

Wells

Family Association, Inc.

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My late Christmas gift to each of you can be said in this poem that was written by Grace E. Easley:

My Christmas Gift

My Christmas gift to you this year,
Is always in demand,
But one that is not purchased
In a store or wayside stand,
My gift is one so special,
That it brings a guarantee
Of everlasting friendship,
For all the years to be.

My Christmas gift to you this year,
Is never out of season,
Nor may it ever be returned,
Whatever be the reason.

It is a sweet reminder, that
when your skies are grey,
Somebody cares about you,
Who is not far away.

I bring to you the gift of Love,
That shuts all coldness out,
Sustaining and uplifting,
As we learn what life's about.
It will remain unblemished,
And just as bright and new,
A hundred years from now, as when
...I gave it first to you.

My prayer is that each of you have a **Wonderful and Healthy New Year**, and that you begin making plans now for the 1991 Wells' Family Reunion. The Reunion will be at the Johnson Central High School, Paints-

ville, Ky on August 31st and September 1, 1991.

If you were unable to make the 1990 Reunion, then you missed a good time. There were eleven states represented. Jim and Betty Clark Farley won the award for traveling the farthest distance, 2400 miles from Chino, California. It was their first time to attend, and they plan to be back this year.

The 1990 year was busy for everyone and the Wells' Board members worked hard getting ready for the reunion and are already at work for the 1991 Reunion. They met on October 20, 1990, and several things were decided that would improve the 1991 Reunion. One of the most significant changes is to move the registration and items for sale tables into the cafeteria where the workers can have the opportunity to visit and enjoy the activities.

I want to express my appreciation to the many dedicated workers that registered the guests, worked the for sale tables and greeters that seen that the food was taken into the kitchen while members registered. The heat was almost unbearable and some of our workers never left the tables all day. I also thank each of you for coming and

taking part and helping to make the reunion a success.

The Board will be meeting again in April making plans for the 1991 Reunion, and we encourage your input of suggestions to improve the Reunion. Remember it is your Family Reunion, share your ideas with us by mailing them to me or the Secretary. We are here for you and need each of you, your talents and ideas.

I want to share a little information concerning Phillip and Wanda Wells, Editors of the Newsletter. Phillip is home, although he has been in and out of the hospital several times the last few months. Phillip seems to be feeling some better and getting out a little at this time. Once the information for the Newsletter is all gathered, he and Wanda organizes it for Tommie to typeset and it will then go to the printer. Tommie and I will assist in getting it together and then Phillip and Wanda will get the letter mailed out. We do appreciate them and our prayer is that Phillip will be well and back helping full time in the near future. We need both of them and appreciate the good work they have done in the past with the Newsletter.

I think your President owes you an apology for forgetting to take an offering at the 1990 Reunion. I guess the excitement about everything was so much that I just forgot. I promise to try to do better at the 1991 Reunion. I received many beautiful cards during Christmas, but

the card that I received from Bill and Edith Molette was very special in that enclosed was a typed message. Edith is the daughter of our oldest known Wells relative, Uncle George Wells, age 102. I want to share the message with you because it states perfectly what each of you mean to me. This poem states what I could never put it into words as beautiful as she did:

A Special Message for You

*We have a list of folks we know, all written in a book,
And every year when Christmas comes, we go and take a look.
And that is when we realize that these names are a part,
Not of the book they're written in, but really in our heart.
For each name stands for someone who has crossed our path some time,
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.
And while it sounds fantastic for us to make this claim,
We really feel that we're composed of each remembered name.
And while you may not be aware of any special "line",
Just meeting you has changed our life a lot more than you think.
For once we've met somebody, the years cannot erase,
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So never think our Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in-between.
For when we send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It is because you're on the list that we're indebted to.
For we are but the total of the many folks we've met,
And you happen to be one of those we prefer not to forget.
And whether we have known you for many years or few,
In some way you have had a part in shaping things we do.
And every year when Christmas comes, we realize anew,
The best gifts life can offer is meeting folks like you.
And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures,
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours!*

May God bless each of you and yours until we meet again.

Mary W. Walton

At the 1990 Reunion certificates were awarded to the following persons for outstanding work done for the family: Tommie Cochran, Mary F. Keel, Gladia Plummer Jarrell, Jim Preston, Bruce Wells (was not present), and Pat Williams.

