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Labor Day weekend is upon us again and this will be the last newsletter that I will be doing as your president. I want to thank each of you for your support during the last three years. You have been great to work with and I am looking forward to serving as your newsletter editor with the assistance of our secretary, Tommie Cochran. Many of us are already making arrangements to travel to Johnson County, Ky where we will spend the Labor Day weekend visiting with relatives from across the country. I received a letter from Orville Wells, our Kan. cousin who is now living in Lawton, Okla. Orville and his son plan to fly into Louisville and drive on to the reunion. Orville came to the reunion several years ago and spent time with Mabel Allen and her late husband, Woodrow. The Allens were great hosts. They took Orville and wife to visit relatives and see the area. Orville, we are looking forward to seeing you and your son this year. I know you have wanted to come back for several years.

I received a letter from Goldie Wells Stevens, Huntington, W. Va. Goldie is the granddaughter of William Green Wells, and her father was Moses Wells. She sent me a picture of Moses Wells, and two of his sisters Sarah Wells Porter Hinkle, and Nancy Jane Wells Mollett. and a picture of Agnes Wells Auxiers, granddaughter; Anna Richmond Sherman and husband Willie Sherman with son Arby. They are all

deceased and resided in Greenup County where Anna died. Willie and Arby moved to Florida where they remained until their death. The lady in the picture with them is identified by Goldie as Julia Webb Womack. She was the widow of Nelson Webb who was the son of Alexander and Martha Wells Webb, before marrying Mr. Womack.



Standing 1-r Annie Richmond Sherman, Julia Webb Womack (widow of Nelson Webb), seated 1-r Willie Sherman, Arby Sherman and Mr. Womack.

I also had a call from Mary Wells Crawford from Felicity, Ohio. She was very excited about the Jacob Wells picture (provided by Michael Barker) in the last newsletter. The

little boy with the hat on was her father, Ernest. Mary said her father died when she was small and she did not know that the picture existed. Michael provided me with the identity of the family members and I did not put it in the last newsletter. It is listed below for your information:

Jacob Green Wells, b. 5, Feb. 1857, d. 13, Jan. 1911 at Boonscamp, Ky. Married 1st. to Harriet Arrowood, no known issues. Married 2nd. to Mary Jane Fields, daughter of Elijah and Louisa J. Fields. Born in May of 1868. d. Ca. 1910. Jacob Wells, family identity, Left to right, back row: Jacob Wells, the father; Julia L. Wells, Herbert D. Wells, Louisa J. Wells, Ernest J. Wells, (with the hat) front row: Wilfred N. Wells, Ethel Wells, (on mothers lap) Mary Jane Fields Wells, (mother) Lora Lee Wells.

The board members met three times since the 1991 reunion. Our latest meeting was at Greenbo Lake State Park on July 25th to wrap up plans for the '92 reunion. I can do nothing but praise the board members for their hard work for the Wells Family Association and their dedication in attending the meetings. Members pay their own expenses including meals and transportation to the meetings.

I thank each of you for your devotion to keeping the Association active and for your continued support during my last three years as your president and the years before that as the treasurer. I don't know of any group I would rather work with than this great family and its purpose of keeping our heritage alive for the Wells' families of tomorrow.

The nomination committee is hard at

work, they met following the board meeting on the 25th. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for officers, board members or committee members, please contact either **Janice Allene Dunseith (615)456-1189, chairperson, James "Jim" Wells (513)392-1277, or Virginia Edgel (606)836-5337.** They encourage your input.

Darlene Burgess, chairperson of entertainment has some wonderful things in store for us. She also would like to hear from you. If you have special talents to share with the family, contact her at (513)890-9977 so they can be included in the reunion entertainment.

I am including an Agenda for Saturday and Sunday activities. As I promised in the last newsletter, we will make every effort to stay as close to the schedule as possible. We will have t-shirts for sale again this year. We plan to have large, extra large and some small sizes for the children. The Historical Committee will have some genealogical material for you this year. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND THE 1992 WELLS FAMILY REUNION IN JOHNSON COUNTY KENTUCKY. THIS IS KENTUCKY'S BI-CENTENNIAL. WE ARE 200 YEARS OLD. *See you all at the Reunion September 5th and 6th.*

AGENDA FOR THE WELLS FAMILY REUNION
SATURDAY

4:00 PM - Doors open at JOHNSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL to set up for Sunday's reunion-Grave tour meeting at the school will leave at 4:05 pm.

5:00 PM - Genealogical workshop (Historical Committee in charge)

7:00 PM - Light refreshments served.

SUNDAY

9:00 AM - School doors will be opened.

9:30 AM - Genealogical workshop (Historical Committee in charge)
-If you do not want to attend the workshop, use this time to visit and with relatives.
- A silent Auction will be going on all morning and you may want to view the items available and place your bid. (Auction chairperson in charge)

10:30 AM - Entertainment (entertainment chairperson in charge)

11:00 AM - Welcome (President)

11:15 AM - Entertainment (chairperson in charge)

12:00 PM - Auction (with auctioneer and chairperson of auction)

12:45 PM -Memorial Service (Devotional Chairperson in charge)

1:00 PM - Offering (will be taken while people are getting in line)

1:15 PM - Dinner served (by the cafeteria workers) (children & senior citizens will be served first, along with the singers so they can entertain while you eat)

2:30 PM - Family photograph will be taken immediately following the dinner (please plan to have all your family here for the picture & pass this information on to other relatives so they will be present for the picture).

3:00 PM - AWARDS and recognition of oldest, youngest, largest family, and the ones traveling the most miles.

3:30 PM - Election of officers

4:00 PM - Adjournment (see you all the 1993 reunion!)

