

# THE WELLS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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The Labor Day weekend is only a few weeks away and I am sure most of you are making plans to attend the 1993 Wells Family Reunion. The reunion will be on Saturday, September 4, 1993 and Sunday, September 5, 1993 at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, Ky. We are making some changes in the time that the Sunday meeting begins, since so many of our people are preparing dinner or attending church before coming. The school doors will open on Sunday at 10:00 am. and run until 5:00 pm., with dinner being served at 1:30 pm. If you are traveling from out of town you may pick up food at **Kroger's, Foodtown or Kentucky Fried Chicken in town.** I think everyone had plenty to eat last year although we ran short on drinks. The schedule of events is set out below for your convenience.

1. THE TOUR OF THE GRAVES: You will need to meet at the Johnson County School parking lot at 4:00 pm.
2. **The School doors will open at 5:00 pm.,** on Saturday for workers to set up for Sunday's reunion.
3. **Bring a light refreshment for Saturday night again this year.**
4. **There will be a genealogical meeting with your Historical committee on Saturday night at 6:00 pm.** (bring all your questions) We would like for all of the Historical Committee be present for this meeting. There will be another genealogical meeting on Sunday and the time will be announced at the Saturday meeting.
5. The School doors will open on Sunday at 10:00 am.
6. **Darlene Burgess,** Chairperson of the entertainment committee has special entertainment arranged for both Saturday and Sunday. If you have a talent and would be willing to share it with your relatives, why not let Darlene know about it. (We really want to hear from our people and know that many of you have special talents. I'm told that we have a young man that sings just like Garth Brooks and he needs to come and sing for us).
7. **Ann Porter,** chairperson of the auction committee and Jim Preston, auctioneer are planning another auction this year and encourage you to bring something for the auction. It is



important that the items be clean, and workable. The auction will be at 12:30 pm. Plan to come and take part in the auction. The proceeds will go toward marking unmarked graves.

8. **Pat Williams**, Devotional chairperson will have a memorial service again this year in memory of all of our relatives who have gone on since the last reunion. If you have a loved one you want included, please make sure we receive the information. The memorial service will be held at 1:15 pm.
  
9. **Jim Wells**, 7926 Hartman Rd. Ripley, Oh., (513) 392-4277  
**Virginia Edgel**, 2000 Oak St., Flatwoods, Ky 41139; Phone: (606)836-5337; and **Janice Alleine Dunseith**, 130 Kings Row, Crossville, Tn. 38555. (Phone (615) 456-1189. The nomination committee needs your input on officers and board members for the 1993-94 year. Why not call one of them about your recommendations. They are hard at work I'm sure in an effort to complete a slate of officers and board members to be presented for your approval at the reunion. The nomination and approval of new officers will be approximately 4:00 pm. the day of the reunion. Please let the committee know your feelings.

Tommie and I have been hard at work on the cookbook and this newsletter. It has been difficult to get it all done while working full time and with so many things going on. We are very grateful to Virginia Edgel, Pat Womach and Gloria Sallie for their assistance in proof reading the recipes. We have found some of the recipes have ingredients missing or some other problem that makes us unable to use the recipe. We have come up with an answer to this problem. If you sent a recipe and it does not appear in the cookbook please send us another one as we plan to print recipes in some future newsletters. You will be able to insert them in your cookbook since the binding will allow you to add recipes. The board recommended that we use some of the recipes that appeared in our first cookbook. We were able to include several of them, but due to the lack of time, we did not get as many in as we would have liked. We will also be including recipes from the first cookbook in the newsletters. Thanks for your cooperation in this effort. We would like to receive recipes from you if you have not got around to sending your recipes yet.



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### ACCIDENTS

Paulina Collins Garza, Eldensburg, Md. had a little accident in June. As she was exiting from her bathtub, she slipped and fell. She not only injured her knee but her elbow as well. She is recuperating with assistance from her husband Paul and daughter Jennifer. Paula is the daughter of the late Hansford and Jewel



Collins and descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Anna Wells Spears. Paula is a member of the Wells family board. Polly, we Wells family members are going to have to watch those bathtubs, this makes at least three that fell in the tub within the last year.