Prizes were awarded to:

The Benjamin and Anna Richmond Wells family for the most

expenses such as liability insurance, payment of janitor and cooks for services and reunion supplies. This doesn't leave much in the treasury. We have a few T-shirts and George E. Wells books left. Your donations in anyway, time or monetary are greatly appreciated.

Wanda F. Wells, Treasurer
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NEW ARRIVALS!!!!

Phillip Edward Perry, b. 8-31-90, to Eddie and Denice Wells Perry, Ashland, Ky. Phillip Edward weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. The baby was named for his maternal grandfather, Phillip Wells, who is on the Wells Board and Co-editor of the Wells Newsletter with his wife and Treasure of the Board, Wanda. Phillip and Wanda are very excited about this new addition to the family. They are also expecting their third grandchild any day now. Phillip Edward is the great grandson of Ruth Wells and the late John P. Wells.



Heather Ann Quallich, b. 11-3-90, weighing 8 lb. 2 oz., and 19 1/2 inches long, was born to Douglas and Patti Volota

Quallich of Parma, Ohio. The maternal gandparents are Steve and Geneva Wells Volota, and is their first granddaughter. Heather is the great granddaughter of the late Ben and Anna Richmond Wells. Patti is a member of the Historical Committee of the Wells Family Board.



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=MARRIAGES=

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Anita Kimberly Wells and Mark Elliot Nordin were married August 18, 1990 in Paintsville, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Wells, Paintsville and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Grimm and Hazel Wells. The couple will reside in Memphis, Tenn. where Mark is attending Southern College of Optometry. Kimberly is a practicing Optometrist. Anita descends from William Green Wells.

Dawn M. Wells and Matthew Caudill were married September 29, 1990 at East Point Church of God. Dawn is the paternal great granddaughter of the late Ben and Anna Wells and the granddaughter of Jaunita Goble Wells and the late Bennie Wells Jr. Dawn is employed with the Paul Deaton Law Firm, in Paintsville, Ky.

Rhonda Wells and Mack Hampton were married September 15, 1990 at Prince of Peace Freewill Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va. Rhonda is the daughter of Judith Wells and the late Ronald Wells, and the paternal granddaughter of Ruth Wells and the late John P. Wells. She is the niece of Phillip Wells who serves on the Wells Board. Rhonda is a nurse at St. Marys Hospital, Huntington, W. Va.

Charles "Chuck" "Dobie" Wells, and Kim Lewis were married September 8, 1990 at Prestonsburg, Ky. Chuck is the son of Charles R. and Minnie S. Wells, and the maternal grandson of Ben and Anna Wells and paternal

grandson of Joe and Lilla "Cricket" Wells. Chuck and Kim are both employed by the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Special Achievements & Awards

Shiela Campbell was one of two ladies to turn in the top scores in the Past Members Memorial Golf Tournament at the Ponderosa Golf Course, Ashland, Ky. Sheila is the daughter of Juanita Wells Kershner of Flatwood, Ky. and the granddaughter of the late John and Arminta McCloud Wells.

Ten year old Bradley Sato has qualified for the Quest Program and the Gifted Student Program at the University of Kentucky. Bradley received a scholarship to finance a computer class that he attends at U. K. He is a fourth grader at Breckenridge Elementary School, Lexington, Ky. Bradley is the son of Patricia Wells Sato, the grandson of Jackie Wells and the great grandson of the late Hobert and Abbi G. Richmond Wells. He descends from both William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. **That's the way to go Bradley!!!**

Tonya Collins, was recognized in November of high academic achievements. She was honored as the mountain student of the week in November. In order to receive this honor, Tonya had to maintain all A's or g.p.a of 4.00. She is a junior at Johnson Central High School and her future plans are to enter the medical field. Tonya is the daughter of Larry and Rita Griffith Collins, Van Lear, Ky. and the paternal granddaughter of Carl and Polly

Wells Collins. She descends from George E., William Green, and Agnes Wells Auxier. Good work, Tonya.

