

WELLS' FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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The Wells Family Association
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Members traveled from all over the United States to Johnson County Kentucky for the 1991 Wells Family reunion on August 31st-September 1st. If you were not one of them, then you missed a good time for the reunion was a success. Some of the members said it was one of the best yet. Although several improvements were made, other things are in progress to make 1992 even better.



Happy Faces at the 1991
Wells' Family Reunion

For you who were unable to attend this year I am still your president for the 1991-92 year and your Nomination Committee did an excellent job in choosing officers and board members. The board members are already planning for the 1992 reunion and met for their first board meeting at the Walton's home in Ashland on October 12th. At that meeting we took a look at the 1991 reunion and what could be done to improve it for 1992. Several changes are being considered, but we would appreciate input from each of you. We are open for suggestions and want you to let us know what you think would make the 1992 Reunion even better.

The 1991 Reunion began with Bobby Wells leading a tour of the cemeteries including Richard Wells' grave. The Historical Committee had a genealogical workshop with Bobby Wells, Chairperson, and Virginia Edgel giving an instructional talk on how to do genealogy research. The group enjoyed visiting and exchanging data, and refreshments were provided for the group.

Sunday was an exciting day for all with activities including special singing by

the Spicewood Quartet, Les Hall and our very own Burgess Family, Haskell, Darlene and Marluta.

Registering of members and tables for sale items were set up inside where it was cool, which worked out better since our faithful workers were able to enjoy the activities and visit with relatives. Our appreciation goes to Lyman Porter, Beulah Keel, Mary Keel, Lloyd Wells, Manford Walton, Anna Meade, Paulina Garza, and Bobby Wells who so faithfully worked at the for sale tables and registering guest.

Other activities included a superb gymnastics show by Stacey and Lori Lundergan, daughters of Eddie and Kim Wells Lundergan, and granddaughters of Jim and Doris Wells. Jim is a member of the Nomination Committee.

Ann Porter, Chairperson of the Auction and Jim Preston, Auctioneer did a good job with the auction and our children enjoyed assisting them again this year. (See Treasures report for amount made on the auction).

A Memorial Service was conducted by John B. Wells, III for our deceased members since our 1990 reunion.

The Memorial Stone purchased by the Wells Association has been set at the Old Log Church Cemetery. It is 4 feet tall and has the names of our relatives that are buried in the cemetery and have only rocks for headstones. The names included on the memorial are the late Richard Wells wife, Susanna Hutchinson Wells and two of her children, Rose Anna Wells Spears and Moses Wells as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. If you get the opportunity, please stop by and see the stone. I have not seen it yet, but have been told that it is beautiful. I plan to see it soon.

I'm sure you have received the group picture that was taken at the reunion and ordered from Tammy Whitaker, 225-5th St., Paintsville, Ky 41240. I received mine in December and they are very good. I noticed there were only a small percentage of our people in the picture and we are going to be making some changes in the time we take the picture at the 1992 reunion so we can get more of our people in the photograph. If you ordered a picture and did not receive it, write Tammy Whitaker at the above

the daughter of Paul and Pauline Collins Garza of Eldersburg Md., and descends from Rose Anna Wells Spears.

James Craig Meade, son of Anna Brown Meade of Paintsville, graduated from Paintsville High School in June 1991 and has joined the United States Marines. He is receiving his basic training at Paris Island. Craig plans to remain in the reserves after basic training and enter college to further his education. He is the great grandson of the late Ben & Anna Richmond Wells.

Anna Meade, Paintsville was made Sales Director on 6/1/91 with Mary Kay Cosmetic. Anna spent several weeks in Dallas, Texas at their main office studying makeup artistry. She was awarded National Queen of Recruiting & Sales Division. Anna was awarded a 1991 Pontiac Grand Am for her level of sales. As sales Director she trained sixty business recruits. Anna is the daughter of Eyvand Brown and the late Betty Wells Brown and granddaughter of Ben & Anna Richmond Wells. She serves on the Wells Family board.

