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It is hard to believe that the biggest storm of the century hit Eastern Ky in March dumping from 20 to 25 inches of snow. It only last a couple of weeks and 80 degree weather came our way bringing forth the beauty of Magnolia, Pussy Willows, Tulips, Dogwoods, and the Red Buds blossoms. It has been one of the most beautiful springs I can remember. I'm not sure weather to contribute this to my age or not, because the mountains get more beautiful each year. We have had a lot of sick people this winter and I can relate a little since in September I had a fall and ended up with cracked ribs and now here I am with pneumonia and seem to be having a time throwing it. I had to go to the doctor for more medicine and x-rays today, but I'm sure another few days will take care of things. I must say its been a busy winter and spring and your board members are hard at work. They have met twice since the 1992 reunion. They met in Ashland on April 24th with 19 members and two guests present. Your president will be having one if not two more meetings before the '93 reunion. Please mark your calendar and plan your time off from work for the Wells Family Annual Reunion which will be on Saturday, September 4, and Sunday, September 5, 1993 at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, Ky. If you are traveling from out of town and need lodging it isn't too early to make those reservations.

Some events that will take place at this years reunion are:

1. There will be a tour of the graves as we have had every year except the one year it was cancelled due to inclement weather.
2. There will be a genealogical meeting with your Historical committee on Saturday night and Sunday.
3. Edith Wells Mollette, one of our board members, made a quilt with WELLS 1993 in the center and you will be given an opportunity to own this beautiful keepsake. Tickets will be offered for a donation of \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Someone will be asked to draw a ticket from the hat and the lucky name drawn will win the quilt. We are very grateful for Edith's generosity.
4. We are hard at work on our WELLS FAMILY COOKBOOK and many of you have not furnished us your receipes. Please get them to us as soon as possible so they can be included.
5. We will have preliminary books of George E. Wells, William Green Wells, Moses Wells, Peter Wells, Agnes Wells, Mary Wells and hopefully of Rose Ann Wells Spears lines this year.
6. We will have T-shirts and hats again this year.
7. We hope to have old pictures on display at the reunion, if you have old pictures that you would like included in the display please bring them.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Will Williams for providing me with the picture of Allen Wells and family that was run in the last newsletter. I neglected to give him credit for this. Will has been so good about sending information and pictures as he gets them. Will is on the Wells family board. Thanks again Will..

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Bob Boheimer, Geneva Volota, Audrey Collins Smith, Ruth Collins, Kermit Womach, Juanita Carr, Delight Wells Hall, Sokie and Unoka Frigsby, and Goldie Stevens.

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HOSPITAL

Donnie Wells, has been a patient in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Russell twice in the last few months. He is on dialysis daily and is waiting for a donated kidney. Donnie is an honorary member of the Wells Family Board. Donnie is getting a lot of special attention from his wife, Linda, who is a nurse at Paul B. Hall Hospital. Donnie descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Patricia Wells Womack, was a patient in the King's Daughters' Hospital in Ashland on April 29th after having a heart catheterization. She was blessed with a good report and is home doing fine. Patricia is a member of the Wells board and is the granddaughter of the late Ben and Anna Wells. She descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Eyvand Brown, of Van Lear has been in the hospital again but is home recuperating at this time. Eyvand is the husband of the late Betty Wells Brown and the father of Anna Meade who is on the Wells Family board.

Dorothy "Dot" Crum, Ashland, Ky spent 12 days in KDH in Dec. and then returned Feb. for eye surgery. I talked with Dot on Feb. 14th just after she returned from the hospital and she was recuperating with the help of her daughter, Peggy Goble Collins, from New Jersey. Dot is the daughter of the late Dave and Nancy Porter Collins. Dot's father descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells through both their son Dave and her mother descends George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells through their daughter, Mint Wells Porter.

Ann Porter, Waverly, Ohio has been restricted for several weeks with infection in her leg. Ann was confined to the home with her leg elevated for two weeks after a hospital visit in March. She received plenty of TLC from her husband Lyman. Ann and Lyman both are on the Wells Family Board. Ann is chairperson of the auction and Lyman is chairperson over registration. Lyman descends from William Green Wells through his son Aaron.

Georgia A. Richmond Hall, Brunswick, Ohio spent several days in the hospital after an emergency admission due to hemorrhaging. Georgia is home recuperating with care from her husband, Lee. Georgia is the daughter of the late Bill and Myrtle Spears Richmond and descends from William Green Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rose Ann Wells Spears. Georgia is a member of the Wells Family Association board.

Will Williams, of Spring Valley, Ohio is a patient in the hospital and according to Allene McGuire he has been there for a couple of weeks. On 2/93 when I talked with Allene she said Will was still in the hospital. Will is the grandson of the late Allen and Angeline Collins Wells and descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells. Will is a member of the Wells Family board.

