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The 1992 Wells Family Reunion was a great success. Members traveled from California, Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Kansas, Washington, Indiana, Nebraska and Kentucky. If our local relatives turned out like you that travel from across the country, Johnson Central could not hold all of us.

I received a wonderful letter and picture from John Crittenden "Crit" Wells who attended the reunion for the first time this year. He said it was wonderful being in Paintsville with all the others with the same Wells blood running in their veins and that he is looking forward to the next reunion. At the reunion Crit presented me a copy of the transcript he wrote of his life. It was called Memorable and Historical Tracks, "Memoirs". I started the book upon returning home and I was unable to stop until I had read all of it. Crit, I was able to relate to much of the book and enjoyed every moment of it. I agree that you have enjoyed a fulfilled life. (I encourage you to have the book published)

There were several items left at the 1992 reunion: Beige eye glass case, large serving spoon with SSS by Oneida, large crystal bowl (punch or fruit). If these items belong to any of you, let us know and we will bring them to the next reunion. There were a large glass casserole dish, the wicker tray that holds it and a tupperware dish taken by mistake. If anyone has these dishes, let us know. It's hard to keep from leaving something or getting things mixed up when there is such a large group of people.

The persons listed below checked on the registration form that the 1992 reunion was their first time to attend the Wells reunion:

Lorraine Stewart, Catlettsburg, Ky
Melanie Brooke Thompson,
Barbara Joyce Thompson, &
Gary Thompson, of Omaha, NE.
Charles C. True, Covington, Ky
Toby Wells True, Covington, Ky
Charles True, Jr. Villa Hills, Ky
John C. Wells, Wabasso, Ky
Johnny Holbrook, Flat Gap, Ky
Cammy W. Holbrook, Flat Gap, Ky
Patsy Blanton, Oil Springs, Ky
Dennis Wells, Boons Camp, Ky
Stephanie Lynn Wells, Ashland, Ky

Lizzie Howard, 1992
Oldest Member



Myrtle Murphy, Clewiston, Tn.
 Darlene Reynolds, Paintsville, Ky
 Craig Reynolds, Paintsville, Ky
 Don P. Morris, Ashland, Ky
 Fred Wells, Medina, Ohio
 Joy Wells, Medina, Ohio
 Ruby Wells, Auxier, Ky
 Ruth Buskirk Spencer, Bellevue, Oh
 Homer Wells, Blaine, Ky
 Nancy E. Wells Marcum, Leon, W.V.
 Glenn Marcum, Leon, W.V.
 Joseph Lee Marcum, Leon, W.V.
 Kimberly Marcum, Leon, W.V.
 Richard O'Neal, S. Charleston, W.V.
 Kimberely O'Neal, S. Charleston, W.V.
 William S. O'Neal, S. Charleston, W.V.
 Wavel L. Wells, Lawton, Ok.
 Kelly W. Edgel & Family, Pikeville, Ky
 Debbie Johnson, Lexington, Ky
 Denuée Harless, Paintsville, Ky
 Sabrena J. Stepp, Prestonsburg Ky
 Forrest Doug Wells, Ten Mile, Tn.
 Lora Blackley Wells, Ten Mile, Tn.
 Otis G. Wells, Winfield, W.V.
 Mildred Hager Wells McCallister, Scott Depot, W.V.



"Baby Stone"
 Youngest Member
 1992 Reunion

As most of you know we try to honor members of the Wells Family each year for being an outstanding member or for some special achievement. The 1992 honorees were: **Anna Goldia Wells Stevens**, Huntington W.Va., **Charles Wells**, Paintsville, Ky., **Clara Wells Preston**, Urbana, Ohio., **Gladia Jarrell**, Inez, Ky. **Ann Tackett Porter**, Waverly, Ohio, **Arthur Collins**, Flatwoods, Ky.



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 I am receiving mail almost daily from relatives and other Wells across the country wanting to know about our Wells Organization and if they connect to our line. I am going to put articles in the newsletter from some of them and would like for any of you with

information to share to respond to these inquiries, especially our Historical Committee. I will send each of the committee a copy of the correspondence.

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The Wells Family board had its first meeting on October 24, 1992 at Jenny Wiley State Park. Our new president, Bobby Wells, was in charge of the meeting and plans are already being made for the 1993 reunion. We have a wonderful group of officers this year and I know you will be proud of how they represent the family. I am sure your president and some of the other officers will have an article for you in the next newsletter.

The New Officers for 1992-93 are:

- President: Bobby Wells
- Vice President: Pat Williams
- Secretary: Tommie Cochran
- Treasure: Wanda Wells
- Parliamentarian: Lloyd Wells
- Devotion: Pat Williams, Ch. Person
- Refreshments: Delores Booth, Ch. Person
- Entertainment: Darlene Burgess, Ch. Person
- Auction: Ann Porter, Ch. Person
- Auctioneer: Jim Preston
- Newsletter Editor, Mary Walton, co-editor, Tommie Cochran

Registration: Lyman Porter, Ch. Person, Beulah Keel

Board Members: (representing each of Richard Wells Children)

Paulina Garza, Gloria Sallie, Randell Wells, Pat Womach, Edith Mollette, Mary F. Keel, Georgia Hall, Opal Derossette, Margaret S. Berryman, Mabel W. Allen, Clara Wells Preston.

Nomination Committee: Jim Wells, Ch. Person, Virginia Edgel and Janice Allene Dunseith

Historical Committee: Paula Wells, Ch. Person, Bobby Wells, John Wells III, Charles C. Wells, Patti Quallich.