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We thought you might enjoy seeing some memories from past reunion. You may find yourself or some of your relatives in the ones we have chosen. (If you have some pictures you would like to share, please let us know.)

Picture taken at 1972 reunion:  
Left to right: Morgan Spears,  
Elmer Wells, & Arthur Collins



Picture taken at 1981 reunion, front R.  
Left to right front row: Geneva Volota,  
Late Anna Wells, Lucy Keel, Minnie Wells,  
back row standing: Dean Wells, Alex Wells,  
Mary Walton & late Jeanette Wells



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## HOSPITAL

Geneva Wells Volota, Euclid, Ohio is a patient in the University Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, where she has been for several weeks. I made two trips to Cleveland to be with her in July. She is the daughter of the late Ben and Anna Richmond Wells and the mother of Patti Volota Quallich, who is a member of the Wells Family Board. She is your editor's sister. Geneva has been sick for several years with cancer. It was first thought that the cancer had returned, but test's showed that there were





no signs of the cancer, for which we are thankful. Geneva is now at her home at Euclid, Oh. receiving special care from her husband Steve. She also has a full time nurse assistant to help her husband in seeing that she receives that care. Her address is 456 E. 274 St., Euclid, Oh. 44132.

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Phillip Wells, Ashland, Ky is in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Ky., where he had successful surgery on July 19th, Phillip and his wife Wanda are very happy about the results, since it showed no signs of cancer, and we rejoice with them. Phillip is expected to spend another week in the hospital. Both, Phillip and Wanda are members of the Wells Family board. He is the son of the late John P. Wells and descends from George E. Wells and Nancy Butcher Wells line. Phillip, We are looking for you to be back in action soon. His address is 709 Hamilton Ave., Ashland, Ky. 41101.

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### SICK

Will Williams, is now in the Hospitality House East Rest Home in Xenia, Ohio. If you would like to send him a card his address is 1301 Monroe Dr., Xenia, Oh. 45385. I talked with his sister Margaret from Jackson, Oh. and she said that she is hoping to get him moved closer to her so she can visit him regular. Will is a member of the Wells Family Board and descends from George E. Wells through his son Allen Wells.

Others reported sick are:

David Hall, Brunswick, Ohio; Heather Ouallach, Parma, Ohio; Fred McGuire, Ashland, Ky; Donnie Wells, Van Lear, Ky; Eyvand Brown, Van Lear; Jack Dunceith; Crossville, Tn.

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Picture taken 1981 reunion  
This is three grandsons of  
Allen Wells. Left to right:  
Will Williams, The late Elza  
Wells, & Fred McGuire.

Picture of singers at 1989  
reunion: Left to right: Les  
Hall, Darlene Burgess, Haskell  
Burgess & Marluda Burgess.





## DEATHS

Mariella Cleveland Greiner, 71, of Polson died of a heart attack at her home Feb. 7, 1993. She was born in Nelsonville, Oh. on Aug. 23, 1920. She moved to Polson after her marriage to Dean Greiner in 1947. She worked as a state employee until her retirement in 1981. Mariella was a avid knitter and enjoyed playing bridge. She was very family-oriented and loved to do things for her children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandy, and a son, Gary. Mariella is survived by her husband, Dean of Polson; two daughters, Debra Copeland of Kalispell and Pamela Greiner of Lynnwood, Wash.; three grandchildren; a sister, V. R. Hendrickson of Kent, Wash., and two brothers, Daniel Cleveland of Missouri and James Cleveland of Enumclaw, Wash. A memorial service was held at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home Chapel in Polson, with Rev. Oliver Bergeron officiating. Mariella descends from the Peter Wells line. (Thanks to Irene Hobbs, of Spring Valley, Ca. for sending this information)

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William "Elza" Wells, 90, of Hagerhill, Ky., died July 11, 1993 in the J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Elza was born Feb. 12, 1903, in Floyd County, a son of the late Winfield and Sally Burchett Wells. Surviving are his second wife Fonda Wells; two sons, Leland Kermit Wells, Hager Hill and Roger Wells, Brownsville, Texas; seven daughters, Alleine Dunsieith, Crossville, Tenn., Phyllis Russell, Miami, Fla., Paula Jean Rethelford, Lakeland, Fla., Greta Click, Auxier, Sally Jane Morris, Vandalia, Ohio, Carol Ward of Xenia, Ohio and Billie Wells of Hagerhill; Two brothers , Truman Wells of Rush and Tom Wells of Van Lear; a sister, Opal Derosset of Michigan; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The funeral was under the direction of Jones and Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, with Joe Hill and Frank Osborne, officiating with burial in the Lakeview Cemetery, Staffordsville.