Veneda Porter Driggs, of Elyria, Ohio has been in the hospital in Elyria for kidney failure. She was flown to Cleveland, release, readmitted and was still

there on 1/2/93. Veneda is the daughter of the late Arba and Judith Williamson Porter and is the sister of Lyman Porter who serves on the Wells Family board.

Beulah Wells Keel, Auxier, Ky is recuperating at home with special care from her husband Frank after suffering from a freak accident trying to catch her cat on 1/4/93. She reached for the cat, fell over the banisters and broke her nose. She is still having some dizzy spells. Beulah is the daughter of the late Rolland Wells and Malta Wells Watson and descends from the George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells line through their son James. She is a member of the Wells Family board.

Robert Womack, Greenup, Ky., was a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital with an intestinal virus and ear infection. Robert is in Kindergarten at Greenup County schools and has been sick a lot this year. He is the son of Kermit and Pat Wells Womack and descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. His mother, Pat, is a member of the Wells Family board.

Jack Dunseith, Tenn. spent 2 weeks in the Vanderbilt Hospital and is now home and receiving special care from his wife Janice Allene. Allene descends from George E. Wells line through Allen Wells and she serves on the Wells Family board. Jack has attended the both the reunion and board meetings regularly with his wife.

Virginia Collins Edgel, Flatwoods, Ky., was admitted to Our Lady Of Bellefonte Hospital hemorrhaging in Jan. The family sort of lost her for awhile in the hospital. They were told she had been dismissed when she actually had been admitted. After some effort she was located at the hospital. She is home and doing well after she receiving a few units of blood. Virginia is the daughter of the late Hansford Collins and descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears and serves on the Wells Family board.

Fred McGuire and Allene McGuire, Fred was admitted to KDH in Ashland after a fall breaking his hip on 1/19/93. The break required surgery to replace the ball in the hip. While he was in surgery his wife Allene had a heart attack and had to have her pacemaker replaced. While she was in surgery the doctor punctured her lung which caused the lung to collapse and a tube had to be inserted. When I talked to Allene last of Feb., she and Fred were both home and doing well with the assistance of a lady helping with the housework. Fred is the grandson of the late Allen and Angeline Collins Wells and was the little boy in the picture of the Allen Wells family in the last newsletter. He descends from George E. and Elizabeth Delong Wells.

Alice Richmond Collins, as of April 5, she had been in the Paul B. Hall Hospital, Paintsville for two weeks. She is hoping to be home soon. Alice has had a foot infection and been unable to walk. She is the daughter of the late Henry Richmond and the wife of the late Ashley Collins. She descends from Agnes Wells Auxier line.

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CONGRATULATIONS

I asked in the last news letter if anyone knew Angela Kay Wells and thanks to Paula Wells for responding with this information:

Angela Kay Wells, the daughter of Bob and Ricca Wells of Rt. 1, Greenup, Ky. Angela appeared in the first in a series of 10 articles in the Greenup News highlighted outstanding senior students at Greenup County High School in 1992. Members of the Senior Salute were selected by the Greenup County Academic Boosters based on applications completed by the eligible students. In addition to serving 3 years as class secretary, Angela has been a member of the school's national

champion dance team. She is a member of the Pep Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Beta Club and SADD, member of the Journalism staff and was winner of the Journalism Medal Award. Besides her school activities, Angela is an active member of the Greenup Christian Church. Angela plans to attend the University of Kentucky in the fall to study in the medical field. Angela descends from Richard and Susannah Hutchinson Wells through their son Moses Wells. She also descends from Rhesa Collins through Christopher and Wallace Collins.

Kenneth E. Rice II, is graduating from Johnson Central High School, Paintsville on May 28th. Kenneth is the son of Kenneth E. and Peggy Mayo Rice of East Point, Ky. Kenneth has maintained the honor roll all through his school years. He descends from the George E. Wells and William G. Wells line and is a grandson of Cloteen Clark Rice and the late Willard Rice. I am not sure what Kenneth's plans are for college.

Shantel Ray, is graduating from Johnson Central High School on May 28th and she is the daughter of Carol Brown Ray of Paintsville. Shantel plans to be married and move to Ft. Campbell, Ky. Shantel descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. She is the granddaughter of Eyvand Brown and the late Betty Wells Brown. Shantel and Charles McFadden, the son of Kathy and George McFadden, Staffordsville will be married on the 29th of May at 2 pm at Staffordsville Freewill Baptist Church (Little Mud Creek). They will reside in Fort Campbell, Ky where Charles is stationed.