Lodging information:

Heart O' Highland Motel
(606)789-3551

Carriage House Motor Hotel
(606)789-4242

Holiday Inn
(606)886-2711

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
(606)886-2711

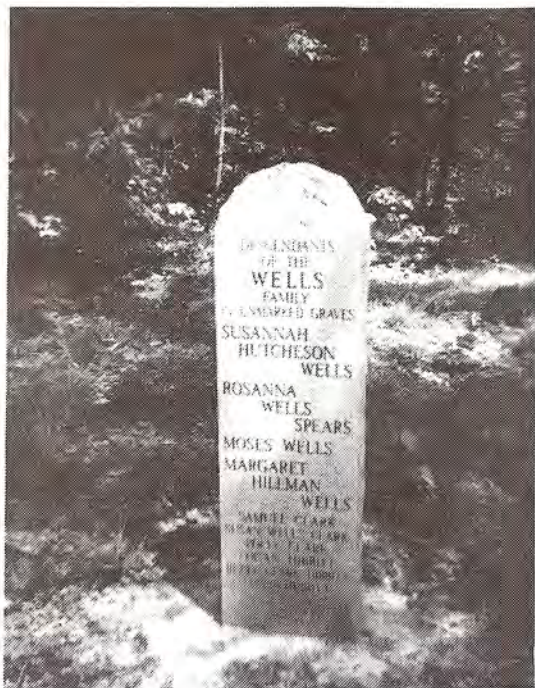
Remember to bring meat and vegetable, we ran short last year.

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A cookbook project for 1993 is underway. Please bring receipts to the reunion this year so they can be included. We would especially like to have "old family receipts." The Wells Family is famous for their love of good foods and we don't want to lose any of our family specialties!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Wonderful news!!! The Peter Wells, grave has been located in Greenup County in the Oak Grove Cemetery, near where the old Oak Grove school stood, by Joyce Wells Johnson, who descends from Peter's line. Over a year ago, after being told by the late Woodridge Spears that he was buried there, Manford and I visited that cemetery and unsuccessfully searched for the grave. It was difficult to read the letters on the old stone. I took a picture of the stone which we will include in the next newsletter.

The picture of the memorial that was set at the Old Log Church Cemetery was taken by Beulah Wells Keel and we want to share it with you. Beulah did a wonderful job. The money to purchase the monument was

from special donations and the Auction that we have each year at the reunion and we are very proud of this memorial placed by the Wells Family Association Inc.



THIS IS OUR NEW MONUMENT AT THE OLD LOG CHURCH.

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DEATHS

Jack Wells, 76, of Paintsville, died June 1, 1992 in Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, WVa. He was born Sept. 13, 1915, at Johns Creek, Johnson County, Ky. He was the son of the late **Maude Auxier Wells**. Surviving are several half brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. Jack descends from the **George E. and Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells** line.

Gladys Wells Virgin, 89, of Charleston, W. Va. formerly of South Shore, Ky. died May 12, 1992. Mrs. Virgin was born Dec. 13, 1902, in Lawrence County a daughter of Dee and Cynthia **Osborne Wells**. Her husband **Reese T. Virgin** died in 1969. Surviving are two daughters, **Garnet V. Parker**, Charleston, Wva.

and **Carolyn V. Snead**, Hampton, Va., a brother **Ballard Wells** of South Shore, Ky and four grandchildren. Burial was in the Mount Zion Cemetery in South Shore, Ky.

Virginia Wells Gullett, 66, died May 5, 1992 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, Ky. She was born August 29, 1925 in Paintsville, the daughter of **Kendrick and Ruth Long Wells**. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Warren M. Gullett Jr.**, in 1959. Mrs. Gullett was an insurance agent, co-owning Wells Ins. Agency of Paintsville, and a member of the Mayo United Methodist Church, where she was financial secretary for many years. Surviving are one daughter, **Peggy Gullett Wells** and son-in-law, **Ron Wells**; two grandchildren, one brother, Attorney **J. K. Wells**, Paintsville. Burial was in the Wells-Buchanan Cemetery in Paintsville. Virginia descends through the **William Green and Mary Butcher Wells** line.

Jessie Mae Collins Howard, 86, died May 16, 1992 at her home in Continental, Ohio. She was born Jan. 27, 1906 in Johnson County, the daughter of the late **Bailey and Margaret Wells Collins**. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Calvary, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Ben Howard**, in 1978; one son; one daughter; one sister; and two brothers. Surviving are 7 sons, **Offutt Howard**, Van Lear; **Jerry Howard**, Oakwood, Ohio; **Darce and Truman Howard**, both of Dupont, Ohio; **Charles Howard**, Continental; **Albert Howard**, South Lebanon, Ohio; **Douglas Collins**, of Melrose, Ohio; Seven daughters, **Donna DeSota**, **Darlene Booth**, and **Lola Hacker**, all of Continental; **Linda Werline** and **Brenda Johnson**, of Dupont, Ohio; **Geneva Dennison**, of Galpotin, Tenn.;

and **Goldie Goble**, of Inez; two brothers, **Homer Collins**, Van Lear, Ky; and **Howard Collins** of Springfield, Ohio; one sister, **Geneva DeLong**, of Van Lear; and 60 grandchildren, 105 great-grandchildren and 10 great great-grandchildren. Burial was in Monroe Cemetery in Continental. Jessie descends from both **George E. Wells** and **Moses Wells** lines.

Mary Topsy Purdy, 93, of Lucasville, died Thursday, May 28, 1992, at Southern Ohio Medical Center. Topsy was born Dec. 17, 1898, in Floyd County, Ky, a daughter of the late **Martin and Susannah Wells Nesbitt**, she was co-owner and founder of Purdy Lumber Co., a charter member of Lucasville Garden Club, a member of Lucasville Historical Society, Lucasville Chapter of the Eastern Star and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and a former member of Business and Professional Women and Daughters of the American Revolution. She was preceded in death June 25, 1977, by her husband, **Clifford M. Purdy**, whom she married March 19, 1924, she is survived by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. **Bill (Juanita) Purdy** of Lucasville; a granddaughter, **Jane Purdy Caudill** of Lucasville; three great-granddaughters, Mrs. **Tim (Lisa) Paulbee** of Lloyd, Ky, **Amy Steele** and Mrs. **Michael (Susan) Potter** of Atlanta, Ga.; a great-great-grandson, **Maxwell McGuire**; a brother, **Monroe M. Nesbitt** of Columbus; and several nephews and nieces. She also was preceded in death by a son, **Bill N. Purdy**, July 3, 1989; two brothers; and two sisters. Topsy descends from the **Wm. Green and Mary Butcher Wells** line, and is the granddaughter of **Aaron Wells**.