Recruitment: Will Williams, Ch. Person, Annie Meade, Dorothy Fannin, Arthur Collins

Members at Large: Manford Walton, Denise Perry, Mary Ryder, Magdalena Markley

Honorary Members: Phillip Wells, Donnie Wells

Exofficio Members: John B. Wells III, Pat Williams, Mary W. Walton

The last newsletter had a listing of the grave stones of the Wells/Collins Cemetery , Rt. 3 Daniels Creek, Ky done by Beulah and

Mary Frances Keel. I have a correction that was sent to me by a relative of James A. and Roberta Collins. We had Roberta's death as 1953 and the correct dates are: Roberta Collins, Born March 9, 1908 and Died June 25, 1958. (make a correction in your August newsletter).

Please note the announcement about the 1993 cookbook project at the end of the newsletter. It is important that you get your receipts to us soon. This is a big project and Tommie and I both work outside the home and our time is limited to get the book typed and to the printer before the 93 reunion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charles M. Wells, celebrated his 100th birthday on August 29, 1992. He received relatives and friends wishing him Happy Birthday at his home on 5th St., Paintsville, Ky from 2-4 p.m. Among the well wishers were first cousin, Mary May Kazee, sisters, Sara Wells, 94 and Pearl W. Short, and brother George Wells. I did not have the privilege of joining the well wishers, but would loved to have been there and had the opportunity to get some news from Charles for our newsletter. I am going to share with you the information that I have obtained from relatives and friends.

Charles M. Wells was born on August 29, 1892 to William Green Wells, b. Feb. 1867, d. ca. 1913 and Mollie Marrs Wells, in Johnson County, Ky. He was one of six children born to this union. After his mother's death, his father married Melvina Porter and four children were born to this union. I will list the children.

First Marriage: Bernard A. Wells, Charles M. Wells, William C. Wells, Anna Lee Wells, Sarah Wells, Elizabeth Wells,
Second Marriage: Pearl Wells, Myrtle Wells, Allie Wells, and George Wells. Many of you know Pearl Wells Short and George Wells from Pikeville since they are faithful to attend the Wells Family Reunion.

Charles is the grandson of the late William Allen Wells, b. Aug. 11, 1844, d. Sept. 20, 1913 in Johnson County and Mary Elizabeth Hicks Wells. He is the great-grandson of William Green Wells, b. ca. 1818 in Scott Co. Va. and died ca. 1887 in Johnson Co., Ky to Richard and Susannah Hutchinson Wells, and Mary Butcher Wells, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Beverly Butcher, born ca. 1820 in Virginia and died in Johnson County.

Charles M. Wells has no children from either this marriage to Musette Sowards or Essie Burchwell Hall. Charles was the first young men called up in WW I from Johnson County. He was a prominent business man until his retirement. He owned and operated his own Wells-Williams Insurance Agency, taught school and was in mining. He was a Boy Scout leader and has "always been very

generous in his help of the needy." He is very active and walks every day, keeps up with the stock market and watches CNN News daily. He and sister Pearl enjoy feeding the ducks at the lake.

We are proud of you Charles and appreciate your contribution to the Wells Family. We are sorry you were unable to attend the 1992 reunion and accept your certificate in person. May God bless you with many more **Happy Birthdays**.

In announcing the deaths of relatives I will include the line of the family they descend from if I know it or can find out. If you have relatives that have died please send me the information so it can be printed in the next newsletter. We mail approximately seven hundred (700) newsletters and there is no way that I can obtain the information if you don't write me. Please mail me information about your sick, deaths, births, marriages, and special happenings. We really want to hear since this is the only way a lot of us keep in touch.

Hospital and Sickness

The following have been been sick since the last newsletter: **Jack Dunseith, Fred McGuire, Les Hall, Will Williams, Geneva Wells Volota, Betty Clark Farley, Georgia Richmond Hall, Kim Hall, Alex Wells, Phillip Wells and Clifford Booth.**

Jean Wells Caudill, was a patient in King's Daughters' Hospital in Nov. where she underwent surgery. She is home recuperating with care from her husband Paul. Jean's activities will be restricted for at least two months. She is the daughter of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells, of Van Lear and descends from both George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

Rita Mollete Smith, had surgery in Aug. and has been recuperating at her home in Flatwoods with her husband Darryl. She is the daughter of Wm. and Edith Wells Mollete and descends from Wm. Green and Mary Butcher Wells through their son Aaron Wells.

Grover Edward Newberry, Van Lear underwent emergency surgery in Sept. at Veterans Hospital, Huntington, W. Va. He is doing well after much special attention from his wife, Loraine, who descends from Wm. Green and Mary Butcher Wells line through their son Aaron Wells.

Clay Wells, Inez, Ky was undergoing a heart catheterization at Highland Regional Hospital when he suffered a massive heart attack, and was transported to U. K. Hospital, Lexington. He underwent open heart surgery on October 21. Manford and I stopped to see Clay at U.K. but he had been dismissed on the 27th. It sounds like Clay is recuperating very well. He is the son of Willard and Jenny Wells and descends from the William Green and Mary Butcher Wells line.

DEATHS

Deward B. Kazee, 79 died September 9, 1992 in Highland Regional Medical Center. Mr. Kazee was born May 4, 1913 in Johnson County the son of the late Edgar Poe and Flossie Borders Kazee. Surviving are his wife Irene Wells Kazee; two sons D. B. Kazee, Paintsville, and David Michael Kazee, Orlando, Florida; one daughter, Suzanne Walkins, Staffordsville; two brothers, Howard "Peanut" Kazee, Concord and Robert Kazee of Austin, Texas; three sisters, Pauline Williams, Margaret Mason of Paintsville and Dorothy Paul of Orlando; six grandchildren. Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery. Mr. Kazee's wife Irene is the sister of John B. Wells Jr. and descends from Wm. Green and Mary Butcher Wells through his son, Charles Jefferson Wells. Mr. Kazee was a brother-in-law of Mary May Welch Kazee. John Jr. and Mary both faithfully attend the Wells reunion.

