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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS SUBMITTED BY PAULA WELLS OF GREENUP, KENTUCKY. PAULA IS THE NEWLY ELECTED HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER. PAULA HAS GIVEN MANY HOURS TO RESEARCHING WELLS GENOLOGY AND HELPING PLAN OUR REUNIONS YEAR AFTER YEAR.

RICHARD WELLS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

We are descendants of Richard Wells and Susannah Hutchinson. Richard was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1760 and went to live in Augusta, Ga. with his uncle, Dr. George Wells.

In the Revolutionary War, Richard was drafted into the Army in Augusta, first in January 1779 for six months and then later for three months. In January 1779, he marched from Augusta down the Savannah River and crossed the river into South Carolina and joined General Lincoln's Army about 32 miles from Savannah. After waiting here a while, he was marched back to Augusta. He was made a non-commissioned officer in his company and an orderly "Sargent" and had to make out morning reports. A few "Kings men" were in prison in Augusta awaiting trial for plundering.

In the spring of 1779, he was marched down to Charleston to follow the British Army to that town. As he recalls, cotton was being planted at that time. He was with a group of soldiers sent to dislodge a party of the enemy on Edisto River, S.C. The enemy was placed behind a fence near a house. After a brisk resistance, the Tories (Americans who fought for the British) all fled. "We took some guns," Richard Wells said, "chiefly rifles, some powder and some saddles." Also eight prisoners. The next day they marched to rejoin the main Army and were in the battle of Stone Landing, S.C. "It was a hard fought battle," he reported in his pension papers, "but the Americans suffered most and lost between one and two hundred men." He was discharged in July 1779.

In September 1779, he was again drafted in the militia in Augusta, Ga. to help take Savannah, Ga. from the British who were then in possession of it. In the attack, the Americans "did not take the place and was defeated." Several hundred men were killed in the battle. He was later sent to the "Ogechy River" in Georgia after some Tories who "having broke out there again were doing much mischief," killing and driving off livestock. After two weeks here, he marched back to Augusta, where he received his

discharge.

In 1780, he moved to Washington County, Va., and there remained. He had left Georgia because the Tories had over-run all of the state and "he with many more was compelled to flee and leave Georgia or join Lord Cornwallis." Lord Cornwallis was the British General. In May 1780, he entered the service (enlisted) for a year as an Indian spy. He spied not only in western Virginia but also over the Cumberland mountains on the Kentucky-Virginia border and into Kentucky and followed the Indians along the Kentucky and Big Sandy rivers. "The Indians had traces (pathways) from the Ohio (River), and, for many years before he served, they had come to the Clinch River, "in western Virginia to attack white settlers. The manner of "spiiing" (spying) was that groups of three and four white men would go together, living on the frontier until the cold weather of winter forced them to return to the settlements and forts until winter broke. After Christmas, Richard Wells went from the frontier to the Rye Cove and stayed until spring when he returned to the frontier and remained until his discharge in May, 1781. He reports that "some few Indians were killed."

In 1797, he married Susannah Hutchinson in Russell Co. (later Scott) Va. They had 11 children born in Virginia. Around 1820-25, they moved to Floyd Co., Ky. (now Johnson Co.) and lived on a farm on Daniels Creek. Richard died in 1838. His wife died in 1862.

(Source: Richard Wells Pension Papers, National Archives, Washington D.C.)

by Paula Wells, Greenup, Ky.

TREASURES REPORT

BY

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Bal. July 16, 1988		\$1093.61
1988 Reunion Expenses \$483.01	610.60	
Sell of 1988 Memorial Books	\$1,366.38	
1988 Reunion general offering	155.48	
Donation for Grave Markers	49.50	
1989 Calender project	61.00	
Sell of Cookbooks, Documents, Etc.	234.00	

Donations by mail	<u>27.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$1,793.36	\$2403.96
Payment of 1/2 of bill for printing Memorial books to Williams Graphic. Flatwoods, Ky.	\$1,125.00	\$1278.96
Funds designated for special projects	\$137.50	\$1141.46
Bal. for printing of Memorial Book ...	\$1125.00	\$16.46
Available Balance		\$16.46

As you can see we need to sell more of our Memorial Books before we can pay the balance of the printers bill since we have a newsletter going out which costs over \$100 for mailing and printing. If you have not purchased your copy yet, send your check payable to the Wells Family Association, Inc. for \$12.00 which includes postage and handling to Mary W. Walton, at the above address. They make great gifts.

