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The winter is over and Spring is here. I wake up to the birds singing each morning and I must say it isn't too soon after the winter we have had this year.

Tommie Cochran and I have been very busy since the 93 reunion. We have been working on plans for the April board meeting and getting this newsletter out. We both have limited time to spare due to responsibilities with our employment.

I have received a lot of correspondences and attempt to answer all of them except those that I pass on to Paula Wells, chairperson of the historical committee. I do appreciate Paula and her faithful commitment to the historical committee. I received several letters in the month of March including one from Harry Holbrook. He is working with the Johnson County Historical Committee in an effort to identify graves in the different cemeteries in Johnson county. This is a great project that they have undertaken. I also had a letter from Sandra Sandifur, who is the daughter of Christopher Columbus and Betty Vires Collins of Taylor, Michigan. I received another letter from her cousin Don Collins of Wenatchee, Washington, the son of Jessie Collins of Daniel's Creek. I grew up with both of their parents. I am real pleased to hear that Sandra and Don both are interested in genealogy and learning more about the family. They both descend from George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears. The Wells Association needs young family members that will take an interest and help keep the organization active when we are no longer able to do so. I think most of you remember our cousin, Orval Wells, of Lawton, Ok., well I had a nice letter from Orval Wells. He and his two sisters Sylvia, age 91 and Violetta, age 84 are doing very well. Sylvia and Violetta maneuver with the help of a walker. Orval is 81 years young, and is still doing the driving and shopping. Orval's grandson is playing Soccer and basket ball for a local school and he goes to about every game to see him play. His granddaughter, Shannon, is in her second year at a Bible college in Springfield, Mo. Orval states that they live 40 miles north of the Red River which divides Okla. and Texas. He goes to Texas every year to gather the big paper shell pecans. He also gathers peaches there. Orval would love to come to the reunion, and hopes that his son will be able to bring him as he did in 1992. He also extends an invitation for me to visit him at his home in Okla., Manford and I may take him up on the invitation after I retire in Feb. 95. Orval descends from George E. and Elizabeth DeLong Gains Wells line through their son Hiram Brownlow Wells. I do hope to see all of you at the 94 reunion.

Please mark your calendar now for the 1994 Wells Family Reunion. It is only four months

away and this will go fast. Make arrangements with your employer and family to keep the Labor Day Weekend free. The reunion will be September 3rd and 4th this year. We are looking forward to seeing you there. The board will meet April 23rd. at Jenny Wiley to make plans for the reunion. Don't forget to begin making your items for the Bazaar. And I am sure there will be some surprises for all of us. Anne Porter and Randy Wells would like to have some candy and baked goods included in the auction this year.

JOYCE WELLS, MANSFIELD, OHIO SENT ME THIS WELLS FAMILY REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1915 WELLS FAMILY REUNION. I FELT YOU WOULD APPRECIATE THIS ARTICLE. APPARENTLY IT WAS AN ARTICLE FROM THE PAINTSVILLE HERALD. JOHN B. WELLS III, EITHER SHOWED ME OR GAVE ME A COPY OF THE ARTICLE THAT HE HAD FROM THE PAPER OF THE RESULTS OF THIS REUNION. IF I CAN OBTAIN IT I WILL HAVE IT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. SEVERAL OF US WHO HAVE A PICTURE OF THE 1915 REUNION KNOW HOW MANY WERE IN ATTENDANCE. SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS INCLUDING MYSELF TRIED TO COUNT THOSE IN THE PICTURE AND COUNTED MORE THAN 800. SOME OF YOU EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN OBTAINING A COPY OF THE PICTURE. I WILL MAKE EVER EFFORT TO HAVE MY 1915 PICTURE COPIED. IF YOU WANT A COPY, CONTACT ME. MY ADDRESS AND PHONE IS LISTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