Denver Wells, 70, of Van Lear, Ky. died July 5, 1992 at his home.

Denver was born Jan. 1, 1922, in Johnson County, a son of the late **Joe David and Lillie Mae Webb Wells**. He was a retired coal miner and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. Surviving are his wife, **Nellie Sparks Wells**; three sons, **Billy Ray Wells**, Thelma, Ky; **Denver Lee Wells**, Concord, Ky, and **Charles Edward Wells**, Wabash, Ind.; a daughter, **Linda Stapleton**, Tutor Key; five brothers, **Joe Wells Jr.**, **Herbert Wells** and **Everett Wells**, all of Van Lear, **Charles Rollen Wells**, Rush, Ky and **George Wells**, Defiance, Ohio; two sisters, **Josephine Cassedy** of Dayton, Ohio, and **Geraldine Cassedy** of Lexington, and 7 grandchildren. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville. Denver descends from the **George E. and Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells** line.

Donald E. "Gene" McFaddin, 66, died 7/23/92 at his home in Paintsville. Mr. **McFaddin** was born 10/24/25, in Paintsville, a son of the late **Laud and Nora Collins McFaddin**. He was a retired lineman for South-Central Bell. Surviving are his wife, **Grandaline Wells McFaddin**; one daughter, **Linda Baldwin** of Paintsville; a son, **Don McFaddin** of Oil Springs; a sister, **Mollie Gullett** of Paintsville; and a grandchild. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park. His wife **Grandaline**, descends from both **George E. Wells** and **Rose Ann Wells Spears** line.

William Ralph Evans, 75, of Bellefonte, Ky died May 1992 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Russell, Ky. Mr. **Evans** was born Nov. 26, 1916, in Elliott County, a son of the late **Charles Leslie and Sarah Belle Wells Evans**. He was a retired maintenance supervisor with Ashland Oil. He was a member of the Poage Masonic Lodge No. 325 and attended the Unity Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife **Stella Church Evans**; two daughters, **Sharon Evans Gooding** of Morehead and **Cindy Evans James** of Versailles; a sister, **Agnes Hollingsworth** of Dandridge, Tenn.; 2 brothers, **Randolph Evans** of Ashland and **Arlie Evans** of Kettering, Ohio; and 5 grandchildren. Masonic services were conducted by the Masonic Lodge and burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens, Flatwoods, Ky.

Marion Catherine Wells, 68, Ridgeway St., Coal Grove, Oh. died February 28, 1992 in the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Huntington, Wva. Mrs. Wells was born March 25, 1923, in Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter of the late **Harry C. and Helen Rinschler Stubberman**. Her husband, **Glenmore Wells**, died in 1985. She was a former employee of Professional Maintenance and a World War II, Marine Corps veteran. Surviving are two sons, **Glen D. Wells** of Millersburg and **Terry A. Wells**, Proctorville, Ohio; a daughter, **Peggy Wells**, Coal Grove, Ohio; two brothers, **Bob Stubbeman** of Kansas City, Kansas, and **Harry Stubbeman** of Ohio; two sisters, **Ruth Bergen**, Bellingham, Mass. and **Margaret Collins** of Oklahoma City; and five grandchildren. Burial was in the Ashland Cemetery.

William S. Wells, 92, born 1900, died June 12, 1992 in Salem, Va. He is brother to our oldest living member of the Wells Family, Charles M. Wells, Paintsville and other brothers and sisters are Pearl Wells Short, Paintsville. George C. Wells, Pikeville and Sarah Wells. They came down the William Green Wells line through son, William Allen.

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HOSPITAL

Lennon Spears, had an accident and

has been in Louisville, Ky Jewish Hospital on at least two occasions for surgery. Lennon was using a saw and almost lost his thumb, according to his son Jeff. He is now recuperating at his home in Flatwoods, Ky, with special attention from his wife Mary Alice. I am told Lennon is a great cook and I'm sure that has to be put on hold for awhile. Lennon is the son of the late **Morgan and Hazel Spears**, and descends from both **William Green Wells**, and **Rose Ann Wells Spears**.

Reatha Lou Williamson Blackburn, was a patient in St. Clara Hospital, Morehead in May and in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, during June. She is at her home recuperating in Van Lear. Reatha is a descendent of **Wm. Green Wells** and the daughter of **Julia Music Williamson** and the late **Aud Williamson**. Reatha has been caring for her mother since the death of her father Aud several years ago.

Geneve Wells, was in the hospital in May due to a blockage in the arteries in her neck and a heart problem. She is presently at her home recuperating with physical restrictions. She is the wife of **Nevard Wells** and daughter of **Willie and Lutie Collins Wells** and descends from **Moses Wells** line. Geneve has a great responsibility caring for her mother who has been confined for several years with Alzheimer Disease. Geneve has been giving the help necessary to keep her mother in the home with her fathers assistance.

Cloteen Clark Rice, had surgery in July for cataract removal on one eye at Paul B. Hall Hospital, Paintsville. She is recuperating at her home at East Point, while receiving special care from her sister **Minnie Butcher** and her son

Cloteen Clark Rice, Dorthy Collins Crum, Fred DeRossett, Gerald W. DeRossett, Thurman D. Hall, Georgia Hall, Woodie Williamson, Woodie Wells, Gladys Jarrell, Dolie and Rose Mary Wells Harmon.

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Marriages:

Lolita Jo Wells, and Travis Blanton were married on May 23rd. Lolita is the daughter of Joann Wells, Volga, Ky., and Homer Wells, Tutor Key, Ky., Travis is the son of Bill and Shirley Blanton, Salyersville, Ky. Lolita is a senior at Morehead State University, where she is pursuing a career as a high school mathematic teacher. Travis is a 1992 graduate of M.S.U. with a degree in industrial technology. He is a Lieutenant in the United States Army National Guard.