CORRECTIONS FOR 1988 MEMORIAL BOOK

If you are able to identify any of the people in the book that has not been identified or can provide births or deaths of any of them, or if you find any errors, please contact me with the corrections, and I will see that it gets to Phillip and Wanda for the NewsLetter.

The following corrections have been brought to my attention and if you have purchased your copy of the Memorial Book please pencil in the following corrections:

Page 3, top of page: George E. and Nancy Buthcer Wells had another daughter after #10. John, #11. Margaret L. Wells, b. 1874, M. Henry Butcher, and put #12 for Theodore.

Page 4, top of page: #9. George W. Spears, b.1843, d.?. M. Mathilda (not Matilda) Clark. This was his 1st and only wife, therefore cross out the 2nd wife.

Page 13, picture #3: Arnold Spears was the teacher, and change Martha Branham to Martha Clark. I have been told that Goldie Wells Stevens, and Woodridge Spears, may be able to identify most everyone in this picture. Hope to have that for you in the next newsletter.

Page 16, picture #5: Cora Wells, died 1948 and not 1984.

SUPPLEMENT TO 1988 MEMORIAL BOOK

Many have expressed a desire to have pictures printed in a supplement to the 1988 WELLS MEMORIAL BOOK. This may be possible in the year 1990 if enough material is collected. Have any "old" pictures? Contact Mary W. Walton, 124 Mr. Savage Dr., Ashland, KY 41101.

1989 REUNION

The Board members discussed at our October meeting how each year we are having a different crowd. There is a large group of members that attended in 1988 that will not be back in 1989, but a large number of first time attenders will come. We hope you will make plans now to attend the 1989 Wells Family Reunion and bring one other person with you. Let's make this the largest Reunion ever.

If you have suggestions in how we can improve the reunion and make it more interesting for our people, please let us know. We need your help. We regret that the weather

did not permit our Annual Tour of the graves on Saturday evening of the 1988 reunion because several were anxious to go and view the three new Memorial stones set at the graves of Richard Wells, George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

We hope you were able to find answers to your questions for your research, at the Saturday night visiting time. Bobby Wells, Historical Committee member and others were available to answer questions although a formal genealogical meeting was not conducted as planned. It has been suggested by several members that they preferred the formal genealogical meeting where they can ask questions as a group. This was discussed at our October Board meeting and plans are being made by our Historical Committee to offer a set time at the 1989 Reunion for a Genealogical meeting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

At the 1988 Reunion a table draped in black with the open Bible and a list of the names of deceased relatives was displayed. James Wells, Chairman of Devotion had a short Memorial Service in the memory of the following persons:

Jay Sterling Wells	Daniel Wells
Malta Wells Derossett	Garnet Wells
John Spillman Richmond	Lacy Kegley
Glen Ray Wells	Albert Perry
Cletis Delong	Hershell Goble
Carl "Casey" Wells	Claude Wells
Callie Collins	Joe Harris
Jewell Collins	Franklin Wells
Donna Wells	Olive Beach
Palmer L. Hall	

If you have lost a love one to death please send us the information so it can be put in the Newsletter. Your relatives care and want to share your grief. If you will send your address we will see that it's put in the Newsletter so relatives can remember you with a card or letter.

The following persons have deceased since our 1988 Reunion and our thoughts and Prayers have been for the family members during this time of sorrow. May God bless you is our Prayer. I'm sure there are others that we do not know about, but if you will let us know we will see they are in the next newsletter.

Mrs. Lottie "Billie Jo" Wells, spouse of Bill Wells of Prestonsburg, Ky.

Ralph L. Wells, spouse of Betty Clark Wells, South Shore, Ky.

William H. Connors, brother of Mrs. Jim (Doris) Wells, Ripley, Ohio

Robert L. Wells, father of John Scott Wells, Paintsville, Ky.

Robert J. Wells, spouse of Nancy Gray Wells, Medina, Ohio

Richard Wells, spouse of Emma Rae Tibbs, Auxier, Ky. and brother of Bobby Wells, Prestonsburg, Ky.

SECRETARY'S REPORT INTRODUCTION

Many of you know me as Vice-President—a position I've held for a few years. This year I've taken the position

position of secretary and have also received a new name—**PATRICIA VOLOTA QUALLICH**. Doug and I were married on September 24th and are living at 4104 Forestwood Dr., Parma, OH 44134.

MEMORIAL BOOK

We still have copies of the Memorial Book for sale. Many family members have informed us that they also have old photos they'd like to see in the book and the possibility of having page inserts printed was discussed. Also if anyone has noticed any errors in the present book please notify us so this can be corrected. We did not make enough money to pay the entire bill for the printer this year and he has agreed to accept 1/2 the payment of the total bill and wait until 1989 for the remainder. Ads have been placed in several newspapers to help sell the books.