Jeffrey L. Spears, graduated from the University of Ky College of Law on May 8, 1993. Jeff is the son of Lennon and Mary A. Nolen Spears of Flatwoods, Ky. He descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears and William G. Wells line and is the grandson of the late Morgan and Hazel Spears of Greenup County. Jeff and his wife Michelle reside in Lexington, Ky.

Erin Collins, daughter of Mike and Brenda Collins of Flat Gap was awarded the first place trophy in the Johnson County Conservation Essay contest on April 22nd at Johnson Central High School. The banquet is an annual event to recognize the school and county winners of the conservation poster and essay contest held each fall. The contest theme for 1992 was "Trees-Our Common Wealth." This year's program featured Erin Collins, a seventh grade student at Flat Gap Elementary, reading her honor-winning essay. She received two certificates, two trophies, a T-shirt and a \$50 Savings Bond. Erin's paternal grandparents are Carl and Polly Wells Collins of Van Lear and maternal grandmother is Prudence Bailey of Flat Gap.

Mary Frances Keel, Auxier, Ky daughter of Frank and Beulah Wells Keel of Auxier, Ky is a senior at Prestonsburg High School where she has been involved in Marching Band, Pep and Concert Band for 5 years, all county band 4 years and Pikeville Solos and Ensembles 4 years, playing Trumpet she marched in Gov. Brereton Jones Inaugural Parade and attended President Bill Clinton's Inauguration in Washington D. C. She is a member of the Beta club, Annual Staff, newspaper staff and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Mary is an honor student and a member of the Wells Family board. Mary is a member of both the Auxier and West Van Lear Volunteer Fire Department and has completed 145 hours in Emergency Medical Training at the Prestonsburg Community College and is now a certified Emergency Medical Technician. According to her instructor Larry Adams the acquired EMT knowledge and skills which Mary and 21 other students received can now be used in ambulance companies, fire departments, mining companies, and rescue squads in their home communities. Mary plans to attend Pikeville College after graduation. We are proud to have Mary on the Wells board and hope she will be an incentive for more young persons to become involved. Mary descends from George E. Wells and William G. Wells lines.

Tommie R. Cochran, our very own Wells Family Association secretary and assistant editor of the newsletter has graduated from Ashland Community College with high honors. Tommie wears many hats in that she is a mother, wife, homemaker, and works full time with Ashland Oil plus attended school full time. I am always telling her that she is a super person in that she still finds time for other things especially helping me with the newsletter. On behalf of all the Wells family I want to thank Tommie for all she does for the association. Tommie is the daughter of Arthur Collins who is also a member of the Wells Family board and descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears line.

Goldie Ann Wells, Van Lear and a fourth grade student at Porter Elementary was named to the list with all A's. She is a daughter of Alex S. and Susie Goble Wells and descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Drema Hunt, Auxier, Ky. graduated from Marshall Medical school in May 1992 and is now practicing in Huntington, W. Va. She is the daughter of Marlene Sturgill and granddaughter of Mildred Wells Sturgill of Auxier. Her husband is a teacher in the Floyd County school system. Drema descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Cherene Wells, daughter of Phyllis Meade Wells of Ashland and Linton Wells of Franklin Furnace, Ohio, studied Biology in the Bahamas during the winter term of Center College in Danville, Ky. Center professor, Mike Barton, led the trip to San Salvador Island, where he taught a class on invertebrate biology. Cherene is a sophomore and a 1991 graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School, Ashland. Cherene is the granddaughter of Woodrow and Irene Wells, West Van Lear and descends from George E. & Elizabeth DeLong Wells and Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells.



Johnson County High School, announces honor roll:

Tim Mollette had all A's

Lisa Collins and Kenneth Wells had a 4.0 average or better on weighted scale.

Kelly Collins had a 3.5 to 4.0.

J.B. Wells Jr. Wells' role as Paintsville's housing chief came to an end Dec. 31, 1993, but he doesn't like referring to his departure as "retiring." Instead, he is "stepping down" or "resigning" from his 12-year tenure as executive director. And he is ending a public service career that began 52 years ago. After leaving the University of Ky became the youngest mayor in the nation when he took office in Jan. 1940 at the age of 21. The military interrupted his political career in 1942, but he returned to Paintsville and was elected to a 4-year term as mayor in 1946. He served as rural highway commissioner during Chandler's 4-year term.

Wells came back to Paintsville and was elected mayor again. He served a total of 12 years at City Hall. During his tenure, the city's urban renewal program was developed, Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Westview Manor, the Johnson County Health Department and The Carriage House projects became reality. Wells returned to Big Sandy Hardware, which he had started years earlier, after he left the mayor's office. Several years later he retired from the hardware business. J. B. enjoyed about a year of retirement before taking over the city's financially troubled housing authority as executive director. During his 12 years as director the senior citizens high rise was completed and has been very successful. During his time Paintsville was honored by HUD for having the best housing authority in Kentucky and the regional recognize the local authority.