James "Jimmy" Adkins and Amanda Morton, were married on June 24th. Jimmy is the son of James and Emma D. Wells Adkins of Van Lear, Ky. Amanda is the daughter of Jimmy and Karen Morton, of Stanton, Ky. Jimmy and Amanda will be residing on South Fork Rd., in Stanton. Jimmy descends from the George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Autum Damron and Craig Delong, were married on June 6th at the Penny Road Community Church, Penny Road, Pike County, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Gary and Suzy Damron, Pikeville. She is a 1989 graduate of Virgie High School and a senior at Pikeville College. Craig is the son of Teddy and Judy Wells Delong, Hager Hill, Ky. He is a 1989 graduate of Johnson Central High School and is also a senior at Pikeville College. Craig descends through the George E. and Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells line.

Andrea Beth Wells and Kelly Brown were married on June 13th at First Huntington Christian Baptist Church, Huntington, Wva. The bride is the daughter of Earl Ray and Wanda J. Wells, Chesapeake, Ohio and a graduate of Chesapeake High School. She is working toward a degree in elementary education at Ohio University Southern Campus in Ironton. The bridegroom is the son of Fred and Edith Brown of Wurtland, Ky and a graduate of Greenup County High School. He is employed at General Heating and Air Conditioning in Flatwoods, Ky.

Chandra Smith and Ray Wells, were married June 20th at the Paintsville Lake Visitors Center, Paintsville, Ky. The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Osborne, Oil Springs, Ky. Chandra is the granddaughter of Lizzie and the late George Smith of Greentown. She attended Prestonsburg Community College and Eastern Ky. University and is employed by Citizens National Bank of Paintsville. Ray is the son of Julie Wells of Meally and Bill Wells of Thelma. He is the grandson of Denver and Nellie Wells, Van Lear, Ky. Ray is a 1988 graduate of Paintsville High School and is serving in the United States Marine Corps.

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VOLUNTEER VETERANS AND WORK RELEASE PROGRAM PERSONNEL

The Volunteer Veterans and Work Release Program personnel recently joined forces to clean up area grave sites.

The coordinator, Bill Spurlock, states the project to clean up area grave sites is just one way the center is trying to "give back to the community". Mr. Spurlock has been on at least five cemeteries, one of which took three days to

clean up. **Spurlock** worked with Johnson County jailer, Thurman Tackett, to combine the forces of volunteer Veterans and the work release program at the detention center.

The Veterans could not make ends meet without Community support "...we're just trying to put back into the community some of what the community gives to us," **Spurlock** said.

Other projects Veterans from the center work with are area special Olympics events and the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, as well as a no-charge clothes bank and a year round food pantry for Veterans and their dependents. "I'd say we help 100 families each month through the food bank," Spurlock said. They also give baskets at Christmas time, sponsor haunted house for kids, work with law enforcement if they need help with traffic control.

The Center also supplies an honor guard for military rites at funerals for area Veterans at no charge, as well as GED classes each Wednesday night. "Helping our Veterans" could mean anything from food or clothes banks to help with medical fees and transportation to a doctor's office. "This is the only organization... to get all the Veterans Organizations under one roof," **Spurlock** said. "It's kind of a pilot program to see how it works."

Spurlock says the Veterans of Foreign Wars, disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps League for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs are all represented at the Veterans Release Center.

The Center, which is a non-profit

organization, operates solely on donations from area citizens and organizations. The VRC's only grant, obtained through the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, will run out August 1, leaving center leaders to wonder how they will pay to keep the program operating at its current level until next Memorial Day.

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Congratulations:

Kevin Wells was recognized at the Spring awards banquet sponsored by the Ky. Society of Certified Public Accountants honoring new CPA's and successful candidates from Nov. 1991 CPA Examination. Kevin is employed by Wells and Company, P.S.C. in Paintsville and is the son of **Arnold and Betty Wells** of Paintsville.

Edith Moore Clark, was chosen as Grand Marshall of the 1992 Warfield Liberty Festival Parade. The festival committee is proud to honor Mrs. Clark and her late husband, **Sheldon Clark**, with the dedication of the Seventh Annual Liberty Festival. Recently, she was interviewed by channel WYMT, of Hazard, Ky, in the half hour segment about Martin County's history, nostalgia and local crafts. This was one in a series of specials in honor of Ky's Bicentennial Celebration. **Mr. and Mrs. Clark** lived in the town of Warfield for over 50 years. After Sheldon's demise in 1983, Edith remained at her home in Warfield. Sheldon and Edith were both born in Martin County. He was the son of the late **J. Blain and Lutie Wells Clark**, of Inez. He had a brother **Haskel Clark**, of Pilgrim; an two sisters, **Jewell McMahan**, Hattiesburg, Mi, and **Darlene Burgess**, Dayton, Ohio. Edith was the daughter of the late **Everett Moore**, of Fairborn, Ohio. The ironic thing about Sheldon's and Edith's birthdays is they were able

to celebrate them on the same day.

The Clark family was involved in education, law and business, while the Moore family was chiefly involved in business and education. Sheldon and Edith's family includes: **Prentice and Billy Jo Harris** and their daughters, **Susan and Debra Harris, John and Patricia Muncy** and their daughter, **Sherri Dawn Muncy and Sheldon Clark Muncy**. Sheldon was a graduate of Western Ky. University at Bowling Green with a degree in Education. Edith graduated from Pikeville College with a degree in Elementary Education. Together the Clark's contributed much to the Martin County community by way of teaching and passing on of knowledge. Each of them worked in the local school system for 43 years. Sheldon served as Superintendent of Schools for more than 30 years and was honored when the new high school, built in 1972, was named after him. Their daughters, Patricia and Billy, also have worked for 30 and 37 years, respectively, in the Martin County School System. The total number of years of service for their family is 153 years. Edith at 78 remains an active member of the Martin County Teachers Retirement Group and is always busy in the community or with her hobbies, crocheting afghans and novelties and running a small business called Mimi's Crochet Corner. Her sustaining values have been her faith in God, country and the family unit. Sheldons parents both descend from the **William Green Wells** line and his father **James Blain Clark** was an lawyer and served as Ky. State Senator in 1926, and at his death was Commonwealth Attorney for Johnson, Martin and Lawrence County, Ky. **The Wells Family have many reasons to be**

proud of this family and their great accomplishments.