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Georgia Spears Steenburgh, 76, of West Van Lear, died June 27, 1993. She was born March 29, 1917, in Johnson County, to the late Martin and Bertha Combo Spears. Her husband, George Steenburgh, died in 1962. She is survived by a son Charles Steenburgh of East Point, Ky and two daughters, Lavonne Kiger of West Van Lear and Karen Fitch of Springfield, Ohio; three sisters, Janette Webb of Grayson, Ky, Eula Collins of Van Lear and Hazel Goble of Prestonsburg; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville by Jerry Scott, with burial in the Highland Memorial Cemetery in Staffordsville. Georgia descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears line.

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Robert A. Wells, 76 of Huber Heights, Ohio and formerly of Paintsville died June 7, 1993 at Hospice of Dayton. Robert was the son of the late Dr. Jacob A. and Lillie Belle James Wells. He was



retired from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, was a Navy veteran of World War II, a member of the VFW Post #3293 and one of the original members of the Huber Heights Seniors Incorporated group. Surviving are his wife, Clarice Walker Wells; one daughter, Carolyn Cadwallader of Centerville, Ohio; one sister, Alice Watters of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, James Wells of Indiana; and three grandchildren. Marker & Heller Funeral Home of Hubert Heights, Ohio was in charge of arrangements. Graveside services were held June 12 at the Wells-Buckingham Cemetery in Paintsville. Robert descends from Dr. William G. and Mary Butcher Wells.

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Clarice J. Wells, 73, of Huber Heights, Ohio, formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died June 19, 1993. Clarice was born September 9, 1919 in Portsmouth, Ohio the daughter of the late Elijah E. and Jeanette M. Walker. She was retired from the Springfield school system. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert A. Wells, on June 7, 1993. Surviving are one daughter, Carolyn Cadwallader; and three grandchildren. Graveside services was held June 26, 1993 at Siloan Cemetery in South Shore, with Marker and Heller Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Sally Wells Hall, 93, died May 13, 1993 in Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 7, 1900 in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Noah and Louise Butcher Wells. She was a member of the First Church of God. Sally was preceded in death by her husband Jack Hall, in 1968. Surviving two sons, Douglas Hall of Paintsville and Paul Hall of Alderson, West Va. two daughters, Mabel Durachinsky and Emogene Yerick, both of Cleveland, Oh.; on brother, Edward Wells of Floyd County; three sisters, Verna Auxier of Mansfield, Oh., Bertie Adkins of Van Lear and Beatrice Fitch of W. Van Lear; and 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Funeral was held May 16th in Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Matthew Boyles officiating. Burial was in Johnson County Memorial Park at Staffordsville. Sally descended from George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells line.

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Walter R. Wells, 74, died May 13 in Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born April 5, 1919 in Pike County, to the late Richard Sr. and Vina Arrowood Wells. He was a retired furniture dealer, member of the Pikeville United Methodist Church, past master of Thomas C. Cecil Lodge #375 F&AM, Pikeville Independent School board member and was a charter member of the Green Meadow Country Club. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rhea Francisco Wells. surviving are four daughters, Patricia May, Beverly Mims and Jane Ratliff, all of Pikeville, and Peggy Wallen of Stanville; one brother, R. G. Wells Jr. of Morristown, Tenn.; and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral was on May 15 under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home Inc. of Pikeville, with Rev. Edward Coleman officiating. Burial was in Johnson Memorial Park at Pikeville.

