

Wells

Family Association, Inc.

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The greatest event of the year will take place in approximately fourteen weeks on August 31 and September 1st, 1991, at the Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, Ky. Wells relatives will travel from across the country to see each other and exchange genealogical information in an effort to know a little more about our roots. Begin to schedule your vacations and make plans to attend. We would not want you to miss this event. Your attendance is what makes our reunions such a success.

The Wells Board Members traveled many miles on April 27, 1991 to the Highland Restaurant, Paintsville, Ky. to plan for the 1991 Reunion. I am very proud to serve the Wells Family Association as President with such a dedicated group on the Board. I want to tell you how far the members traveled (at their own expense) giving up their Saturday to help plan for the Reunion. Fred & Opal Wells Derossett, Belleville, Mich., Lee and Georgia Richmond Hall, Brunswick, Oh., Jim and Clara Wells Preston, Mechanicsburg, Oh., Haskell and Darlene Clark Burgess, Dayton, Oh., Lymon Porter, Waverly, Oh., Pauline Garza, Eldersburg, Md., Paula Wells, Lloyd, Ky., James E. Wells, Raceland, Ky., Tommie Cochran, Worthington, Ky., Arthur Collins, Naples, Ky., Virginia Edgel, Flatwoods, Ky., Delores "Sis" Booth, Van Lear, Ky., Lloyd Wells, Auxier, Ky., Bobby Wells, Prestonsburg, Ky. Some of the others wanted to attend but due to unforeseen events, were unable to attend. I must say the Board Members are very committed to preserving the heritage of this great Wells Family.

Phillip and Wanda Wells, have looked forward to attending the Board Meetings, but due to Phillip's illness, have been unable

to attend for awhile. Phillip has been in the hospital most of the time since Easter.

The Board is making many plans to make the Reunion better than ever. We welcome any suggestions that will improve the Reunion. We appreciate your input. We have gotten a lot of response from members on how much they enjoy the Newsletter, and we encourage your suggestions. The Newsletter is mailed to approximately 650 households and continue to hear from others wanting the Newsletter and want to know how much it costs. We tell them there is no charge, but that it is funded through volunteer donations.

I received a letter from my Wells, Perry and Richmond Cousin, Marlene Coleman, Columbus, Oh. with a donation to be placed where needed most. She stated how much she enjoyed the Newsletter. She also shared with me the information on the Auxier Reunion. Thanks Marlene, looking forward to seeing you at the Auxier and Wells Reunions.

I also received a check to be placed where needed most from Board members, Haskell and Darlene Burgess. Darlene is my Wells and Clark cousin. Thanks Burgess Family. These donations will be put to good use!

I received a call from another Wells cousin, Phyllis Wells Russell of Miami Shores, Florida and she is making plans to come to the Reunion this year. She is the niece of Opal Derossett. I welcome any of your calls or letters as I always love talking with you about family.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 1991 at the Highland Restaurant, Paintsville, Ky for the 1991 Reunion final plans. This will probably be the last Newsletter before the Reunion, **SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS**. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Reunion.

Thank you for your support of the Association and may God bless you and yours.

Mary

APPRECIATION AND OUR HEARTFELT APOLOGY to Edith Walters, at Rt. 40, Paintsville, Ky for making the beautiful quilt for the 1990 Reunion. The credit for making of the quilt was mistakenly given to the wrong person. We are very sorry. The quilt was won by Beulah Keel, Auxier, Ky., and we know she will treasure it for many years to come. Thanks again, Edith. We do appreciate you!



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An Invitation to the 27th Annual Greene/-
Green Family Reunion:

Date: Second Sunday of August-8/11/91

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dinner after
12:30 p.m.

Place: Armco Park in Summitt, KY. on
U.S. Route 60 West of Ashland, Ky.
Shelter House #2-WATCH FOR SIGNS.

Herold Sylvester Greene, who will be 100 years young on July 1, 1991, will be honored. Herold is the son of the late William Martin "Billy" Greene and Susan White Greene. For further info contact:

Samuel Logan Pennington, President
Or Charity J. Pennington, Sec. & Treas.
Route 2, Box 374-A, Sparks Lane
Minford, Ohio 45653
Ph. (614)355-9056.

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Auxier Reunion

We wanted to share with you the letter concerning the Auxier Reunion held on Memorial weekend.

P. O. Box 808
Paintsville, KY 41240
February 26, 1991

Dear Auxier Relative:

Plans are being made for a major Auxier family reunion on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27, 1991. The special occasion for this reunion is the relocation of the grave of Capt. David Valentine Auxier from Saltville, Va., to the Johnson County Memorial Cemetery. Cousin David Auxier, from Memphis, Tenn., almost single-handedly accomplished this task, which was completed Feb. 19, 1991. We are planning a special dedication ceremony at Capt. Auxier's new grave on Sunday, May 26, at 2:00 P. M. This will be an event you will certainly not want to miss!

Since a large part of the Auxier clan will be in town for the weekend, we thought it would be a good idea to get together for a dinner on Saturday evening to talk genealogy, renew old acquaintances and show off family heirlooms. We have reserved the Stafford Room at the Highland House Restaurant for 6:00 P.M. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

We also hope to use this reunion to put together a more complete genealogy of the Auxier clan, particularly of the more recent generations. If any of you can send me updated genealogical information before Memorial Day, we will attempt to collate the material by Memorial Day.

Please be sure to notify any Auxier relatives that you know of the reunion. We know that our mailing list is incomplete, and we want to notify as many people as possible. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations early. Please let me know if you plan to attend the dinner on Saturday evening, as we need to tell the restaurant how many will attend. If you have any questions, call me at 606/789-5625, Mary Grace Garland at 789-5187 or Bonnie Hager at 789-1412.

Sincerely,

John David Preston
John David Preston

COLLINS REUNION will be held on August 10th starting at 10 a.m. at the No. 1 Shelter House at Jenny Wiley State Park.

The Nominations Committee will be making some important decisions soon concerning choosing Board members for the Association. You may be asked to take an office, to serve on a committee, or to represent one of Richard Wells' children on the Board. If you would like to suggest someone or would be willing to serve, please contact the Nominations Committee:

Virginia Edgel, Chairperson
2000 Oak Street
Flatwoods, Ky. 41139
(606)836-5337

Nomination Committee Members
Ronnie G. Wells James D. Wells
West Third Street 7926 Hartman Rd.
Paintsville, Ky Ripley, Oh.

REUNION

Refreshments

Please bring your special recipe covered dish and lets all eat together. Paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic silverware and ice for drinks will all be furnished. If you have any questions contact Delores "Sis" Booth, Chairperson, HCR 70, Box 1515, Van Lear, Ky 41265. (606)789-5771.