Zella Wells, wife of Frank A. Wells, Jr. of Paintsville, who descends from Dr. William Green Wells, has been selected for membership on the **Mathematics Task Force**. Both Zella and Frank teach in the Johnson County School System. Zella is Chair of the Johnson Central High School Mathematics Department. The Task Force is one of eleven created to help frame the six goals of the Kentucky Education Reform Act in measurable terms for grades K-12. The Task Force members will determine specifically what children should know and be able to do with respect to the six goals and determine what should be assessed over the next decade. Wells has participated in Berea College's Woodrow Wilson Institute for secondary Math Teacher. She has professional membership in the Regional State and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Phi Delta Kappa and Pi Mes Epsilon. **We are proud of you, Zella.**

Paul David Wells, 43 of Westwood, Ky. has become a successful performer and songwriter in the country music field with the title song from his album "Sounds Good To Me." The video includes photos from the Wells and Whitt family albums. He is the son of Pearl and Charles Bert Wells, and the grandson of Daniel Boone Wells and Anna Thomas Wells. He may be some of our WELLS.

Denise Wells was acquitted by a Houston, Texas jury of illegally using a public men's room at a George Strait concert after she testified it was necessity that made her do it--rather than an effort to cause a disturbance. She was represented by her attorney and sister, Valorie Wells Davenport. Could these ladies be some of our Wells?

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 **MEMORIAL STONES PLACED** 

The following memorial stones were purchased and placed for Wells Ancestors by Wells Family Members:

Fred and Allene McGuire placed a beautiful stone at the grave of Fred's grandparents, Allen and Angeline Collins Wells at the Government Relocation Cemetery, Auxier, Ky. Fred was reared by his grandparents after the death of his mother.

Bobby Wells and family purchased a stone to be set at the grave of his grandparents, James and Florence Wells Goble, who are buried at the Auxier Community Cemetery.

The Ben Wells and Anna Richmond Wells family members placed markers at the grave of the following ancestors: Mint Wells Harmon, Nevard Wells, Samuel Clark, Susie Wells Clark, Charlie Clark, Elizabeth "Betty" Clark Hibbit and Logan Hibbit.

The Association has marked the graves of George E. Wells, Nancy Butcher Wells, and a new Revolutionary War stone was obtained by John B. Wells, III for Richard Wells' grave through the Kentucky Confederate Organization.

It is the hope of the Association to eventually mark all of the unmarked graves of our ancestors.

Virginia Edgel furnished a quote from the English Essayist Thomas Babington MacCauley: **If we do not remember our ancestors, we cannot expect to be remembered by our descendants.**

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Our hearts have been saddened since our last Newsletter by the family members we have lost in death. Our heart-felt prayers go out to their families. They will be greatly missed by all of us.

**Avanelle Wells**, 78, of Wabasso, Fla. formerly of Wayland, died in Florida. She was born December 28, 1911, at Hueysville. She was a daughter of the late Frank H. and Byrd Allen Cooley. She is survived by her husband, John C. "Crit" Wells, and a daughter, Toby S. True.

**Alice M. Wells**, 86, Paintsville, d. 7-22-90, b. 6-8-04 in Floyd County, daughter of the late George and Leota Music Sherman. Her husband Paris Wells died in 1970. Surviving are a son, Carl Lee Wells, three daughters, Roberta Baldwin, Jean Arrowood, and Ruth Harding, three half-brothers.

**Marsha Wells**, 89, Prestonsburg, Ky., d. 9-2-90 at the Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, b. 2-24-01, Auxier, daughter of the late James H. and Martille Webb Litteral. Her husband, Samuel L. Wells, died in 1971. Surviving are four daughters, Ruby Collins,

Lillian Watson, Roberta Davidson, and a son, Randall Wells.

Helen M. Kazee Hill, 66, Ashland, Ky., b. 12-8-23, Kenova, W. Va., d. 9-1-90. She was the daughter of Chester and Gladys Wells Kazee, granddaughter of John and Armenta McCloud Wells, great granddaughter of George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells. She leaves her husband, William C. "Bill" Hill; three sons, James R. Gates, Creighton Hill, and Cranston Hill; two daughters, Ora J. Hill and Kimberly Louise "Tiny" Williams; and ten grandchildren. Burial was in Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens, Ashland, Ky.