Verna Irene Wells, 79, died Sept. 9, 1992 at her Van Lear, Ky residence. She was born July 27, 1913 in Magoffin County, the daughter of the late Greenville and Nancy Ann Williams Phipps. She worked at the Paintsville Hospital. Ms. Wells was preceded in death by her late husband, Curtis Jackson Wells. Surviving are two sons, Thomas Wells, Van Lear, and Morris Wells, Lexington; one brother, Manual Phipps of Springfield, Ohio; three sisters, Felisie Austin, Meally, Addie Wells, Paintsville, and Lola Honeycutt of California; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park.

Belva Sue Wells Deering, 83 died Aug. 22, 1992 at Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne, Florida. Ms. Deering was born April 12, 1909, the daughter of the late George Martin and Lora Delong Wells of Inez, Ky. Burial was in Florida Memorial Gardens, Melbourne. She was a 15-year resident of West Melbourne where she was a homemaker, a member of Bethel Baptist Church, and Senior Citizens of South Brevard. Surviving are her husband Lawrence Deering; two sons, LeRoy Layman, of Dallas, James Deering of Sarasota; two brothers, James Wells of Tenn., Haskell Wells of West Melbourne; three sisters, Opal Darby and Kathleen Hankins, of West Melbourne, Pauline O'Neal of Charleston, W. Va.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Mary Evelyn Wells, 71, of West Liberty, died Oct. 18, 1992 in Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Earl Sr. and Hazel Wells May. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Wells. Surviving are a sister, Anna Ruth Roach, West Liberty; and four brothers, Robert May, Ova May and Phillip May of West Liberty and Earl May Jr. of Campton. Burial was in the Salyers Cemetery, West Liberty.

Frankie Wells, 87 died Sept. 26, 1992 at her home in Ashland, Ky. Ms. Wells was born October 14, 1904, in Boyd County, Ky, a daughter of the late Frank and Stella Stevens May. She was a member of the South Ashland United Methodist Church. Burial was in the East Ashland Memorial Gardens. Surviving are her husband James H. Wells; a son, Vernon B. Wells of Ashland; 3 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Paul Franklin Wells, 79 of Danleyton, Ky died Oct. 29, 1992. He was born Jan. 20, 1913, in Greenup County, a son of the late Nelson and Polly Burgess Wells. Burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens, Flatwoods, Ky. Surviving are a son, Harold W. Wells of Beltsville, Md.; a daughter, O'Donna Faye Peter of Congress, Ariz.; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. He was a retired carpenter, a member of Carpenters of America Local No. 472 in Ashland. (I do not know if he descends from the Richard Wells line).

J.D. Newberry, 83, of Auxier, died in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky on Nov. 2, 1992. Mr. Newberry was born Aug. 9, 1909, in Marble Hill, Ga., a son of the late Martin Van Buren and Ella Mae Lowman Newberry. He was a retired coal miner with Princess Elkhorn Coal Co. at David and a member of the United Mine Workers of America. Surviving are his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Butcher Newberry; a son Grover Edward Newberry, Van Lear; three daughters, Helen Robinson of Lima, Ohio, Lena Mae Carti of Willowick, Ohio, and Jean Deborah Hill of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; three stepsons, Paul R. Setser of Prestonsburg, and Roger Dean Setser, and Frederick L. Setser, both of Millville, N.J.; two stepdaughters, Ella Ruth Wells Radcliff of Columbus, Ohio, and Sandra Carole Setser of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Harold Newberry of Carlisle, Pa., and Grady Newberry of Auxier; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery, Auxier, Ky. Mr. Newberry's wife, Sara Butcher Setser Newberry, descends from our Jacob Butcher line and her stepson Grover is married to Loraine Keel who descends from the Wm. Green Wells line. Her daughter, Ella Ruth, was married to the late Haskell Wells who descends from Wm. Green and George E. Wells lines. (I wonder if Mr. Newberry is connected to the Newberry family that our Elizabeth Wells Hillman line married into from Virginia.)

Minnie Lee Sizemore DeRossett, 101, of East Point, Ky died Aug. 4, 1992 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky. Ms. DeRossett was born April 18, 1891, in Water Gay, to the late Thomas J. "T.J." and Martha Goble Sizemore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Christopher C. "Lum" DeRossett. Surviving are 4 daughters, Alkie York of Delta, Ohio, Victoria Meade, of W. Prestonsburg, Ruth Newton of Louisville and Virginia Whitt of Ashland; 5 sons, Fred DeRossett of Belleville, Mich., Thomas J. "T.J." DeRossett of Prestonsburg, Christopher "Chris" C. DeRossett of Kokomo, Ind., Theodore R. DeRossett of East Point and Hillard E.

DeRossett of Martinsville, Ind.; a grandson, Claude C. Osborne of Ashland, who she reared; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg. Ms. DeRossett is the mother-in-law of our Wells Family board member Opal Wells DeRossett. Opal descends from George E. Wells through his son Allen Wells. She and Fred are faithful to the board and attend the Wells Reunion every year.

Malisa Lissie Wells, 79, died Sept. 9, 1992 at her home in Elliott County, Webbville, Ky. She was born May 7, 1913, in Elliott County, to the late George and Martha Stevens Sparks. She is survived by her husband, Harry Wells; 6 daughters, Virginia Howard, Linda Thompson, Myrtle Gump, Chloe Greene and Sarah Sexton, all of Webbville, and Phyllis Harrell of Vermillion, Ohio; 4 sons, George Wells of Webbville, Thomas Wells and James "Shorty" Wells, both of Vermillion, and Carlos Wells of Willard; 3 brothers, George Sparks and Bill Sparks of Webbville, and Bert Sparks of Ashland; 2 sisters, Fay Pennington of Webbville and Martha Savage of Grayson; 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Burial was in East Carter County Memory Gardens.