Entertainment

We know the Wells Family has many talents, why not share them with us at the 1991 Reunion? We need relatives who are willing to perform for us this year. If you or someone you know would like to participate, contact: Darlene Burgess, Chairperson, 7942 Lisa Lee Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45415. (513)890-5075.

Auction

There will be an auction this year and the proceeds will go toward memorial stones, as last year's did. The auction will be shorter this year. We would like handmade items from some of you out there that do beautiful handiwork. Also the children enjoy the auction and articles of interest to our "Little People" would be appreciated.

Start thinking now about what you can make for the auction.

If you have any questions contact: Anne Porter, Chairperson, 547 East 2nd St., Waverly, Oh. 45690. (614)947-5057; or Jim Preston, Auctioneer, Mechanicsburg, Oh. 43044.

The balance in the Treasure, including designated funds (for the Memorial Stone) is \$1,690.40. The insurance and other Reunion costs will be deducted from this

children. Burial was in the Government Relocation Cemetery, Auxier, Ky. Louise's late husband, Noah, descends from George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

Angeline Spears George, 80, Floyd Co., b. 2-11-11, d. 2-17-91 the daughter of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Taylor Spears. Surviving are her husband, James George, a daughter, Janalyn Hale, Ypsilanti, Mich., a brother, Charles Spears, Pikeville, 2 sisters, Lenora Smith, Ponce City, Okla., Betty Hall, Lexington, Ky.

Willard Collins, 75, b. 6-14-15, d. 2-12-91. He was the son of the late Lucy and Mary Josephine Wells Collins. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel McKenzie Collins. He is survived by his wife, Eula Spears Ferguson Collins, four daughters, Sharon Kay Hall, Auxier, Ky., Judy Ann Griffin, Commerce, Okla., Marty Ward, West Van Lear, Ky., and Linda Sue Goble, Wiggins, Miss., a stepson, Elden Estep, Portsmouth, Oh., 11 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Burial was in the Collins Cemetery, Auxier.

Gertrude Mole, 82, of East Point died Feb. 21, 1991 at the Highland Regional Hospital, Prestonsburg, Ky. She was born 9-14-1908 to the late Harry and Martha Delong Webb. Surviving are 5 daughters, Dottie Kestner, Paintsville; Ava Geraldine Conley, Nicholasville; Betty Johnson, Neon; Marguerite Roberts, Wittensville; and Nancy Lancaster, Lucasville; 2 brothers, Brooksie Webb, Grayson; Heber Webb, Dayton; 2 sisters Frances Caudil, Fern Creek and Dixie Collins, Louisville, 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Ira Spears, 85 died Jan. 29, 1991 in the Highland Regional Medical Center. Mr. Spears was born June 3, 1905 in Johnson County, the son of Martin and Ann Music Spears. He is the grandfather of Judy Butcher Keel (Mrs. Stanley Keel). Stanley descends from William Green Wells and Jacob Butcher. Judy also descends from Jacob Butcher.

Lillie Mae Wells, 93 former Johnson County resident, died Feb. 15, 1991, Urbana, Oh. She was born July 4, 1897, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late David & Rilla Osborne Collins. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Sherman Wells, in Feb. 1962, 5 sons, one brother, and one sister. Surviving are her stepmother, Angeline B. Collins, of Urbana Ohio; one son Edwin Wells of Woodstock, Oh.; 7 daughter, Emma Russell of Tipp City, Oh., Madalena Markley & Willadean Russell, both of Urbana, Oh., Clara Preston of Mechanicsburg, Oh., Wayvolean Cope & Cora Wells, both of Anaheim Hills, Calif., and Sophia Stevens of Cable, Oh.; 7 half brothers;

three step sisters; 33 grandchildren and 65 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on February 20th in St. Paris, Ohio. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery at St. Paris. Lillie is the mother of Clara Preston who is a member of the Wells Family Association, Inc., and descends from George E. Wells.

Fannie Delong Franklin, b. 4-19-18 in Johnson Co. a daughter of the late William "Bill" and Emma Hyden Delong. d. 2-91. Surviving are two sons, William Bowling of East Point and David Bowling of Hager Hill, nine daughters, Brenda J. Franklin, Barbara Stambaugh, Gail Hamilton, Rena Franklin, and Anita Franklin, all of Hager Hill, Ky., Billie Goble and Bertha Hale, both of Prestonsburg, Linda Tousley of Ottawa, Oh., and Emma Hyden of Wabash, Ind. The funeral was conducted at the Jones Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. Burial was in the Hager Hill Cemetery.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Wells Buff, 83, b. Oct. 19, 1907, d. Feb. 28, 1991 in W. Liberty, Ky. She was a daughter of the late Claude and Edith Johnston Wells. Surviving are a brother, James Kenneth Wells of Gaffstown, N.H., and 3 sisters, Ida Mae Elam, W. Liberty, Louise Fugett of Marrow, Oh. and Larene Wilson of Lexington. The funeral was conducted at the Potter Funeral Home and burial was in the Salyers Cemetery at West Liberty.

Erma Wells Gibbs, 86, Ashland, b. 11-23-1904, d. 3-11-91, a daughter of the late Joseph and Bertie Thomas Wells. Surviving are one son, Daniel Gibbs, Chapmanville, W. Va., two daughters, Maxie Slone and Kay Bradley of Glencaster, Va., 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

John W. "Red" Wells Jr., 73 of Brooksville, Fla., formerly of Ashland, died Feb. 9, 1991 in Oak Hill, W. Va., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born Aug. 17, 1917 and was a son of the late John W. Wells, Sr. and Dasha Stafford Wells. He is survived by his wife, Dixie Ruth Wells, a daughter, Barbara Chamblin of Brooksville, a sister, Miranda Farror of Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was buried at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Brooksville.

Patsy Jo Collins, 55, d. 3-28-91. Patsy was the daughter of Alice Richmond Collins and the late Ashley Collins. She is survived by her husband, Richard Wells, one daughter and her mother. She descends from both George E. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her husband Richard is a descendant of George E. Wells.

Clarence Cordiale, b. 8-26-28, d. 4-14-91 in Fairborne, Oh. He leaves behind his wife, Janet Wells Cordiale, two daughters, Shelly and Cindy of Fairborne, Oh, one son Bryan, who is with the Military Police in the U. S. Air Force. Funeral services and burial were at Bryan Cemetery, Xenia, Oh.

Randell Keel, b. 12-20-43, d. 5-8-91 at his home on Daniels Creek from acute cardiac atreo sclerotic. He was the son of the late Rufus and Lucy Delong Walton Keel. Survivors are Lorain Newberry, Alvin and Stanley Keel, Van Lear, Frank Keel, Auxier, Willa Dean Hamilton, Parma, Oh., and half-brother, Manford Walton, Ashland, Ky. He descends from Dr. William Green Wells.