Georgeaine Adams Wells, 58, Prestonsburg, d. 9-3-90, b. 7-14-32, Floyd County, daughter of J. D. and Hazel Osborne Adams. Her husband Billie Glen Wells died in 1985. She leaves two sons, Paul David Wells and Billy Keith Wells, and two grandchildren. She was buried in Indiana at Davedom Memorial Gardens.

Richard Collins, 75, d. 6-90, b. 8-1-14 in Martin County, son of Robert and Minnie Burchfield Collins. Surviving are his wife Venida Faye Dennison Collins and four sons: James, Richard, Rex and Ray; three daughters Mary Wells, Willadean Spears and Joyce Ann Hagerman. Burial was in the Collins Cemetery at Van Lear.

Marcia Evans Wells, 92, Frankfort, d. 9-3-90. She was the wife of the late Robert Nicholson Wells Sr., and the daughter of the late John

Thomas Evans and Martha Waters Wells. She leaves three children, Col. Jack D. Wells, Robert N. Wells, Jr. and Marcia Wells Dupree, nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery, Keith, Ky.

Ivory Hill, 77, of Pinson Fork died 9-15-90 in Charleston, W. Va. at the Memorial Hospital. She is the sister of Lymon Porter, who is a member of the Wells' Family Board. She leaves one daughter Mary Lyons. She is the granddaughter of Ali and Mary Wells Williamson and descends from William Green Wells.

Kathleen Wells, 72, Grayson, d. 9-22-90, b. 5-1-18, Carter County, daughter of the late Everett and Iva Elliott Reliford. Her husband was the late Harvey Wells. She leaves two daughters Jenny Linville and Lois Easterling of Grayson and a sister, Mabel Rucker also of Grayson.

Paul Dean Richmond, 55, Van Lear, d. 10-15-90 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, b. 3-20-35, son of Della Williams Richmond and J. Spilman Richmond. Additional survivors include a son Gregory Richmond, a twin brother, Harold Gene Richmond, Fairborn, Ohio and a sister, Bonnie Sue Fraley, Grayson. He is buried in the Richmond Cemetery, Van Lear, Ky.

Jake Sester, 88, died 12-11-90. He was the husband of Willa Dean Spears who came down the George E. Wells line and is the daughter of Enic and Opal Collins Spears. He leaves six children and twelve grandchildren.



Ky., another sister of our President, has spent several weeks in the hospital suffering from a heart attack and several other complications. She is presently recuperating at her daughter's in Louisa.

Jim Williams, Paintsville, husband of our past President, Pat Williams, spent most of December in St. Josephs Hospital, Lexington. He had two aneurysms in his aorta. They were removed and Jim is recuperating at his home with special care from his wife, Pat.

Delores "Sis" Williams Booth, wife of Clifford Booth, and sister of Jim Williams, was stricken ill on Friday December 14th and was rushed to U. K. Hospital. She had 99% blockage in her neck and went through surgery to remove the blockage on Wed. the 19th. She was later found to have an aneurysm on the brain and will undergo surgery again Jan. 9th if she has healed enough from the previous surgery. Delores is a member of the Wells Board. Her husband, Clifford Booth, had just returned home from the hospital with a bloodclot in his leg when she took sick. Let's remember Delores and Clifford in our prayers.

Ed Wells, Urbona, Ohio, the brother of Clara Wells Preston who is on the Wells Board suffered two heart attacks in December. He was transferred to another hospital for a heart catherization which will depend on the outcome whether he will undergo open heart surgery. Our Prayers are for Ed

Stanley Keel, Van Lear, Ky. suffered a heart attack December 21st and is a patient in Highland Regional Hospital and will be going home soon to recuperate at his home on Daniels Creek. Stanley is the son of the late Rufus and Lucy Delong Walton Keel and the great grandson of Aaron Wells. He is the half brother of Manford Walton. His wife is Judy Butcher Keel. Our prayers are for you, Stanley.

Carrie Music Wells, Auxier, Ky., wife of the late Lenard Wells, and the mother of our Board Member, Lloyd Wells, is a shut-in at her home in Auxier. Her children are taking turns staying with her. Our prayers are for Carrie and the family.

Gene Spears, Flatwoods, Ky., has been in the hospital, but is home recuperating at this time. Gene is the grandson of the late, John T. and Leona Clark Spears. Our prayers are that he will be well soon. Gene descends from William Green Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Peggy Rice, East Point, underwent surgery recently in Kings Daughters Hospital. She is the wife of Kenny Rice and the daughter-in-law of Cloteen Clark Rice and the late Willard Rice. Kenny descend from William Green Wells. Peggy is doing well at her East Point home.