Tracy Jachimczeek, of Russell took top honors in state competition for the Daughters of the American Revolution's Good Citizen Award in May, 1991. Tracy is a student at Russell High School. She advanced after winning the District contest sponsored by Ashland's Ppage Chapter of the D.A.R. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Jachimczeek and the granddaughter of Jaunita Wells Kershner. She descends from the George E. Wells and Nancy Butcher Wells line.

BIRTHS

Troy Eamon Edgel, born July 5, 1991 in Spokane, Wa. Troy is the son of Lynn and Karen Edgel, Republic, Wa. and the grandson on Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel, Flatwoods, Ky. He descended from Richard Wells through the Spencer & Rose Anna Wells Spears line.

Alysa Anne Davis, born June 3, 1991 the daughter of Douglas Lee and Lizabeth Garza Davis. The maternal grandparents are Paul and Paulina Collins Garza of Eldersburg, Md. Lizabeth descends from Rose Anna Wells Spears and her husband, Douglas Davis, descends from the Clark line in Western Ky. Alysa is their second child.

Beau Allen Williams, born Jan. 2, 1991 to Kenny & Rhonda Johnson of Indiana.

The grandparents are Jim & Pat Williams of Paintsville. Pat is on the Wells board and is a past president. They descend from George E. Wells and Williams Green Wells line.

Brandy Renae Wells, born Jan. 1991 to William Scott Wells and Lee Ann Blackburn Wells, Pikeville, Ky. The proud grandparents are Bobby and Herbie Jane Wells, Prestonsburg, Ky. Bobby is our Vice President and serves on the Historical Committee of the Wells Family Association. They descend from George E. and Moses Wells line.

Magan Elizabeth Mantz, born Dec. 10, 1990, Jacksonville, Florida, daughter of Bruce & Lisa Fitzwater Mantz. Magan is the great-granddaughter of the late Herman & Maggie Collins Wells and descends for the Moses Wells line.

Caleb Lee Wilcox, b. December 10, 1991 to Richard and Vernita Lynn Wells Wilcox, Van Lear, Ky. Caleb is the first grandchild of Alex and Susie Goble Wells, and descends from George E., William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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MARRIAGES



Russell Earl Wells, III, & Deborah Elizabeth Blevins, were married July 6, 1991, in Raceland, Ky by the Rev. Ralph Wells & Rev. Anthony Keeton. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James R. Blevins, Raceland, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Russell E. Wells, Jr., Lloyd, Ky.

Arthur Collins, & Wanda Castle Cook, were married October 17, 1991 in Wise, Va. Arthur is a member of the recruitment team of the board, and is the father of our Secretary, Tommie Cochran. Arthur descends from the Rose Anne Wells Spears line. They are residing at Danleyton, Ky. in Greenup County.

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NEED YOUR HELP

ANGELA WILLIAMS, daughter of Bobby Williams, Van Lear and the granddaughter of Jim & Pat Williams of Paintsville underwent surgery for removal of the spleen on June 11, 1991 at U.K. Hospital in Lexington, Ky. for a rare inherited condition, SPHEROCYTOSIS.

Angela is presently taking 500 mg of

penicillin daily. It is not known if this condition was inherited through the father or mother's line. The paternal grandfather came down both the George E. and William Greene Wells line. If any of our cousins have had this condition or if you know of any of our relatives that may have, please write Jim or Pat Williams at P. O. Box 1003, Paintsville, Ky. 41240, or phone (606)789-4573.

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Let's remember in our prayers those sick and in the hospital.

Eugene Ward, Inez, Ky. underwent open heart surgery several months' ago. Eugene is recuperating with special care from his wife Gaynel in Inez. Eugene has had open heart surgery twice. His first surgery was 15 years ago. He is the brother of Clay Wells, who has served on the Wells Family board for several years.

Lesta Boyd, Inez is in a Lexington Hospital where she underwent back surgery from an old auto accident. She will be in a cast for sometime and her daughter is staying with her. She is the monther-in-law of Clay Wells, Inez, Ky.