Nellie Gross Richmond, 59 d. 4-23-91, born 9-12-31 in Floyd County, a daughter of Bill and Sadie Meeks Gross. Surviving are her mother, her husband, Paul Richmond; and one son Kenney Richmond, Hager Hill; one daughter Darcie Jaynes of Van Lear; three brother and five sisters. Funeral services were held in the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, burial was in the family cemetery at Johns' Creek. Paul is the son of the late Otis and Besse Delong Richmond and descends from Agnes Wells Auxier.

William O. Richmond, 85, of Ashland died at King's Daughters' Hospital on May 10, 1991. He was born March 16, 1906 in Johnson County, a son of the late William R. and Alice Joseph Richmond. Surviving are his wife, July Hatcher Richmond, a daughter, Rebecca Richmond, Estes Park, Colo.; two sons, William O. Richmond, Jr. of Ashland and David L. Richmond of Huntington, W. Va.; a sister, Myrtle Richmond of Paintsville. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery at Paintsville. He descends from Agnes Wells Auxier.

Angie Sammons Wells, b. Jan. 31, 1903, d. Jan. 20, 1991. She was a daughter of the late Richard and Maggie Hager Sammons. Mrs. Wells was survived by her husband George Wells. (See next entry)



George Wells, b. Aug. 28, 1888, d. Feb. 26, 1991 in Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. George was the husband of the late Angie Sammons Wells and the OLDEST KNOWN LIVING WELLS AT THE AGE OF 102. He was the son of Aaron and Melvina "Sis" Porter Wells. He was a farmer, a veteran and a member of the Wells' Chapel Methodist Church

ch which was founded by his father. George

and Angie are survived by a son Richard Wells, W. Van Lear, Ky. and a daughter, Edith Wells Mollett, Boons Camp, eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and literally hundreds of relatives scattered across the United States. George and Angie were buried in the family Cemetery at Boons Camp. Grave side military services were conducted by members of the disabled American Veterans of Auxier.

The following information was furnished by John Britton Wells III:

George Wells was the oldest surviving member of the Wells family. His great grandfather, Richard Wells, was a veteran of the American Revolution. His grandfather, William Green Wells, was a Captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and his father, Aaron Wells, was a private in the Confederate Army. George was a veteran of World War I, while his son, Richard, was a veteran of the Korean War. Tragically, Richard's son, Richard Arthur Wells, was killed in Vietnam on May 9, 1970, as a sergeant in the U. S. Army.

Surely, this family has sacrificed greatly for its country!!!

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CORRECTION: Patty Quallich's daughter is Heather Anne Quallich.  
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ILLNESS

Peggy Wells Kurba, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Wells, Dayton, Ohio is a patient at Miama Valley Hospital, Dayton, where she has been a patient since Dec. 5, 1990 when she was found shot in her home. Peggy was employed by Ketter Memorial Hospital as a psychologist and was previously employed as a probation officer for Montgomery County, Dayton, Ohio. She is a twin of Patsy Wells. Peggy is improving, but still has a long way to go before she is completely well. There are many unanswered questions about what happened to Peggy as there was no gun found. Police are still investigating. Peggy is the great granddaughter of the late King Wells and descends from William Green and Mary Butcher.

Vernon Wells had seven by passes on December 4, 1990 at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W. Va. He then suffered another heart attack on April 27, 1991 and is in St. Mary's Hospital I.C.U. Vernon is the son of Margie Preston Wells and the late Bill Wells of Johnson County. Vernon resides at Whittensville, Ky. and descends from the late George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells.

Gladys Plummer Jarrell, Inez is presently in King's Daughters' Hospital where she underwent surgery for three aneurysms. Gladys is the grand daughter of Aley and Mary Wells Williamson. Her parents were the late Eddie and Edith Williamson Plummer. Gladys is a faithful supporter of the Wells' Family Association. May she be well and home soon is our prayer.

Elsie Wells Goble, the daughter of the late William Riley Wells and grand daughter of Allen and Angeline Collins Wells fell on Feb. 23, 1991 and broke her hip and is in the Green Oaks Health Care Center, Xenia, Ohio. Her cousin, Will Williams, called our president to let us know. At the time of his call they weren't sure what the doctor had planned to do for Elsie. Will didn't get back with the current condition.

Deloris "Sis" Booth, Van Lear, Ky had her surgery on January 16th to remove the aneurysm on the brain and we are happy to report that she is doing great. She is home recuperating with special care from her husband, Clifford. Deloris descends from George E. and William G. Wells.

Ronald Wells, underwent a kidney transplant at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Feb. He is the son of Herbert and Louise Dennison Wells and his father donated one of his kidneys to Ronald, who has been on dialyses for sometime. Ronald is the grandson of the late Joe and Cricket Webb Wells, and descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells. He has two daughters. Ronald will now be able to have quality of life and can enjoy his children. There is no greater love than a father giving part of his life for his son.

Minnie Sue Wells, Van Lear, Ky has been in the hospital ever since the last news letter went out and is still a patient at Highland Regional Medical Center, after spending four weeks at Central Baptist in Lexington fighting for her life. We are happy to report that she is doing better at this time although it will be sometime before she will be returning to her home. Minnie is the daughter of the late Ben and Anna Richmond Wells, and descends from Wm. Greene, George E. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Lois Clark Marshall, has under gone surgery to remove a tumor from her spine at King's Daughters' Hospital. The surgery was a success and Lois is at her home at Rt. 3, Van Lear recuperating. Lois is the daughter of the late Elmon and Virgie Wells Clark and descends from George E. Wells. She has three children, Roger and Joe Marshall and Nancy Marshall Hackworth.

Arthur Collins, P. O. Box 268, Flatwoods,

Ky has been hospitalized twice since the last Newsletter. He had surgery on Jan. 30 and was doing great until pneumonia got him on Feb. 10th. He spent 12 days in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and with the loving care of his daughter and the Wells' Family secretary, Tommie Cochran, he has now fully recovered. Arthur descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears, and does visiting for the Wells' Family and Collins Family Reunions. Arthur may be dropping by to visit some of you to invite you to the Reunion and to just say hello.

