have a reunion for 2020 as we have no idea how the next few months will play out. We had a unanimous vote from the Board members to forego this year's meeting. We have had a suggestion by a family member who had plans to be at the reunion this year that we try to have a "virtual" reunion by Zoom or other technical process. We are looking into idea and will let everyone know if we can work something out.

Although we will miss seeing everyone, we pray that all of us will be healthy and able to attend the reunion on September 5th, 2021.

2019 REUNION

Wells Family Members gathered on September 1st at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, for our annual Wells Family Association Reunion. We missed many of our family who were not able to join us last year. For those who did attend, we were certainly glad to have the chance to visit with our extended family, many of whom had not attended in years.

We were happy to have several new family members and guests in attendance who we hope will join us again for many years to come. **We encourage everyone to start making plans now to attend the Wells Family Association reunion in 2021.**

WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Since no scholarship applications were received for 2019, we did not have an award. We will be awarding our annual \$500.00 Wells Family Association Scholarship for 2020 even though we are not having the reunion. So, if you have a child, grandchild, or other family member who graduated from high school this year and will be attending an accredited college or vocational school this fall, please complete our application for the scholarship. The student must be able to trace his/her relation to our ancestor, Richard Wells, and must have attended at least one reunion.

Many students who receive "full" scholarships from other sources are required to relinquish any monies such as the Wells scholarship and, therefore, do not apply for our scholarship. The \$500 Wells Scholarship does not have to go toward tuition—it can be used for food, clothing, travel expenses, or housing expenses. The recipient will be notified by mail that they have received the scholarship.

2019 AWARDS

YOUNGEST



Our youngest attendee was this little beauty, **VIOLET ANN WELLS**, daughter of Jessica Marie Wells of Paintsville, KY. Violet and her mom attended the reunion with her grandfather, Carl Wayne Wells also of Paintsville. They descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

ELDEST



Pictured is **LELAND R. WELLS** of West Van Lear, KY, who was presented a framed picture of the 2015 100th Year Anniversary picture for being the eldest in

attendance. Although Mary Wells Walton actually was the eldest at the reunion, she graciously passed the honor on to Leland who was the next oldest person there. Leland attends the reunion every year and is usually there as soon as the doors open. He was so pleased to receive the 100th anniversary picture. We hope Leland continues to have good health and that we will see him at the 2021 reunion.

Leland descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.

LARGEST FAMILY



The family of the late **BEN AND SUSANNAH RICHMOND WELLS** had the most family members in attendance again in 2019. They descend from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells, William Green Wells and daughter, Agnes Wells Auxier.

Mary Wells Walton, the only surviving child of the 10 children of Ben and Ann Wells, is pictured above with her nephew, Garold Wells, son of Genene Wells and the late Nevard Wells. In addition to George E., William Green and Agnes, Garold also descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.

TRAVELED FARTHEST

Traveling the farthest to attend our 2019 reunion was **LOUISE MCMONEGAL** who lives in Vancouver, WA. She is a Wells Family Association Board member and has worked tirelessly for many years with our other family historians compiling and documenting the histories of our Wells ancestors that

can be found on our website at WellsAncestry.com. See Louise's picture and special recognition in the following pages.

SCRAMBLING FOR DOLLARS



Jim Preston, of Urbana, OH, continued his contribution by again sending 100 \$1 bills to be tossed to the children in attendance for use at the Chinese auction held each year for the kids. The kids are shown here going after the bills. This is a big hit with the children each year.

Jim and his late wife, Clara Wells Preston, were devoted attendees at the Wells Reunion each year, and Jim continued to travel to the reunion for several years after Clara passed. His health has prevented him from attending the reunion in recent years, and he has certainly been missed. Jim's late wife, Clara, descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.



RECOGNITIONS, ACADEMICS & CONGRATULATIONS



DEREK MATTHEW GIFFIN graduated from Harvey High School in Painesville, OH, in May, 2019, with a 3.4 GPA. Derek is the son of Tammy Lynn Patton Giffin, and Leon Giffin of Painesville, OH and the grandson of Roger Dean Patton of Decatur, AL, and the late Mary Coolidge.

Derek descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. His great aunts, Karen Howard and Charlene Muncy, are Wells Family Board officers.



RYLAN CHASE SLONE, pictured with Board Members, was recognized in 2019 by the Floyd County Board of Education for his participation in the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP). Rylan, a member of the Duff Allen Central Middle School Archer Team, scored a 287 of 300 possible points and ranked 7 out of 474 7th grade boys at the 2019 Kentucky NASP State Tournament. As the 2020 season was shortened due to the COVID 19 pandemic, regional tournament scores were used as scores for the 2020 KY State "Virtual" Tournament with Rylan having a score of 285 of 300 possible and an overall state boys ranking of 123 of 7,103 archers and 8th grade boys ranking of 15 out of 808 archers.

Rylan graduated from DACE Middle School in May and will attend Floyd Central High School this fall. He is the 14 year old son of Ron and Stacia Howard

Slone of Auxier and is the grandson of Ronnie & Joyce Lafferty Slone of Hueysville, KY and Karen Patton Howard & the late Tim Howard of Auxier, KY.

Rylan descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.



Congratulations to **TREVOR BLEVINS** on finishing your internship and becoming a staff writer for Def Pen Sports. Trevor writes NBA and NFL stories for Def Pen Sports. Trevor is the son of Danny Blevins and the late Trudy Butcher Blevins. Trevor is a Wells

Association Board member and his dad, Danny, is our Association president. Trevor descends from Richard Wells through both George E. Wells and Mary Wells Butcher.

Keep up the great work, Trevor!!!!



Congratulations to **BEN WELLS** who graduated from the Morehead State University Nursing Program on 12/06/2019 and received the “Art of Nursing Award” for the fall, 2019, term of the program. Ben is pictured with his wife, Nikki, and they live in Louisa, KY, with their two daughters, Adleigh and Blaire. He received notice on

03/09/2020 that he had passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and is now a licensed RN.