Unoka "Nokie" Wells Frisby, Louisville, Ky., underwent surgery for blockage in the arteries in her neck and is doing great. Nokie is the daughter of the late Richard and Fannie Richmond Wells, of



Auxier, Ky. She was unable to attend the Wells Reunion in September because of the surgery. Our prayers are that you will continue improving, Nokie.

James "Jim" Richmond, Van Lear, the son of the late Joel Richmond, suffered a heart attack and stroke. He is in the Highland Regional Hospital. Jim has lost use of his right side and is in need of our prayers. He is the grandson of the late Bill and Myrtle Spears Richmond and is a nephew of Georgia Richmond who is on the Wells Board.

Wendal Stafford, of Flatwoods, Ky., has been in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va. and is scheduled to go back this month for open heart surgery. He is the son of the late Rosie Collins Stafford, and descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Lena Desseport, Parma, Ohio will be undergoing surgery to replace her knee cap. She is the daughter of the late Lester Spears and descends from both Rose Ann Wells Spears and Dr. Wm. Green Wells. Our prayers will be for you, Lena.

Will Williams, Spring Valley, Ohio is in the Green Oaks Health Care Center recuperating from lung surgery. Will had a portion of his right lung removed on Nov. 9th. He has received support from his son, Will I. who spent a month with him but had to return to his home in Los Vegas, Nevada. His sister Margaret Hayth of Jackson, Ohio is presently with him. Will is the grandson of Allen

and Angeline Collins Wells. Our prayer is you will be home soon.

June Wells Adams, the daughter of the late Elijah and Ethel Burchett Wells and granddaughter of Allen and Angeline Wells is still in a rest home in Prestonsburg. Remember her in your prayers.

Elsie Wells Goble, the daughter of the late William Riley Wells and granddaughter of Allen and Angeline Collins Wells is a patient in the Green Oaks Health Care Center, Xenia, Ohio. She has three children in the area to give her support, but remember her in your prayers.

Erma Angeline Wells Easton, a daughter of the late Wallace Winfield and Sally Burchett Wells, and granddaughter of Allen and Angeline Collins Wells is in a rest home in Florida. She is the sister of Opel Wells Derossett who serves on the Wells Family Board. Remember her in your prayers.

Other family members who have been under the weather from the flu or other illnesses are:

Georgia Ann Richmond Hall, Brunswick, Ohio  
Minta Clark Butcher, Paintsville, Ky.  
Emma Wells Adkins, Van Lear, Ky.  
Polly Wells Collins, Van Lear, Ky.  
Patricia Wells Womack, Greenup, Ky.  
Clara Wells Preston, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.  
Eyvand Brown, Van Lear, Ky.  
Delight Wells Hall,

Shepherdsville, Ky.  
Nevard Wells, Van Lear, Ky.  
James E. Wells, Raceland, Ky.  
Woodie Wells, Grove City,  
Ohio.  
Lucille Patton, Auxier, Ky.  
Beatrice Childers, Auxier, Ky.  
Thomas Nesbitt, Columbus,  
Ohio.  
Gertrude Perry, Louisville,  
Ky.  
Jack Ray Hall, Shepherdsville,  
Ky.  
Ferrall "Sakee" Frisby,  
Louisville, Ky.  
Lisa Horn, Lousia, Ky.  
Lewis Edgel, Flatwoods, Ky.  
Lillie Collins Wells, Urbona,  
Ohio.  
Ann Porter, Waverly, Ohio.  
Willard Collins, Van Lear, Ky.

We hope all of our relatives  
will be blessed with good  
health soon.

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We are going to run special  
articles in the Newsletter  
about family members that are  
of interest to our readers.  
If you have someone you would  
like to do an article on and  
share with us, please submit  
the information. Many of our  
relatives have achieved a  
great deal in their lives and  
we would love to hear about  
it.