Darlene Howard Booth, 61, died Aug. 1, 1992, in Continental, Ohio. She was born June 23, 1931 at (Daniels Creek) Van Lear, Ky, the daughter of the late Ben and Jessie Mae Collins Howard. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Booth, in 1976; a brother and a sister. Surviving are 2 sons, Rocky Wells of Continental and Clifford Booth of Dupont, Ohio; a daughter, Fern Bowling of Van Lear; 7 brothers, Jerry Howard, Oakwood, Ohio, Darce and Truman Howard, both of Dupont, Charles Howard of Continental, Albert Howard of South Lebanon, Ohio, Douglas Collins of Melrose, Ohio and Offutt Howard of Van Lear; 6 sisters, Donna DeSota and Lola Hacker, both of Continental, Linda Worline and Brenda Johnson, both of Dupont, Geneva Dennison of Gallatin, Tennessee and Goldie Goble of Inez, and 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Darlene's mother, Jessie Collins Howard, descends from the George E. Wells line.

Audrey "Peg" Blevins Wells, 59, died Nov. 2, 1992 at her home in Rush, Ky. Audrey was born Dec. 20, 1932, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Dick and Nora Ann Meade Blevins. Her first husband, Paul Honaker, died in 1985. She was an employee with Big Bear Supermarket and a member of Faith Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in the Honaker Family Cemetery at Rush. Surviving are her husband, Charles Rolland Wells; a stepson, Doug Honaker of Los Angeles; 5 sisters, Marvie Bartley of Pikeville, Georgia Ayres of Staffordsville, Bertha Williams of Burlington, Bridgett Maynard of Forest Lake, Ohio, and Helen Vanhooose of Falcon; and 3 step-grandchildren. Her husband, Charles, descends from the George E. Wells line through his son James Wells.

Ethel Hawkins Wells, 65, wife of James H. Wells, Nicholasville, Ky, died Nov. 9, 1992 at her home. She was the daughter of the late Austin and Sarah Florence Murphy Hawkins. Surviving are 4 children, Connie Wells, James (Buddy) Wells, both of Nicholasville, Keith Wells, Lexington, and Malinda Wells, Nicholasville; a sister, Mamie Perry, Louisville; 5 grandchildren, Megan and Sara Wells, Lexington, Jessica, Ashleigh, and Tera Wells, Nicholasville; and a step-granddaughter, Crystal McCurry, Lexington. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Helen Elva Hinkle Mink, 84, of Morehead, Ky died June 1, 1989. She was born Nov. 19, 1904 in Thacker, WVa. She was the daughter of Jacob Green Hinkle, whose mother was Sarah Wells Hinkle, and the daughter of William Green and Mary Butcher Wells. Her husband preceded her in death in 1953. Burial was in the Martin Cemetery at Allen, Ky. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Morehead, a life member of the Eastern Star, and a retired school teacher. She was survived by a son, Winston Delano Mink, a daughter, Willow Dean Mink Leach, and two grand-daughters, Cathy, and Cynthia Leach, one grandson, Michael Leach. (Willow and her two daughters attended the Wells reunion this year.)

Winston Delano Mink, 50, of Morehead, Ky died Oct. 20, 1991. He was born Jan. 11, 1941 in Prestonsburg, Ky to Charles Everett and Elva Hinkle Mink. He was disabled from age 17, was a member of the First Christian Church and was a musician with local country bands. He is survived by a sister, Willow Mink Leach. Burial was in the Brown Cemetery at Morehead, Ky. (Winston descends from the William Green and Mary Butcher Wells line).

Cynthia "Bid" Collins, 80 of Eaton, Ohio, died Oct. 1, 1992 in Reid Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Ind. Cynthia was born Feb. 2, 1912 in Johnson County, Odds, Ky to the late Perry and Callie Spriggs Collins. Surviving was 2 sons John Collins of Definace, Ohio, and Eddie Collins, Ashland, Ky; three daughters, Janice Overton, of West Alexandria, Ohio, Betty Chrisman of Ky and Alberta "Berdie" Barrett, Definace; a brother Joe Collins of Van Lear, Ky.; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Preble Memory Garden.

Jennie Lee Ward Wells, 86, died Nov. 16, 1992 at her home in Van Lear, Ky. She was born Oct. 13, 1906 in Johnson County to the late Shade and Gussie Music Ward. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Arthur Wells. Surviving are 3 sons, Charles Ray Wells of Tutor Key, Jerry Wells of Thornsville, Ohio, and Paul Wells of Van Lear; 4 daughters, Frances Honaker of Bowling Green, Lois Wells and Carol Davis, both of Van Lear, and Janet Vance of Severn, Md.; 2 sisters, Elaine Gearhart of Harold and Rosalla B. Davis of Meally; 25 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Lake View Cemetery in Staffordsville. Mrs. Wells late husband, Arthur, descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

Kermit Z. Wells, 72 died at his home in Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1992. Kermit was born Feb. 9, 1915 in Johnson County, Ky, the son of the late William G. and Mae Meeks Wells. He was an retired electrician with the Heidelberg Distribution Company and a World War II Veteran. Surviving are his wife, Agnes E. "Libby" Eppernstiner Wells; a son, Tad Joseph Wells, Dayton; 3 daughters, Rose Nanavati of New York City and Patsy Wells and Peggy Karuba, both of Dayton, Ohio; 2 brothers, Frank Wells, Lexington and Marcus Wells of Tomahawk; 2 sisters Wilma Ward, Boons Camp and Olive Bolheimer of Nicholasville; and 3 grandchildren. Burial was in the Wells-Buchingham Cemetery, Paintsville. Kermit was a member of the Wells Family board and has been involved in researching his family roots since a very young man. He has a wealth of data collected and has contributed much to the Wells Family Historical Committee of which he served well. (Kermit descends from the Wm. Green and Mary Butcher Wells line.)