Clayton Wells Jr. and Angel Wells: Twin son and daughter of **Clayton and Carol Wells**, Inez, Ky have returned from a trip with honors. Clayton Jr. spent a month in Austria, where he was chosen to play basketball. Angela, who is a cheerleader for Sheldon Clark High School, was chosen by the Foreign Language Department in a special project to go to Paris. She and her brother Clayton Jr. are both honor students and will be seniors at the Sheldon Clark High School. They descend from **William Green Wells** line.

Kelly Schmitt, Paintsville graduated with a B.S. in Social Work, from Marshall University, Huntington, Wva. in December 1991. She is the daughter of **Mike and Lynn Schmitt**, Paintsville. Kelly is presently employed with the State Cabinet for Human Resource, Department for Social Services, Pikeville, Ky. She is a Child Protection Worker. She is the granddaughter of **Mary Kay Wells Schmitt** and descends from **William Green and Mary Butcher Wells** line.

Greg Slone, former Paintsville High School baseball standout has signed a letter of intent to play for Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. Greg was a member of the 1990 Paintsville High School state championship team and earned a scholarship to Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Fla. Chipola won their conference this season and was ranked 4th in Fla. among Junior Colleges. He is the son of Coach **Ronnie Wells and Diana Slone Wells**, Paintsville, Ky.

Linton Wells II, has joined the Ashland Merrill Lynch Office as a Financial Consultant. He was a former financial consultant in the firms Huntington, WVa office. Linton received his degree in Economics and Philosophy from Duke University. He is the son of **Linton and Phyllis Meade Wells** of Ashland, and the grandson of **Woodrow and Irene Wells** of W. Van Lear, Ky. He descends from both **Moses Wells and George E. Wells** line.

Hazel Wells, Panama City, Fla, formerly of Ashland, Ky has been chosen the Bay County Senior Citizen Queen. She was chosen from a field of candidates nominated by the County's Senior Centers. She has lived in Fla. almost twenty years. As a Senior Citizen Queen she visits convalescent homes, appears in parades and volunteers at the Salvation Army at Christmas time. Hazel is the widow of the late **Kenneth Vincel Wells** and daughter of the late **John and Jessie E. Menshouse**. Kenneth was the grandson of the late **George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells** through their youngest son, **Theodore Wells**. Hazel has three sons, **Kenneth, Theodore and Paul Wells** and a daughter, **Nancy Marcum**.

Edward Thomas Hughes, received his BSEE, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a BSCS, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, in Baccalaureate at Brigham Young University, August 14, 1992. He is married to **Karyn Camille Garza** who is the daughter of **Paul and Pauline Garza**. Pauline is a member of the Wells Family Board and descends from **Rose Ann Wells Spears**.

Lori Beth Lundergan, 10 years old, daughter of **Eddie & Kim Wells Lundergan** of Morehead and

granddaughter of **Jim & Doris Wells** of Ripley, Ohio recently traveled to Davenport, Iowa to compete in 1992 United States Tumbling Association National Competition. Lori was 1992 Ky State Champion on floor and trampoline and runner up on double mini trampoline. She competed in Iowa in June and captured fifth place on floor and trampoline and third on double mini trampoline. Lori has been tumbling for 3 years and competed in the sub-advanced level on floor and trampoline and advanced level on double mini trampoline during the 1992 season. She captured the National Champion title in 1990 as a novice competitor and 2nd place in 1991 as an intermediate competitor. She is a member of the TNT Gym Dynamite Tumblers from Morehead, Ky. She is coached by David and Robin Pollitte.

Lori and her sister performed at the 1991 Wells Family Reunion, her grandfather Jim is a member of the Wells board and descends from **George E. Wells and Moses Wells** line.

Porter Elementary School

Porter Elementary has announced its honor roll for the final grading period. Named for having all "A's" or having perfect attendance required a lot of hard work and awards were given in recognition by a certificate and a trip to Camden Park for their efforts. **We are very proud of our Wells' Children.**

Second Grade: **Ben Wells**, received all A's and perfect attendance for 1991-92. Ben is an exceptional child in that not many children this young achieve both of these accomplishments. Plus I am told that he can't wait to get to school and would like to attend year around. Ben is the son of **Alex S. and Susie Goble Wells**, Van Lear, Ky.

Third Grade: Savannah Wells, received all A's.

Sixth Grade: Tonya Butcher, Leah Wells, and Jeremy Collins, received all A's.

Seventh Grade: Stacy DeLong, Tracy DeLong, and Robert Wells, received all A's.

Those students having all A's and B's were:

Second Grade: Margon Collins, Briana Wells, Crystal Williamson, and Billy Collins.

Third Grade: Meghan Butcher, Lorena Butcher, Goldie Wells.

Fourth Grade: Joey Wells.

Fifth Grade : Brandon Collins.

Sixth Grade: Jeremy Collins, Sarah Wells, Lisa Williams and Farrah Butcher.

Eighth Grade: Shane DeLong, Brad Wells and Barry Wells.

There were 110 students with absents of three or less days during 1991-92 school year. They were treated with a picnic at Jenny Wiley Recreation area as a reward for their efforts. Those who are part of the Wells family are: Justin Wells, kindergarten; Goldie Wells, 3rd grade; Daniel Wells, 4th grade; Sarah Wells and Leah Wells, 6th; and Melinda Richmond, 8th grade.

Raceland High School

Vince B. Cochran, received awards for having all "A's" during the last 9 weeks and perfect attendance for the 1991-92 term at Raceland High School, Raceland, Ky. Vince also received high awards in Pre-Algebra

and Business for the school year. He has been on the honor roll for the past two years. He is the son of Bob and Tommie Collins Cochran of Worthington, and the grandson of Arthur Collins and the late Doreen Linkous Collins.

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High School Graduates

Several of our Wells relatives graduated from in 1992. They are all outstanding young people and I'm sure they will pursue a career that will make their parents proud. I talked with some of them or their families and understand that plans include going to college. Some of you did not let me know about your young person's graduation or his/her plans for the future.

Angela Wells, daughter of Homer and Joann Wells, Johnson Central High School, Paintsville. She was president of the Beta Club, and a member of the FHA and Academic team. She plans to major in math and pursue a career as a CPA. We would like to know her plans for college.