Ben is the son of Susie Goble Wells of Van Lear, KY, and the late Alex Samuel Wells, and the nephew of Mary Wells Walton. They descend from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells and William Green Wells, and his daughter, Agnes Wells Auxier.



FRANCIS E. HARMON, JR., of Evansville, IN, celebrated his 100th birthday on 02/13/2020. Four generations of his family traveled across country to celebrate the occasion. Francis, Jr. is the son of the late Francis E., Sr. and Thelma Meek Harmon and graduated from Wayland High School in Floyd County, KY in 1938. He married Virginia Copley, granddaughter of Marcina Wells (daughter of Aaron Wells) in 1939.

Leigh Ann Harmon Johnson, pictured with her grandfather, says he was so proud to receive over 109 birthday cards. Leigh Ann is a member of the Wells Family Association Board. They descend from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

Congratulations, Francis, on reaching this wonderful milestone—hope you are around for many, many more!!!!



MADISON MEADE of Lexington, KY, graduated from Eastern Kentucky University's College of Education, Richmond, KY via virtual graduation on 05/16/2020. Madison is the daughter of Todd & Lisa Meade of Lexington, KY, and her grandparents are Jim & Anna Wilson and Harold Meade all of Paintsville KY, and Yon & Tice Cox, of Foster, KY.

Madison descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

We know there are many, many more students who graduated this year, most of them via "virtual" ceremonies, that we have not received information about. We want to recognize as many of them as we can and dedicate a large portion of our next newsletter to them. The next issue will be done around the time our 2020 reunion would have happened. Everyone please forward photos and a short article on your graduate's GPA, graduation date, college/future plans, parents, grandparents as well as how they descend from Richard Wells and Susannah Hutchison Wells. Please send them to me at the following email address, kphoward@bellsouth.net, or by postal

**mail to
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Thanks to the following Wells Family members who have done so much towards the research and documentation of the Wells Family History:



LOUISE MCMONEGAL is pictured above with Association President Danny K. Blevins, as he presented her with a plaque in appreciation for her **"dedication and commitment in the research and compilation of the Wells Family history"**. Louise, along with the Association's other historians, has worked tirelessly compiling, documenting, and recording all the hundreds of names, dates, etc. which have been gathered over the past many years and showing how we descended from our ancestors, Richard and Susannah Hutchison Wells, and their 11 children. Just to show what a job this has been, the books covering five (5) of the 11 children now on wellsancestry.com and ready for your reading contain over 3,000 pages of names, birthdates, dates of death, obituaries, and other interesting facts about our Wells descendants.

As Louise continues to enter information on the six (6) remaining children, she cares for a sister and has completed 5K or 10K walks in almost every state. When visiting the different states, she visits different cemeteries to locate graves of some of our Wells ancestors, and while visiting LeMars, Iowa, she discovered the Blue Bunny Ice Cream Shoppe which was founded by a Fred H. Wells, Jr. If any of our extended family out there might know if this is one of our Wells people, please let us know.

Following the reunion last year, Louise, Charlene Muncy and Karen Howard traveled to several gravesites in the area to collect information and take pictures. Louise lives in Vancouver, WA and descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.



JOHN B. WELLS III of Newnan, GA, received recognition for his **“continued commitment and determination in the research of the Wells Family”** history. Although John and his family are not able to be at the reunion as much since their move to Georgia, he has been instrumental in the organization and development of the Association for many years.

From his research and that of the Historical Committee of the Wells Family Association, Inc., he published his book, **The Wells Family of Kentucky’s Big Sandy Valley “From Willesborough, England to Daniels Creek”** which details our Wells ancestry from England to the settling of Richard Wells IV and several of his 11 children in the Big Sandy Valley. At that writing, the answer as to what happened to Richard III, father of our Richard Wells IV.

Since that time, John and another researcher have uncovered facts that clear up the mystery. John presented a wonderful PowerPoint presentation, in his usual dramatic fashion, during last year’s reunion in which he revealed his findings. You can find a review of his presentation at the end of this newsletter as well as information on getting free access to the original book, a revised Chapter 6, and John’s complete PowerPoint Presentation.

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



If not for the hard work and persistence of **MARY WELLS WALTON**, the Wells Family Association and the annual reunions may not have continued through to the present. For her dedication over the years, Mary was presented a plaque reading **“In appreciation for your commitment to the success of the Wells Family Association”**.

For the past couple of years, Mary has had the distinction of being the “eldest” at the reunions. Although now 87, Mary continues to be active in organizing the reunions each year, and, if not for her help, your editor would be at a complete loss as to who descends from whom in the Wells Family. She can usually answer any question thrown at her regarding our ancestors.

Mary and her late husband, Manford, organized and led tours of the gravesites of the children of Richard IV and Susannah Hutchison Wells buried in this area for several years. She also compiled and edited the newsletter for many, many years and made sure it got in the regular mail to hundreds of Wells family members all over the United States. Now that we are in the age of technology, Mary still sees that everyone with email gets the newsletter, and she sends out prayer requests and other news to everyone on a regular basis.

Mary is very much appreciated, and there is nothing that would make her happier than to see lots and lots of Wells Family cousins at our reunion in 2021!!!!

BIRTHS



CHARLES WALKER DINGUS was born on 08/20/2019 at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, KY, arriving at only 37 weeks and weighing in at 5 lbs. 10 oz. After spending a few days in the NICU due to his early arrival, his parents, Shane and Courtney Branham Dingus, of Prestonsburg, KY, were relieved to take him home where he was welcomed by his big sister, Hayley.

Charles Walker's paternal grandparents are Kent and Debbie Warrix Dingus, and his maternal grandparents are William and Sherry Rorrer Petry, all of Prestonsburg. His paternal great grandmother is Jeanie Wells Warrix of Prestonsburg, and his maternal great grandmother is Judy Rorrer also of Prestonsburg.

Charles Walker descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.

BLAIRE ADDISON WELLS arrived 08/06/2019 at 8:17 a.m. Blaire is the daughter of Ben and Nikki Hutchison Wells of Louisa, KY. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. She was welcomed by her big sister, Adleigh Rose Wells.