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Alleine Gertrude Vance McGuire, 85, of Bellefonte, Ky, died June 8,



1993 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Russell, Ky. Mrs. McGuire was born Feb. 12, 1908 to the late Henry Wise and Mahala Jane Salyer Vance. She was a former owner of Alleine's Boutique and a former seamstress and writer. She was a member of the Westwood Christian Church, and member of the Ashland Lioness Club, a Kentucky colonel, and past president of the Westwood Woman's Club. Surviving are her husband, Fred McGuire, three daughters, Peggy Pauline Boggs and Patricia Fern Nunley, both of Topeka, Kan., and Alfreda Kay Beaver of Columbus, Ohio; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at Caniff Funeral Home in Westwood by Rev. Jerry Ginnan and entombment was at the Rose Hill Mausoleum, Ashland, Kentucky.

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## CONGRATULATIONS



Lissa Suzanne Lewis, graduated with Honors from Oak Ridge, Tn. High School, and plans to continue her education at Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tn. until she transfers to Clemson Military Institute in North Carolina. She is the daughter of Paul Cuthbertson and Suzanne Edgel Lewis Dantzler, and the granddaughter of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel.

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Christopher Beckes, graduated with High Honors from Elma, Wa. High School and has received an Athletic/Academic scholarship to Western Washington State University. Chris was lead singer in the Show Choir and does a terrific Elvis. He recently became an eagle Scout. He is the son Gary and Ginny Edgel Beckes and the grandson of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel, Both Chris and Lissa descends from Rosanna Wells Spears.

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Lisa Wells, Van Lear, Ky graduated from Johnson Central High School on May 28th. She is the daughter of Ray Wells and Vickie Corns Wells. Lisa descends from the George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. It is not known if or where she will continue her education.

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Teresa Wells, of Dwale, and the daughter of Bill and Ruth Campbell of Prestonsburg, and the spouse of Michael Wells was notified by the University of Kentucky school of Pharmacy that she was admitted to the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy without the necessity of interview. The college selects the students with the top scores on the PCAT (Pharmacy College Admissions Test) and top grades; these students are admitted without interviews. Thus, such admission is a great honor since many students apply for admission from all over the state and outside the state. Wells has been notified that she will receive a Merit Transfer Scholarship which will pay tuition and fees. She will graduate from PCC with associate of science degree.



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Kimberly A. Hall Willard: was selected by Florence Fowler, Academic Advisor to receive honorary award recognition by having her biography published in the 16th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List, 1992-93. The National Dean's list is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country recognizing academically comparable faculty representative. Each year 2,500 of our nation's finest colleges and universities use the publication as a special award to recognize their most outstanding students. Only 1/2 of 1% of our nation's college students receive this award. As a NDJ student, Kim may compete for a \$1,000 scholarship from the \$25,000 to be awarded this year and may use the Student Referral Service (SRS), graduate school or seeking employment. Each year approximately 2,000 newspapers nationwide publish announcements recognizing their local recipients. Kim is the daughter of Albert Lee and Georgia Richmond Hall of Brunswick, Ohio and descends from William G. Wells, Rose Anna Wells Spears and Agnes Wells Auxier line. Kim, The Wells Family commend you for your accomplishments.

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Angela Moore, graduated from Graham High School, at St. Paris, Ohio. Angela will be attending Capital University, Columbus, Ohio this fall and majoring in Art. Angela is the daughter of Tom and Christy Markley Moore and the granddaughter of Ralph and Maggie Wells Markley of Urbana, Ohio. Maggie serves on the Wells family board. Angela is a descendent of George E. Wells line through George Wash Wells.

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Kelly Bishop, graduated from Graham High School, at St. Paris, Ohio and will be attending Hobart Welding school this fall. Kelly is the son of Jerry and Donna Markley Bishop and grandson of Ralph and Maggie Wells Markley of Urbana, Ohio. Maggie serves on the Wells family board. Kelly descends from George E. Wells line through his son George Wash Wells.

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Nikki Bishop, daughter of Jerry and Donna Markley Bishop will be a junior at Bowling Green this fall majoring in Sociology. Nikki is assistant manager at city pool in Urbana where she has worked for three years. We did not get the information about Nikki's graduation from high school. Nikki is the granddaughter of Ralph and Maggie Wells Markley, of Urbana. Maggie is a member of the Wells family board. Nikki descends from George E. Wells through his son George Wash Wells.