Stacie Howard, daughter of Tim and Karen Patton Howard, Prestonsburg High School. She is employed this summer with Francis, Kazee & Francis Law firm. Stacie's mother is a legal secretary with the same firm. I do not know Stacie's plans for school this fall. Please send that to me Karen.

Tonya R. Collins, daughter of Larry and Rita Collins, Johnson Central High School. She ranked in the top ten in her Senior class with a 3.81 G.P.A. and received a scholarship to Morehead State University. She isn't sure of her future profession at this time.

Kristopher D. Wells, son of Dwayne and Jenny Wells, Johnson Central. He

plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University but isn't sure of his profession at this time.

Tina L. Wells, Johnson Central High School. I do not know her career plans. Tina, is the daughter of Edward "Parrot" and Pam Walters Wells.

Jerry Michael Wells, son of Jerry and Connie Wells, Greenup, Ky. Greenup County High School. Jerry is working this summer with Ametek Microfoam, Wurtland, Ky and plans to attend Ashland Community College this fall. He isn't sure of his future career. Jerry Michael is the son of Jaunita Wells Carr and the late Bennie Wells, Jr.

Lola Williamson, Paintsville High School has been awarded the Alfred Chambers Brent Scholarship by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. "Scholarships are presented to students who show strong academic credentials and leadership potential", said John Robertson, associated dean of instruction for the college of agriculture. Williamson honored by Paintsville High, along with eight other students at an academic banquet for having a 3.5 G.P.A. or better standing. She will be a freshman in natural resource conservation this fall. Lola is the daughter of Gerald and Mabel Williamson, and descends from William Green Wells and George E. Wells line.

Jason Schutz, Helena, Montana High School. He is the son of Jerry and Brenda Harmon Schutz and the grandson of the late Chester and Ella Rae Harmon formerly of Johnson County, Ky. Jason's great-grandparents were Dolie Harmon and Minta Wells Harmon. Minta died in the 1918 flu epidemic during child

birth and Dolie was killed at Daniels Creek, in Johnson County Ky on December 23, 1919, along with Martin Wells while taking in World War I deserters. Both he and Martin worked for the F.B.I. at the time. Many of the older family members will remember this or have heard their parents talk about it. Jason's grandparents went West and died there, he descends from George E. Wells line. It isn't known what Jason's career plans are.

Jason Jacob Crawford, Fleicity High School, Fleicity, Ohio. Jason is the son of Terry and Mary Wells Crawford of Fleicity. Jason will be attending the University of Kentucky this fall and entering Pre-Dentistry. Jason received recognition for perfect attendance for attending thirteen years' school and only missed one day. This is from KG through high school. I think this is a great achievement that few young people are able attain. Jason's mother is the grand-daughter of Jacob Green Wells through his son Ernest J. Wells the grandson of William Green and Mary Butcher Wells.

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Births

Avery Charles Jefferson Ray, born June 11, 1992 to Paul and Nella Webb Ray, Inez, Ky. Avery has a brother Paul Bradly, two sisters, Jackelin Caral, and Jessica. The grandparents are Clay and Caral Wells of Inez. Clay descends from William Green Wells line.

Carl Andrew Perkins, born June 15, 1992 to Kathy Wells Perkins of Lexington. He is the great-grandson of the late George and Angie Wells of Boonscamp. He descends from William Green Wells.

below the Dam.

Shana Kellie Wells, born March 26, 1992 in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Ky. She weighed 5 pound 14 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. She is the daughter of **Frank and Kathy A. Wells**, Van Lear, Ky. She is the granddaughter of **Patsy Lester and Lois Wells**, Van Lear, and **Dayton Joseph Jr.** of Prestonsburg, Ky.
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REUNIONS:

PORTER: The Porter reunion was at Jenny Wiley State Park, on July 18, 1992. They had approximately 70 persons in attendance and everyone had a good time and plenty to eat. It is my understanding that this reunion is the third Saturday in July annually. My plans were to attend but was unable to do so this year but **Lyman Porter** a member of our **Wells Family Board** did attend. He invited the **Porters'** to the **Wells** reunion since the majority of them are related to the **Wells'** family.

COLLINS: The 13th annual **Collins** reunion was held at the Jenny Wiley State Park, on August 8, 1992. It was one of their best with many **Wells/Collins** cousins in attendance. I attended this year and seen many family members. Their new President is **Wendell Stafford**, Flatwood, Ky.

GREEN/GREENE: The 28th **Green/Greene Family** reunion was 8/9/92 at Armco State Park, Summitt, Ky. I was unable to attend this year. This is our **Susannah Hutchinson Wells** family through her mother **Nancy Green**. Her grandfather was **Lewis Green**.

WRIGHT/HUTCHINSON: This family reunion will be August 15, 1992 at Grayson Lake, Grayson, Ky. The reunion will be in shelter house #4

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:

Paula Wells, Chairperson of the Historical Committee sent me the following information to share with you. Paula was reading a book on America History and wondered how our ancestors' life would fit in and she came up with this list:

RICHARD WELLS AND AMERICAN HISTORY

When Richard Wells was:
born in 1760 in Philadelphia, we were a British colony engaged in the French and Indian War.

3 years old, the Peace of Paris ended the war and extended the country westward to the Mississippi River.

probably between 5 and 10 years of age, his uncle, Dr. **George Wells**, took him from Philadelphia to Augusta, Ga. Exact age is unknown.

15 the American Revolution began.

16, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

17 British General **Howe** took over Philadelphia and Washington's troops endured the winter of Valley Forge.

18 the British captured Savannah.
19 he was drafted into the militia in Augusta, Ga. He was in the battles of Edisto River, S.C., Stone Landing, S.C. and in the unsuccessful siege of British-occupied Savannah.

20, the British captured Charleston, S.C.; he fled the Tories in Ga. and went to live in

Washington County in Western Va. with his uncle, Dr. George Wells, who was killed in a duel in Augusta by James Jackson (or Gen. Abraham Jackson) in a quarrel over politics; when he enlisted for a year's duty as Indian spy on the Virginia frontier.

21 the British surrendered to Gen. **Washington** at Yorktown, Va. and ended the war in Oct. 1781.