Jewell Clark McMahan, daughter  
of Blain Clark and Lutie  
DeLong Clark and the  
grandaughter of Samuel and  
Susie Wells Clark is a pioneer  
in the health care field. She  
started the first nursing home  
in Mississippi named  
Hattisburg Convalescent  
Center. She organized the  
first nursing home association  
in the state and attended the  
first National Association  
Meeting. She now has three  
health care facilities--one

which is the Convalesant  
Center with 185 beds and two  
retirement centers with a  
total of about 60 residents.  
Jewell has three sons, Lymn,  
Gary and Mike.

Lymn McMahan has the Southern  
Mississippi Eye Clinic. He is  
an internationally known  
specialist in laser cataract  
surgery and lens implants.

He has traveled to Pakistan,  
Russia, London, Buenas Aires,  
India and Rio De Janeria to  
either lecture or do surgery  
to show the ophthamologists in  
those areas the techniques he  
uses. He performs several  
hundred or thousand operations  
annually. In Pakistan  
facilities were set up in an  
airplane so that doctors could  
observe his techniques on  
closed circuit T.V. in the  
airport.

Jewell's son Gary assists her  
with the health care business  
and Mike is an attorney in  
Hattisburg. Jewell's husband  
deceased in 1971 and was in  
real estate and insurance.  
Jewell is also the sister of  
the late Sheldon Clark of  
Inez, and Darlene Burgess who  
serves on the Wells Board.  
Jewell resides at 2309  
Carriage Rd., Hattisburg,  
Miss. 39401.

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A special thanks goes to Bruce  
Wells from Cox's Creek, Ky.  
Bruce has been assisting the  
Wells Family Association for  
the last few years in keeping  
records in his computer for  
our mailing list for the  
Newsletter. He has not only  
kept the list up-to-date, but  
has printed our labels to mail  
our Newsletter (at no cost to  
the organization). Bruce has

now written a computer program for the organization and by doing this we will be able to maintain a mailing list of our members. Bruce is still there to assist in anyway he can and we really appreciate him. Bruce is also greatly involved with the Wells Family Research Association, started by Oran Wells and distributed world wide. Bruce, thanks again for all your help.

Bruce also started a new Wells Family Reunion at Fox Creek, RECC Building, Lawrenceburg, Ky, and they had their first meeting August 18, 1990. The following letter from Bruce explains how the Reunion started:

December 19, 1990

Mary Wells Walton  
124 Mt. Savage Dr.  
Ashland, KY 41101

Dear Mary,

As I hung up the phone, I thought about how busy Saturday may get for me, so decided to drop you a few lines about the ELIJAH WELLS FAMILY REUNION.

Actually, the whole idea materialized on Memorial Day 1989. I had been working on a project for a couple of years to get a grave stone for Elijah & Mervena Wells, my paternal g-g-grand parents. Elijah had been in his grave 96 years without a stone to mark his grave, so on Memorial Day last year, we dedicated the stone. Several of the "cousins" made comment about a family reunion that day, so I commenced the planning for that.

I sent notice to as many of the descendants as I had addresses for, encouraging each one to relay the information to other descendants that they knew. So on August 18, 1990, at the Fox Creek RECC building in Lawrenceburg, KY, we had our reunion.

There were approximately 100 in attendance. Some came late and didn't sign in. They all brought a dish and we had lunch and real good fellowship. Some of the "old-timers" said they thought the last time the Elijah Wells family got together was in 1925. There is only one grandchild of Elijah (b. 1825 d. 1893) still living, and she was in attendance. We had a group picture taken which will become a cherished item in years to come. We found out that some of the cousins were musically inclined, so they got the banjo and guitar out and provided some entertainment.

The highlight of the day for me was reuniting with a first cousin of mine that I had not seen since we were children nearly 30 years ago. She came in from Maryland with her children, and it was such a treat! Her name is Betsy Gambel Bradley.

I would very much like to form an association, but time is not going to allow me to do that just yet. But I will families have too many excuses for not staying in touch, and I want to eliminate some of those excuses.

All in all, it was a very good time, enjoyed by everyone. The smiles and laughs were very good compensation for the time spent in preparation.

You folks have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless and keep you.

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Wells Family History -  
When will the book on the descendants of Richard and Susannah Hutchinson Wells be finished? The best guess is four or five years in the future. What is holding it up

is the need for more information. We find some information in census records, and some in library books. The rest comes from you, the descendants.