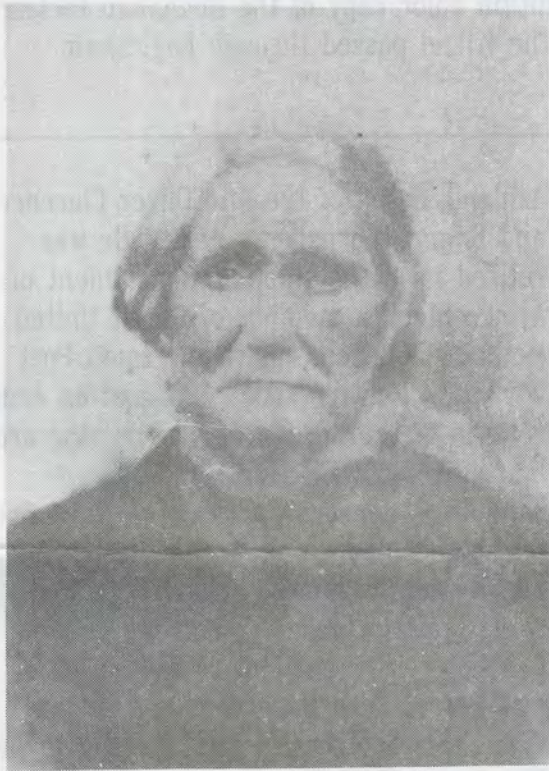
WELLS FAMILY REUNION

The local descendants of Richard Wells are making extensive preparations for a re-union of all the descendants of this pioneer settler of Johnson County Kentucky. They have arranged for an old fashioned barbecue, to be held on the 13th of November, 1915, on Daniels Creek, at the grave of their ancestor, over which the United States Government has recently erected a monument with an inscription thereon showing Richard Wells to have been an Orderly Sergeant in the Virginia Corps of the Revolutionary Army. All the descendants of this pioneer are cordially invited to attend. A complete program is being arranged by Dr. John P. Wells and J.K. Wells of this place.

The Richard Wells mentioned in the above paragraph, lived with his father and seven uncles on Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, until the year 1773 when one of his uncles, George Wells, who was a practicing physician, took him to Virginia, Richard joined the Virginia army and fought for two terms in the Revolutionary War. Afterwards George and Richard went to Augusta, Georgia, where George practiced his profession and became wealthy. Richard, partaking of the nomadic temperament of his family, wandered back to Virginia and there married Susan Hutchinson. While in Virginia, Richard learned that Dr. George Wells had been killed in a duel, which he fought with General Abram Jackson and had left considerable property to Richard. However, when Richard went to Augusta to claim his inheritance, he found that a Mr. Jones, brother to Mrs. George Wells, had qualified as Administrator of the estate and had possession of same. In some manner the Jones' decoyed Richard, who was then an old man to a deserted portion of the city and threatened to take his life if he again attempted to do anything about the property. He then left Augusta, returned to Virginia and soon afterwards journeyed to the Big Sandy River, where he had many times visited while engaged in scouting expeditions against the Indians. Two of his sons stopped on the Kanawha River in what is now West Virginia and made their homes there. The Family of Wells pitched their tents on Daniels Creek, a tributary of John's Creek, and soon hewed substantial homes from the surrounding forests. Here they lived, blazing trails.

AGNES WELLS AUXIER, b. Dec. 7, 1820 in Va., d. May 2, 1909 in Ky. Agnes Wells was the

tenth child born to Richard and Susannah Hutchinson Wells. Richard Wells and his family resided in Scott County Virginia until he moved his family to eastern Kentucky around 1919-20. The 18 year old Agnes married Samuel Auxier II on May 2, 1838 and her father Richard died on May 18, 1838. Agnes was the second wife of Samuel Auxier II, b. Aug., 7, 1791, d. Dec., 13, 1883. He was the son of Samuel and Sarah Brown Auxier. Samuel II, first wife was Rebecca Phillips and eleven children were born to this union.



Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier had five children which were as listed below:

1. Margaret L. Auxier, b. 2-11-1838, d. ? m. 5/8/1855, L. Dow Chambers
2. Elijah Brown Auxier, b. 10-12-1841, d. 2/17-1910, m. 4/30-1863, Margaret Richmond, b. 9-27-1837, d. 9-5-1910 from Scotland.
3. William Lewis Auxier, b. 11-26-1843, d. 4-13-1900, m. Louise Ford
4. James K. Polk Auxier, b. 3-5-1845, d. 4-2-1926, m. 1-7-1868, Emaline Spradlin
5. Susan Angeline Auxier, b. 3-20-1849, d. 8-9-1890, m. 5-16-1869 John Richmond, b. 5-16-1839, d. 9-20-1897 from Scotland.
6. Nancy Auxier, b. ? d. in infancy

Agnes Wells Auxier was widowed at the age of 63. At the age of 73 Agnes married in Johnson

Jason was a grandson of the late Hobert and Abbie G. Richmond Wells of Johns Creek, Van Lear. He is survived by his father and two sisters. Patricia Wells Soto of Lexington, Ky and Jennifer Wells of Alton. Jason descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells and daughter Agnes Wells Auxier line. His great grandfather was Moses Wells the twin brother of Aaron Wells. Burial was in Alton, Illinois.

Delbert Leland Wells, 62, of Auxier, died February 15, 1994 in Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Delbert was born December 24, 1931, in Auxier, a son of the late Sherman and Emma Goble Wells. He was owner of Wells Grocery, a member of Zebulon Lodge 273 F&AM in Prestonsburg, Disabled American Veterans 18 in Auxier, and an Air Force veteran. Surviving are two sons, Randy Wells of Falmouth and Jeff Wells of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Charlotte Burchett of Prestonsburg and Cindy Wells of Allen; two brothers, Earnest Wells of Prestonsburg and Raymond Wells of Paintsville; four sisters, Mary Elizabeth McClelland of Alexandria, Anna Mae Garrett, Yvonne Reatherfort and Sue Webb, all of Prestonsburg; and six grandchildren. The funeral was under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home in Prestonsburg with the Rev. Bobby Spencer, officiating. Burial was in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery. A military graveside service was conducted by Disabled Veterans Chapter 18 of Auxier. Delbert descends from the George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells line through their son Lewis Wells.