James Benjamin "Putch" Wells, 58, of Prestonsburg died in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, on Sept. 14, 1992. He was born April 24, 1934, at Auxier, Ky to the late John Sherman and Emma Goble Wells. Mr. Wells, was a former owner of Wells Fire Extinguisher Co. and a former construction worker for Harris Brothers Co., both in Prestonsburg. He was a member of Zebulon Masonic Lodge 273 and Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. Surviving are his wife, Mary Evelyn Goble Wells; 2 sons, Danny Lee Wells of Paintsville and James B. Wells of Prestonsburg; 3 brothers, Ernest L. Wells of Prestonsburg, Raymond Wells of Paintsville, and Delbert Wells of Auxier; 4 sisters, Mary Elizabeth McClelland of Alexander, and Anna May Garrett, Yvonne Reatherford, and Sue Webb, all of Prestonsburg; and 2 grandchildren. (Mr. Wells descends from George E. Wells through his son Lewis Wells.)

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HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Margaret S. Berryman, represents Andrew Wells on the Historical Committee has provided us with an article on her family line. We hope to feature an article on each of Richard Wells' children in future newsletters:

Andrew Wells, eldest son of Richard Wells and Susannah Hutchinson, was born 11 Jun 1799 and died 21 Jan 1828. These dates are taken from "High on a Windy Hill", by Catherine McConnell, a listing of cemetery records and markers in Washington County, Virginia. Since this information was researched and published in the 1960's, we can assume that the gravestone of Andrew Wells was legible at that time. His grave is the only Wells listed in one of three Grubb Family Cemeteries. According to personnel at the Abingdon Library this Grubb cemetery is in the White's Mill community of Washington County, about 5 miles from Abingdon. White's Mill is a grist mill that has been in operation since 1790 so it is likely members of our Wells family had grain ground there.

In September of 1992 I spent the better part of a day searching for Andrew Wells' grave with no success beyond meeting several very nice local people. One farmer even took me up the side of a mountain in his truck to the site of an old cemetery where the stones were all down and covered thinly with soil. After brushing them off we found several legible stones but none that were supposed to be in the cemetery that I sought. He explained that many of the farms in the area have old private cemeteries but the stones have been pushed over by cattle or farming operations and the only chance you have of locating a particular one is if you happen to meet the landowner.

Andrew Wells, being only 28 years old when he died, had married Mary Mobley (called Polly) about 1818 and together they had two sons, William and Rufus Morgan. I do not know which son was the eldest, but Rufus Morgan was born 21 Nov. 1823. Sometime after the death of Andrew, Mary Mobley Wells married a Mr. Hite and moved west, stopping for awhile in Kentucky, before continuing on to Jefferson County, Iowa, arriving by 1847-48.

About the two sons of Andrew Wells and Mary Mobley;

William Wells married Elvira___ in 1850 and they had six children: Leona, Charles, Didda, William, Lenard, and Wax. I have no further information on this line.

Rufus Morgan married Mary Ann Groves, Iowa marriage record #620, dated a Aug. 1849. Mary Ann Groves was the daughter of Andrew Groves and Catherine Byerly who married in 1831 in Floyd County, Indiana. Apparently, Rufus Morgan did not like the name Rufus as he is listed in both the 1850 and 1860 Iowa census records as Morgan, which show him to be a farmer and a carpenter. He fathered the following ten children:

Laura Ann, born 19 Jun 1850, m. William Gantz. children: Lis, Millie, and Frank

Alla Ethelda, born 1 Oct 1851, m. John Hartman. children: Daisy, Dick, Earl, Winnie, Ethel, Gladis, and twins dying in infancy

William H., born 7 Dec 1853, m. 1 Jan 1882 Jeannette Gillett. children: Lenora, Cora, Mary, and Lester Morgan (Lenora and Mary died in childhood, Lester Morgan never married and Cora married Claude Cox and was childless, thus no descendants from this William)

Walter L., born 1 Oct 1855, m. (1st) Ellen (or Helen) Alverson. Children: twins, Floyd Alverson and a girl. Mother and girl died in childbirth. Married 2nd. Lucy Myers. Children: Charley, Harry, Bessie, Kitty, and 2 boys and twins dying in infancy

Henryetta, born 2 Dec 1857

Frank D., born 28 Mar 1860, m.____. children: Shirley and Alma

Emma V., born 26 Mar 1862, m. 7 Oct 1886 John Gillett. children: Edith, Ralph, Inez, Fern, and 3 dying in infancy
 Angeline, born 19 Sep 1863, m. William Major. children: Grace, Emmett, Guy, Effie, Mable, Myrtle, Ray, Olive, Vernon, and 1 dying in infancy
 Katy, born 14 Sep 1866
 James, born 10 Dec 1868, m. Nora Sidoreus. children: Lelia, Walter, Ralph, and Bernice

Rufus Morgan Wells and Mary Ann Groves are buried in Gantz Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa. I have a picture of their gravestone which reads as follows: R. M. Wells, born Nov 21, 1823, died Feb 15, 1897 and Mary A. Wells, his wife, born Sept 30, 1833, died Nov 18, 1903.