23 the Treaty of Paris formally ended the Revolution.

27 the Constitution was drafted in Philadelphia.

29, George **Washington** was inaugurated as the first president of the United States.

32, Kentucky became a state.

35, his name was on the Russell County, Va. tax list.

37, he wed **Susannah Hutchinson** in Russell County, Va. She was 18.

41 Thomas **Jefferson** was inaugurated president.

60 (if it was in 1820) he joined a general westward migration via the Wilderness Road and through the Cumberland Gap into Floyd County, Ky. He had come from Osborn's Ford, Scott Co., Va.

74 when he began to receive his veteran's pension of \$63.33 per year.

77 he died in 1838. Martin Van Buren was president. His widow outlived him by 24 years.

SOURCES: **Richard Wells** pension papers, **George E. Wells** statement,

Tax lists and census records.

Cashin, Edw. J., Sugusta and the American Revolution, c. 1975

Krout, John A., Outline History of the U.S. to 1865, c. 1946

MEMORIAL

A gift of money was given to the memorial fund by **Manford and Mary Wells Walton**, Ashland, Ky for **Mary Topsy Purdy**, Lucasville, Ohio, who died on May 28, 1992.

AUCTION

Ann Porter, Chairperson

As we all know many of our ancestors' graves are still unmarked especially on our older cemeteries and some that are marked have been destroyed or the writing is barely legible. While we still have relatives around that know the identity of the graves, let's try to get the graves marked. The Wells Family Board voted several years ago to start the fund to place markers on the unmarked graves beginning with **Richard Wells**, children and come down the line. The proceeds from the auction was designated for this fund. Plus some of our members give money to the fund in memory of their love ones and/or donate to the fund instead of sending flowers to the funeral when a friend or love one dies.

This money is designated for purchasing monuments for the graves beginning at the oldest coming down to the current generation. (Some of our members are placing markers on their family members graves since it could be years before the association will be able to get all of the older graves marked). If you, or someone you know, have marked a grave please let us know so

it can be mentioned it in the newsletter. Remember the Auction and its proceeds will be designated for purchasing markers for the unmarked relatives graves or replacing markers that have deteriorated over the years. The items you bring for the auction should be something that you would like to take home with you. (Items that are chipped, cracked or broken will not sell). Crafts, homemade items or something you have at home you don't have room for anymore, candies or cookies may sell real well).

We also need you to bid on the items because if you don't there cannot be an auction. When you bid just remember what the money will be going for. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU. See you at the reunion on Sept. 5th and 6th.

Goldie Wells Stevens furnished us this picture of her father, Moses Wells, son of William Green Wells, and his two sisters, Sarah Porter Hinkle and Nancy Jane Mollette:



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

I received a letter from B. A. Wells, Jr. our relative in Springfield, Va. on July 9, 1992. He expressed his thanks for the Wells' Family Association News and says he greatly enjoys the newsletter and that he is very proud as a family member to receive it. He also sent us a check for expenses and we do appreciate the gift and especially the encouragement. **Tommie Collins Cochran** and I are doing the newsletter and we love the feedback. If we do not hear from you we will never know if we are giving you the type of newsletter you want. Please feel free to write and let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the letter. Remember the newsletter needs your input to make it worthwhile. *If you folks out there don't send us the news we won't be able to have a newsletter.* SEND US BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, SPECIAL HAPPENINGS IN YOUR FAMILY. Thanks...

Another Wells Association: The Wells Family Research Association was organized and is operated to coordinate research efforts into the family histories of all Wells families world-wide. the Wells Chronicle is published four times a year in the months of March, June, September and December. The December issue contains an index for the entire calendar year. The Wells Family Research Association is a non-profit cooperation, incorporated in the State of Oregon. Rates for the Association Annual membership are \$12.00 in the United States, and if you need the rates for other

countries contact me and I will be glad to provide them for you. I have been a member of this association for several years and feel it is the best \$12 I have ever spent. The coming issues will deal with the following: August 1992- Richard Wells of Maryland, the Blacksmith, October 1992- Richard Wells and Zorobabel Wells of Virginia and Maryland, December 1992- Edmund Wells and Thomas Wells of Dudley, England & Hebron, Ct., March 1992- Peter Wells of Rhode Island.

Orin Wells is the President and Editor of the paper and urgently needs any information you may have on the early generations of the Richard Wells/Zorobabel Wells of Virginia and Maryland, also anything relating to the Edmund Wells and Peter Wells families. If you should be interested in joining the association you may do so by sending \$12 to The Wells Chronicles, Wells Family Research Association, P.O. Box 14705, Portland, Oregon, 97214-9998.

CAUTION!!!

Some of our members have received information on purchasing a book on the Wells Family from *Lois K. Wells and Dennis B. Haslinger* who are operating under the company name "Halbert's Family Heritage" located at 3687 Ira Road, Bath, Ohio 44210. Other people have told me they also got the same information on their family line and I received one on the *Walton* line. I have seen at least two of the books ordered and the book primarily appears to be mainly an extraction of addresses from telephone books or other address sources from around the world. It appears that this could be another genealogical 'rip off' and I must remind you that \$39.00 is a lot

of money for a book of names, addresses and phone numbers. If any of you have received letters from this couple or have ordered the book, please let me know so we can caution our people if this has no genealogical value to researchers.

Beulah Wells Keel and her daughter Mary Frances Keel both board members have been fast at work. They visited the Old Wells/Collins Cemetery, Rt. 3, Daniels Creek, Johnson County, Ky and did a listing of all the graves that had markers for us. This cemetery is located on the hill behind the old McKinley Collins home, follow Rt. 23 south of Paintsville, take Rt. 3 east toward Martin County and it's approximately 1 1/2 miles on left. According to their report there are approximately 101 unmarked graves on this cemetery. Beulah and Mary Frances, we appreciate both of you.