Wells was the first Kentuckian chosen to represent the state on a regional advisory committee. J. B. has said he thinks the job has been the most rewarding because he had the opportunity to turn things around. An appreciation banquet honoring Wells was held on Dec. 15, 1992 at the Paintsville Country Club. J. B., we wish you the very best in choice of endeavor!!!

ANNIVERSARIES

John and Julia Richmond Brickly of Van Lear, Ky., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Oct. 1992. They spent a special time with their children and their families, Brownie, Danville, Ky., Sally Patton, Van Lear, and Page Daniels of Paintsville, Ky. The family enjoyed eating out together. Julia is the daughter of the late Elige and Zora Webb Richmond and descends from Agnes Wells Auxier and Mary Wells Butcher. Julia used to attend the Wells Family reunion on regular bases but has not been there for several years. Julia we miss you and look forward to seeing you back with us in 1993.

Russell and Delores Wells, of Wurtland, Ky. were honored with a reception March 15 at Wurtland Church of God. The Wells' were married March 15, 1943. Mr. Wells is the son of Minnie Wells of Greenup and the late William Wells. He is a World War II veteran and is retired from Armco. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are the parents of the Rev. James Wells of Buckley, Wash., the Rev. Ralph Wells of Pocatello, Idaho, Russell Wells Jr. of Lloyd, Ronald wells of Wurtland and Royce E. Wells, Brenda Hurt and O'Donna Day, all of Richmond. They have 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

We would like to congratulate our board members, Virginia and Lewis Edgel, on their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary. They would like to invite you to join them in their celebration with a potluck picnic at Dewey Dam, Shelter #2, Prestonsburg starting at 11 am Friday, July 9. Also their children are having an Open House at the Edgel home, 2000 Oak Street, Flatwoods, Ky from 5 pm to 8 pm Saturday, July 10th. All the Edgel's family and friends are invited to either or both parties to help celebrate this golden occasion and to meet their children and grandchildren. No gifts, please, but donations of canned goods, etc. for the local Food Pantries would be appreciated.

FIVE GENERATIONS MEET

Five generations gathered recently in Wurtland, Ky for a family portrait. Minnie Wells of Greenup, her son Russell E. Wells of Wurtland and grandson Russell Wells Jr. of Lloyd. Great-grandson Rusty Wells of Greenup and the great-great-granddaughter Haley Wells of Greenup.

BIRTHS

Carly Ann Wells, b. Sept. 3, 1992, Sacramento, Ca. to Henry and Lori Leverton Wells. Carly is welcomed by a brother, Samuel and is descended from Richard and Susannah Wells through the Moses Wells line.



Allisan Sturgill, b. 1992 in Fort Lauderdale Fla., to Mark and Lisa Sturgill welcomed by her sister Sara. Allisan is the granddaughter of Sheldon E. "Buddy

and Barbara Hyden Wells, Louisville, Ky. and descends from William G. Wells, George E. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Shana Kellie Wells, b. March 26, 1992 to Frank and Kathy Wells of Van Lear. The grandmother is Lois Wells and Shana just celebrated her first birthday with her grandparents Lois and Patsy Lester, Carol Davis, Ned Davis and Vickie Wells, all of Van Lear attending. Shana descends from the Moses Wells lined. We did not get the announcement of Shana's birth to include in the 1992 newsletter.

Kelcee Paige Adkins, born on 4/12/93 and weighing 7 lb.9 oz., 20 1/2" in Mt. Sterling General Hospital to the proud parents James "Jimmy" and Amanda Morton Adkins of Stanton, Ky. The paternal grandparents are James and Emma D. Wells Adkins and the maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Karen Morton of Stanton. Kelcee descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Zachery William Newman, b. March 13, 1992, to Earl William and Ramona Sue Wells Newman, Somerset, Ky. Zachery is the grandson of James Thornbury and Maxine Sue Robbins Wells of Edgewood, Ky and descends from the Peter Wells line. His mother Ramona served for couple years on the Wells Family Board. We did not get the announcement of Zachery's birth to include in the 1992 newsletter.

Carly Ann Wells, born Sept. 3, 1992 in Sacramento, Ca. to Henry and Lori Leverton Wells. Carly is welcomed by a brother, Samuel, and is descended from Richard and Suzanne Wells through the Moses Wells line.

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MARRIAGES
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Marla Denise Burchett & Albert Barry Potter were united in marriage on November 17, 1992 at the Emma United Methodist Church, Emma, Ky. Marla is the daughter of Lorraine Wells Burchett and the late Everett Burchett. Marla is a graduate of Conson Central High School and attended Mayo State Vocational School and employed with Solid Waste in Prestonsburg. Barry is a graduate of Prestonsburg High school and attended Mayo and is a electrician. He is a lead singer in Prime Country Band. Marla is the granddaughter of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells and descends from George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears line.