CALENDAR PROJECT

We are still accepting names and dates at \$0.50 per name for our birthday calendar project. Send a check to Pat Williams P.O. Box 1103, Paintsville, Ky. 41240. Make check payable to Wells Family Association, with the complete information—name, month, day and year of birth. Pat Williams, President and John B. Wells III are in charge of the calendar project.

TAKE NOTE!!!

Please read your newsletter carefully and mark your calendars for events and meetings and projects. We have heard comments from some, that they had not known about some activities or projects (even though the information has appeared in past newsletters)

1989 RESERVATION FOR JOHNSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

After this past reunion a letter of appreciation and thanks, to Paul Setser, Principal of Johnson Central was mailed with a request to reserve the school cafeteria for next year. We have not yet received a confirmation from Paul regarding this reservation.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Wanda and Phillip Wells, voting members of the board in charge of organizing this newsletter for the printer would like each member of the board and anyone interested in submitting an article to mail it to them at 709 Hamilton Ave., Ashland, KY 41101.

BUMPER STICKERS

The Board discussed having bumper stickers for our members at the October board meeting, although no action was taken at this meeting to purchase bumper stickers.

REUNION REMINDER

There will be a reminder on the reunion in each newspaper. This year we will have **gifts for the youngest, the oldest, one who's traveled the farthest, and for those who have registered the largest family—includes mom, dad, sons, daughters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law**. At the 1989 Wells Reunion, if weather conditions prevent the

usual tour of family members graves, we will have an alternative plan so we can visit and socialize with each other.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The bylaws have been changed to have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 members to the Historical Committee. Paula Wells was added to the committee at the October Board meeting.

RICHARD WELLS TOMBSTONE

John B. Wells III set the new stone of Richard Wells before the 1988 reunion, although weather conditions prevented members from visiting the grave site.

SUSANNAH HUTCHESON WELLS GRAVE SITE

Susannah H. Wells was buried behind the log church at Daniels Creek, in Johnson Co., KY. Mary Walton will write to the old Methodist Church Archives to obtain a list of all who was buried at this site. Many graves are unmarked. If any of you know of anyone buried at this cemetery, please let us know.

AUXIER RECLAMATION CEMETERY

Bobby Wells, Lloyd Wells, and Woodrow Allen reported the placement of a barricade at George E. Wells grave site to prevent four wheel drives from coming in and destroying the grave monuments.

DONATIONS

Our thanks to the following persons for making donations to the Wells Association when ordering 1988 Memorial Books:

1. Hester Hall
2. Topsy Purdy
3. Geneva Volota
4. Willa Leach
5. Marlene Coleman
6. Edna Morris- who is a regular contributor

Patti Volota Quallich - Secretary

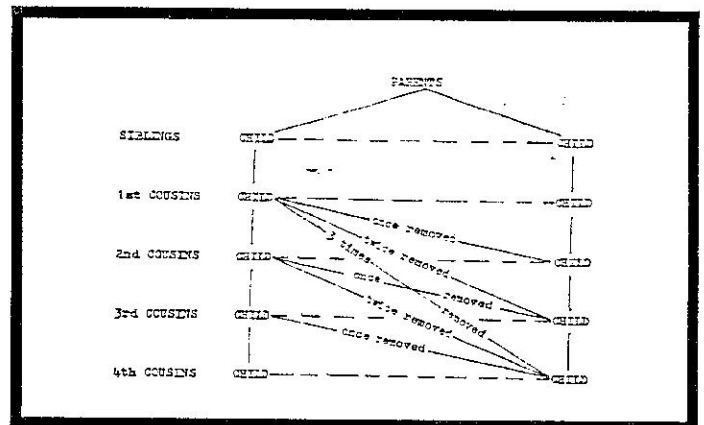


Chart was submitted by Phil Thurma, Lawrence Co. Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 945, Ironton, Ohio 45638. The chart shows how you are related to the various levels of cousins on your family tree.