Blaire's paternal grandparents are Susie Goble Wells of Van Lear, KY, and the late Alex Samuel Wells, and she descends from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and daughter, Agnes Wells Auxier.



ISAAC ROBERT SUSZYNSKI was born 12/3/2019 at 6:11 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big brother, Nathan Louis. Their parents are Brittany Roach & Joe Suszynski of Mentor, OH.

Isaac Robert's maternal grandparents are Tina Patton Roach & Paul Roach also of Mentor, OH. The maternal great grandparents are Roger Patton of Alabama and the late Mary Coolidge.

Isaac Robert descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

SICK /PRAYER LIST

Roland & Innis Osborne, Ernie & Anna Jean Delong, Linda Parker, Greg Colburn, Ray Wells, Katelyn Petro, Darrell Wells, Benette Howard, James "Jim" Williams, James Adkins, Anita Wells, Mary Walton, Vernita Lynn Wilcox, Bernita Wells, Roger Delong, Phyllis Delong, Mary Ferguson, Lorraine Newberry, Geneene Wells, Larry Joe Wells, Richard Salisbury, Marlene Jarvis, Roger Patton, Ronald Wells, Tommy Wells, Charlie Wells, Frank & Judy Adams, Virginia Adams Campbell, Pat Womack, Eulah & Jim Villines, Patricia Mollett Fraley and Patti Quallich.

SICKNESS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS

RALPH BRADLEY WELLS of Prestonsburg, KY, underwent heart valve replacement surgery at a Lexington hospital in last September. According to his sister, he was home recovering well from his surgery and being cared for by his wife, Barbara, and family. Ralph is the son of the late Gene and Alma Wells and descends through George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.

RONNIE WELLS underwent knee replacement surgery on 03/10 at Highlands ARH. Ronnie is a Wells Family Board member and is recovering at his home in Van Lear with special care from his wife, Diane. Ronnie is the son of the late Herman and Jeanette Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rosanna Wells Spears.

JIM BROWN of Van Lear, KY, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer last fall and underwent surgery in February for removal and reconstruction of his esophagus. He was discharged home but had to be airlifted back to UK due to an infection he developed in his feeding tube. After spending several more days at UK, he was discharged and his sister, Anna Wilson, is caring for him at her home. Jim is a nephew of Mary Walton and they descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

JACKIE WELLS, wife of Tom Wells, suffered a broken hip at her home last month. She underwent surgery at a Frankfort hospital to repair the break. Due to the COVID19 restrictions, Tom was unable to be with her. Tom is a brother to our Board member,

Ronald Wells, and they descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

MARY WELLS WALTON escaped some serious injuries when she tripped on the curb and fell face-first onto the sidewalk on 11/15/2019. A CT scan showed she had no head injury although she looked as though she had gone several rounds in the boxing ring. When I visited with her in January, she looked as beautiful as she did at last year's reunion.

ANNA BROWN WILSON of Paintsville, KY suffered a fall on her basement steps in December, landing on her hip and lower back. She was hospitalized overnight and diagnosed with a chipped vertebra and discharged with instructions to wear a back brace, get lots of bedrest, and follow up with an orthopedist. Anna's husband, Jim also recently had an episode where he required CPR and underwent a heart catheterization and spent two nights in the hospital. All this as Anna has been trying to take care of her brother, Jim, who had surgery for esophageal cancer. Anna is Mary Walton's niece and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

JENNIE WELLS of Cincinnati, OH, tore her Achilles' tendon earlier this year and had to be in a cast. As she was unable to drive, her daughter, Nanci Farrell, took her to her home to take care of her. After her cast was removed, she had to wear a boot and undergo therapy. An update the last of May said that Jennie was walking with a cane. Both Jennie and Nanci are Board members, and they descend from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

GREG HARMON, of Brook Park, OH, has been hospitalized in April and diagnosed with endocarditis. The infection has caused damage to his heart valves, and he has undergone extensive rehab treatment to clear up the infection and get him strong enough to have surgery. Greg's surgery is tentatively scheduled for June, and he is in desperate need of all prayers. His sister, Tracy Harmon Petro, has been keeping us updated on his condition which is complicated as Greg is not allowed visitors or anyone to stay with him due to the pandemic. Greg and Tracy both are members of the Wells Board and descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

DEATHS



SHERRY LYNN WEST, 58, of Mt. Victory, OH, passed away 10/18/2017 at Marion General Hospital. She was born on 06/03/1959 in Marion to Thelma Wells McCullough and the late Darrell Fish.

Surviving her are her mother, Thelma Wells McCullough; a daughter, Heather (Shannon) Lingrel, of Mt. Victory; a son, Shawn Nichols, of Mt. Victory; 8 grandchildren, Carissa and Angel Nichols, Jordan Rouch, Alex and Samantha Lingrel, and Audria, Avery, and Owen Durham; and 3 great grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Teri Jo (Jack) Gorenflo of Richwood and a brother, Garrell (Jody) Fish, of Florida.

In addition to her father, Sherry was preceded in death by a son, Adam Durham.

Sherry had worked at Stratosphere Quality of Marysville and enjoyed working and loved her family.

Services were held 10/21/17 at Price-McElroy Funeral Home in Mt. Victory with Pastor James Evans officiating.

Sherry descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells by way of his son, David Crockett Wells.

GREGORY SALLIE, 61, a Summit Boy from Ashland, passed away 06/03/2019 at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Greg was born 01/19/1958 in Ashland, KY, a son of the late Bill Roy and Gloria Spears Sallie. Greg's most valuable possession was his family and the time they shared together.



A graduate of Morehead University with a BA, Masters and Rank I, Greg taught in Boyd County schools for 12 years, later working as an administrator at Fairview for 18 years. In his later years, he loved running and walking as well as golfing, riding his motorcycle and snow skiing and was an avid UK fan and a hopeless Cincinnati Reds and Miami Dolphins fan. Greg attended Cannonsburg Trinity United Methodist Church.