Cheryl Brown and Lorraine Newberry were in an automobile accident on March 20 while returning from visiting relative at the hospital. A coal truck crossed the medium and hit them head on. Lorraine spent two days in the hospital with injuries. Cheryl was not quite as lucky, she was transported from Highland Regional Hospital to Lexington, where she is undergoing several operations for broken bones. Lorraine is the daughter of the late Rufus and Lucy Delong Walton Keel and descends from William Green Wells. Cheryl is the wife of James Brown and is the daughter-in-law of the late Betty Wells Brown, who descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Leige Richmond, son of the late James Richmond is a patient in the Ft. Wayne, Ind. hospital. He is the brother of Annabelle Richmond and the Uncle of Marlene Richmond Coleman, Columbus. He descends from Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Ruth Wells, mother of Phillip Wells has been hospitalized at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital with a heart attack and gall bladder surgery. She is the widow of John P. Wells.

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GRADUATIONS

ALEX SAM WELLS, JR. son of Alex Sam and Susie Goble Wells, graduated from Sheldon Clark High School, Inez, Ky on May 17, 1991.

GLORIA RENEE ANN SALLIE, daughter of Bill and Gloria Spears Sallie, graduated May 24, 1991 from Boyd County High School, Ashland, Ky.

Best of luck to Renee & Alex!!!!!!!!!!!!

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NEW ARRIVALS

Kristen Michele Stone, b. Jan 16, 1991 in Ashland, 7 lb., 11 1/2 oz and 21" to Erik and Desirae Wells Stone. The maternal grandparents are Phillip and Wanda Young Wells, and the great grandparents are Ruth Wells and the late John P. Wells.

Kyle MacKenzie Hampton, b. March 13, 1991, 6 lb, 13 1/2 oz and 20 1/2". The proud parents are Mack & Ronda Wells Hampton, Flatwoods. The maternal grandparents are Judy Wells and the late Ronald Wells. Kyle descends from George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells. The great grandparents are Ruth Justice Wells and the late John P. Wells.



Michael Wells was born March 13, 1991 to Gary Neal and Debbie Park Wells. The paternal grandparents are Elmer "Buck" and Mary Jo Webb Wells of Cleveland, Ohio. Michael is the great grandson of Pearl Wells and the late Elmer Wells of Van Lear, Ky. He descends from George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Daniel Richard Chicozick was born March 2, 1991 and is the son of Richard and Karen Wells Chicozick. Daniel is also the grandson of Elmer "Buck" and Mary Jo Webb Wells. He is the great grandson of Pearl Wells and the late Elmer Wells, Van Lear, Ky.

Kensie Rayanna Wells, born April 20, 1991, 7 lb, 10 oz and 20 1/2" to Charles "Chuck" and Kim Wells of Van Lear, Ky. The paternal grandparents are Minnie Sue Wells of Van Lear and Charles Rollen Wells, Rush, Ky. Kensie descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Tiauna Lisa Bekes, born March 14, 1991 to Benjamin Walker and Seana Bekes. Tiauna is the great grand daughter of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel of Flatwoods, Ky. Virginia is on the Wells' Family Board and descends from Rose Ann Wells Collins.

Charles and Randa Butcher, Van Lear have a new son Shawn Mitchell, b. Sept. 8, 1990 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He weighed 9 lb 12 oz. He has a 10 year old sister, Tonya Michelle. The paternal grandparents are Ashley and Nora Webb Butcher of Van Lear, Ky.

Bill and Narenia Hackworth, Paintsville have a new daughter, Stephanie Nicole, born Oct. 9, 1990 at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville. She weighed 7 lb, 9 oz and was 21" long. The maternal grandparents are Ashley and Nora Webb Butcher, Van Lear, Ky.

Keith and Sharon Unoka Richmond Burchett of Sitka have a baby son, Dillon Keith, b. Dec. 13, 1990, Ashland. He weighed 8 lb 1 oz. The maternal grandparents are Thelma Delong Richmond and the late Joel L. Richmond of Van Lear. The paternal grandparents are Fredrick and Wilma Jo Burchett

of Sitka. Sharon is the grand daughter of the late Bill & Myrtle Spears Richmond. She descends from William Green Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Zachary Glen Wells, b. July 1990 to Danny and Sally Wells of Grove City, Ohio. The proud grandparents are Woodridge "Woodie" and Norma Wells. He is the great grandson of the late Glen and Loreta Blair Wells and descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier. We've seen a picture and he is a beautiful Wells.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO....

JACOB WELLS, the son of John Britton Wells III and Terrie Ann Barrier Wells, is an eighth grader at Paintsville Junior High and a member of the 4-man Paintsville Quick Recall Team which won the 1991 Kentucky Academic State Championship. The championship is the culmination of statewide competition by over 30,000 elementary school students held in Louisville last month.

Jacob Wells also competed in the individual competition in language Arts with over 4,000 other scholars and finished in 7th place in the entire state!!! He was also Regional Champion in both Math and Language Arts. He is a member of the Paintsville Swim Team, an outfielder on the Senior League Baseball Team and attends Mayo Methodist Church where he is active in his Sunday School Class and M.Y.F.

His parents are VERY proud of Jacob, who was named for his great-great uncle Jacob Wells, brother of John Britton Wells, Sr.

R. T. Daniels, has been named President of Kentucky Virginia Gas Company by its board of directors. Fred Abrew, executive V. P. of the parent company in Pittsburgh, said Daniels will maintain the additional title of V. P. and General Manager of the Pipeline Division and will maintain his office at the company's Prestonsburg headquarters. Daniels will have managerial responsibility for the company's Kentucky operations and its Pittsburgh based accounting and legal department. Daniels began working with the company in 1963, and was appointed Vice President of Personnel in 1983. Daniels is active in civic affairs and youth organization and a member of the Mayo State Vocational Technical Foundation. He is the husband of Paige Brickle Daniels. They reside at Cross Creek and are the parents of two sons. Paige descends from Agnes Wells Auxier.

Erin Collins was one of this years Soil Conservation Poster Contest winners from Flat Gap Elementary. She received a trophy at the Soil Conservation Banquet on

April 18. Erin is the daughter of Michael and Brenda Bailey Collins, and the paternal grandparents are Carl and Polly Wells Collins. She descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

On behalf of the Wells' Family Association we wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at the REUNION.

Vincent Bryan Cochran, eight grade student at Raceland High School received an award for making the Honor Roll the entire school year. Vincent is the son of Robert and Tommie Cochran of Worthington, Ky.

Minnie Derossett Celebrated her 100TH BIRTHDAY on April 14, 1991 at Jenny Wiley State Park Lodge. Minnie is the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Sizemore, a Civil War Veteran, and the late Martha Goble Sizemore. She is the widow of Christopher "Lim" Derossett and the mother of 13 children: Fred. Joe, T. J., Alkie York, Victoria Meade, Ruth Newton, Chris, Velva Compton, Theodore, Hillard, Virginia Whitt and two children who died in infancy. Fred Derossett is the husband of Opal Wells Derossett who serves on the Wells Family Board.

