



**FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**GREETINGS:**

With a family of our size it is very difficult to see each other often and get to know each other well, since many of us reside in different areas of the United States. Our annual Wells' Family Reunion will help our family ties grow and remain strong.

The 1987 Wells' Family Reunion will be held Saturday, September 5th and Sunday, September 6th, at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, Kentucky. The high school is located on Rt. 23 bypass of Paintsville. If you are traveling South on 23 the school will be on your left at the shopping center. If you are traveling North it will be on your right.

The Saturday meeting will began at 3:00 P.M. Activities will include: Geneological meeting with an exchange of data following with question and answer time. A tour of Richard Wells, Dr. William Green Wells, George E. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxiers grave sites. Wear good walking shoes!!!!

Sunday's activities will begin at 10:00 A.M. with a covered dish dinner following a brief business meeting. Please bring drinks, a covered dish or dishes to accomodate the size of your family plus a little extra to share with others. Many of you from out of town may pick up food at the many grocery stores, take out restaurants and deli's in the area.

Please make sure you and your family register!!! Registration is very important as we update our mailing list from this list. You will find enclosed pre-registration forms for your convenience. Please fill out one for each family member and return to be eligible for the drawing of our door prizes. Do not forget your ZIP!!!!!!!

Reserve your hotel or motel EARLY to avoid any problems in getting the place of your choice. Listed below are some local motels:

Starfire Motel, US 23 S., Paintsville (606) 789-5341

Plantation Motel, Auxier Road, Prestonsburg (606) 886-9161  
Carriage House, 105 2nd St., Paintsville (606) 789-4242  
Heart of Highland Motel, US 23 S., Paintsville (606) 789-3551  
Jenny Wiley State Park Resort, Prestonsburg (606) 886-2711  
Holiday Inn, US 23 (1 mile south of US 23 and Ky. Highway 114 intersection), (606) 886-0001

We will have a new SOUND SYSTEM this year so everyone can hear.

The Wells Family Association is composed of descendants of Richard Wells b. Feb. 11, 1760, Philadelphia, Pa. d. March 15, 1838, Floyd County, Ky. and Susannah Hutchenson.

For more information please contact one of the following:

Pat Williams, President, (606) 789-4573, Paintsville, Ky.  
Patti Volota, Vice President, (216) 289-5017, Clev, Ohio  
Mary W. Walton, Treasurer, (606) 325-4314 Ashland, Ky.  
Wanda F. Wells, Secretary, (606) 324-4295, Ashland, Ky.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Beulah Keel, (606) 886-6567 Auxier, Ky.  
Lloyd Wells, (606) 886-2023 Auxier, Ky.  
Donnie Wells, (606) 789-1183 East Point, Ky.  
George C. Wells, (606) 432-0161 Pikeville, Ky.  
Mable Allem, (606) 886-8503 Prestonsburg, Ky.  
Clayton Wells, (606) 298-7953 Inez, Ky.  
Douglas Galbraith, (606) 789 3272 Paintsville, Ky.

**Or Write:**

A.L. Porter, 1547 East 2nd St., Waverly, OH 45690  
Pauline Gaza, 6536 Mac Beta Way, Elersburg, MD 21784  
Virginia Edgil, Rt. 44 Emory Rd., Knoxville, Tenn. 37931  
Vernon Wells, 4113 Fitzgerald Ct., Erlanger, Ky. 41018

**MESSAGE FROM  
VICE-PRESIDENT PATTI VOLOTA**

At our April meeting, we decided that our reunion advertising should be limited to free public announcements on radios, in newspapers, and

newsletters. Therefore, ads were placed in two genealogy newsletters in June--"The East Kentuckian" and the "Clark Clarion." An ad was also placed in "The East Kentuckian" for our family cookbooks--we still have a small quantity left. By the end of June, six responses were received requesting reunion information, with three cookbook orders. Included in this article for those interested in Wells research, is information on their families that we received.

**STEPHEN T. HURT** of Seattle, Washington descends from Richard Wells and Susanna Hutchinson through their daughter, Rosa Wells, who married Spencer Spears. This couple's daughter, Agnes Spears Burris (his great grandmother), had a daughter, Ada Olive Burris (his grandmother) who married Thomas Durward Hurt.