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Jamie Wells, graduated from Shawnee High School, Springfield, Ohio and after a very short break entered engineering school in Columbus, Ohio. Jamie is the son of Roger and Mickie Wells of Springfield. Jamie is the grandson of the late John Wells and descends from George E. Wells line through his son George Wash Wells.

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Natasha Wells, graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science. She will be



entering Toledo University of Law, Toledo, Ohio this fall. Natasha is the daughter of Eddie Dole and Christina Wells, Cable, Ohio, and the grand-daughter of Edd Wells of Urbana. Natasha descends from the George E. Wells line through his son George Wash Wells.

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Bernita Wells, qualified for the state track and field tournament this past weekend at Powell County in the 3A regional tournament. Wells finished second in the region in the shot put with a distance of 28'8" finishing behind Phelps of Pulaski County. Bernita also finished second in the discus which double qualified her for the state competition. Head Coach Debbie Melvin was very pleased with the Johnson Central team this year since last year, the Eagles did not qualify anyone for the state tournament and they are looking forward to next year as they lose only one member of the girls squad. The state tournament will be May 28 and 29th at the University of Kentucky. Bernita is the daughter of Alex Samuel and Susan Goble Wells of Van Lear and she descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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Angela K. Wells, the daughter of Bob and Ricca Wells of Rt. 1, Greenup, Ky., and graduate of Greenup County High School has been awarded an Academic Scholarship to Ashland Community College for the 1993-94 academic year. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of academic achievement, leadership ability, school or community activities, college potential and recommendation from high school counselors. Angela is studying toward the medical field. Angela descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses and also descends from the Christopher Collins line.

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Todd Meade, has done it again in the Paintsville PRO-AMATEURS at the Paintsville Country club. He defeated David Layne and Shawn Armstrong to advance in the fourth flight. Todd won a set of golf clubs. Todd is the son of Anna Meade Wilson of Ashland who serves on the Wells Family Board. He descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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Ray "Buck" Collins, graduated from Martin County High School in May and has joined the Marines. I do not know where he is stationed. Ray is the son of the late Cathy Wells Collins and grandson of the Charles Wells and the late Minnie S. Wells. He descends from George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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## MARRIAGES

Shantel Ray and Charles "Chuck" McFaddin, were married on May 29, 1993 at the Staffordsville Freewill Baptist Church. Shantel is the daughter of Carol Brown Ray of Paintsville and Chuck is the son of George and Kathy McFaddin of Staffordsville. The bride was given in marriage by her brother Roger Ray. She chose a beautiful white satin wedding gown. Decorations were done by the All Occasions



Florist in colors of red and black. A reception was held at the church fellowship hall. Shantel is the granddaughter of Eyvand Brown and the late Betty Wells Brown. She descends from the George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier line.

Anna Lois Brown, and James "Jim" R. Wilson, were married on June 19, 1993 at The Christian Church, Ashland, Kentucky. Anna is the daughter of Eyvand Brown and the late Betty Wells Brown. Anna and Jim are residing in Ashland, Ky. Anna and Jim combined their honeymoon with work for a trip to Dallas, Texas where Anna attended a week at the Mary Kay Cosmetic Convention. While there they visited with Jim's daughter Kara Wilson. Ann is a sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetic. Anna descends from the late George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. She is the granddaughter of the late Ben and Anna Richmond Wells. Anna is a member of the Wells family board.

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### BIRTHS

Elise Nicole Wells, b. June 16, 1993, weight 4 lb. 14 oz. 19" long. She is the daughter of Linton (Beth Ferguson) Wells Jr. of Flatwoods, Ky. She is the granddaughter of Linton and Phyllis Meade Wells of Ashland. Linton descends from George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

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### REUNIONS

GREEN/GREENE FAMILY REUNION: The 29th. Annual Green/Greene Family Reunion will meet on second Sunday of August- August 8, 1993 at Armco Park in Summit, Ky, on Summit Road 716 off Rt. 60 west of Ashland, Ky. Shelter House # 1 -B. The time will be 10:00 am. - 4:00 pm. with dinner being served after 12:30 pm. Bring your family and food and lets get to know each other. The president is Samuel Logan Pennington of Minford, Oh. Phone 614-355-9056.