Mrs. Derossett contributes her long life to clean, simple living and faith in God.

BE SURE AND MARK THOSE CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1ST AT JOHNSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. Bring your favorite covered dish and your family. Saturday's activities begin at 4 p.m. Sunday's activities will start at 9 a.m. and end around 4 p.m.

If you need to make reservations for accommodations in the area, you may call one of the following:

- PAINTSVILLE:
 - Carriage House (606) 789-4242
 - Highland Motel (606) 789-5341
- PRESTONSBURG:
 - Holiday Inn (606) 886-0001
 - Plantation Motel (606) 886-9161
 - Jenny Wiley State Park Call State Park

If you would like further details concerning the Reunion, you may call any of the following Board Members:

- Mary Walton (606) 325-4314
- James E. Wells (606) 836-2487
- Tommie Cochran (606) 836-6028
- Lloyd Wells (606) 886-2023
- Pat Williams (606) 789-4573
- Lyman Porter (614) 947-5075
- Darleen Burgess (513) 890-4977

Or any other members of the Board.



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to attend for awhile. Phillip has been in the hospital most of the time since Easter.

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I received a letter from my Wells, Perry and Richmond Cousin, Marlene Coleman, Columbus, Oh. with a donation to be placed where needed most. She stated how much she enjoyed the Newsletter. She also shared with me the information on the Auxier Reunion. Thanks Marlene, looking forward to seeing you at the Auxier and Wells Reunions.

I also received a check to be placed where needed most from Board members, Haskell and Darlene Burgess. Darlene is my Wells and Clark cousin. Thanks Burgess Family. These donations will be put to good use!

I received a call from another Wells cousin, Phyllis Wells Russell of Miami Shores, Florida and she is making plans to come to the Reunion this year. She is the niece of Opal Derossett. I welcome any of your calls or letters as I always love talking with you about family.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 1991 at the Highland Restaurant, Paintsville, Ky for the 1991 Reunion final plans. This will probably be the last Newsletter before the Reunion, **SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS**. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Reunion.

Thank you for your support of the Association and may God bless you and yours.

Mary

APPRECIATION AND OUR HEARTFELT APOLOGY to Edith Walters, at Rt. 40, Paintsville, Ky for making the beautiful quilt for the 1990 Reunion. The credit for making of the quilt was mistakenly given to the wrong person. We are very sorry. The quilt was won by Beulah Keel, Auxier, Ky., and we know she will treasure it for many years to come. Thanks again, Edith. We do appreciate you!



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An Invitation to the 27th Annual Greene/-
Green Family Reunion:

Date: Second Sunday of August-8/11/91

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dinner after
12:30 p.m.

Place: Armco Park in Summitt, KY. on
U.S. Route 60 West of Ashland, Ky.
Shelter House #2-WATCH FOR SIGNS.

Herold Sylvester Greene, who will be 100 years young on July 1, 1991, will be honored. Herold is the son of the late William Martin "Billy" Greene and Susan White Greene. For further info contact:

Samuel Logan Pennington, President
Or Charity J. Pennington, Sec. & Treas.
Route 2, Box 374-A, Sparks Lane
Minford, Ohio 45653
Ph. (614)355-9056.

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Auxier Reunion

We wanted to share with you the letter concerning the Auxier Reunion held on Memorial weekend.

P. O. Box 808
Paintsville, KY 41240
February 26, 1991

Dear Auxier Relative:

Plans are being made for a major Auxier family reunion on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27, 1991. The special occasion for this reunion is the relocation of the grave of Capt. David Valentine Auxier from Saltville, Va., to the Johnson County Memorial Cemetery. Cousin David Auxier, from Memphis, Tenn., almost single-handedly accomplished this task, which was completed Feb. 19, 1991. We are planning a special dedication ceremony at Capt. Auxier's new grave on Sunday, May 26, at 2:00 P. M. This will be an event you will certainly not want to miss!

Since a large part of the Auxier clan will be in town for the weekend, we thought it would be a good idea to get together for a dinner on Saturday evening to talk genealogy, renew old acquaintances and show off family heirlooms. We have reserved the Stafford Room at the Highland House Restaurant for 6:00 P.M. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

We also hope to use this reunion to put together a more complete genealogy of the Auxier clan, particularly of the more recent generations. If any of you can send me updated genealogical information before Memorial Day, we will attempt to collate the material by Memorial Day.

Please be sure to notify any Auxier relatives that you know of the reunion. We know that our mailing list is incomplete, and we want to notify as many people as possible. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations early. Please let me know if you plan to attend the dinner on Saturday evening, as we need to tell the restaurant how many will attend. If you have any questions, call me at 606/789-5625, Mary Grace Garland at 789-5187 or Bonnie Hager at 789-1412.

Sincerely,

John David Preston
John David Preston

COLLINS REUNION will be held on August 10th starting at 10 a.m. at the No. 1 Shelter House at Jenny Wiley State Park.

The Nominations Committee will be making some important decisions soon concerning choosing Board members for the Association. You may be asked to take an office, to serve on a committee, or to represent one of Richard Wells' children on the Board. If you would like to suggest someone or would be willing to serve, please contact the Nominations Committee:

Virginia Edgel, Chairperson
2000 Oak Street
Flatwoods, Ky. 41139
(606)836-5337

Nomination Committee Members
Ronnie G. Wells James D. Wells
West Third Street 7926 Hartman Rd.
Paintsville, Ky Ripley, Oh.

REUNION

Refreshments

Please bring your special recipe covered dish and lets all eat together. Paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic silverware and ice for drinks will all be furnished. If you have any questions contact Delores "Sis" Booth, Chairperson, HCR 70, Box 1515, Van Lear, Ky 41265. (606)789-5771.

Entertainment

We know the Wells Family has many talents, why not share them with us at the 1991 Reunion? We need relatives who are willing to perform for us this year. If you or someone you know would like to participate, contact: Darlene Burgess, Chairperson, 7942 Lisa Lee Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45415. (513)890-5075.

Auction

There will be an auction this year and the proceeds will go toward memorial stones, as last year's did. The auction will be shorter this year. We would like handmade items from some of you out there that do beautiful handiwork. Also the children enjoy the auction and articles of interest to our "Little People" would be appreciated.

Start thinking now about what you can make for the auction.

If you have any questions contact: Anne Porter, Chairperson, 547 East 2nd St., Waverly, Oh. 45690. (614)947-5057; or Jim Preston, Auctioneer, Mechanicsburg, Oh. 43044.