**MRS. GERRY McCOWAN** of London, Ky. and **SADIE STIDHAM** of Corbin, Ky. are descendants of Zachariah Wells. According to Mrs. McCowan, Zachariah married Abigail Osborne, while Sadie has an Elizabeth Osborne listed but questions the accuracy of the name she has. Mrs. McCowan wrote that Zachariah was a brother to our Richard Wells who married Susanna Hutchinson, but we have no proof of this as of yet. Sadie, has written her second book "Pioneer Families of Leslie County, Ky." which sells for \$23.00 (includes postage). Send checks to her at Rt. 4, Box 197, Corbin, Ky. 40701. Sadie and Gerry work together in Laurel Co. Historical Society.

**JOHN S. RICHIE** would appreciate anyone having information on the parents of his ancestor, Mary Wells, to please write him at 2570 Sunnyvale, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050. Mary Wells, b. ca. 1784, married Martin Fugate in Perry Co., Kentucky. Their child, Zachariah Fugate was born ca. 1817.

**ROSLYN WESTRAY** had a Richard Wells in her family, b. ca. 1735 Pa., a drummer in the Revolutionary War, and a member of the Penny Pack Church (north of Philadelphia). This Richard came to South Carolina before 1763 as he is not listed on the "List of Original Protestant Immigrants to S.C. 1763-1773" as was his brother Samuel. Richard was married in Sumter, S.C. in 1765. Richard and Samuel organized a Seventh Day Adventist Church in S.C. Could there be a connection with her Richard and ours since they both came from the Philadelphia area? We would like to know! Please write the Wells Family Association if you have any information regarding this.

Patti Volota, Vice President

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of Pioneer Families of Leslie County Kentucky. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Return to: Sadie W. Stidham  
Rt. 4 Box 197  
Corbin, Ky 40701

## REVIEW OF JUNE'S BOARD MEETING

A business meeting of the Officers and Board members was held June 13, 1987 at the Highland Restaurant, Paintsville, Ky. Those in attendance were: Pat Williams, Mary Walton, L.A. Porter, Virginia Edgil, Delores Booth, Bobby Wells, Lloyd Wells, Woodrow Allen, and Mable Allen.

### Business report is as follows:

Revised by-laws concerning nominating committee. Will read that "The current chairperson will move off the board, the next board member will move up to chairperson and a new member will be added annually. A copy of the by-laws will be included in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was given by Mary W. Walton and was approved as read.

Mary Walton reported that the SALE of cookbooks has been excellent.

Bobby Wells will contact Paul Sester, Principal of Johnson Central School, about the cost of the building and insurance. He will confirm the use of the building for Saturday night also. He will call Pat Williams on Monday about what he finds out.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE REUNION

Mary Walton will mail the usual announcements to the different newspapers as usual and see about getting on local WTCR Station.

Bobby Wells will contact Floyd County paper and WDOZ and WQHY radio stations.

Pat Williams will contact Paintsville and Martin County papers and WSIP radio station.

It was voted to give Mary Walton permission to purchase needed paper products, etc. for the 1987 Reunion.

Wanda Wells and Mary Walton were given permission to have the newsletter printed and cost for mailing and any cost that may go with getting the newsletter out. Motion made by Bobby Wells, 2nd by Virginia Edgil.

The Calender for money making project was discussed, no action taken, but it was agreeded to consider it for 1988 project. This will be discussed with the members at this year's reunion business meeting.

A box will be placed at the reunion for a special offering to mark the grave site of George E. Wells if people would like to give.

Activities for the reunion were discussed. No playground except at the local grade school. Suggested getting someone to play music in one

section for the young people. (If you know of anyone or any group that would be interested in doing this, contact one of the officers or board members).

Pat Williams will check with Jones Preston Funeral Home about getting new stone on Richard Wells' grave.

Geneological meeting for Saturday night was discussed. Researchers come prepared to share data. Sunday there will be a geneology meeting and key persons will be designated to be stationed at certain places to answer questions for members that are interested in family data.

Meeting adjourned.