So, if you think your family history has not been sent to us, please give us what you have, even if it is only a partial listing. We need family groups, birth and death dates, who they married, and any other family history you may know about, concerning your parents, grandparents, etc. Give this information to Bobby Wells, History Committee Chairman, 687 Burke Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky., phone (606)886-2101, or your Secretary, Tommie Cochran, 1486 W. Calumet, Worthington, Ky. 41183.

The Wells Family Association has already published three preliminary books, but these are only partially complete. They are on Moses Wells, William Green Wells, and George E. Wells. We need your help to correct and complete them before they are printed in final form. You may order the George E. Wells book now from Mary Walton or Bobby Wells for \$10 plus \$1 postage and mailing.

For the 1991 Reunion we will have a preliminary book on Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier. As for the other children of Richard and Susannah, we plan preliminary books on them later. There was information on Andrew J. Wells, the oldest son, in the 1990 issue of the Newsletter. We do not have much on Elizabeth Wells Hillman, who remained in Scott Co., Va. We have recently

received information on Peter Wells from a descendant, Joyce Wells of Mansfield, O.

Others not published are Rosanna Wells Spears, John Wells, who went to Lawrence County, Ohio, after the Civil War, Nancy Wells, who was the first wife of William Webb, Jr. and died young, leaving three children, and Mary Wells who married William Butcher. We recently received a rare copy of a picture of this last couple. Such pictures will be included in the final printed book.

Richard and Susannah Wells had around 95 grandchildren. Imagine cooking for that many at a Thanksgiving dinner!

Paula Wells, History Committee

The Wells Family  
Historical Committee  
Correction Form

It is the desire of the Wells Family Historical Committee to correct any errors you may find in the Draft of the family books before the final book is printed. If information on you family was not included in the books, it was because your family did not submit the information, but it is not too late to get it in the final book. If you have any additions or corrections, please use the format below and submit it by mailing to Tommie Cochran, Secretary, 1486 W. Calumet, Worthington, Ky. 41183, or Mary Walton, President, 124 Mt. Savage Drive, Ashland, Ky.

An example of how a correction can be reported is given here:

Your Name, Address & Phone No.:

George E. Wells Family \_\_\_\_\_  
William Green Wells Family \_\_\_\_\_  
Moses Wells Family \_\_\_\_\_

Page number where error is found\_\_\_\_, Line number\_\_\_\_, ID number of individual to be corrected:\_\_\_\_\_ Presently reads:\_\_\_\_\_

Should read:\_\_\_\_\_

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Excerpts from the following article was mailed to our President from Kermit Wells, Dayton, Ohio. The article is on Humphrey Wells and Carrie from Historical Collections, Georgia D.A.R.

"WELLS, HUMPHREY--of Pariah of St Paul province of Ga.-- Surgeon. To oldest son Humphrey all my land in the new purchase also all my land in Maryland. To son George 1000 acres bought of Nathaniel Young, lying on both sides of Kinyon Creek and 100 acres bought of Michael Ely between Young's land and the Quaker Road. To son Samuel, 150 acres bought of John Lewis between the land I bought of Ely and Limbakers and 100 acres bought of Nathaniel Parsley. The land I surveyed in S.C. to be divided between my daughter Sibbella and my youngest son, Jessee. 300 acres bought of James Bruer containing mill seat be sold. To beloved wife Abigall, estate for life or widowhood. All children minors. Chas. Crawford. Esq. and wife

Abigall Wells Excre, Signed  
 Aug\_ \_ \_ 1781. Wit: paper  
 torn...cus or cue...  
 Holeman...Ricketson.  
 Inventory made by Thos. Paco  
 and David Harris, Mar. 21,  
 1782. Another inventory  
 ordered made Jun. 29, 1785.  
 Abraham Jones, Admr. Chas.  
 Simmons, .....Inventory shows:  
 Bounty Warrant 1107 1/2 acres  
 in Franklin Co. in the name of  
 heirs of Dr. H. Y. Wells, Jr.  
 dated Jul. 28, 1784. Audited  
 cert. dated 6th June 1787 name  
 of Dr. H. Y. Wells for  
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The article on William Wells  
 and Kaley Davis Wells was  
 also shared by Kermit Wells.  
 He states the 1850 Morgan Co.,  
 Ky census listed Wm. Wells as  
 William Wells, Jr.