Greg is survived by his soul mate and life partner of 37 years, Vicki Lee Stidham Sallie; two sons, Chad (Monica) Sallie of Chesterfield, VA and Tyler (Laken) Sallie of Flatwoods; three grandchildren, Claire "Button" Sallie, Nathan "Little Man" Sallie and Aubrey "Little Bit" Sallie; a sister, Renee (Kevin) Badgett of Rush; two brothers, Garry (Judy) Sallie, and Darryl (Krystin) Sallie, both of Ashland; and several special nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on 06/06/2019 at the Cannonsburg Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Tyler Brumfield and Pastor Sheldon Wheeler ministers. Malone Funeral Home, Grayson, KY, was in charge of arrangements.

Greg descends from Richard Wells through his children, William Green Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.



RONALD DAVID ADAMS, age 77, of Prestonsburg, KY, passed away 08/04/2019 at his residence. He was born 04/16/1942 in Paintsville, KY, to the late Frank & June Wells Adams.

Ronald was owner of Ronald Adams Used Auto Parts and was a member of Highland Avenue

Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, Masonic Lodge #127, and the Shriners.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Zilpha Jean "Mousie" Howell Adams; his daughter, Rhonda Susan Adams (Jack) Kendrick of Prestonsburg, KY; granddaughter, Kaleigh Jordan Adams Kendrick; brother, Frank

Allen Adams of Prestonsburg; and sister, Virginia Adams Campbell, Allen, KY.

Funeral services were held on 08/07/2019 at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY, with Dave Garrett officiating. Burial followed at Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, KY.

Ronald descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.



GWENDOLYN WELLS ALEXANDER, 83, widow of Darrell "Bud" Allen Alexander, passed away on 08/11/2019. She was born in Odds, KY on 04/01/1936 to the late Eugene and Alma Wells.

Gwen is survived by her daughters, Kim Alexander, Lexington, Kara (Sam) Huffman, Cincinnati, OH, and Kelli (Everett) Alexander-Meador, Lexington; her sister, Elaine Andrusia, VA; her brother, Ralph (Barbara) Wells, Prestonsburg; her grandchildren, Stephen (Courtney) Boyd, Samantha Huffman, Nathan Huffman, Seth Alexander-Meador and Peyton Hackworth; and her great grandchildren, Ethan, Ava and Nolan Boyd.

Gwen is preceded in death by her sisters, Joyce O'Conner, Gayle Pfiefer and Evelyn "Suzie" Wells. She loved all the babies in her life and through the years she was called Nan-nan and finally Nannie. She dearly missed her husband Bud over the last 2 years and is now rejoining him forever.

A Gathering of Family and Friends was held on 08/17/2019 at Clark Legacy Center, Brannon Crossing, Lexington, KY.

Gwen descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.

MICHAEL J. "MIKE"

PARSONS, 45, of Mechanicsburg, OH, passed away 08/24/2019 at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, OH, with his family by his side. He was born 09/21/1973 in Denver, CO, a son of Don and Marcia Ann Preston Bennett.



Mike was a 1991 graduate of Mechanicsburg High School and then married his high school sweetheart of 30 years, Amy Hurst. Mike was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting and fishing with his kids. He also enjoyed years of working with his kids in 4-H and FFA, helping them raise cattle & hogs. Most of all he loved spending his time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Amy Parsons; his children, Jessica Parsons (Matthew Mattes), Ross Parsons (Julia Hunter) & Austin Parsons (Cheyenne Baldwin); his grandchildren, Michael David Mattes & Nash Michael Parsons; his parents, Don & Marcia Ann (Preston) Bennett; his grandfather, James Preston; mother & father-in-law, Don & Sandy Hurst; brothers, Bryon Parsons and Christopher Bennett; sister, Samantha Bennett, along with several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Special friends who were like family was everyone he worked with at Koenig Equipment. The Koenig and all the staff went above and beyond to do whatever it was we needed to tackle through this journey. They are the most respectful, caring employer/ family anyone could ever have.

Mike is preceded in death by his grandmother, Clara Preston, and his aunt, Patty Livingston.

Services for Mike were held on 08/30/2019 at Skillman McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home in Mechanicsburg, OH, with Pastor Mimi Ault officiating. Burial followed at Maple Grave Cemetery in Mechanicsburg.

Mike descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells. His grandparents, Jim and Clara Wells Preston, were dedicated supporters of the

Wells Family Association, and Jim continues his support of the Association since Clara's passing.

ELIZABETH ANN "LIBBY" WELLS passed away peacefully in her sleep on 08/30/2019. Libby was born in Louisa, KY, a town she loved very much, on 01/08/1929 to the late Bernard and Carrie Wells.



Libby was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Bernard Wells, Jr. and Bill Wells, and the love of her life, R.C. Wells, who she married on 10/08/1949. They were together for 57 years until he passed in 2006.

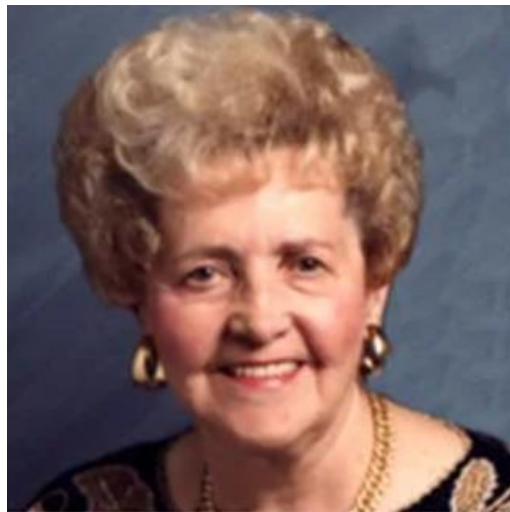
Libby attended University of Kentucky and obtained her Masters degree from Spaulding University and enjoyed a successful career as a social worker and hearing officer for the State of Kentucky. She was also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Louisa where she sang in the choir, and she inspired and shaped so many young lives as a beloved Sunday School teacher for many years. Libby had a generous heart and loved taking care of people. She also volunteered at J.J. Jordan's Geriatric Center for numerous years and took care of many of her elderly neighbors.