Mamie Barnhill Wells McPeek, 80, of

Ashland, died January 28, 1994 in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland. She was born May 25, 1913, in Carter County a daughter of the late William David and Rebecka Elam Barnhill. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Scott Wells. Surviving are her husband Burl S. McPeek; six stepsons, Sterling McPeek of Ashland, Bob McPeek of Seagrove, N.C., Bill McPeek of Orlando, Fla., Ronnie McPeek and Larry McPeek, both of Chicago, and Jack McPeek of Fairborn, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Cecil (Marietta) Wells Stephens of Flatwoods; two stepdaughters, Lois Vita of Fairfax, Va., and Barbara Hovey of Merrellville, Ind.; two sisters, Arla Alexander of Morehead and Irene Lance of Ocala, Fla.; and two grandchildren. John Steen Funeral Home-Ashland was in charge of the arrangements with the Rev. Henry Mahan, officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Burial Park. Mamie's late husband Richard Scott Wells was the son of the late George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

Mary B. Roberts Wells Counts, 90, of Xenia, Ohio, formerly of Auxier, died April 1, 1994 in Hospitality East Nursing Home in Xenia. Mrs. Counts was born April 1, 1904, at Osborne, a daughter of the late L.J. and Rhoda Osborne Roberts. Her second husband Rondeau Counts, preceded her in death. She was a retired teacher. Surviving are two sons, Kermit Wells of Hager Hill and Roger Wells of McAllen, Tx.; six daughters, Janice A. Dunseith of Crossville, Tenn., Phyllis Russell of Miami Shores, Fla., Paula Jean True of Lakeland, Fla., Greta Click of Auxier, Sally Morris of Enon, Ohio, and Carol Ward of Xenia; two brothers, Elmer Roberts of Taylor, Mich.,

and Carl Roberts of Ashland; two sisters Arminta Hill of Phoenix, Ariz., and Faustina Painter of Seattle, Wash.; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the directions of the Floyd Funeral Home in Prestonsburg. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg. Mrs. Counts' first husband descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Evalean Crum Horn, 60. died. 11/20/93 in Michigan. She was born 10/3/1933 the daughter of Estel and Rosie Collins Crum Stafford of Martin County. Survived by a son, Michael Horn and a daughter, Teresa Grahek, Virginia. Burial was in Michigan. Evelean descends from Richard Wells through his daughter, Rose Anna Wells Spears' line.

Carrie Music Wells, 89, of Auxier, died January 18, 1994 in Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg. Mrs. Wells was born June 26, 1904, at Bays Branch, a daughter of the late William Jefferson and Laura Honeycutt Music. Her husband, Leonard Wells, died in 1949. She was preceded by her brother Okra on December 12, 1993. Surviving are two daughters, Laura Wells of Martin, TN. and Jean Hunt of Laurel, MD.; four sons, Lloyd Wells of Auxier, Charles B. Wells and John Thomas Wells, both of Lawrenceburg, and Ronald Ray Wells of Georgetown; a sister, Edna Sherman of Andersonville, GA.; two brothers, Ted Music of Newport, VA., and William Music of Dawson Springs; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of

Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg with the Rev. Russ Holland officiating. The burial was in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery. Mrs. Wells, son Lloyd is parliamentarian for the Wells Family Association board. Mrs. Wells husband Leonard descend from Richard Wells through his sons George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

Elsa Wells Goble, 87, d. January 10, 1994 in a rest home at Xenia, Ohio. She was born 1907 the daughter of the late William Riley & Lavata Jane Crider Wells of Floyd County. Her husband Billy Goble preceded her in death. Elsa is the first cousin of Opal Wells DeRossett who serves on the Wells Family board. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

Willie Alvis Burchett, 52, of Auxier, d. December 27, 1993 at his home. Mr. Burchett was born August 31, 1941, at Auxier, the son of Ola Wells and the late James L. Burchett. He was retired from the United States Air Force. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anita Burchett, in 1988. Surviving are one son, David Burchett of Auxier; one daughter, Barbara Burchett of Prestonsburg; two brothers, James Burchett of Lexington and Franklin Burchett of Auxier; one half brother, Melvin Wells of Auxier; one sister, Linda Pack of Pyramid, one grandchild. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 30 at the Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Father Beiting officiating. Burial was in the Ford Gap Cemetery at Auxier. Mr. Wells wife Ola descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Ali Joe Collins, 71, of Van Lear, d. January 4, 1993 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He was born Aug. 14, 1922, in Johnson County, a son of the late Perry and Callie Spriggs Collins. He was a retired coal miner and a member of Local 5898. Surviving are his wife, Virginia Collins; four sons, Ali Collins Jr. of Dallas, TX., Vernon Collins of Vermillion, OH. Darrell Collins of Sheffield Lake, OH. and Harold Collins of Paintsville, KY.; seven daughters, Sharon Collins and Carol Rowe, both of Sheffield Lake, Lavonne Albert of Seven Hills, OH., Evalene Caudill of Van Lear, KY., Eloise Conley and Darlene Reynolds, both of Paintsville, and Marlene Williamson of Memphis, TN.; 26 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. The funeral was under the directions of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. Burial was in the Collins family cemetery on Daniels Creek. Ali Joe's mother, Callie, was raised by Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Wells, and he was an uncle of Arthur Collins, Virginia Edgel and Paulina Garza who are members of the Wells Family Association Inc.