CHILDREN OF KALEY DAVIS AND  
 WILLIAM WELLS

Born 1825, married Oct. 18,  
 1846.

- (1) John Amos Wells (m.) Betty  
 Testerman. Parents of 8  
 children.
- (2) Sanford Wells (m.) Anna  
 Rose. Parents of 8 children.
- (3) Jeff Wells (m.) Martha  
 Rose. Parents of 4 children.
- (4) Calah Wells (Twin Sister  
 to Mahala Wells) (m.) John  
 Caudill (Twin Brother to  
 Robert Caudill who married  
 Mahala Wells). Parents of 3  
 children.

Mahala Wells (m.) Robert  
 Caudill. Parents of 3  
 children.

Julie Ann Wells (m.) James

Buchanan Rose. Parents of 9  
 children.

Carrie Wells (m.) Clay Rose.  
 Family unknown..

Mary Jane Wells (m.) Alec  
 Rose. Parents of 3 children.

Cindy Wells (m.) Sanford Day.  
 Parents of 5 children.

James Thomas Wells (m) Nancy  
 Patrick. Parents of 4  
 children.



William & Mary Wells Butcher

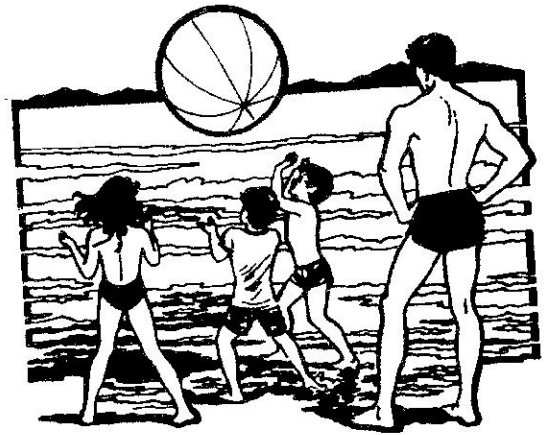
This treasured picture of  
 William Butcher and wife, Mary  
 Wells Butcher was also  
 provided by Kermit Wells.  
 Mary is the daughter of  
 Richard Wells. we now have a  
 picture of 4 of Richard Wells'  
 children, Mary, Agenes,  
 William Green and George E.  
 If any of you have pictures of  
 others, please let us know or  
 provide us a copy.

Thanks, Kermit, for all the  
 wonderful information.

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 FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you should descend from  
 Richard and Nancy Brown Wells,  
 then you will find relatives

at Blaine, Ky. Russell Boggs, 126 Mt. Savage Dr., Ashland, Ky., a neighbor of Mary and Manford Walton descends from this line. Richard and Nancy Brown Wells had a son Zachariah Wells who married Abigail Osborn, daughter of James and Mary Whitaker Osborn. Zachariah and Abigail had Nancy Wells, b. 12-7-1783 at Wilkes Co. N.C., d. 2-20-1858 Lawrence Co., Ky. She married John O. Boggs, b. 3-31-1778 at Surrey Co., N.C. d. 7-5-1843, Lawrence Co., Ky. They were married 3-1-1799 at Lee Co., Va. They had 7 daughters and 5 sons. A son David Boggs married Sarah Holbrook and had 8 boys and 4 girls--a son Eliphus Boggs, b. 7-18-1833, d. 8-28-1916, Lawrence Co., Ky., married 2nd time to Julia Miller Lester, b. 6-5-1851 N.C., d. 1-13-1914 Lawrence Co. They had 4 children, a son Chester Arthur Boggs, b 7-29-1887, Lawrence Co. d. 9-24-1966, Married Ollie B. Delphia Kazee, b. 4-25-1887, Lawrence Co. d. 8-31-1972, Chestersville, Ohio. They had 7 children. A son Russell Bailey Boggs, b. 7-22-1911, Blaine, Ky., married Bonnie Jane Moore, b. 9-14-1913, Blaine, Ky. They have one son, Maynard Wabeka Boggs, b. 11-25-1946 Ashland and he presently resides in Huntington, W. Va.



The members of your Board wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve The Wells' Family Association and we welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have.

We wish you and yours the best possible 1991!