Above all else, Libby adored her family. She is survived by her daughter, Rose (Mark) Kingston and her son, Chris Wells. She is also survived by her three granddaughters, Stephanie Kingston, Misti (Shane Hensley) Wells and Christian Ruck, and her six great grandchildren, Brayden, Kaylee, Jakobie, Javin, Carrie-Ann, and Kendall. She left behind many special friends, including her former daughter-in-law, Patti Wells, who all loved her very much.

Libby was a bright light in the life of everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. Her kindness and generosity touched so many lives through the years. She was so very loved and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held 09/01/2019 at the Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa, KY, with Rev. Chuck Price officiating. Burial followed in the Greenlawn Cemetery.

Libby descends from Richard Wells by way of his son, William Green Wells.



DARLEEN S. (CLARK) BURGESS, age 96, of Englewood, OH, passed away 09/05/2019. She was born on 01/20/1923 and was the daughter of the late James and Lutie Delong Clark.

Darlene taught for 37 years in public education in both Ohio and Kentucky with a love for learning and making a positive difference with children. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and attended Christian Life Center. Darleen enjoyed Gospel and Bluegrass music, belonged to the OKI Bluegrass Association, and traveled to 48 states and 21 countries valuing visits with friends and family.

Darleen is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marluta and Terry Correll, of Englewood; grandsons, Matthew and Andrew Correll; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Haskell Edward Burgess; brothers, Haskell and Sheldon Clark; and a sister, Jewell McMahan.

Visitation and funeral services were held on 09/10/2019 at the Kindred Funeral Home in Englewood with Pastor Libby Martin officiating. A second visitation and funeral service was held on 09/11/2019 at Callaham Funeral Home in Inez, KY, officiated by her daughter, Marluta, and Marluta's

family, with interment in the Clark Family Cemetery, Inez, KY.

Darleen and her husband, Haskell, were Association Board members for many, many years and faithfully attended the annual Wells Reunion until their age and health prevented them from doing so. Darleen descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

JERRY ALLEN COLLINS, 79, passed away from complications due to a short bout of pneumonia on 10/21/2019 in Sedona, AZ, with his loving family at his bedside.



Jerry was born in Floyd County, KY, on 09/01/1940 to Homer Collins and Sola Alice (McKenzie) Collins. His paternal grandparents were the late Wallace Bailey Collins & Margaret Louise (Wells) Collins, and his maternal grandparents were the late Charlie McKenzie & Tealey (Boyd) McKenzie. In addition to his parents and grandparents, he is preceded in death by a brother, Danny Collins, and a grandson, Patrick Bussa.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Theresa Margaret Collins of Winslow, AZ; daughters, Alicia (Rod) Callaghan of Lakeview, OR, Gerri Lynn (Steve) Stewart, Southhampton, Bermuda, Heather (Benson) Yazzie of Cottonwood, AZ, and Kelly (Gary) Joe of Winslow, AZ; sons, Sean Collins of Prescott, AZ and Seth Collins of Camp Verde; grandchildren, Megan Fitzgerald, Shannon Bussa-Cruz, Seth Collins, Michael Collins, Jordan Padilla, Jariko Padilla, Anabella Padilla, Raven Bell, Benny Yazzie, Bayley Collins, Zeke Collins, Jaxon Morales, Lily Joe, Zoe Joe; and great grandchildren, Kopper, Deklen, Zola, Aurora, Ryder and Cora.

He is also survived by his sisters, Patricia Jane Perkey of Manning, SC, and Tealey Ellis of Asheville, NC, and brothers, Wayne (Glennnda)

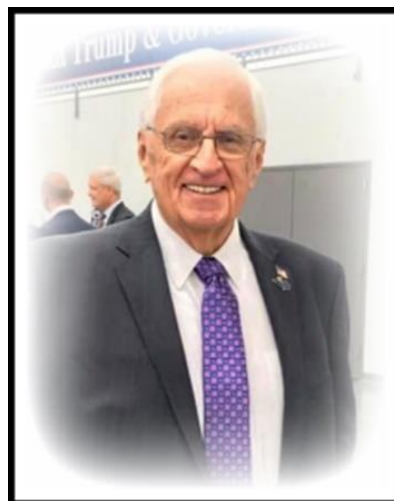
Collins of Weston, WV and Jimmy (Porky) Collins of Paintsville, KY.

After graduating from Van Lear High School, Jerry worked briefly in the Kentucky coal mines before enlisting in the Air Force in 1961. He was stationed at Stead Air Force Base in Reno, NV, as a radar technician during the Vietnam War. There he met and wed the love of his life, Theresa Arvin, on 08/17/1962, where they started their family upon finishing his military career.

At Jerry's request no formal service was held. A celebration of life with his family will be held at a later date.

Jerry descends from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

(This is a condensed version of a beautiful tribute for Jerry Allen Collins. If you are interested in reading the full tribute, you can do so by going to www.westcottfuneralhome.com.)



ROGER T. "TUCKER" DANIEL, age 80, of Staffordsville, KY passed away 11/02/2019 at St. Joseph Health Care Facility in Lexington, KY.

Tucker was born 08/30/1939 in Johnson County, the son of the late Carl Daniel and

Frances I. (Colvin) Short. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his grandmother, Lizzie Colvin, who raised him, and one sister, Deanna Falcon.

Surviving are his wife, Page Brickley Daniel; two sons, Roger D. Daniel, and his wife, Margaret, of Georgetown, KY and Scott Daniel of Staffordsville, KY; five grandchildren, John Thomas Daniel, Scott Triplett Daniel, Kash Daniel, Julia Page Daniel and Samuel Roger Daniel; one brother, Jimmy Ray Short, and his wife, Deb, of New Carlisle, OH; three sisters, Debbie Kay Wheeler, and her husband, Dan, of New Carlisle, Joan Cox also of New Carlisle, and Beverly Davis and her husband, Ken, of Beaver Creek, OH.

Several nieces, nephews and a host of special friends also survive.

Mr. Daniel was former Johnson County Judge Executive and former President of Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company.