William Garnard Russell, died January 6, 1994 at his home in Tipp City, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Emma Jean Wells Russell. His wife is the daughter of the late Sherman and Lillie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Emma Jean is the sister of Clara Preston and Maggie Markley who serve on the Wells Family board.

Mary Ella Lappin Wells, 68, died 11/24/93 at her home in Morehead. Mrs. Wells was born Oct. 10, 1925 in Rowan county to Ruth Anglin Lappin of Morehead and the

late Warren C. Lappin. Her husband, James W. "Toodles" Wells, died in 1971. She was retired as an assistant registrar at Morehead State University for 30 years. Additional survivors include three sons, James W. Wells, William L. Wells and Robert L. Wells, of Morehead. The arrangements were under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals. The Rev. Harold Tackett, officiated with burial in the Lee Cemetery in Morehead.

Sara Wells, 95, died 12/4/93 in Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Sara was born May 19, 1898, in Johnson County to the late William and Mollie Morris Wells. She was a retired teacher. Surviving are two brothers, George C. Wells, of Pikeville and Charles M. Wells of Paintsville; one sister, Pearl Short of Paintsville. The funeral was under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with Bill Pollack officiating. Burial was in the Wells Family cemetery. Sara descends from Richard Wells through the William G. Wells line.

Okra Music, 84, died 12/12/93 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Mr. Music was born 10/29/1909, in Floyd County, the son of the late William Jefferson & Laura Honeycutt Music. He was a member of the Whitaker Freewill Baptist Church and a retired miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Spencer Music. Surviving are one son, Donald Ray Music of Nippa; two brothers, Ted Music of New Port, Virginia and Abe Music of Dawson Springs; two sisters, Carrie Wells, who passed away on 1/18/94, of Auxier and Edna Sherman of Georgia; 14 grandchildren and nine

great-grandchildren. The funeral arrangements were under the directions of Prestons Funeral Home, Paintsville. Burial was in the Music Family Cemetery at East Point. Mr. Music's late sister, Carrie Wells, was the widow of the late Leonard Wells. He descend from Richard Wells though George E. Wells & Moses Wells.

Minta Clark Butcher, 60, d. March 14, 1994 in the Central Baptist Hospital. Minta had been sick for several years and had underwent angioplasty surgery. Efforts were being made by her doctor to remove a tumor after she was stabilized. The tumor ruptured and Minta was rushed into surgery in an effort to save her life but she had an Aneurysm. Minta was born April 16, 1933 in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Logan and Maggie Wells Clark. She is survived by a son Jimmy Butcher, of Dayton, Ohio; and three sisters, Betty Farley of Chino, Calif., Polly Wilder of Pomona, Calif., and Cloteen Rice of Hager Hill. The funeral was under the direction of Jones-Prestons funeral home, Paintsville with Rev. Keith Cozort officiating. Burial was in the Rice family cemetery, Hager Hill, Ky. Minta descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and George E. Wells.

Lois Wells, 59, died March 10, 1994, at King's Daughters' Medical Center. Lois was born July 15, 1934, in Johnson County, Lois is the daughter of the late Arthur and Jenny Ward Wells, She was an employee with American Standard for 22 years. Surviving are one son, Frank Wells, of Van Lear; three brothers, Charles Wells of Tutor Key, Jerry Wells of Thornville, Ohio and Paul Wells of Van Lear; three

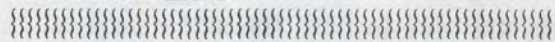
sisters, Carol Davis of Van Lear, Frances Honaker of Bowling Green and Janet Vance of Severn, Maryland; and one grand-daughter. The arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston funeral home, with Larry Blair officiating. Lois descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

Cleabern Wells, 57, died March 11, 1994 at the University of Louisville Hospital. Cleabern was born October 21, 1936, the son of Kermit and Alka Spriggs Wells. He was retired from Martiki Coal Company and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Surviving are his parents; his wife, Janet Elaine Muncy Wells; one stepson, Stevie Sumpter of Louisa; three daughters, Debra Fugate and Jeannie Spears, both of Paintsville, and Tammy Wells of Lakeville, Minnesota; one brother, Cleo Wells of Meally; one sister, Carol Bush of Winchester; and seven grandchildren. Arrangements were under the Jones-Preston Funeral home with Gary Blair and A. A. Frederick officiating.