Wanda F. Wells, Secretary



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Phone: (606) 325-4314  
June 15, 1987  
by: Nery V. Walton

Balance from 1985 Reunion In June 1986.....	\$	66.23
Receipts from Sells: Cookbooks	\$1672.25	
T Shirts	190.00	
Manuscripts	37.00	
Donated by E. Adkins, Print "Coal Miner Returns Home"	221.00	
Donations: Emco Adkins (cash)	15.00	
Edne W. Morris (cash)	12.00	
Arthur Collins (cash)	15.00	
General offering at 1986 Reunion	218.83	
	<u>2380.83</u>	
1986 Bal. plus Receipts from sells.....	\$2447.06	
Disbursements from 6/86-6/87.....		
Purchase of paper products/silverware, etc. for 1986 reunion:	\$ 74.00	
Rent for National Guard Armory	273.45	
Cost for Legal Fees to J. Preston for completing Association papers & file fee.	106.00	
Printing, postage & mailing of two newsletters	146.48	
Purchase of Bulk Mail & Permit	100.00	
Cost for printing Cookbook to Williams Graphics	972.00	
Cost for mailing cookbooks, postage/supplies	31.25	
	<u>\$1653.18</u>	
Balance less Disbursements for 1986/87.....	\$	793.88
Bank charges for 17 checks at .25c	4.25	
		<u>789.63</u>
Inkind Donations for 1986/87 year:		
M. Walton...	\$50.00	
P. Volots...	\$36.33	
W. Wells....	\$10.00	
P. Williams..	\$10.00	
V. Russell	\$10.00	

## THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC. BY-LAWS

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL MEET ANNUALLY ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE LABOR DAY

THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURE, AND PARLIAMENTARIAN. THEY SHALL HAVE A NOMINATION COMMITTEE OF THREE MEMBERS, THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON SHALL MOVE OFF AND THE NEXT MEMBER WILL BECOME CHAIRPERSON, WITH ONE NEW MEMBER BEING ELECTED ANNUALLY. THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE AN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE OF THREE MEMBERS, AN ACTIVITY COMMITTEE OF THREE MEMBERS, AND EACH WILL HAVE A CHAIRPERSON. THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE ELEVEN BOARD MEMBERS, REPRESENTING EACH OF RICHARD WELLS ELEVEN CHILDREN. THE MEMBERS WILL DESCEND FROM THE CHILD THAT THEY REPRESENT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

THE BOARD WILL HAVE A MINIMUM OF THREE MEETINGS ANNUALLY.

THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE WILL RESEARCH THE ROOTS OF THE WELLS FAMILY AND COMPILE A BOOK IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE THEIR HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

ANY PROFITS DERIVED FROM THE BOOK OR FROM ANY OTHER FUND PROJECTS WILL BE THE PROPERTY OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND BE USED TOWARD DEFRAYING EXPENSES OF THE ANNUAL REUNION.

IF A BOARD MEMBER IS ABSENT FROM THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT JUST CAUSE HE/SHE WILL BE REPLACED.

THE BY-LAWS CAN BE AMENDED BY THE BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICERS ONLY.

THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT WILL BE AN EXOFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

The next Officers and Board meeting will be Saturday (Sept. 5th) evening following the tour to discuss necessary last minute details.

The nomination Committee will meet Saturday Sept. 5 before the board meeting. Anyone having a recommendation for this committee should contact one of the following:

Bobby Wells  
687 Burke Ave.  
Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-2101

Phillip E. Wells  
709 Hamilton Ave.  
Ashland, Ky. 41101 (606) 324-4295

Clara Preston  
7658 E. Rt. 29  
Mechanicsburg, Ohio 43044 (513) 834-3220

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Information Requested:

Does anyone know where any of Richard Wells' other children are buried?????

Does anyone know where Susanna Hutchinson Wells is buried???????

Does anyone have old pictures of family members that they would allow us to copy or they would have negatives from, that we may offer them (after making copies) for our members that are interested in purchasing for the cost the print, or minimum cost???

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**NOTICE**

Anyone that has ordered pictures, T-shirts or cookbooks and did not receive them contact:

Mary W. Walton  
124 Mt. Savage Dr.  
Ashland, Ky. 41101 (606) 325-4314

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**THANK YOU! ! ! !**

Thank you ASHLEY BUTCHER, Rt. 3, Van Lear, Ky. 41265 for cleaning the grave of Richard Wells. And for giving us permission to visit this site on our tour.