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WEBB REUNION: The Webb reunion was held on July 9-11 at the Radisson Plaza in Lexington. This reunion included the descendants of James Webb (1737-1825) of Letcher County, the father of James Webb Jr. Benjamin Webb, et al. The Webb's married into the Richard Wells family. Lyman and Ann Porter attended this reunion and reported that they had an excellent time and met many of our Webb/Wells cousins and look forward to attending again in two years. On Friday night they had a dinner cruise on the Kentucky river and on Saturday night they attended a banquet at the Radisson. Our Porter/Wells cousin Henry Martin from Richmond was the speaker for the evening. Henry Martin is the author of the PORTER book.

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**COLLINS REUNION:** The annual Collins reunion will be held on Saturday August 7, 1993. They will meet at Jenny Wiley State Park, Dewey Dam at Shelter # 2, below the spillway. The family will be having dinner at 12:00 pm. and you are asked to bring your favorite dishes and eat with your relatives. If you have any questions about the family ancestors, Virginia Edgel and Paulina Garza will be there to answer your questions. They both have researched the Collins line for many years.

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## !!! ATTENTION !!!

If you have old pictures of family/relatives that you would allow copied, then plan to bring them to the reunion this year. Our secretary, Tommie Cochran can make copies with her micro lens filter and you won't be letting your treasures out of your possession. We would love to copy them to use in future newsletters, but remember be prepared to identify the person or persons in the picture. Please remember to bring your old pictures and quick as soon as she "takes a picture of your picture" with her camera, you can take your original to your car and lock it up. We know how much you treasure these pictures, but we would love to make copies of them. Tommie will have a table set up to copy the pictures at the reunion.

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(This article was brought back from the Webb reunion by, Lyman and Ann Porter. I thought it was worth sharing with our Wells family)

### The Inevitable Laws of Genealogy

The records you need for family history were in the courthouse that burned.

John, son of Thomas, the immigrant whom your relatives claim as immigrant ancestor, died on board ship at the age of twelve.

The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated when the platform under him collapsed turned out to be a hanging.

Records show that the grandfather, whom the family boasted, "He read the Bible at four years and graduated from college at sixteen," was at the foot of his class.

Your grandmother's maiden named for which you've searched for years was on an old letter in a box in the attic all the time.

When at last you have solved the mystery of the skeleton in the closet the tight-lipped spinster aunt claimed, "I could have told you that all the time."

You never asked your father about his family because you weren't interested in genealogy while he was alive.





The family story your grandmother wrote for the family, never got past the typist. She packed it away "somewhere" and promised to send a copy but never did.

The relative who had all the family photographs gave them to her daughter who had no interest in genealogy and no inclination to share.

A great-uncle changed his surname because he was teased in school. He moved away left no address, and was never heard from again.

Brittle old newspapers containing the info you desired have fallen apart on the names and dates and places.

The only record you find for your great-grandfather is that his property was sold at a sheriff's sale for insolvency.

The portion of the index you need is continued in the next issue, only the publisher died prior to publication.

When you find the obituary for your grandmother the information is garbled. Her name is exchanged with her daughter's, the whereabouts of her sons is unknown, the date for her father's birth indicates he was younger than she.

The only surname not found among the three billion in the Mormon Archives is yours.

The vital records director sends you a negative reply, having just been insulted by a creep calling himself a genealogist.

The 4 volume, 4,800 page history of the county where your great-grandfather lived is not indexed.

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**ANOTHER GRAVE MARKED**

Another one of our relatives' graves has been marked. John Logan "Cooge" Clark, grave was marked by his daughters, Cloteen Clark Rice, Hager Hill, Ky., Betty Clark Farley, Chino, Calif., Polly Clark Wilder, Pamona, Calif. and Minta Clark Butcher, of Paintsville, Ky. The stone was purchased and set before Memorial Day. John Logan is the son of the late Samuel and Susan Wells Clark, and the grandson of William Green and Mary Butcher Wells. He is buried on Rt. 3 Daniels Creek, Johnson County, Ky., on the hill left of where the old Clark or Lower Daniels Creek School set at the mouth of the left hand fork. We are always happy to know another relatives' grave has been marked as its the goal of the Wells Association to see that all of the older graves are marked in time.