Harold Green, 102, Ashland, Ky. d. 12/29/93. He was born 7/1/1891 the son of William Martin and Susan White Green. Surviving are two sons, Paul Green and Harold Green Jr. of Ashland. He descends from Lewis Green.

James Barker, 76 d. 6/8/93 in Westwood. He was born 7/7/17 the son of Lonnie and Nora Sturgill Barker. He is survived by two sons, Charles Barker, Ashland, and Larry Barker, Lexington, Ky., two daughters, Wanda Douglas, Hobert, Ind. and Lavanne McNeal, Ashland. James

descended from the Lewis Green and Peter Hutchinson lines.



SICKNESS

Mitchel Delong Jr. , Delight Wells Hall, Mildred Wells Sturgill, Anna L. Brown Wilson, Eyvand Brown, Pam & Patrick Haynish, Douglas Quallach, Opal Wells DeRossett, Dorothy Collins Crum, Dallas Collins, Alex Wells, Susie Goble Wells, Betty Clark Farley, Georgia Richmond Hall, Gloria Spears Sallie, Betty Clark Farley, Eula Spears Collins, Delight Wells Hall, Mildred Wells Sturgill, Genene Wells, Eula Spears Collins.

HOSPITALIZATION

Arthur Collins, of Greenup County was admitted to Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital on 1/19/94 after finding out that he had pneumonia. Arthur and his wife, Wanda, both serve on the Wells Family board. Arthur serves on the recruitment committee and Wanda on the nomination committee. His daughter Tommie is the secretary for the association. Arthur is the son of the late Frank and Victoria Pennington Collins and descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Anna Wells Spears.

Dortha Wells Music, of Van Lear, had foot surgery recently. Dortha is recuperating at the Mountain Manor, in Prestonsburg. She plans to be there approximately five weeks and then return to her home. Dortha is the wife of the late Frank Music. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. and Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells.

Jack Ray Hall, of Louisville, was a patient at a local hospital to have his third Pacemaker installed. Jack had his first in 1976, the second one 1980. This one is the cadillac of pacemakers. He will no

longer have to worry about microwave ovens etc. Jack has had many health problems and was scheduled for a biopsy on March 23rd. Jack is married to Delight Wells Hall and she descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Stanley Keel, of Van Lear, was in a Lexington Hospital recently where he had Angioplasty Surgery. Stanley had suffered a heart attach several years ago. I hear that he is home recuperating with special attention from his wife Judy. Stanley descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

Marty Bachelor Downing, of Maysville, Ky underwent a triple by-pass heart surgery in September 1993 in Lexington.. She is recuperating with special attention from her husband at their home in Maysville. Marty is the daughter of the late T.C. and Norsa Wells Batchelor. She descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells. She is first cousin of Paula Wells who is a member of the Wells Family board.

Reatha Lou Williamson Blackburn, was patient in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland. I have talked with Reatha almost daily and she is doing well. She fractured her toe and is scheduled to see a bone specialist. Reatha is the daughter of the late Aud and Julia Music Williamson. She descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

Unoka (Nokie) Wells Frisby, was a patient in a Louisville hospital after going through open heart surgery on March 16th. She was released on April 28 and I visited her

that day while I was in Louisville. She is receiving constant care from her husband, Sokie, son, Dick and a home care nurse. Nokie had open heart surgery fourteen years ago and then she had Angioplasty (balloon) surgery. She had gallbladder surgery in the spring of 1993 from which she recuperated and was able to attend the 1993 reunion. Nokie descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Phyllis Wells Blevins, Van Lear, Ky., had surgery Dec. 15, 1993. She was discharged from the hospital on December 18th. Phyllis is the daughter of Margie Goble Wells and the late Beecher Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells line.

Lucille Wells Patton, of Auxier is presently in a Prestonsburg convalescent home. Lucille has been suffering from Alzheimers for some years and her children have provided constant care for her until she had a stroke in February. Lucille has always been a faithful member of the Wells Family Reunion. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Bufford Wells Delong, has spent time in the hospital during 12/93. She is presently home recuperating with special care from her husband Mitchell Junior. Bufford is the daughter of the late Brownlow Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Murl Wells Collins, Wabash, IN. has been in the local hospital where she underwent

Angioplasty (balloon) surgery. After coming home she ended up going back a second time to have the same surgery again. Murl's husband Dallas needs to have the same surgery, but is putting his off until she is well. Dorothy Fannin of Hager Hill went to Wabash to assist her mother while recuperating. Murl descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears. She is a daughter of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells.