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**Special Reminders:**

The George E. Wells grave is in dire need of a grave marker, and you will be given the opportunity and honor of contributing to the cause at the Reunion this year. Descendents of George E. Wells we are many and a small token from each of us could place a fitting memorial on his final resting place.

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**MEMORIAL**

Please keep in mind that we need to know if you have a death or birth in the family. If one of our loved ones has passed away since the 1986 Reunion please provide that information to us for the annual Memorial Service.

Kenneth V. Wells 9/26/86  
Norma M. Spears 10/12/86  
Richard (Dick) Wells 10/29/86

Anna Wells Burchett 11/14/86  
Emma T. Wells 3/4/87  
Alma Wells 5/7/87

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**FAMILY REUNIONS**

**Collins-Spears Family Reunion** will be Saturday, August 8th, 1987 at shelter #2 below Dewey Dam at Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg. Time: 10:00 AM-?

**The Green Reunion** will be Sunday August 9th, at Armco Park Shelter house #3; 10:00AM- 4:00 PM. For descendents of Lewis Green Sr. Lewis was the maternal grandfather of Susanna Hutchinson.

**Delong Family Reunion** will be Saturday, Sept. 5th at 10:00 AM -? at the United Mine Workers Union Hall, Johns Creek Road, Van Lear, Ky., below the Philadelphia Church of Christ.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Orin R. Wells  
Alte Landstresse 17  
8802 Kilchberg (ZH)  
Switzerland

Mr. Orin R. Wells, presently living in Switzerland but, is a California boy will be returning to the United States in June 1988. He is interested in establishing a Surname organization for **Wells**. Mr. Wells is a member of One-Name Studies in England and the United States. He Plans to put his material into a computer data base, and believes with the Wells clan it is the **only** way to go. He is considering writing his own data base. He is very much interested in organizing a **Wells Family Historical Society**. Read the following purpose and if you; are interested contact Mr. Wells at the above address.

**PURPOSE**

The Primary Purpose of the **WELLS FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is to provide an organization through which researchers of various lines of the Wells families can share genealogical research information and needs.

To accomplish this goal, the following shall characterize the aims of the organization:

1. To provide a central collection point for all research material input by the members and researchers affiliated with the organization.

2. To minimize duplication of research efforts through systematic coordination of research activities and the publication of the progress and results of this research to members of the organization.

3. To provide easy access to information contained in the research archive for any member of the organization for the purpose of family history research and to others who inquire based on the criteria to be established by the board of directors.

4. To Actively seek out researchers of any Wells line and solicit information from them for input to the research archive. Further, to actively seek out archives of past material collected by researchers of Wells lines, whether living or dead, and obtain copies of such material for the Society's research archive.

5. To provide a means for researchers of the same or associated family lines to locate each other, correspond, and share material of mutual interest.

6. To provide a central clearing house for information on Wells families and related organizations such as specific family line associations, reunions, etc.

7. To publish a periodical newsletter or journal to document the progress of research, coordination of research, historical information of general interest, documentation of pedigrees, announcements of family associations, information of an organizational nature, Wells family heraldry information, personal pleas from organization members, and any other material that the board; of directors, editorial staff, and membership shall consider appropriate.

8. The scope of this organization is to be International with the recognized possible need for national special interest groups (i.e. U.S./Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, etc.) The purpose of an international scope is the recognition that while most families currently and for many generations maybe found in one nation, their roots and cousins are almost certainly based in more than one country and to gain a complete picture material must be pooled from all sources available.

### THE ALDEN WILLIAMSON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 51  
Williamson, WV 25661 (606) 237-0205

- Alden Williamson Newsletter subscription rates:  
bi-monthly - 1 year \$6.00, 3 years \$15.00  
life subscription \$100.00. Thanks for your support
- 'The Alden Williamson Story, a biographical history, copyright 1987, 17 pages. \$10.00 per copy, number

of copies required \_\_\_\_\_ (Allow 4 to 8 weeks for delivery.)

- Contributions to Alden Williamson Memorial Monument erection & dedication fund. Ceremonies to take place on Oct. 4, 1987, Sunday, at 10 AM at the grave site. Directions will be announced later.

\$10 \_\_\_\_\_, \$20 \_\_\_\_\_,

\$50 \_\_\_\_\_, Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Method of payment: Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_,  
please bill me \_\_\_\_\_.

Make checks payable to address listed above.

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