I am the granddaughter of Floyd Alverson Wells, grandson of Andrew Wells, and I am actively seeking any of the descendants of Andrew through his son Rufus Morgan. With ten children and 34 known grandchildren there must be legions of them out there.
 submitted by,

Margaret S. Berryman
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 Surry, Virginia 23883

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TREASURE REPORT 1992 REUNION

Receipts:		Expenses:	
T-Shirt	\$772.00	Insurance	\$ 75.00
Books	380.00	Paper products	108.51
Special Donations	100.00	F. Castle	90.00
Offering	342.17	I. J. Ratliff	60.00
Silent Auction	239.56	J. Wireman	60.00
CKS. MWW	130.00	Area Adv.	816.41
Total	\$1964.74	(t.shirts)	
		Total	\$1209.92

Submitted by Treasure: Wanda F. Wells

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Congratulations:

Timothy Mollette, Johnson Central High School Junior, was a member of the honor society for his academics. He has maintained the honor roll all through his school years. Timothy is the son of Roger Mollette who teaches agriculture at Johnson Central High School and the grandson of William and Edith Wells Mollette of Boons Camp, Kentucky and descends from William Green and Mary Butcher Wells through their son Aaron Wells.

Jeffrey L. Spears, Reserve 2nd Lt. has participated in exercise Matee Yama '92. The annual Ammunition exercise is conducted to provide reserve units with active duty and the opportunity to train with ammunition operations.

Spears is a 1986 graduate of Russell High School and a 1990 graduate of Center College in Danville. Jeffery is presently attending Law School at the University of Kentucky and employed with Ashland Oil Inc. summers. Jeffery is the son of Lennon and Mary N. Spears of Flatwoods, Ky and is married to Michelle Miller of Bellefonte. He descends from William Green and Mary Butcher Wells through their daughter Susannah Wells Clark and descends from Rose Anna Wells Spears through her son George Spears.

Alexander W. Beaver, graduated from Columbus High School, in Ohio in June 1992, as an honor student. He is now attending college on a scholarship at Morgantown University, Morgantown, W. Va. Alexander is the son of Alfreda McGuire Beaver and the grandson of Fred and Alliene Vance McGuire of Ashland, Ky. He descends from George E. Wells through their son Allen and Angeline Collins Wells.

J. K. Wells, local author, signed copies of his latest book recently at the Johnson County Public Library. The book, "The Gathering of the Trades People: The Early and Pre-History of Paintsville and Johnson County, Ky. J.K. is the senior partner of the law firm Wells, Porter and Schmitt. He is the son of the late Jimson Kendrick Wells and descends from William Green and Mary Butcher Wells through their son John Preston and Julia Howes Buckingham Wells. J.K. is a director of the 1st National Bank of Paintsville. His son is also an attorney and resides in Louisville, Ky. I stopped by J. K.'s office on Apple Day to purchase a copy of his book, but the office was closed. I understand the book can be purchased for \$12.00 and is a continuation of his previous book. You can purchase a copy from his office at 327 Main St., Paintsville, Ph. (606) 789-3747, or through the local Library.

Richard W. "Dick" Spears 56, Senior Vice President for Law and Human Resources at Ashland Oil Inc., has taken voluntary early retirement as part of a company program. Spears has joined the law firm of Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald in Lexington, Ky. He will concentrate his law practice in the corporate and business areas. He will maintain residence in Lexington and Ashland. Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald is one of the state's largest law firms, with more than 110 attorneys in its offices in Louisville, Lexington and Northern Ky. Ashland Oil is one of the firm's clients. While with Ashland Oil, Richard was in charge of the corporate human resources and law functions since 1980, and was the highest ranking company employee to opt for early retirement, according to company spokesman Roger Schrum.

Richard is the son of Eva Gilbert and the late Dr. Woodridge Spears of Georgetown, Ky. He descends from both Wm. Green Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears.

Jacob Wells, was one of 69 students from grades 7 to 12th to be on the honor roll at Paintsville High School. To be placed on the

regular honor roll a student must earn a 3.5 average or above. Jacob is a Sophomore at Paintsville High School and is the son of John B. III and Terry Wells and the grandson of John B. Wells Jr. of Paintsville. John III is a past president of the Wells Family Association and serves on the Historical Committee. He descends from the William Green Wells line.

Births:

Nathanial Bowe Boggs, b. July 8, 1992 to Meg and John Marvin Boggs III of Topeka, Kansas. The grandparents are John M. Boggs II and Peggy McGuire Boggs. Nathanial is welcomed by one brother John Marvin Boggs IV, and is the great-grandson of Fred and Alliene Vance McGuire of Ashland, Ky. Fred descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells through their son Allen Wells.

Alexandra Barney, b. Oct. 8, 1991 to Thomas and Jane Alliene Boggs Barney, from Topeka, Kansas. Jane is the daughter of John Marvin II and Peggy M. Boggs and the granddaughter of Fred and Alliene Vance McGuire of Ashland, Ky. She descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells through their son Allen Wells.

Chelsia Paige Wells, b. Aug. 25, 1992 at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland, Ky. She weighed 9 lb. 12 1/2 oz., and was 22 1/2 " long. The parents are Deana and A. Kevin Wells of Van Lear, Ky. (I do not know if this family descends from the Richard Wells line.)

Zachary Matthew Collins, b. Sept. 30, 1991 to Jeffery M. and Kandra Berry Collins, the great-grandchild of William and Ruth E. Collins, Thomasville, Ohio.

Crystal Ashley Collins, b. May 26, 1992 to Todd E. & Angelia Miller Collins, the great-grandchild of William and Ruth E. Collins, Thomasville, Ohio.

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'Information equal to a college degree and the cost has been so little'

Frances Neal, 87, feels that the agents from the Extension Services of the University of Kentucky have given her enough information to equal a college education. Frances credits the information she has received from the extension services of UK with helping her to achieve so much. "From canning to cheese making and so many crafts. I received information equal to a college degree that one could receive in college, and the cost has been so little. "All the agents have been wonderful and I shall never forget them." She feels everyone should get involved in the extension services of Johnson County .