Lower Level: McKinley Collins, Mar. 3, 1897-Feb. 28, 1985; Callie E. Collins, Feb. 20, 1898-Mar. 8, 1988; James C. "Doc" May, May 25, 1930-May 2, 1990; Upper Level: William Wells, Wife Lula Son of David & Julia Wells, died 1882; Emaritta Wells, wife of James W. Wells, b. Mary 8, 1896; James W. Wells, b. Mar. 2, 1831; Sara Collins, 1891-1967; Veneda J. Collins, b. 1936-d. 1936; Wallace B. Collins, 1885-1959; Arval Collins, 1899-1911; Eva Collins, B. 1910; Margaret L. Collins, 1884-1965; Garland W. Collins, 1882-1952; Golda Collins Keel, 1898-1930; Lucy Delong, 1906-1933; Bertha Collins, 1888-1971; Isom Austin, B. 3-3-1850, d. 12-23-1904; Martha Austin, b. 5-5-1854-d. 7-7-1901; ? Fields, b. ? d. 1937; Martha Fields, 1891-1939; Milom Fields, 1902-1956; Gladys Wells Honeycutt, Sept. 20, 1896-May 31, 1932; Matilda Wells, 1902-1907; Samuel J. Wells, b. 5-21-1876-d. 7-

28-1928; Cynthia Wells, b. 12-22-1878 d. 3-11-1930; Alex Virgil Wells, b. 5-26-1873 d. 1-15-1952; Wm. L. Wells, b. 5-8-1873 d. 10-7-1909; Ella Spears, b. 5-12-1874 d. 1-29-1939; Mary Alice Wells, b. 12-25-1882 d. 5-8-1941; Marion Jackson Wells, b. 1-15-1878; John C. Hill, b. 1885 d. 1950; Cynthia Hill, b. 1885 d. 1966; J.R. Clark, b. 3-14-49 d. 3-14-49, Ali Hill, b. 104-1905, d. 7-24-1974; Logan Hill, b. 1917 d. 1953; Shade Hill b. 11-27-1917 d. 11-25-1968; Rosey Dennison Spriggs, b. 9-8-1891 d. 3-4-1916; Ison Spriggs, b. ? d. 1907; Lohermy Spriggs, b. '1911-d. 1912; Johnie Wells, b. 1924 d. 1925; Estil Wells, b. 1925 d. 1926; Mary Wells, b. 4-18-1900 d. 3-20-1929; Melvin Wells, b. 1-26-1898 d. 10-9-1967; Alex Wells, b. 3-27-1898 d. 10-9-1951; Angeline Wells, b. Nov. 1875 d. Feb. 2, 1942; Garfield Wells, b. 11-7-1891 d. 3-17-1914; Agness Wells, b. Feb. 16, 1883 d. Jan. 17, 1961; N. Amarille Osborn Collins, b. ? d. 1916, Mother of: Henry Roscoe, Daniel Oakley, Lillian May Clara Bell, Ivory Dean, Thomas Martin and wife of David Campbell Collins; Dovie Collins Vanhooze, b. 1913 d. 1990; Perry Collins, Jr. b. 1913 d. 1990; Docie M. Collins, b. 1918 d. 1943; Walker Collins, b. 1872 d. 1955; Frank Collins, b. 1934 d. 1935; Edward Howard, b. Nov. 22, 1936 d. July 26, 1943; Brooksie Collins, b. Oct. 3, 1941 d. Apr. 194?; Rebecca Collins, b. Sept. 9, 1866 d. Aug. 8, 1898; Will Collins, b. Jan 24, 1857 d. ?; Jim Austin, b. ? d. ?; J. M. Austin, b. Apr. 12, 1872 d. Jan 23, 1917; Emma Ward, b. May 28, 1880 d. May 3, 1935; Roberta Collins, b. Mar. 9, 1908 d. June 25, 1953; James A. Collins, b. Oct. 17, 1897 d. Apr. 30, 1957; Lulie C. Collins, b. Oct. 17, 1903 d. Jan. 30, 1947; Rex Alden Dale, b. 1924 d. 1926; Rosa Collins Dale, b. 1900 d. 1985; James Hardin Dale, b. 1921 d.

1931; Jesse Dale, b. 1898 d. 1976; William Lucian Wells, b. July 20, 1921 d. Aug. 30, 1922; John Colvin Wells, b. Jan 2, 1895 d. Feb. 7, 1937; Tessie A Burke Wells, b. Mar. 9. 1899 d. Apr. 29, 1985; Ethridge (Eck) Williamson, b. June 5, 1922 d. Dec. 25, 1988; Lee Bernard Williamson, b. June 17, 1899 d. May 7, 1949; Alta Mae Wells Williamson, b. Apr. 8, 1899 d. Apr. 5, 1963; James Martin, 1905-1959; Lora Spriggs, 1894-1964; Leonard Dennison, b. July 12, 1898 d. May 24, 1965; Davis Spriggs, b. Oct. 18, 1882 d. May 5, 1974; Roswell Dennison, b. May 11, 1870 d. Dec. 12, 1927; Margaret Dennison, b. Jan 27, 1875 d. Dec. 27, 1935; Virgie Dennison Penix, b. July 12, 1894 d. May 13, 1817; Avis Jewell Howard Dennison, b. Feb. 26, 1930 d. Feb. 18, 1950; James Dennison, b. 1900-d. 1941; Dixie Dennison, b. 1902 d. 1920; Ernestine Spears, b. 1923 d. 1981; Erma Lean Wells, b. Nov. 18, 1933 d. Nov. 25, 1933; John W. Lackey, b. Oct. 4, 1918 d. ?

Come one Come all
 To
 The Wells Family
 Reunion
 See
 you all There
 Mary & Tommie

Please complete the form below and bring to the reunion with you. If you are unable to attend the reunion, complete the form and mail it to me at 124 Mt. Savage Dr., Ashland, Ky. 41101. This ensures your receiving the newsletter and provides information for the Historical Committee which will benefit them in completing the book they are working on. Please don't forget to give the new zip code. Remember the number will be changing to nine (9) numbers. Thanks.

FULL NAME: _____
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GRANDPARENTS: _____

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DID YOU ATTEND THE 1992:

YES: _____ NO: _____

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED THE REUNIONS IF SO WHAT YEAR(S)? _____

DO YOU RECEIVE THE WELLS NEWSLETTER?
YES: _____ NO: _____

PLEASE LIST THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

If you have any special events past, present or future you would like to share with us, please include below.