Roger Dean Wells, Springfield, Ohio, underwent surgery recently in a local hospital. He is presently home recuperating. Roger is the son of Margie Goble Wells of Van Lear, Ky., and the late Beecher Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Kenny Collins, Ashland, Ky underwent Angioplasty surgery in January at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington. He had a speedy recovery and is presently back to work. Kenny is the son of the late John Wallace and Ethel Collins. Kenny descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

Janice Wells Adkins, of Ohio underwent throat surgery to have two polyps removed from her vocal chord. She is home receiving that special care from her husband Paul. Janice is the daughter of Pearl Wells, Van Lear, Ky., and the late Elmer Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

Trudy Butcher Blevins, and her husband Keith from Van Lear are expecting their

first baby. Trudy has been in the hospital with complications, according to a cousin Delores Booth. Keith is a grandson of Margie Goble Wells and the late Beecher Wells. Trudy descends from Richard Wells through Mary Wells Butcher and Keith through George E. Wells line.

Denise Wells Perry, Ashland, spent time in the Our Lady Of Bellefonte Hospital. She was released New Years day and will be going back for further test within two weeks. Denise is the daughter of Phillip & Wanda Wells of Ashland. Both serve on the Wells Family board, and descend from Richard Wells through George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

Precilla Richmond, Van Lear, had gall bladder surgery 12/20/93 and is at her parents home recuperating. She is the daughter of Sam & Judy Cline Richmond. Precilla is in the last year of nursing school at Prestonsburg, Ky. She is the granddaughter of the late Bill & Myrtle Spears Richmond and descends from Richard Wells through, William G. Wells, Rose Ann Wells Spears and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Births

William Jefferson Wells, born October 8, 1993 to Carl Wayne and Irene Diaz Wells of Key Largo, Florida. William is the youngest of four children. He is the grandson of Margie Goble Wells of Van Lear, Ky., and the late Beecher Wells. William descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Abigail Sheulin Baker, was born November 15, 1993 to Jeffrey and Marilyn Baker, of Ohio. Abigail is the granddaughter of Lex

and Neva Sue Wells Baker of Ohio. She descends from Pearl Wells, Van Lear, Ky., and the late Elmer Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

Logan Alexander Cline, was born October 15, 1993 weighing 8 lb. 15 oz. She is the daughter of Ron & Kim Wells Cline, of Inez. The paternal grandparents are Jo Cline and the late P. L. (Bud) Cline, and the maternal grandparents are Dwayne Wells of Van Lear, and Jenny Wells of Paintsville. Kim descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells, William G. Wells, George E. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Logan is the first great-grandchild of Nevard & Genene Wells of Van Lear.

Jared Thomas Kestner, born Nov. 22, 1993 to the proud parents Jerry and Jo Wanna DeLong Kestner. Jared weighed 9 lb. and 6 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long. Jared is the grandson of Bill and Judy Kay Wells DeLong of Van Lear, Ky. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Jacob Holman True, was born November 19, 1993. The proud parents are Chuck and Michelle True. The paternal grandparents are Charles and Toby Wells True. Toby is the daughter of the late Crit Wells. Jacob descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. & Mary Butcher Wells line.

Amber Nicole Wilcox, b. November 12, 1993. The proud parents are Richard and Vernita Lynn Wells Wilcox of Van Lear, Ky. Amber weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 20-

1/2 inches long. Amber is the first granddaughter of Alex and Susie Goble Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Smyrna Bearden, born November 15, 1993 to Stephen & Robin Wells Bearden, Tennessee. She is the granddaughter of Freddy Lee & Joy Whittaker Wells of Medina, Ohio. Smyrna descends from Richard Wells.

Evan Wells, born June 6/8/93 in Lexington, Ky. to Mr. & Mrs. Bill Tom Wells. The grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Woody Wells Auxier. The great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. William Brown Wells. Evan descends from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells line.

Daniel Colin Edgel, b. 4/16/94 the son of Lynn & Karen Edgel, Republic, WA. This is the 25th grandchild of Lewis and Virginia Edgel. He descends from Rose Anne Wells Spears.

Christopher Shane Perry, b. 10/21/93. weighing 7 lb. 10 oz. the son of Eddie and Denise Wells Perry of Ashland. Christopher was welcomed by his brother Phillip. The grandparents are Phillip and Wanda Young Wells of Ashland. He descends from George E. Wells.

Marriages

Scott & Sandy Pediret Kovatch, were married 8/21/93 at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Scott and Sandy are presently attending graduate school in Michigan. Scott is the son of Willia Dean Wells Kovatch of Euclid, Ohio and the grandson of William Brown

Wells of Auxier, Ky. Sandy is from Switzerland. Scott descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Rod & Wendy Wells Lund, were married 7/30/93 at Westlake, Ohio. Wendy is the daughter of Charles Richard & Joyce Wells & granddaughter of the late Richard Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his sons Moses Wells & George E. Wells.