Funeral services were held on 11/06/2019 in the chapel of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home with Seth Carter officiating. Burial followed in Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville.

Mr. Daniel's wife, Page, descends from Richard Wells through his daughter, Agnes Wells Auxier.

NANCY WELLS GOBLE, age 82, of Auxier, wife of Franklin Delano Goble, passed away from this life peacefully on 11/24/2019 at her residence. Nancy was born on 09/28/1937 in Floyd County, a daughter to the late William Lee "Fat" Wells and Mabel Hubbard Wells.



Nancy was a retired employee for the Floyd County Board of Education and attended Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, Nancy is survived by her children, John A. Goble and his wife, Patsy, of Cow Creek Betsy L. Kretzer of Auxier, and Cathy LeMaster and her husband, Rick, of Staffordsville; four grandchildren, Jerry Lafferty, Karra Harris, Megan E. Goble and Eric LeMaster; five Great-Grandchildren, Austin Lafferty, Logan Lafferty, Brayden Lafferty, Alex Harris and Kolton Harris; and two great-great grandchildren, Anastasia Lafferty and King Lafferty; two brothers, Charles R. Wells and Michael E. Wells; and one sister, Peggy S. Wells.

Along with her parents, Nancy is preceded in death by two brothers, William Wells II and Paul Brooks Wells.

Funeral services were held on 11/26/2019 in the chapel of Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY, with Robert Shane Powers and Bill Collins officiating. Burial followed in the Wells Family Cemetery, Auxier.

Nancy descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

NEIL MCCULLOUGH, 82, of Mount Victory, OH, died on 12/30/2019 at Riverside Hospital in Columbus. He was born on 01/18/1937 in Kenton to the late Edwin and Irene (Endsley) McCullough.



Neil is survived by his wife, Thelma Wells McCullough; four sons, Randy McCullough, Mark McCullough, Steve McCullough and Tom McCullough; a stepdaughter, Teri (Jack) Gornflow; a sister, Joanne Frierhood; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by a son, Kevin McCullough; a stepdaughter, Sherri West; a grandson; and a step-granddaughter.

Neil worked for Tecumseh Products as well as the Marion County and the Dublin School Systems. He was a member of the Mount Victory Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held on 01/07/2020 at The Price-McElroy Funeral Home in Mount Victory with Pastor Jim Evans officiating. Burial followed at Wolfcreek Cemetery.

Neil's wife, Thelma, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells by way of his son, David Crockett Wells.



BARBARA REED BURKE, 82, beloved wife of Harry R. Burke and devoted mother to Jennifer Burke Elliott, passed away peacefully, 01/31/2020, at home with her loving family surrounding her. Born 02/28/1937,

she was the daughter of the late Mark K., Sr. and Nelle B. Reed.

Barbara and Harry shared 63 years of marriage and attributed that longevity to love and respect for one another. She enjoyed entertaining for family and friends and was well known for her laugh that would fill the room.

An avid and talented bridge player, Barbara was a founding member of the Prestonsburg Bridge Club. She and her bridge partners shared years of comradery and joy. Trips with her dear girlfriends were filled with cards, laughter, delicious food and the occasional cocktail. Barbara had a smile and sense of humor that would light up the room. She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg.

In addition to her husband and daughter, Barbara is survived by her son-in-law, Phillip David Elliott, of Prestonsburg, KY; two grandsons, Burke Franklin Garner and Alexander Reed (Alley) Garner, both of Prestonsburg, KY, and one grandson, Phillip William (Brandy) Elliott, of Lexington, KY, whom she inherited when her son-in-law joined the family; two great granddaughters, Langston Katherine Garner and Anna Elizabeth Garner, and two step great grandchildren, Cameron Baylee Kinsey and Audrey Brooke Elliott. She is also survived by a brother, Mark K. (Mary) Reed, Jr. and a nephew, Mark K. Reed III, of Lexington, KY.

Funeral services were held at Hall Funeral Home in Martin, KY on 02/04/2020.

Barbara's husband, Harry R. Burke, descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

ELMER WELLS JR., age 86, of Lakewood, OH, passed away peacefully on Sunday, 02/02/2020. He was born 11/17/1933 in Paintsville, KY, a son of the late Elmer and Pearl Hamilton Wells.



Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Wells, sisters, Rosemary Harmon and Janice Adkins, and a brother, Herman Wells. He is survived by his daughter, Karen (Richard) Checovich, and sons, Gary (Debbie) Wells and Scott (Lisa) Wells; grandsons, Tristan Wells, Daniel (Brandi Willard) and Andrew (Hanna Neal) Checovich; and a sister, Neva Sue Baker.

Funeral services were held 02/08/2020 in the Sunset Chapel, North Olmsted, OH. Memorial contributions in Elmer's name were suggested to National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

Elmer descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.



OLLIE EDWARD WELLS, age 93, of Prestonsburg, widow of Eugene Wells, passed away Friday, 02/08/2020 at the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, KY. She was born 06/14/1926

in Johns Creek, KY, a daughter of the late Floyd and Sally Harris Goble. She was a member of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, the Eastern Star and was a homemaker.

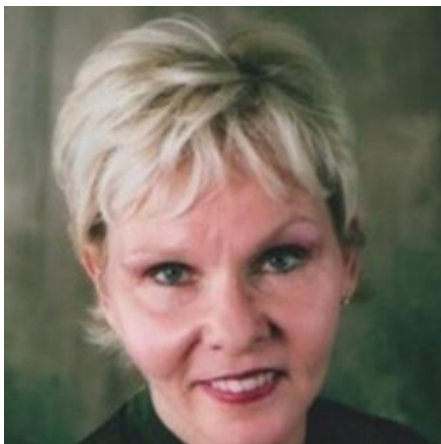
Ollie is survived by her children, Betty Wells Stephens, Prestonsburg, KY, Wilma Wells (Kenneth) Leslie, Emma, KY, Wendell (Sue) Wells, Prestonsburg, KY, Carolyn (Wayne) Walters, Emma, KY, James Edward (Aneeva) Wells, Crown Point, IN and Linda Wells Clements, Lexington, KY; one sister, Wanda Goble Calhoun, Prestonsburg, KY; 14 grandchildren, Melissa Wells McCullough, Charlotte Wells, Stephanie Wells Elliott, Michael Leslie, Nathan Leslie, Jessica Walters, Jennifer Ailes, Kenny Wells, Ray Stephens, Laura Wells, Whitney Baxter, Zachary Wells, Richie Clements and Matthew Clements; and 18 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Eugene Wells, and three brothers, Hoover, Sherman and Fred Goble, and one sister, Edna Goble.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted on 02/10/2020 in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Goble Cemetery, Corn Fork, Prestonsburg, KY.