Frances was born January 1904 at Meally a daughter of the W. G. Welch and Sarah Susan Wells Welch. Frances attended classes at J.C. Mayo College and in 1924 received a teaching certificate. Frances also attended Berea College, receiving 12 hours of college credit. She taught third and fourth grades at Thealka, the No. 5 School at Van Lear, and then H. S. Howes School at Thealka.

Frances met Ernest Neal while attending Berea. They later married in 1927 Frances became a 4-H leader in 1933 for the Concord 4-H club. She continued to be a 4-H leader in Johnson County for the next 35 years. Over the years Frances has won many awards through hard work in the 4-H and King Addition Homemakers Club, and has been the subject of many articles in newspapers and magazines. She received many awards which is too numerous to mention in this article.

Frances and her late husband have 3 children. They are Mary Alice Neal of Tangerine, Fl.; Sara Elizabeth Hettinger of Clarksville, Tn.; and Joe Grant Neal of Richmond, Va. She has 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Frances is the sister of Mary May Welch Kazee. Frances has worn many hats in her time and is a very gifted person. I'm sure she will continue to be active for many years to come. (Frances descends from William Green and Mary Butcher Wells line.)

Marriages:

Pamela Spears & Paul Underwood, Ralph E. and Imogene Spears of Greenup announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Jean, to Paul Stanley Underwood, son of Herb and Mary Underwood of Coal Branch Road, Greenup. The vows will be exchanged in a ceremony at 2 p.m. Nov. 6, 1992 at Lloyd Church of the Nazarene. The bride elect, a graduate of Greenup County High School, is employed at Hobert's Pizza in Lloyd. The prospective groom also graduated from Greenup County High School and is employed by Ashland Oil Inc. Pamela descends from the William Green Wells and the Rose Anna Wells Spears line.

Deidre Renae and Charles Ray Blanton, were married on Sept. 26, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, Ky. Deidre "DD" is the daughter of Garald Wendell and Carol Wells of Van Lear, Ky. She is a graduate of Johnson Central High School and Mayo State Vocational School of Cosmetology and employed in Prestonsburg, Ky. She is the granddaughter of Nevard and Geneve Wells and descends from Moses Wells, Wm. Green Wells, George E. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Tara Rambo and Melvin Mauk, were married July 18, 1992 at the First Assembly of God in Raceland, Ky. The service was performed by James E. Wells. Nuptial music was provided by Ron Coburn of Worthington, Pianist, and Donald C. Rambo of Russell, brother of the bride, and

Tony Wilson and Tammy Medley, both of Greenup, soloists. The bride is the daughter of Donald and Donna S. Wells Rambo of Worthington. The bridegroom is the son of Melvin H. and Linda K. Mauk of Raceland. Lori Rambo of Russell, the bride's sister-in-law was matron of honor and Kathy Mauk of Raceland, the bridegroom's sister, was maid of honor. Terry Hapney of Worthington and Donald C. Rambo of Russell, the bride's brother were best men.

Tara Lynn is a graduate from Raceland High School and is majoring in child development at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. She is employed at Claire's Boutique and Campus Care Day care in Richmond. The bridegroom also graduated from Raceland High School and is majoring in environmental health science at Eastern Kentucky University. He is employed at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. The Mauks honeymooned in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They are residing at Brockton Apartments, Richmond. Showers honoring the couple were given by Linda Ball and Anita Middleton, the bridegroom's aunts, Glenna Barker, Dorothy Vandergriff, Jackie Medley; and Vicky Natole, the bride's cousin. A shower honoring the bride was given by the bride's sister-in-law, Kathy Mauk. (Tara Lynn is the granddaughter of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells, and descends from both George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears line).

Gloria Collins, daughter of Richard and Lois Jean Wells Collins Jr. married February 17, 1990 to Jamie Fitch from Meally, Ky. Gloria is the granddaughter of Joe Jr. and Hilda Wells. (Gloria descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong through their son James Wells line.)

Tina Wells and Paul Vanhooose, were married July 11, 1992 at the Carriage House Hotel, Paintsville, Ky. Tina is the daughter of Edward "Parrot" and Pam Walters Wells, Offitt, Ky. She graduated from Johnson Central High School in May and is the granddaughter of Joe Jr. and Hilda Wells of Van Lear, Ky. She descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells through their son James Wells. The couple will reside in Paintsville.

Kelly Schmitt and Mike Colvin, Mike and Lynn Schmitt of Paintsville, Ky are announcing the wedding of their daughter Kelly to Mike Colvin. The wedding will take place on April 17, 1993 at the Mayo United Methodist Church, Paintsville. Kelly did not know the date was the same day that her paternal grandparents Mary K. Wells Schmitt and the late Joe Schmitt were married until after she choose it for her wedding.

Kelly is a graduate of Paintsville High School and Marshall University and is presently a Social Worker with the Department of Social Services in Pikeville, Ky (She also choose the same profession as her grandmother Mary K. who is retired from Social Services) Mike Colvin also graduated from Paintsville High School and received an Associate Degree in Mechanical Designs from Mayo State Vocational School, Paintsville. He presently owns and

Clark, Alice Burton, Elsia Music, Oma Burton, Gordie Porter. She did not identify the man at the right.



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QUERY

If any of you have any information on the following, please contact the person, I do hope our Historical Committee responds to some of these request.

Teri Miller, 8627 W. Arrowhead, Kennewich, Wa. 99336: My grandmother is Lillie Mable Wells, b. 19 Apr. 1895 in Lronto, Va. the daug. of Samuel Peter Wells, b. 8 Sept. 1862 in Lronto, Va. m. Luvenia Belle Graham on 10, March 1887 and d. in Champaign, Ill on 2 Jan 1917. His father was Samuel George Wells, b. 17, Nov. 1834 he m. Elizabeth Anne Pease. Interested in any information, news, books etc.