Kellie Jane Wells and Franklin Scott Stevenson, exchanged wedding vows in an evening ceremony Dec. 3 at Greenup Christian Church. The double ring vows were read by Bill Hancock, minister. Nuptial music was provided by Tom Stephens of Greenup, pianist and vocalist, and his wife, Anne, vocalist. The bride is the daughter of Bob and Ricca Wells of Greenup. The groom is the son of Forest and JoAnn Stevenson of South Portsmouth. Angela Kay Wells of Greenup served her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Dianna Click of Ashland, cousin of the bride, Johnna Jamison of South Shore, Julia VanBibber of South Portsmouth and Amanda Caseman of Sciotoville, Ohio. Stephen Larcher of South Portsmouth was best man, Groomsman were Danny Stevenson of South Shore, Forrest W. Stevenson of Spartanburg, S.C., and Jeff Bruce of Dayton, Ohio, the groom's brothers. Other attendants were Megan Mantz of St. Augustine, Fla. cousin of the bride, as flower girl and Justin Stevenson of Portsmouth, Ohio, son of the groom, as ring bearer. Mrs. Stevenson graduated from Greenup County High School and attended Shawnee State University in Portsmouth. She is an assistant manager

at Maurice's Inc. in New Boston, Ohio. Mr. Stevenson graduated from McKell High School in South Shore and is employed with the Boilermakers Local Union 105 in Chillicothe, Ohio. following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple is residing at 7100 E. Front St., Sciotoville.

The bride descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells line. Her grandparents are the late Herman and Maggie Collins Wells.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Students that have made the honor roll during the fall semester. Some of them made all A's while others made 3.5 -4.0 gpa. We are proud of each of the Wells young people and look forward to them getting involved in the Wells Family Association.

Jacob Wells, Paintsville, High; Kelly Collins, Bernitta Wells, Johnson Central High; Tonya Collins, Prestonsburg Community College; Erin Collins, Flat Gap Elementary. Renee Sallie, Ashland Community College.

Don McFaddin, took the oath Monday as Johnson County sheriff. Don is the son of Grandaline Wells McFaddin. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

Jeff Jackson, graduated 6/93 as Salutatorian of his class and received a two-year scholarship to Liberty College in Lynchburg, Virginia. Jeff is the son of Larry & Debbie Baker Jackson of Mentor,

Oh. The maternal grandparents are Lex & Neva Sue Wells Baker of Willoughby, Oh. Jeff descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Rose Ann Wells Spears. He is the great-grandson of Pearl Wells, Van Lear, Ky.

Angie Wells, a teacher in Wabash, Ind., accompanied the youth group at her church on a trip to Jamaica and then to Mexico with her school students. Angie is the daughter of Jacke Wells & granddaughter of William Brownlow Wells. Angie descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Jeffery Spears, of Flatwoods, Ky., graduated from the University of Kentucky Law school in May. Jeff is the son of Lennon and Mary Alice Nolen Spears and descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears and William Green Wells lines. His wife Michelle Miller Spears graduated from Transylvania University, Lexington where she went on a full academic scholarship. I am told by Jeff's aunt that he and Michelle are residing in Virginia where she is working and Jeff is in the Military.

Zella Wallace Wells, Superintendent Frank L. Hamilton recently announced the appointment of Zella Wallace Wells as acting assistant principle at Johnson Central High School. Wells fills the vacancy created by former assistant principal Steve Tremble being named to the post of middle school principal. Wells joins assistant principal Gerald P. Preston and principal Thomas Swartz on the high school administrative team. Wells has a wealth of educational experiences on which to draw to support her new position: 21 years as a high school math teacher, supervisory roles for the Johnson County Board of Education and Prestonsburg Community College adjunct

instructor. Her professional activities include JCEA past president (three terms); EKEA past president and board of directors; various KEA committees and presently sits on the KEA board of directors; 1993 delegate to NEA; presently holds membership in the Eastern Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics (president and Distinguished Service Award), KCTM (board of directors), NCTM (teacher advisory panel); Kentucky Department of Education advisory committees, including math advisory to advanced systems, textbook adoption, KIRIS Math Standard Setting Team, Kentucky Testing and Internship (chair and KTIP Instrument Revision (chair). Wells' community activities include membership on the city of Paintsville Tourism and Convention Commission, PCC Chorus, UK Alumni Association (Big Sandy Chapter executive and scholarship committees), Van Lear Historical Society, Jenny Wiley Drama Association and the Mayo Methodist Church (organist, trustee, administrative board, Ashland District Board of Laity.) Wells earned her Rank I in education administration from the University of Kentucky. She entered the EDE Distinguished Educator Program last fall and is presently in training for that role for the coming school year. She is the daughter of Robert and Jane Wallace of Prestonsburg. Zella is the mother of Thomas Cyrus Wells and grandmother of Britton Dean and Sara Elizabeth Wells of Paintsville. They descend from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

APPRECIATION TO THOSE GIVING MONEY TOWARD NEWSLETTER

Gift of \$25. given toward the Newsletter by Dr. Richard D. Wells, Des Moines, Ia.

Sandra "Collins" Sandifur, 5988 John Daly, Taylor, Mich. 48180 gave a memorial of \$15. for her paternal grandmother, Gladys Wells Collins, b. 1/9/1901-d. 9/7/1982. Gladys is buried in the Highland Memorial Cemetery, Staffordsville. Sandra is the daughter of Christopher Columbus and Betty Vires Collins. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears. Sandra's great-

grandparents were the late William Lewis and Laura Ella Spears Wells.