The balance in the Treasure, including designated funds (for the Memorial Stone) is \$1,690.40. The insurance and other Reunion costs will be deducted from this

children. Burial was in the Government Relocation Cemetery, Auxier, Ky. Louise's late husband, Noah, descends from George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

Angeline Spears George, 80, Floyd Co., b. 2-11-11, d. 2-17-91 the daughter of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Taylor Spears. Surviving are her husband, James George, a daughter, Janalyn Hale, Ypsilanti, Mich., a brother, Charles Spears, Pikeville, 2 sisters, Lenora Smith, Ponce City, Okla., Betty Hall, Lexington, Ky.

Willard Collins, 75, b. 6-14-15, d. 2-12-91. He was the son of the late Lucy and Mary Josephine Wells Collins. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ethel McKenzie Collins. He is survived by his wife, Eula Spears Ferguson Collins, four daughters, Sharon Kay Hall, Auxier, Ky., Judy Ann Griffin, Commerce, Okla., Marty Ward, West Van Lear, Ky., and Linda Sue Goble, Wiggins, Miss., a stepson, Elden Estep, Portsmouth, Oh., 11 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Burial was in the Collins Cemetery, Auxier.

Gertrude Mole, 82, of East Point died Feb. 21, 1991 at the Highland Regional Hospital, Prestonsburg, Ky. She was born 9-14-1908 to the late Harry and Martha Delong Webb. Surviving are 5 daughters, Dottie Kestner, Paintsville; Ava Geraldine Conley, Nicholasville; Betty Johnson, Neon; Marguerite Roberts, Wittensville; and Nancy Lancaster, Lucasville; 2 brothers, Brooksie Webb, Grayson; Heber Webb, Dayton; 2 sisters Frances Caudil, Fern Creek and Dixie Collins, Louisville, 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Ira Spears, 85 died Jan. 29, 1991 in the Highland Regional Medical Center. Mr. Spears was born June 3, 1905 in Johnson County, the son of Martin and Ann Music Spears. He is the grandfather of Judy Butcher Keel (Mrs. Stanley Keel). Stanley descends from William Green Wells and Jacob Butcher. Judy also descends from Jacob Butcher.

Lillie Mae Wells, 93 former Johnson County resident, died Feb. 15, 1991, Urbana, Oh. She was born July 4, 1897, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late David & Rilla Osborne Collins. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Sherman Wells, in Feb. 1962, 5 sons, one brother, and one sister. Surviving are her stepmother, Angeline B. Collins, of Urbana Ohio; one son Edwin Wells of Woodstock, Oh.; 7 daughter, Emma Russell of Tipp City, Oh., Madalena Markley & Willadean Russell, both of Urbana, Oh., Clara Preston of Mechanicsburg, Oh., Wayvolean Cope & Cora Wells, both of Anaheim Hills, Calif., and Sophia Stevens of Cable, Oh.; 7 half brothers;

three step sisters; 33 grandchildren and 65 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on February 20th in St. Paris, Ohio. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery at St. Paris. Lillie is the mother of Clara Preston who is a member of the Wells Family Association, Inc., and descends from George E. Wells.

Fannie Delong Franklin, b. 4-19-18 in Johnson Co. a daughter of the late William "Bill" and Emma Hyden Delong. d. 2-91. Surviving are two sons, William Bowling of East Point and David Bowling of Hager Hill, nine daughters, Brenda J. Franklin, Barbara Stambaugh, Gail Hamilton, Rena Franklin, and Anita Franklin, all of Hager Hill, Ky., Billie Goble and Bertha Hale, both of Prestonsburg, Linda Tousley of Ottawa, Oh., and Emma Hyden of Wabash, Ind. The funeral was conducted at the Jones Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. Burial was in the Hager Hill Cemetery.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Wells Buff, 83, b. Oct. 19, 1907, d. Feb. 28, 1991 in W. Liberty, Ky. She was a daughter of the late Claude and Edith Johnston Wells. Surviving are a brother, James Kenneth Wells of Gaffstown, N.H., and 3 sisters, Ida Mae Elam, W. Liberty, Louise Fugett of Marrow, Oh. and Larene Wilson of Lexington. The funeral was conducted at the Potter Funeral Home and burial was in the Salyers Cemetery at West Liberty.

Erma Wells Gibbs, 86, Ashland, b. 11-23-1904, d. 3-11-91, a daughter of the late Joseph and Bertie Thomas Wells. Surviving are one son, Daniel Gibbs, Chapmanville, W. Va., two daughters, Maxie Slone and Kay Bradley of Glencaster, Va., 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

John W. "Red" Wells Jr., 73 of Brooksville, Fla., formerly of Ashland, died Feb. 9, 1991 in Oak Hill, W. Va., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born Aug. 17, 1917 and was a son of the late John W. Wells, Sr. and Dasha Stafford Wells. He is survived by his wife, Dixie Ruth Wells, a daughter, Barbara Chamblin of Brooksville, a sister, Miranda Farror of Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was buried at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Brooksville.

Patsy Jo Collins, 55, d. 3-28-91. Patsy was the daughter of Alice Richmond Collins and the late Ashley Collins. She is survived by her husband, Richard Wells, one daughter and her mother. She descends from both George E. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her husband Richard is a descendant of George E. Wells.

Clarence Cordiale, b. 8-26-28, d. 4-14-91 in Fairborne, Oh. He leaves behind his wife, Janet Wells Cordiale, two daughters, Shelly and Cindy of Fairborne, Oh, one son Bryan, who is with the Military Police in the U. S. Air Force. Funeral services and burial were at Bryan Cemetery, Xenia, Oh.

Randell Keel, b. 12-20-43, d. 5-8-91 at his home on Daniels Creek from acute cardiac atreo sclerotic. He was the son of the late Rufus and Lucy Delong Walton Keel. Survivors are Lorain Newberry, Alvin and Stanley Keel, Van Lear, Frank Keel, Auxier, Willa Dean Hamilton, Parma, Oh., and half-brother, Manford Walton, Ashland, Ky. He descends from Dr. William Green Wells.

Nellie Gross Richmond, 59 d. 4-23-91, born 9-12-31 in Floyd County, a daughter of Bill and Sadie Meeks Gross. Surviving are her mother, her husband, Paul Richmond; and one son Kenney Richmond, Hager Hill; one daughter Darcie Jaynes of Van Lear; three brother and five sisters. Funeral services were held in the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, burial was in the family cemetery at Johns' Creek. Paul is the son of the late Otis and Besse Delong Richmond and descends from Agnes Wells Auxier.

William O. Richmond, 85, of Ashland died at King's Daughters' Hospital on May 10, 1991. He was born March 16, 1906 in Johnson County, a son of the late William R. and Alice Joseph Richmond. Surviving are his wife, July Hatcher Richmond, a daughter, Rebecca Richmond, Estes Park, Colo.; two sons, William O. Richmond, Jr. of Ashland and David L. Richmond of Huntington, W. Va.; a sister, Myrtle Richmond of Paintsville. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery at Paintsville. He descends from Agnes Wells Auxier.