Ollie's husband, Eugene, descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.

HARRIETT SUSAN SPARKS MELVIN TOBIN, 71, of Richmond, KY, passed away peacefully at home on 03/21/2020 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born 03/18/1949, a daughter of the late William McKinley Sparks and Jettie Wells Sparks Shreve.



Sue loved to be with her children, grandchildren, family, and friends. She was an amazing artist. Her favorite pastime was painting, entertaining for family and friends, and baking. At one time, she owned her own successful catering business, Sugar & Spice, in Mt. Sterling, KY. She was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, KY.

She leaves behind two children, a son, Charles (Jenny) Melvin, of Libertyville, IA and a daughter, Tricia Melvin, of Lexington, KY; seven grandchildren, Caleb (Kristie) Lawson, Tyler Lawson, Mitchel Melvin, Jaden Lawson, Matthew Melvin, Maxwell Melvin, and Makenzie Melvin; two great-grandchildren, Isabelle Lawson and Lucius Lawson; one brother, Oakie (Carol) Sparks, of Emma, KY and two sisters, Mary (Burl) Click, of Prestonsburg, KY and Dinah VanHoose, of Emma, KY; and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles David Melvin; three brothers McKinley Sparks, Jr., Willis Sparks and Harry Thomas Sparks; and two sisters, Peggy Branham and Pauline Wells.

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, a private family service and burial was held. A public celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

Sue descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.



DORIS WELLS MCFADDIN, of Sequim, WA, passed away on 03/22/2020 in Puyallup, WA. Doris was born on 10/25/1930, a daughter of the late Colvin and Tessie Burke Wells.

Doris is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene McFaddin, and her sister, Racine Wells Howard.

Doris is survived by her son, Vince E. McFaddin and his wife, Karen; granddaughter, Kristen Wallace; and two great grandson, Isaiah and Elijah Wallace, all of Sammamish, WA.

Due to the coronavirus restrictions, memorial services will not be held until later this year in Springfield, OH, when inurnment will take place at Rose Hill Burial Park.

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

LOIS WELLS GARTHEE, 89, of Lloyd, KY, went home to be with the Lord and Savior on 05/04/2020. She peacefully passed at her home surrounded by her loving family.



Lois was born 06/14/1930 in Lloyd, KY, a daughter of the late Russell and Georgie Burchett Wells. She was a former employee of First and Peoples Bank in Greenup and South Shore. She also served many years as Deputy Clerk of the Greenup County Circuit Clerk's Office from where she retired. She often spoke of her first and favorite job as a schoolteacher in a one room schoolhouse at the age of 20. The school was located over the hill from her family farm where she was able to walk to along with her students. She shared many memorable stories of this adventure.

Lois was an avid storyteller that mainly related to her humorous mishaps. She will be fondly remembered for her quick-witted sayings. She loved to laugh and loved people. She believed in public service and was always willing to help. She was a member of Brick Union Christian Church where she taught Sunday School for many years, and she enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking, and taking care of her family. She was also a devoted University of Kentucky sports fan following the teams across the country.

In addition to her parents, Lois was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Cleo Garthee, and one sister, Peggy Wells Antis.

She is survived by two daughters, Lee Ann Wireman and Beth (Matthew) Grant; two brothers, Ray (Charlotte) Wells and David Wells; six grandchildren, Jon (Caryn) Wireman, Amy (Robbie) West, Sara (Chad) Hensley, Shelby (Eric) Craft, Madison Grant, and Lily Grant; four great-grandchildren, Raegan West, Elizabeth Hensley, Aaron Wireman, and Avery Wireman; and a host of nieces and nephews who will all greatly miss her.

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, a private graveside service was held at Brick Union Cemetery by Keith Antis. Reed Funeral Home in Greenup, KY was in care of the services.

Lois descends from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.



LAWANNA SUE WELLS KENNARD, age 80, of Paintsville, KY, passed away on 05/05/2020 at Mountain Manor of Paintsville. Born in Johnson County on 08/28/1939, she was the daughter of the late Beecher Wells and Margie (Goble) Wells. In addition to her parents, Lawanna is preceded in death by

her husband, Vonnie Kennard, and one brother, Harold David Wells.

She is survived by three brothers, Russell Wells and Roger Dean Wells, both of Springfield, OH and Carl Wayne Wells of Auxier, KY; and two sisters, Phyllis Blevins of Paintsville, KY and Judy Kaye Delong of Hager Hill, KY.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, no public visitation or funeral was held. A Memorial Service for Mrs. Kennard will be announced at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Lawanna was an aunt of our Association's president, Danny K. Blevins, and they descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

LOIS WELLS MCHUGH, 70, passed away on 05/26/2020 in Lexington, KY. Lois was born on 04/24/1950 to the late Melvin, Jr. and Mary Wills Wells. She was a 1968 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and Prestonsburg Community College.



Lois is survived by her husband, Tom McHugh; daughter, Shannon Kazee Isenhoff (Mitch); grandsons, Michael, Mathew and Tyler Isenhoff; two stepchildren, Monica Stan and Jesse McHugh (Kelly); step grandchildren, Marshall, Luke and Natalie Stan; sisters, Peggy Graham and Jeanie Warrix; brothers, Norman, Doug, Randy and Jeff Wells; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life service for close family and friends was held in the chapel of the Michael R. Gray Funeral Home in Mt. Sterling, KY, on 06/01/2020.