Kimberly Wells of Paintsville, and Ron Cline of Martin County were married in Freeport, Bahamas on November '25, 1992, where they spent couple spent their honeymoon. They are residing in Paintsville. Kimberly is the daughter of Dwayne Wells and she descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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MEMORIAL GIFTS
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Gertrude Walters Thompson, gave a \$30. memorial to the Organization in Memory of her first cousin, Chloe Wells. Chloe was the daughter of the late Isaac and Mary Dutton Wells. Chloe was born Feb. 25, 1897 and died March 15, 1976 and was a sister of the late Mary Malissa Wells Slone and Sarah Ellen Wells Dutton.

Please send us information for inclusion in the Newsletter. We need births, deaths, marriages, sickness, accomplishments, etc. We care and want to know because our family is so scattered it is impossible for us to hear unless you let us know. Your relatives want to hear and this is an excellent means of communication.



These pictures were provided by Audrey L. Collins Smith, Thornsville, Oh. We thank you for the pictures and informing us of the location of this Collins Cemetery which is on Rt. 3 South of Catlettsburg--approximately five miles out (old Rt. 23) where the cemetery that this family is buried at. Rt. 3 South of Catlettsburg, Ky approximately 5 miles out this is old Rt. 23. in the Collins Cemetery.

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DEATHS

I had a call from a Darlene Clark Burgess and she had talked to our Oklahoma relatives last week and found out that our cousin **Betty Clark Fraley** had died a couple years ago and left her husband, children and siblings. Betty is the daughter of the late Emsy "Pete" Clark who moved his young family to Oklahc years ago. She descends from William Green Wells through his daughter Susanna Wells Clark. Willa if you will send me the dates and particulars I would appreciate it. We are so sorry since I can remember you girls visiting us and playing with my older sisters when I was a child.

Rebecca Wells, 70, of Leander, died Dec. 24, 1992 at her home. She was born March 26, 1922, in Martin County, a daughter of the late Edgar and Norma Fletcher Preston. She was proceeded in death by her husband Edgar Wells. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Surviving are six sons, Larry F. Wells of Murphy, N.C., Gary Michael Wells of Ramey Branch, Zip Wells of Tomahawk, Herbert Ray Wells of Brookville, Ohio, Jimmy Randall Wells and Edgar Wells both of Boonscamp; three daughters, Christina Hall of Meally, Darlene Blair of Leander and Jewell Fitch of Murphy; three brothers, Edgar Preston Jr. of Brookville, Billy Joe Preston of Farmersville, Ohio, and Marvin Preston, Flatwoods; and two sisters, Joyce Preston of Michigan and Doris Davis of Ohio, 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville was in charge of the arrangements with Willie Goble officiating and burial was in the Williams cemetery.

Doris Mae Koehl Richmond, 70, died Oct. 1, 1992 in Fort Wayne, In. Survived are her husband Elijah B. "Sandy" Richmond and children, Sandra, Darlene, Diana, Tim. A son, James C. is deceased. Elijah B. Richmond descended from Agnes Wells Auxier line. Elijah is an uncle of Marlene Coleman of Columbus, Ohio who many of us know.

William Keith "Billy" Wells, 36 of Langley, died May 7th in Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Ky. Billy was born May 16, 1956, at Martin, a son of the late Bill and Georgianne Adams Wells. He was a CSX railroad employee and a member of the Maytown Methodist church. Surviving are his wife, Joy Blevins Wells; a son,

Matthew Levi Wells, at home; and a daughter, Jenny Leanne Wells at home. The Hall Funeral Home in Martin was in charge of the arrangements with the Rev. Weyman McGuire officiating with burial in the Blevins family cemetery.

Harold Camden: 71, died Feb. 12, 1993 in Veterans Administration Medical Center, Miami, Fl. He was born May 28, 1921 in Roseland, Va. Surviving are one son, Harold Camden Jr. of Okeechobee, Fl.; six daughters, Linda Ramey of Van Lear, Bertha Sprouse and Katherine Westerman, both of Okeechobee, Donna Blankenship of Warsaw, Indiana, Janet Williamson of Concord, Va. and Twyla Kay White of Newport News, Va., one sister and 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Burial was in Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, with Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Harold Jr.'s wife Benette Collins descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Murzie Meade: 87, died April 4, 1993 at her home in Paintsville. She was born Oct. 11, 1905, in Johnson County to the late Deal and Laura Trimble Pelphrey. Her husband, Rollie Martin Meade, died in 1956. Surviving are two sons, James Carroll Meade of Paintsville and Charles Wendell Meade of Lexington; five daughters, Laura Alice Reed of Seven Valley, Pa., Nola Mae McKenzie of North Lewisburg, Ohio, Christine Estapp of Paintsville, Phyllis Ann Wells of Ashland, and Virginia Ruth Ward of Lexington; a brother, Trimble Pelphrey of Lucasville, Ohio; a sister, Patsy Blevins of Staffordsville; 23 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. The funeral was under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home with Jerry Calvin and Lonzie Reed, officiating. Burial was in Johnson County Memorial Gardens. Ms. Meade's daughter Phyllis Wells husband Lenton descends from both the Moses Wells, and George E. Wells line.