Phillip Wells, just returned home from the hospital on Nov. 12, making his second hospitalization since the Wells' reunion. Phillip and his wife, Wanda, are on our board and she really is giving him very special care. Phillip descends from the George E. Wells line.

Kermit Wells, was in the Dayton, Ohio Hospital in October, but is now home and doing much better. In fact he called your president on Nov. 10th and is back trying to solve the puzzle of who Richard Wells' father is. It is his wish to resolve some of the unanswered questions so the book can be written while we are all alive to see it. He serves on the Historical Committee of the board. Kermit descends from William G. Wells.

Donnie Wells, Van Lear was in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in October but is presently home recuperating. He will have additional surgery Feb. 5. Donnie is on the Wells board and descends from George E., William Greene, Rose Ann Spears and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Lena Spears Dissaport, Cleveland, Ohio had surgery in October but is now home recuperating. Lena descends from

William Greene Wells and Rose Ann Spears line.

Beulah Keel, was in the Highland Memorial Hospital, Prestonsburg in October with pneumonia, but is home recuperating with special care from her husband, Frank, and daughter, Mary Frances. Both Beulah and Mary Frances are on the Wells Family Board. She descends from the George E. Wells line.

Gerald Wells Derossett, California and the son of Fred Derossett is seriously ill and Fred has been with him since November 27th. Gerald descends from the George E. Wells line.

Fred's sister Velva Compton, Little Paint, Ky., is also seriously ill. Both Gerald and Velva have cancer.

Thrumen D. Hall, the son of Opal Wells Derossett is very ill at his daughter's in Chicago. In a letter received from Opal she states she and Fred have had sickness since the Reunion. Opal is a member of the Wells' Family Board and our prayers are for them.

SICK--BUT NOT IN THE HOSPITAL

- Ferrell & Nokie Frisby, Louisville, Ky.
- Geneva Volota, Euclid, Ohio.
- Richard Wells, Stow, Ohio.
- Delight W. Hall, Shepherdsville, Ky.
- Jim Brown, Van Lear, Ky.
- Sue Clifton, Wabash, Ind.
- Betty Clark Farley, Chino, Calif.
- Georgia R. Hall, Brunswick, Ohio.
- Darlene & Haskell Burgess, Dayton, Ohio.
- Maggie W. Markely, Urbone, Ohio.
- Clifford Booth, Van Lear, Ky.
- Eyvand Brown, Van Lear, Ky.
- Mint Butcher, Van Lear, Ky.
- Jim & Pat Williams, Paintsville, Ky.
- Doug Galbrath, Hager Hill, Ky.
- Lucille Patton, Auxier, Ky.
- Elsia Wells Goble, Xenia, Ohio.
- Truman Hall, Belleville, Mich.
- Paula Wells, Greenup, Ky.

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DEATHS

Rae Wells, 91, Sandy Hook, Ky. d. 7/11/91, b. 9/17/1899, Elliott County, son of the late Lynn B. and Kate Duvall Wells. His wife, Ruta Elliott Wells, preceded him in death. He is survived by four granddaughters. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery at Sandy Hook.

James Wells, 58, b. 1932, d. 1991 of Grayson, Ky, a son of the late Otto & Dora Marshall Wells. Surviving are a daughter, Sheryl of Buford, Ga., a son Daryl of Buford, two brothers, Willis Wells and George Wells, both of Romulus, Mich. Burial was in the family cemetery in Grayson.

Grace Wells. 90 of Blaine, b.11/16/1900 at Cherokee, d. 5/12/91, Louisa, Ky. A daughter of the late Jennie Houck Cooper. Her husband, Lonnie Wells died in 1964. Surviving are a daughter, Opal Alexander of Webbville; five sons, Clark of Dudson, W. Va., Leonard of Ashland, Donald of Carson and Robert of Blaine. Burial was in the Cooper Cemetery at Cherokee.

Etherige B. Porter, b. May 6, 1920, d. Aug 1, 1991 in Ohio and buried in the Johnson County Memorial Cemetery, Staffordsville, Ky. Etheridge was the son of the late Arby and Judith Williamson Porter and descends from Dr. William Green Wells. He is the brother of Lymon Porter who serves on the Wells Family Board.