Angie Sammons Wells, b. Jan. 31, 1903, d. Jan. 20, 1991. She was a daughter of the late Richard and Maggie Hager Sammons. Mrs. Wells was survived by her husband George Wells. (See next entry)



George Wells, b. Aug. 28, 1888, d. Feb. 26, 1991 in Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. George was the husband of the late Angie Sammons Wells and the OLDEST KNOWN LIVING WELLS AT THE AGE OF 102. He was the son of Aaron and Melvina "Sis" Porter Wells. He was a farmer, a veteran and a member of the Wells' Chapel Methodist Church

ch which was founded by his father. George

and Angie are survived by a son Richard Wells, W. Van Lear, Ky. and a daughter, Edith Wells Mollett, Boons Camp, eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and literally hundreds of relatives scattered across the United States. George and Angie were buried in the family Cemetery at Boons Camp. Grave side military services were conducted by members of the disabled American Veterans of Auxier.

The following information was furnished by John Britton Wells III:

George Wells was the oldest surviving member of the Wells family. His great grandfather, Richard Wells, was a veteran of the American Revolution. His grandfather, William Green Wells, was a Captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and his father, Aaron Wells, was a private in the Confederate Army. George was a veteran of World War I, while his son, Richard, was a veteran of the Korean War. Tragically, Richard's son, Richard Arthur Wells, was killed in Vietnam on May 9, 1970, as a sergeant in the U. S. Army.

Surely, this family has sacrificed greatly for its country!!!

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CORRECTION: Patty Quallich's daughter is Heather Anne Quallich.  
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ILLNESS

Peggy Wells Kurba, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Wells, Dayton, Ohio is a patient at Miama Valley Hospital, Dayton, where she has been a patient since Dec. 5, 1990 when she was found shot in her home. Peggy was employed by Ketter Memorial Hospital as a psychologist and was previously employed as a probation officer for Montgomery County, Dayton, Ohio. She is a twin of Patsy Wells. Peggy is improving, but still has a long way to go before she is completely well. There are many unanswered questions about what happened to Peggy as there was no gun found. Police are still investigating. Peggy is the great granddaughter of the late King Wells and descends from William Green and Mary Butcher.

Vernon Wells had seven by passes on December 4, 1990 at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W. Va. He then suffered another heart attack on April 27, 1991 and is in St. Mary's Hospital I.C.U. Vernon is the son of Margie Preston Wells and the late Bill Wells of Johnson County. Vernon resides at Whittensville, Ky. and descends from the late George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells.

Gladys Plummer Jarrell, Inez is presently in King's Daughters' Hospital where she underwent surgery for three aneurysms. Gladys is the grand daughter of Aley and Mary Wells Williamson. Her parents were the late Eddie and Edith Williamson Plummer. Gladys is a faithful supporter of the Wells' Family Association. May she be well and home soon is our prayer.

Elsie Wells Goble, the daughter of the late William Riley Wells and grand daughter of Allen and Angeline Collins Wells fell on Feb. 23, 1991 and broke her hip and is in the Green Oaks Health Care Center, Xenia, Ohio. Her cousin, Will Williams, called our president to let us know. At the time of his call they weren't sure what the doctor had planned to do for Elsie. Will didn't get back with the current condition.

Deloris "Sis" Booth, Van Lear, Ky had her surgery on January 16th to remove the aneurysm on the brain and we are happy to report that she is doing great. She is home recuperating with special care from her husband, Clifford. Deloris descends from George E. and William G. Wells.

Ronald Wells, underwent a kidney transplant at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Feb. He is the son of Herbert and Louise Dennison Wells and his father donated one of his kidneys to Ronald, who has been on dialyses for sometime. Ronald is the grandson of the late Joe and Cricket Webb Wells, and descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells. He has two daughters. Ronald will now be able to have quality of life and can enjoy his children. There is no greater love than a father giving part of his life for his son.

Minnie Sue Wells, Van Lear, Ky has been in the hospital ever since the last news letter went out and is still a patient at Highland Regional Medical Center, after spending four weeks at Central Baptist in Lexington fighting for her life. We are happy to report that she is doing better at this time although it will be sometime before she will be returning to her home. Minnie is the daughter of the late Ben and Anna Richmond Wells, and descends from Wm. Greene, George E. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Lois Clark Marshall, has under gone surgery to remove a tumor from her spine at King's Daughters' Hospital. The surgery was a success and Lois is at her home at Rt. 3, Van Lear recuperating. Lois is the daughter of the late Elmon and Virgie Wells Clark and descends from George E. Wells. She has three children, Roger and Joe Marshall and Nancy Marshall Hackworth.

Arthur Collins, P. O. Box 268, Flatwoods,

Ky has been hospitalized twice since the last Newsletter. He had surgery on Jan. 30 and was doing great until pneumonia got him on Feb. 10th. He spent 12 days in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and with the loving care of his daughter and the Wells' Family secretary, Tommie Cochran, he has now fully recovered. Arthur descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears, and does visiting for the Wells' Family and Collins Family Reunions. Arthur may be dropping by to visit some of you to invite you to the Reunion and to just say hello.

Cheryl Brown and Lorraine Newberry were in an automobile accident on March 20 while returning from visiting relative at the hospital. A coal truck crossed the medium and hit them head on. Lorraine spent two days in the hospital with injuries. Cheryl was not quite as lucky, she was transported from Highland Regional Hospital to Lexington, where she is undergoing several operations for broken bones. Lorraine is the daughter of the late Rufus and Lucy Delong Walton Keel and descends from William Green Wells. Cheryl is the wife of James Brown and is the daughter-in-law of the late Betty Wells Brown, who descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Leige Richmond, son of the late James Richmond is a patient in the Ft. Wayne, Ind. hospital. He is the brother of Annabelle Richmond and the Uncle of Marlene Richmond Coleman, Columbus. He descends from Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Ruth Wells, mother of Phillip Wells has been hospitalized at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital with a heart attack and gall bladder surgery. She is the widow of John P. Wells.

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GRADUATIONS

ALEX SAM WELLS, JR. son of Alex Sam and Susie Goble Wells, graduated from Sheldon Clark High School, Inez, Ky on May 17, 1991.

GLORIA RENEE ANN SALLIE, daughter of Bill and Gloria Spears Sallie, graduated May 24, 1991 from Boyd County High School, Ashland, Ky.

Best of luck to Renee & Alex!!!!!!!!!!!!