A loving tribute to Lois was written by her daughter, Shannon, and can be viewed on the funeral home website at www.mrgrayfh.com, and a video of the memorial service can be viewed on the funeral home's Facebook page for those who were unable to attend.

Lois and her family descend from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Jennie Wells Scruggs, Lexington, KY, gave a donation of \$100.00 to be used for the Association Scholarship Fund. Jennie descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells. Thank you, Jennie, for your donation.

William A. & Alice M. Blandin of Camano Island, WA sent a check for \$50 as "A donation for your wonderful online books". Thank you for your donation—we are so happy you are enjoying the books.

A donation of \$30.00 was made by **Dave & Joan Collins** of Utah towards the purchase and placing of a memorial stone for Richard Wells III. They descend from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells. Dave & Joan, your donation is very much appreciated.

NOTES FROM THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

- 1) Please submit family news. Our Wells cousins are so many and spread all over that we are unable to keep up with all you. And we want to hear from all our extended family wherever you may be, and, if we don't receive it from you, we can't share it with everyone else. So please send anything you wish to share about births, deaths, graduations, retirements, etc. to the email or mailing address shown above.
- 2) The Wells Family Association has voted to offer all the family genealogical research gathered over the years at **NO CHARGE!!** This offer includes an updated version of "The Wells Family of Kentucky's Big Sandy Valley" by John B. Wells III along with all of excellent ebooks accomplished by Louise McMonegal. For the first time you will be able to trace your Wells family's history from 1452 into the 20th century, and you can print out the information if you wish. The research is available at <http://www.wellsancestry.com>. Although the books are offered without charge, we ask that you make a voluntary donation to the Wells Family Association, Inc. Please make your checks to the Association and mail them to The Wells Family Association, Inc., c/o Karen Howard, Treasurer, 212 Spradlin Street, Auxier, Kentucky 41602. For those without internet access, perhaps other family members could share this history with you, or most libraries have computers that could be used.

MYSTERY OF RICHARD WELLS III

When John Britton Wells III and the Wells Family Association published and sold “**The Wells Family of Kentucky’s Big Sandy Valley**”, it had been concluded that the father of Richard Wells, who settled so long ago in the Big Sandy Valley, was Richard Wells III. However, there remained a mystery as to what happened to the father of our direct ancestor, Richard Wells IV, as referenced in Chapter VI. Thanks to John III not giving up on his quest for answers, the mystery is solved. Following is the Prologue to the revised edition of “The Wells Family of Kentucky’s Big Sandy Valley” which explains this interesting discovery:

PROLOGUE

The mystery surrounding the life of Richard Wells “III” has baffled family historians for over a century. The confusion has been compounded by fantastic tales invented by his descendants that told of kidnappings, abandonment and indentured servitude. When the Wells Family of Kentucky’s Big Sandy Valley was published in 2013, several theories about the life of Richard “III” were still in play. However, none of them explained his ultimate fate.

Thanks to the excellent research accomplished by Terry Coyne Strasser, a Wells descendant, new clues have been uncovered that allowed us to explore a completely different avenue of investigation. Strasser found two nineteenth century accounts by family members from two separate branches of the Wells family that described their forebearer Richard Wells III as a “sea captain.” On the heels of those discoveries, another account was found from Elizabeth Wells Hillman, the daughter of Richard Wells “IV” and granddaughter of Richard Wells “III,” stating that her grandfather “was a sea captain who lost his life during the [Revolutionary] war.” Sure enough, there was a Richard Wells who lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who was a “sea captain” during the Revolutionary War. As more and more details were found about his military career, a new understanding of the odysseys of Richard “III” and his son Richard Wells “IV” began to emerge. First, historical records seemed to support the fact that Richard Wells “IV” was separated from his parents before 1779. Additionally, his father Richard Wells “III” was away at sea or in prison as a P.O.W. almost continually from April 1777 until his death in April of 1779. Richard Wells “III” likely left Philadelphia with his mother and later lived with his uncle George Wells. According to his Revolutionary War veteran’s pension, while in Georgia, Richard Wells “III” served for nine months as an orderly sergeant in the local militia. Since his father died in 1779 and his uncle George was killed in a duel the following year, there was no reason for Richard Wells “IV” to remain in Georgia after the British overran the colony in May 1780. The orphaned patriot veteran, along with many of his colleagues, removed to the safer confines of Southwest Virginia, where he married and started a family.

Please accept the following update of the Wells Family of Kentucky’s Big Sandy Valley.

---- John Britton Wells III, 25 January 2020



If you missed last year’s reunion, you really missed out on a lot. To the left is John Wells III, who, in his dramatic fashion, revealed his interesting findings about our ancestor, Richard Wells III. To the left, John Wells III is pictured as he presented a wonderful PowerPoint presentation outlining his research in uncovering the mystery. To the right, is pictured a distant cousin, Johnny Depp, as Captain Jack Sparrow in the movies “Pirates of the Caribbean”. Quite the resemblance, right? Wonder if Johnny possibly had an inkling as to what our ancestor, Richard III, did during the time his whereabouts were unknown to his family? Research has revealed that Richard Wells III was a “legal” privateer sea captain in the employ of the American Revolutionary government but was viewed as “an illegal pirate” by the British Crown. After being captured, held prison-of-war for more than 10 months on a notorious British prisoner ship, released and recaptured, sadly, the death of Richard Wells III was reported on April 30, 1779. John’s PowerPoint presentation and all the family books can be reviewed, read and printed for **no charge** at our website at www.wellsancestry.com.



As it has now been determined that Richard III was indeed a Revolutionary War Veteran, John requested that the Veterans Administration provide a memorial monument to be erected beside the monument of his son, Richard IV, at the Ashley Butcher Cemetery on Daniels Creek. The VA has declined as we are unable to prove that his remains are “unrecoverable.” The Board has agreed to obtain and erect the monument in Richard III’s memory. Anyone who like to make a contribution towards this memorial can do so by sending a check payable to Wells Family Association, c/o Karen Howard, 212 Spradlin Street, Auxier, KY 41602.