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**DONATIONS RECEIVED**

We do appreciate those of of you who are donating toward the expenses of the organization. The cost for each newsletter runs between \$300 and \$400, depending on the size. It is our most expensive project. Our relatives across the country have been great and expressed how much they mean to them. Tommie and I donate our time and, and I want to take this opportunity to thank



Virginia Edgel and Gloria Salley for helping me get the last one ready to mail. Phillip and Wanda Wells have helped on several occasions and Tommie and I appreciate all of their help including the faithfulness of my good husband Manford, who does a lot of running for us plus helping to get the newsletter ready for the mail. A special thanks goes out to all of you for everything you do. On behalf of the greatest board that I have ever worked with I thank you all, especially EACH OF YOU that have continued to send your DONATIONS and MEMORIALS, if it were not for you the task would be impossible. YOU ALL ARE GREAT. We could not do it with out you. May God bless you and yours...

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Lorraine Pounjian, donated \$100. to be used where the Organization needs it worse.

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Bernard A. Wells, Jr., Springfield, Va., 5/9/93 Dear Mary: Please accept this check toward the Associations expenses. I enjoy the newsletter very much. Keep up the good work! Bernard descends from William G. Wells and is the nephew of Charles M. Wells, Paintsville. Bernard send the Associations a \$25 check.

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Hobert J. Wells, Cincinnati, Ohio sent the Association a check for \$10. to just help out. Hobert you did not tell me the line you came down, please let me know?

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## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Mildred Wells Sturgill, Auxier, Kentucky has given \$100.00 in memory of her parents the late Richard "Dick" Wells, b. 3/14/1888-d. 5/7/1967 and Fanny Richmond Wells, b. 8/3/1895-d. 4/27/1970. Mildred is the widow of the late Rev. James Sturgill. She descends from George E. Wells thorough her father and from William G Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier through her mother.

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Richard Wells Watters, gave a \$25. memorial to the Organization in Memory of his uncle, Robert Wells, b. Oct. 14, 1916, d. Jn. 7, 1993 and his aunt, Clarice Jean Walker Wells, b. Sept. 9, 1919. Robert was the son of the late Dr. Jacob Allen Wells and Lillian Belle James Wells. Dr. Wells lived for many years in Floyd county, Ky. at Betsy Layne. He moved his practice to Paintsville and was one of the founders of the old Golden Rule Hospital. Richard Wells Watters is the son of Robert's sister Alice Wells Watters who resides in Columbus, Ohio with her son. She also sent me a recipe



for the Wells Cookbook. Richard we appreciate your contribution to the memorial fund in memory of your uncle and aunt.

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Lee and Georgia Richmond Hall sent a memorial to the Organization in Memory of Georgia's aunt, Georgia Spears Steenburgh of Van Lear.

Thank you all for your kindness and support.

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### 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 loved 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 a memorial contribution and as a receipt for your tax records.

Please accept \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a memorial contribution in honor/memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_ who is my

\_\_\_\_\_ (state relationship)

DONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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This is a picture of the marker on the Samuel Auxier II and Agnes Wells Auxier's grave. Agnes is the youngest daughter of the late Richard and Susannah Hutchinson Wells. The cemetery where they are buried is approximately 5 miles south of Paintsville, just off Rt. 23. A coal company sets on the left side of the highway near the airport. The coal company has a parking lot next to the highway and just behind the parking lot, you will find a fenced cemetery where they are buried.





This picture was provided by Georgia Richmond Hall. It is a picture of the Lower Daniels Creek (Clark School) class of school year approximately 1934-36. **Front Row**, left to right: Polly Clark, Charlie Delong, Boot Sester, Betty Viors, Betty Clark, Georgia Richmond, Manford Walton, Cooter Ramey, Terry Ramey, Irvin Combs, Junior Combs, **Back Row**: Dean Viors, Virginia Combs, Audry Sester, Viola Delong, Shirley Fannin, Cloteen Clark, Viola Combs, Barns McReynolds, Hansford Fannin, Joel Richmond, Marvin Sester, Raymond Vires, Teacher: Arley Caudill.







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