GUIDE TO BEGINNING RESEARCH

Basic Concept	Begin with yourself. Work from known facts toward the unknown.
Key Facts	There are four key points of identification in genealogical research: names, dates, places, and relationships.
Major Sources	Home: family records, old letters, family bibles, journals, scrapbooks, diaries, biographies, photographs, birth-marriage-death records, newspaper clippings, school records. Relatives: interviews and correspondence (same as above) , newspaper obituaries and other clippings, military records, announcements, family histories, diplomas, certificates. Local Depositories: Public libraries: family histories, biographies, town histories, and county histories. School or University libraries. Historical Societies: all types of records. Schools: records of admission, attendance, etc. Churches: birth, marriage and death records, admissions, dismissals, memberships. Town Records: Town clerk: vital statistics, tax lists, meeting minutes, land records (in some), court records. Cemeteries, Sextons, Morticians, Hospitals, Newspapers County Records: County clerk: land records; wills; birth, marriage, and death records; tax lists. County court: probates, divorces, naturalization, guardianship. State records: Department of Health: vital statistics Libraries and archives: military, land, state census, etc. State Land Office: deeds, grants. Federal Records: National Archives: Military records (service and pension) Census records, 1790-1880 Land records Shipping and passenger lists 5 Naturalizations records

IGI 1988 EDITION IS DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

The INTERNATIONAL Genealogical Index (IGI) is an index to millions of vital records for selected time periods from many countries. It does not list records of living persons, but is limited to records of deceased persons. Most of the persons listed lived between 1500-1875.

The IGI is published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the use of its members in genealogical research. But because of its value to the genealogical community, the Church makes it available to anyone who wishes to use it. Since ancestors are shared, it contains information of value to most family researchers (not just

LDS members).

Entries in the IGI are for persons born or married in more than 90 countries. It is particularly strong in percentage of records indexed in it for the British Isles; the Scandinavian countries of Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Finland; the Germanic areas; parts of the United States, particularly the New England states; Mexico, and other areas of the world.

There are two arrangements of the IGI (on separate microfiche) for the Scandinavian countries, Wales, and the country of Monmouth, England—one listing them alphabetically by surname as other countries are listed, and one listing them alphabetically by given name. This is due to the patronymic naming custom used in these areas causing the surname to change each generation. In the given-name arrangement, the birth and christening entries are listed first, followed by the marriage entries for each given name.

The IGI lists entries for individuals taken primarily from vital records of births, christenings, and marriages. There is no link between the records of birth and marriage for the same person, nor for records of other family members. Each name is listed under the locality of the birth, christening, or marriage.

For each name in the IGI, the entry may include: name of individual; names of parents (or for a marriage, the name of the spouse); sex; type of event, such as birth, christening, marriage; date of event; place of event; and the source reference (batch and serial/sheet number) that can lead to the source of the information found in the IGI.

The IGI is available at the FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY (formerly known as the Genealogical Library), 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150; at its family history centers (formerly known as branch libraries) throughout the world, and at selected other facilities that have purchased parts or all of the IGI.

Introduction given by
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Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOTE: If you cannot travel a long distance to a court house, try driving to a State Archives or find out where the nearest LDS Stake library is located. Someone in the LDS library will be very happy to help you!!!! HAPPY HUNTING.

NEED PICTURES COPIED

If you need copies of your "old" pictures and are reluctant to trust them out of your care, find an OFFICE SUPPLY CO. with a CANNON COLOR COPIER. Ever in the ASHLAND, KY area???? Try ASHLAND OFFICE SUPPLY 2100 29th st, Ashland, KY. They make copies while you wait! NO WORRY about them being lost in the mail!!!! They can also reduce or enlarge your prints, or make prints from your negatives. NOT EXPENSIVE at all. jColor or black and white or both on the same page.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please notify me of any deceased persons (during the

Service to mail our newsletters non-profit. Arnold descends from Zachariah Wells who was an uncle of our Richard Wells. . He and his daughter Kim and son Kevin made the trip to England with us in June of 98. **Thanks again, Arnold.**

I want to share with you this Lower Daniels Creek School picture, the school was located on Rt. 3, Van Lear and has long been tore down. Goldie W. Stevens identify all of the members of the students This picture was taken about 1910-12 and the teacher is Arnold Spears. who descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Roseanne Wells Spears line.

First Row Left to right: Fred Wells, Alice Sherman, Hazel Mayo, Willa Hyden, Manchie Montgomery, Earl Sherman, Martha Clark, Elmer Montgomery, Tharphin Spears and Willie Burchwell

Second Row: Mamie Shermon, Jeff Montgomery, Estill Hyden, Hazel Hopson, Anna Golda Wells, Stella Burk and Jim Mayo.

Third Row: Jetta Wells, Ora Hobson, Susanna Richmond, Frank Burk, George Spears and Charlie Sester.

Fourth Row: Willie Bill Richmond, Sam Spears and Hobert Wells.



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