Thomas Nesbitt, 89 of Columbus, Ohio, b, March 6, 1902, John's Creek, Floyd County, Ky., d. June 29, 1991 at Columbus, Ohio Hospital. He was a son of the late Martin and Susannah Wells Nesbitt. Survivors include his wife, Glenda Via, two sons William Floyd Nesbitt of Exeter, Calif, and Thomas Merlin Nesbitt of Visalia; a daughter, Beverly Rogers of Visalia; a brother, Monroe Nesbitt, Columbus; a sister, Mary Topsy Purdy, Lucasville, Ohio, six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was the great-grandson of the late Dr. William Green Wells & grandson of Aaron Wells.

Exer M. (Wells) Cline. 91, b. 12/16/1900, d. 6/18/91, she was the daughter of the late Walker & Mary Wells.

Frank Sester, 78, b. 5/4/13, d. 7/25/91, Van Lear, Ky., son of the late Walter & Lucy Hatcher Sester. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Ward Sester; two sons, Howard L. Sester, Morehead and James Lowell Sester, Marietta, Ga; two brothers, Kenneth "Bob" Sester of Louisa, Ky and Marvin Sester of Van Lear, Ky., a sister, Pearl Beardsley, Dallas, Texas and six grandchildren. Frank descends from the Auxier line.

Harold Cecil Wells, 72 of Flatwoods, Ky., b. 8/28/19 in Ashland, d. 10/20/91 at his home in Flatwoods, Ky. He was the son of the late Theodore G. & Emma McCloud Wells. Surviving are a brother, Ted E. "Bud" Wells, Flatwoods, a sister, Mary Elizabeth Ferguson, of Green Cove Springs, Fla. The funeral was at the Reed Funeral Home in Greenup by Leonard Grizzle, minister. Burial was in East Ashland Memorial Gardens. Harold was a grandson of George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

Clotine E. Holbrook Wells, age 89, b. 1906, d. 11/16/91 in Greenup County. She was the wife of the late Howard Wells and is survived by three children, Margie Ann Seevers, Richard Brooks Wells and Gary Lowe Wells. Her late husband descends from the Moses Wells line. She is the aunt of Paula Wells who serves as Chairperson of our Historical Committee.

Richard Wells, 79, b. 1912, d. 11/22/91 and his wife Alpha Hatfield Wells, 77, b. 1914, d. 12/4/91 at their daughter Darlene's in Cleveland, Ohio. Richard descends from the Moses Wells line and is the brother of Albert Lee Hall of Brunswick., Ohio.

Harold Spears, age 52, of Van Lear, died Dec. 7, 1991 following a brief illness. He was born October 2, 1939, son of Leon & Mabel Setser Spears. Surviving are his wife, Freda Akers Spears, two sons, Harold Jr., John Scott, two daughters, Debra Spears, Cheri Davis. Three grandchildren. Harold descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Minnie Sue Wells, 61, of Van Lear, d. 1/4/92 at J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. She was born 8/27/30 in Van Lear a daughter of the late Benjamin H. and Susannah Richmond Wells. Surviving are a daughter, Lisa Horn of Louisa; two sons, Phillip Wells and Charles R. Wells, both of Van Lear; two brothers, Alex Wells and Nevard Wells, both of Van Lear; four sisters, Polly Collins and Emma Adkins, both of Van Lear, Mary Walton of Ashland and Geneva Volota of Euclid, Ohio; six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

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Agnes Wells Auxier

I am your new board member representing Agnes Wells Auxier for the 1991-92 year. Bobby Wells and the Historical Committee have completed preliminaries on several of Richard Wells' children including

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The Nominations Committee would be very pleased to hear any suggestions or nominations you may have for the 1992-1993 term. This is your Board and we are here to serve you in the best way we know how, but we would like any input you may have for additions or improvements. Let someone on the Nominations Committee know if you would like to serve on the Board or a committee.