Sarah Ellen Wells Dutton, 84, died March 10, 1993 in Highland Regional Medical Center. Ms. Dutton was born March 31, 1908 in Johnson County to the late Isaac S. and Mary Dutton Wells. She was a retired teacher of 46 years from the Johnson County School System and was a member of the Wells Chapel United Methodist Church, Boons Camp, Ky. Surviving are her husband, Clarence Dutton; and five nephews and one niece. The funeral was held March 13 at Preston's Funeral Home Chapel, with Bill Pollock officiating and burial was in the Wells Cemetery at Williamsport. Ellen descends from William Green and Mary Butcher Wells through their son William Allen Wells.

Hobert "Bud" Richmond, 69, died from cancer on March 31, 1993 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Hobert was born on March 24, 1924, in Johnson County, a son of the late Otis and Bessie Richmond. He was a construction worker. Surviving are a son, Randy Richmond of West Van Lear; a daughter, Ella Cline of Auxier, a brother, Paul Richmond of Van Lear; and 11 grandchildren. The funeral was under the direction of Bryan Fraley & Son Funeral Home in Paintsville with the Rev. Jim Bornert officiating. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery in Van Lear. Hobert descends from Agnes Wells Auxier through her daughter Angeline Auxier Richmond.

Wanda "Peggy" Mildred Spears, 74, of Endicott, died March 10, 1993 in Highland Regional Medical Center. Miss Spears was born Nov. 26, 1919, in Endicott, a daughter of the late Harve and Daisy Sellards Spears. She was a member of the Benedict Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. Surviving are a sister, Inez Shaefer; and a brother, Hansford Spears both of Prestonsburg. The funeral was on March 14th at Carter Funeral Home by Rev. Virgil Hunt, with burial in the Spears family cemetery at Endicott. Miss Spears descends from the Rose Anna Wells Spears line.

Wayle Wells, 62, of Isle of Palms, S.C. formerly of Ashland, died 1/93. Mr. Wells was born 2/18/30, at Ashland, a son of the late Everett F. and Mary Cole Wells.

He was a retired senior financial consultant for J. C. Bradford & Co., and a retired Vice President of Ashland Chemical Co. He was a member of Sunrise Presbyterian Church, a U.S. Air Force veteran and a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology. Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Keyes Wells; a son, Benjamin Everett Wells of Dallas; and a sister, Sara Wells Grazier of Marion. The Stuhr's Funeral Home of Charleston, S.C., was in charge of arrangements and burial was in S.C. (I'm not sure how or if Mr. Wells descends from Richard Wells)

Charles Everett Martin, 83, of Eastern, Ky., died Jan. 25, 1993 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Mr. Martin was born May 27, 1909, at Eastern, a son of the late W.S. "Hoosh" and Catherine "Sissy" Webb Martin. He was a retired teacher from the Floyd County system after 40 years of service. He was a member of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association and Floyd County Retired Teachers Association. He was a graduate of Western and Eastern Ky Universities and completing post-graduate work. Surviving are a brother, Dr. Henry Martin of Richmond, Ky. and three sisters, Minnie Conley, Goldia Salyers and Lula Martin, all of Eastern. The funeral was conducted at Hall Funeral Home in Martin by Elders Clinton Moore and Ellis Holbrook, burial was in the Martin family cemetery. Mr. Martin descends from the Webb, Porter and Wells line.

Willie L. Wells, 82, of Van Lear, died April 3, 1993 in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky. He was born May 4, 1910, in Johnson County, a son of the late George Moses and Cora Lee Honeycutt Wells. He was a miner and farmer. Surviving are his wife, Lutie Collins Wells; a son, Darrell Wells of South Point, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Nevard (Genene) Wells of Van Lear, two brothers, Henry Wells of South Point and Woodrow Wells of West Van Lear; two sisters, Mabel of Indiana, and Eula May Williams, Van Lear, and seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. The funeral was under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with Arville Short, officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery at Daniels Creek.