Carolyn M. Wintersteen, 507 Winston Drive , Endwell, NY 13760-2427 (607) 748-2739: I got the organizations name and address from the Prodigy Genealogy Network and want information about the Association. My grandmother's maiden name was Wells and was b. in Kansas, her father in Ohio and her grandfather in Virginia. I would like to know the projected date and cost of your Wells family book. (Historical Committee could this be some of our John Wells family)?

William H. "Bill" Wells, P.O. Box 307, Nobleton, Fla. 34661. (904)799-4741: Parents, Marion Wells Ludema Wilson Wells, G/parents, Shepherd and Cassie Joseph Wells, G/G/parents, William and Elizabeth Baker Wells; I am interested in the Wells family and have books on my side of the family that was done by Sadie Steadham in Corban, Ky. Most of my people are from Leslie County. I am looking for my nephew by the name of Larry Robert Wells. He is 40 years old and I haven't seen him since he was 11 years old. I believe he was born in 1952 but I'm not sure about his exact birthdate. Would appreciate any help you can give me.

Mrs. Norma Campbell, 22618 Lake Shore Dr., Elkhart, Ind. 46514; Looking for information on William Wells, who was captured by the Miami Indian Tribe at the age of 12 years while an inmate of the family of Hon. National Pope in Ky. He went through the formal adoption by the tribe as a adopted son of Chief Little Turtle and his Indian name was (Black Snake). After leaving the tribe he helped to settle the conflict of America, England and the Indians. He was made Captain of the Spies with Anthony Wayne's Army. He m. Little Breeze, daughter of Chief Little Turtle of the Miami Indians and also m. a sister of Chief Little Turtle. He had several children by both marriages. One daug. by Sweet Breeze, was Rachel Wells. My Gr.Gr. Grandmother was Rachel Wells and my Gr. Gr. Grandfather was a James Johnston. I think my gr. gr. grandmother was the daug. of Sweet Breeze but haven't any records. Looking for any information.

Chester Call, 1333 E. Marten Ave. # 140, Phoenix, Az. 85020. I was told that you may have information on James Wells of Va., born about 1612. I'm interested in his descendants and ancestors and will pay for copies if you will let me know if you can help me. I also can accept G.EDCOM computer file data. Please let me know what help you can give and what costs are involved.

Herbert Wells, 1907 Madison Ave., Greensboro, N.C. 27403. I saw a notice recently on the Prodigy Computer Network's Genealogy Bulletin Board that mentioned you. My inquiry may or may not correspond to your interests, but one learns to try casting many nets. My G.G. Grandfather was Edward Wells and I have been putting together a narrative history (now up to about 100 pages) as well as a database in PAF. I am most interested in locating information about the origins and early history of the first known ancestor, Richard Wells. The family legend is that he and his brother Samuel had come from Pennsylvania, where they were members of a Baptist group of Pennipeec. Do you know of anyone who is tracing Wells in early Pennsylvania history? I know that some went from Pa. westward to Ohio and Ky. Richard's first son was Edward, a name that does not occur in his wife's family, so that may be a good lead. Any tips you can give will be appreciated. I'd be very pleased to trade information or research efforts.

COOKBOOK PROJECT FOR 1993 REUNION

REMEMBER THE COOKBOOK PROJECT FOR THE 1993 REUNION. YOU MUST GET YOUR RECIPES TO US BY APRIL 1 IF YOU WANT THEM INCLUDED IN THE WELLS' FAMILY COOKBOOK. WE WOULD LIKE SOME "OLD FAMILY FAVORITES" THAT MAYBE YOUR MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER USED. I HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL BUT NEED MANY MORE! PLEASE ASSIST IN THIS PROJECT BY GETTING YOUR RECIPES TO US RIGHT AWAY. MAIL TO: 124 Mt. Savage Drive, Ashland, KY 41101.

THE ALLEN WELLS HOME



LEFT TO RIGHT: Susan Angeline Collins, Fred McGuire, Martha Wells Robertson, Nellie Sester Wells, baby Malta Wells, Kenzie Wells, Allen Wells in front of the Allen Wells home at Dewey, Kentucky. This house was about 1 mile up stream from the Dewey Dam (Jenny Wiley State Park)

This article was given to me at the last Wells Family board meeting by Paulina Collins Garza of Maryland. I thought it good enough to be shared with you. You researchers will especially enjoy it.

QUARANTINED!

The inhabitants of this place have been stricken with GENEALOGY FEVER, a deadly and infectious.

DISEASE.

SYMPTOMS: Notepapers stuffed in pockets and files; heart palpitations at the sight of gravestones and old trunks filled with letters; bloodshot eyes from excessive microfilm exposure; erratic speech patterns punctuated with pilgrims and princes; cold sweat upon the arrival of the daily mail.

INCURABLE!

May all of you have a safe and happy **HOLIDAY SEASON** and a wonderful 1993.

Mary, Tommie, and the Wells Family Board



CHRISTMAS

*The glory and the pageantry will pass
Into another year's oblivion
Like August evening sounds in meadow grass.
Our offerings and songs will linger on.
The taste of winter in sharp winds is here,
Another year has come and sung its songs:
Too many people still are filled with fear.
Bewildered in this world of rights and wrongs.
God's spirit will be more than Christmas Day
When we find haven in His reverence:
We must live in His Spirit all the way,
To follow Him will make the difference.
All will have homes, warmth, food: all be befriended
When He comes first before festivities.
All fears on earth will be so nearly ended
With God's dimensions added to our lives.*

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