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NEW ARRIVALS

Kristen Michele Stone, b. Jan 16, 1991 in Ashland, 7 lb., 11 1/2 oz and 21" to Erik and Desirae Wells Stone. The maternal grandparents are Phillip and Wanda Young Wells, and the great grandparents are Ruth Wells and the late John P. Wells.

Kyle MacKenzie Hampton, b. March 13, 1991, 6 lb, 13 1/2 oz and 20 1/2". The proud parents are Mack & Ronda Wells Hampton, Flatwoods. The maternal grandparents are Judy Wells and the late Ronald Wells. Kyle descends from George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells. The great grandparents are Ruth Justice Wells and the late John P. Wells.



Michael Wells was born March 13, 1991 to Gary Neal and Debbie Park Wells. The paternal grandparents are Elmer "Buck" and Mary Jo Webb Wells of Cleveland, Ohio. Michael is the great grandson of Pearl Wells and the late Elmer Wells of Van Lear, Ky. He descends from George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Daniel Richard Chicozick was born March 2, 1991 and is the son of Richard and Karen Wells Chicozick. Daniel is also the grandson of Elmer "Buck" and Mary Jo Webb Wells. He is the great grandson of Pearl Wells and the late Elmer Wells, Van Lear, Ky.

Kensie Rayanna Wells, born April 20, 1991, 7 lb, 10 oz and 20 1/2" to Charles "Chuck" and Kim Wells of Van Lear, Ky. The paternal grandparents are Minnie Sue Wells of Van Lear and Charles Rollen Wells, Rush, Ky. Kensie descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Tiauna Lisa Bekes, born March 14, 1991 to Benjamin Walker and Seana Bekes. Tiauna is the great grand daughter of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel of Flatwoods, Ky. Virginia is on the Wells' Family Board and descends from Rose Ann Wells Collins.

Charles and Randa Butcher, Van Lear have a new son Shawn Mitchell, b. Sept. 8, 1990 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He weighed 9 lb 12 oz. He has a 10 year old sister, Tonya Michelle. The paternal grandparents are Ashley and Nora Webb Butcher of Van Lear, Ky.

Bill and Narenia Hackworth, Paintsville have a new daughter, Stephanie Nicole, born Oct. 9, 1990 at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville. She weighed 7 lb, 9 oz and was 21" long. The maternal grandparents are Ashley and Nora Webb Butcher, Van Lear, Ky.

Keith and Sharon Unoka Richmond Burchett of Sitka have a baby son, Dillon Keith, b. Dec. 13, 1990, Ashland. He weighed 8 lb 1 oz. The maternal grandparents are Thelma Delong Richmond and the late Joel L. Richmond of Van Lear. The paternal grandparents are Fredrick and Wilma Jo Burchett

of Sitka. Sharon is the grand daughter of the late Bill & Myrtle Spears Richmond. She descends from William Green Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Zachary Glen Wells, b. July 1990 to Danny and Sally Wells of Grove City, Ohio. The proud grandparents are Woodridge "Woodie" and Norma Wells. He is the great grandson of the late Glen and Loreta Blair Wells and descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier. We've seen a picture and he is a beautiful Wells.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO....

JACOB WELLS, the son of John Britton Wells III and Terrie Ann Barrier Wells, is an eighth grader at Paintsville Junior High and a member of the 4-man Paintsville Quick Recall Team which won the 1991 Kentucky Academic State Championship. The championship is the culmination of statewide competition by over 30,000 elementary school students held in Louisville last month.

Jacob Wells also competed in the individual competition in language Arts with over 4,000 other scholars and finished in 7th place in the entire state!!! He was also Regional Champion in both Math and Language Arts. He is a member of the Paintsville Swim Team, an outfielder on the Senior League Baseball Team and attends Mayo Methodist Church where he is active in his Sunday School Class and M.Y.F.

His parents are VERY proud of Jacob, who was named for his great-great uncle Jacob Wells, brother of John Britton Wells, Sr.

R. T. Daniels, has been named President of Kentucky Virginia Gas Company by its board of directors. Fred Abrew, executive V. P. of the parent company in Pittsburgh, said Daniels will maintain the additional title of V. P. and General Manager of the Pipeline Division and will maintain his office at the company's Prestonsburg headquarters. Daniels will have managerial responsibility for the company's Kentucky operations and its Pittsburgh based accounting and legal department. Daniels began working with the company in 1963, and was appointed Vice President of Personnel in 1983. Daniels is active in civic affairs and youth organization and a member of the Mayo State Vocational Technical Foundation. He is the husband of Paige Brickle Daniels. They reside at Cross Creek and are the parents of two sons. Paige descends from Agnes Wells Auxier.

Erin Collins was one of this years Soil Conservation Poster Contest winners from Flat Gap Elementary. She received a trophy at the Soil Conservation Banquet on

April 18. Erin is the daughter of Michael and Brenda Bailey Collins, and the paternal grandparents are Carl and Polly Wells Collins. She descends from George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

On behalf of the Wells' Family Association we wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at the REUNION.

Vincent Bryan Cochran, eight grade student at Raceland High School received an award for making the Honor Roll the entire school year. Vincent is the son of Robert and Tommie Cochran of Worthington, Ky.

Minnie Derossett Celebrated her 100TH BIRTHDAY on April 14, 1991 at Jenny Wiley State Park Lodge. Minnie is the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Sizemore, a Civil War Veteran, and the late Martha Goble Sizemore. She is the widow of Christopher "Lim" Derossett and the mother of 13 children: Fred. Joe, T. J., Alkie York, Victoria Meade, Ruth Newton, Chris, Velva Compton, Theodore, Hillard, Virginia Whitt and two children who died in infancy. Fred Derossett is the husband of Opal Wells Derossett who serves on the Wells Family Board.

Mrs. Derossett contributes her long life to clean, simple living and faith in God.

BE SURE AND MARK THOSE CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1ST AT JOHNSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. Bring your favorite covered dish and your family. Saturday's activities begin at 4 p.m. Sunday's activities will start at 9 a.m. and end around 4 p.m.

If you need to make reservations for accommodations in the area, you may call one of the following:

PAINTSVILLE:
Carriage House (606) 789-4242
Highland Motel (606) 789-5341

PRESTONSBURG:
Holiday Inn (606) 886-0001
Plantation Motel (606) 886-9161
Jenny Wiley
State Park Call State Park

If you would like further details concerning the Reunion, you may call any of the following Board Members:

Mary Walton (606) 325-4314
James E. Wells (606) 836-2487
Tommie Cochran (606) 836-6028
Lloyd Wells (606) 886-2023
Pat Williams (606) 789-4573
Lyman Porter (614) 947-5075
Darleen Burgess (513) 890-4977

Or any other members of the Board.