Vina Wells Arrowood, 89, of Holly Hill, Fla., formerly of Paintsville, died April 9, 1993 in Holly Hill. Vina was born Sept. 24, 1903, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late John B. and Jennie Ward Wells. Her husband, Ervin R. Arrowood, preceded her in death. She was a former bookkeeper, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Paintsville, Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Paintsville Garden Club. Surviving are two daughters, Juanita Fletcher of Kennett Square, Pa., and Mary Moore of Holly Hill; a brother John B. Wells Jr. of Paintsville; a sister, Irene Wells Kazee of Paintsville; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville with Drew Martin officiating. Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery in Paintsville. Vina descends from the Dr. William Green and Mary Butcher Wells line through their son, Charles Jefferson Wells.

Lonnie Wells, 52, of Ashland died March 4, 1993 in King's Daughters' Medical Center. He was born Feb. 2, 1941 in Corbin a son of the late Matt and Alzie Hill Wells. He was a lead mechanic with Canteen Vending. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ashland, BPOE 350, American Legion Post No. 43, Loyal Order of Moose, AFL-CIO-CLC, and was an associate member of Fraternal Order of Police in Ashland. Surviving are a daughter, Regina Thompson of Morehead; three sisters, Reba Paul and Kathy Hampton, both of Dayton, Oh. and Joann Wells of Arlington, Va.; and two brothers, James Wells of Dayton, and Bonnie Wells of Tampa, Fl. The funeral was under the arrangements of Evans Funeral Home in Raceland, Ky., with the Rev. Robert A. Underwood officiating. Burial was in the Garvin Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, Ky. (I do not know how or if Lonnie came down the Richard Wells line)

mailing list and accept your donation). If the Historical committee will respond to Mr. Call's request on Richard Wells-Nancy Brown line it would be appreciated).

La Graff, 628-1800 Rd., Delta, Co. 81416: I was reading on the genealogy bulletin board and came across a note where I can send for information on the Wells line. I am interested in this information. I have been working on the Wells line for 10 yrs. and got very little information. This is what I have: (1.) Oscar J. Wells, b. 1855, m. Anna D. Westbrook, (2.) Otis E. Wells, b. 1874 in Sugar Grove, Pa. and m. Anna J. Nuttal, b. 1881 in Sugar Grove, Pa. (3.) Gerald W. Wells, b. Mar. 6, 1906 in Riverside, Ca. and m. Marie V. Abrahamson born in O'Neil, NE. (4.) LeRoy W. Wells, Sr. b. Oct. 16, 1946 in Newamad, Ca. Could you help me out. I sure would appreciate it. (Tina, I am giving your request to the Historical committee to see if they can help you).

Ernest Miles, 6 Fredrick Dr., Apalachin, N.Y. 13732, Phone (607) 625-3447. Looking for information on Joshua C. and Elizabeth Wells and their daughter Martha Jane Wells Poteet. Last record found on them was in 1870 in Lawrence Co., Ohio an Mason Township. Any information would be appreciated.

Richard D. (Mary E.) Daniels, 3990 St. Paris Pike, Springfield, Oh. 45504. My husband Richard Dick Daniels descends from James Wells through his daughter Julia Wells Brown, through Rachel L. Brown Masters, through Sarah Ann Masters Daniels through Dana Marshall Daniels and then Richard D. Daniels. By any chance is this the line you are researching? Mary, would like to correspond with anyone that may come down this line.

Nancy Wells Wright, 13389 Robbie Jones Rd., San Angelo, Tx. 76904. Ph. 915-651-9131: I am a WELLS descendent from the line of David Wells who settled in the Cumberland Border of Ky/Tn in 1798. My line is as follows: (1.) David Wells, (2.) an Wells, (3.) Anderson Wells (4.) Leslie C. Wells, (5.) Roy Mack Wells (my father). We have not been able to fully satisfy the line from David back. In the book, THE BIG WELLS FAMILY, It also says that David was born in VA. and that his older brother, William, was born in Kent Co. Delaware. If your association would be of help to our research on this line, please send details on joining and fees, etc. (Nancy I have added you to the mailing list and their are no charge for joining we operate on a free will donation if you want to donate we will appreciate it.)

John Peacock, 3515 Via Loma Vista, Escondido, Ca. 92029, (619) 743-5004: Jan. 31, 1993, You have been referred to me as possibly being able to help me in researching my Wells line. My Wells line runs from my mother, Mae Belle Wells, 1906-1990, Titus Co, Tx, to her father, Joseph Perry Wells, 1855-1928, Gilmer Co, Ga. to his father, Jacob Watson Wells abt. 1802-abt. 1855-60 in NC. to his father, Thomas Wells, 1764-1832 Va. and died in NC. Not all this data has been confirmed. It was sent to me by a relative who is now deceased, and the sources are unknown to me. (John, I have added you to the mailing list and we operate on donations and any amount will be appreciated. I am asking the Historical Committee to respond to your request).

E. S. Bumgarner, 209 Iowa, Sherman, Tx. 75090-9113, 1/800-383-7820 or 1/903-868-1863: Jan. 24, 1993, I am working on my great-grandfather's line of Wells. My great-grandfather was born in Bastrop County, Tx, in August of 1857. His name was William Burton Wells, and he is buried in a little cemetery named Oak Ridge which is located about 3 miles west of present day Davis, Oklahoma. He died, I think, in 1935. My problem is, that I do not know what my great-grandfather's father's name was. He was divorced from my great-great-grandmother in a time frame I would say was probably somewhere between 1857 and 1879. No one in my family ever knew

what his name was, and now the one's that would know are all gone on. My grandfather, James Albert Wells, died in July, of 1955. Can you put me in touch with someone working on this line or in this same area, possibly. Thank you so much for your time: (I am passing this on to the Historical Committe to see if they have any information on this line)

Catherine Swoyer, 3480 E. Star Lane, Manhattan, Ks. 66502: March 29, 1993, am searching for my great-grandmother's family. Theodosia Addie Wells, b. 1858 in Clarksville, Johnson Co., Ark. married John Clark Kidd about 1875. I found them in 1900, 1910 & 1920 census in Johnson Co., Tx. I got her birthplace & date off my grandfather's birth cert. I have been to their graves in Venus, Tx. From the 1900 & 1910 census, plus family information I have their children. I would be interested in your Assoc. and any information you can provide. (I am giving the Historical Committee the copy of your letter to see if they have any information that will help you.)

DONATIONS:

Mabel W. Adams, Box 131, Hueyville, Ind. 47126, Dec. 30, 1992. Just rec. your Newsletter and enjoyed it immensely, hope you continue the good work. Sorry I didn't make it to the Reunion this past year due to illness, try to be there next year. Enclosed is a contribution I hope will help. Sincerely Your Cousin Mabel W. Adams, Hueyville, Ind. (Mabel sent a \$100. check and we appreciate this donation)

Dr. Richard D. Wells, 3524 Grand Ave. NO.808, Des Moines, Iowa 50312-4344. Dec. 29, 1992. Thank you for your bulletin. Enclosed is my personal check for (\$25.) for a membership for me and my cousin. Her address is Mrs. Mary Wells Holbrook, 4186 Towanda Trail, Knoxville, Tn. 37919. (Richard, I added you and your sister to the mailing list and we appreciate your donation)

Evelyn Marlene Coleman, 1021 E. Lincoln Ave., Columbus, Oh. 43229-5027 has sent another donation of \$15.00 to be used toward the newsletter or where the organization needs it most. Marlene is a long time Wells researcher and has attended the reunion on several occasions, but has been unable to attend the past few years. Marlene is a descendent from Agnes Wells Auxier through her daughter Angeline Auxier Richmond. Marlene we hope to see you at the 1993 reunion. We thank you for remembering us again.

Polly Clark Wilder, 11134 Rosswell, Pamona, Ca. 91766 sent us a check for \$100. to go toward the newsletter or where the Organization needs it worse. Polly is the daughter of the late Logan and Maggie Wells Clark and has resided in California since 1948. She descends from both William Green Wells and George E. Wells line. (Polly we thank you for this nice do nation and it will be used toward the expenses of the newsletter.)

CORRECTION:

Please make a correction Volume 14 newsletter of May 1992. The picture is on page three (3) and of the five of the daughters of Aaron Wells. Mrs. Shelby Fleming Phillips, 214 West Third Ave., Williamson, W.V. 25661, she states that her grandmother gave her a copy of the picture and identified them for her as follows: Bottom row (seated) is Kate, Jenny, and Marcena ("See" or "Cee" may have been a nickname for Marcena). We identified them correct but failed to put the correct name for Marcena. We appreciate Shelby for sending us the correct name. This kind of information is especially valuable to those of us who are researching geneology.

PICTURE OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. JULIA WELLS, PAINTSVILLE ON OCT. 23, 1938.
 this picture was provided for the newsletter by Bobby Wells, our president



Celebration of 80th birthday of Mrs. Julia Wells, Paintsville, Ky. October 23, 1938.

MEMORIAL

One means by which an individual, if they desire, could assure that their interest and support for the Wells Family Association Inc. is continued, would be to make a bequest to the Association. A memorial contribution is also an appropriate tribute to the deceased. Through a memorial contribution the love one is no longer with us in body but lives on and on through the Wells Family Association. For every memorial, a notice of the gift will be placed in the next newsletter. The donor may request that their name not be used and the board will respect such requests. The following could be used to provide data about an memorial contribution and as a receipt for your tax records.

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