Georgia and Lee Hall, Burnswich, Ohio gave a gift of \$10 in memory of Mintie Clark Butcher who died on March 14, 1994. She was the daughter of the late Logan and Maggie Wells Clark.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Wells & Nicole Hallenbeck, are announcing their marriage on August 1994. Mark is the son of Charles Richard & Joyce Wells of Cleveland, Ohio, and the grandson of the late Richard Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells.

Tracy Harmon & Mark Petro, are announcing their wedding for May 14, 1994. Tracy is the daughter of Dola & Rose Mary Wells Harmon of Brookpark, Ohio and Mark is from Brunswick, Ohio. Tracy is the granddaughter of Pearl Wells, Van Lear, Ky. and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Rose Ann Wells Spears.

REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS;

Wells Family Reuion Johnson Central High School, Saturday, September 3rd at 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 4th, 1994 9-5 p.m.

Green Reunion annual reunion at Armco Park Shelter House #2 on August 14th. They are the descendants of Lewis Green who was the grandfather of our Susannah Hutchinson Wells.

Collins Reunion, August 13th at Jenny Wiley State Park, Shelter House #3 below the Dam.

Keel-Vires Reunion, Sunday, May 29th at Jenny Wiley below the Dam.

RECIPES

The recipes from Ruth Harding was sent to me in March of 1987 to be included in the next cookbook that we did. I must say that at the time I put her letter away and when we did the cookbook failed to find them and while searching through my boxes of letters and genealogical materials I found them. I must apologize to Ruth about not getting them in the 1993 cookbook. We will update your books at this years reunion with these recipes that we are including in the newsletter. If you failed to send your favorite recipe please mail them to me at 124 Mt. Savage Dr., Ashland, Ky. 41101. Ruth said that all three of the recipes are really good. I will be trying them soon. I must say that every recipe that I have tried has been great. I do want to share a recipe with you that Betty Clark Farley, from Chino, California has in the new book. It is called Sumi Salad and is absolutely great. I have already made it several times and everyone that tries it just loves it. I like it better after it sets.

SUMI SALAD

1 head of cabbage chopped as for slaw
8 T. sesame seed 8 T. slivered almonds
2 Pkg. Top Ramen uncooked (do not use flavoring packs)
8 green onions chopped

Brown Almonds and Sesame seed in a little oil.
Mix Onions and Cabbage in large bowl. (at the last minute) Add Almonds and Sesame seeds and crushed up Ramen.

DRESSING

1 T. sugar 1 t. salt
1 t. pepper 2 t. Accent
1 C. Salad Oil 6 T. Rice Vinegar

Mix well and pour over Salad just before serving.
This makes a large Salad for guest. Very good.

Betty Clark Farley
Chino, Calif.

ZUCCHINI BREAD

Mix together:
3 eggs 2 C. sugar

1 C. oil 3 t. vanilla
2 C. grated zucchini

Sift together:
3 C. flour 1 t. soda
1 t. salt 1/2 t. baking powder
3 t. cinnamon

Mix well, add 1/2 C. nuts. Grease and flour 2 loaf pans. Bake 325 degree for 1 hour.

Ruth Harding
Bardstown, Ky

APPLE POUND CAKE

Mix with mixer:
2 C. sugar 1 C. wessen Oil
3 eggs 3 C. flour
1 t. soda 1 t. vanilla

Mix with spatula:

3 C. diced apples (5 or more apples)
1 C. black walnuts 1 C. coconut
(batter will be thick) Mix both together and bake in a bundt pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

ICING

1 C. brown sugar 1 stick butter
1/4 C. milk

Mix and boil 3 minutes. Pour over cake while hot. Do not make icing until cake is out of oven. Icing will harden in seconds. Punch few small holes in cake and put icing on.

Ruth Harding
Bardstown, Ky

CHICKEN AND DRESSING CASSEROLE

1 whole chicken stewed & removed from bone.
Save broth.
1 C. milk 1 can cream of celery soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/2 stick margarine melted
1 pkg. dressing mix. (8 Oz.)

Mix soup and milk, heat and pour over cut up chicken. Mix and pour in casserole. Add melted margarine to 1 1/2 Cup of chicken broth add to dressing mix spread over casserole. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

OATMEAL COOKIES

2 C. reg. Oats 2 C. sugar
2 C. flour 1 t. soda
1 t. salt 1 t. spices
4 eggs, slightly beaten 1 t. vanilla

- 1- lb. box seeded raisins, steamed
- 1 C. nuts (or 1/2 C. nuts & 1/2 C. dates)
- 3/4 C. melted shortening, or oil

Combine the first 6 ingredients, then add 4 eggs, slightly beaten. Mix rest of ingredients well. Make dough size of walnuts, place on cookie sheet & bake 400 degrees F. until almost brown. Not too long, 10-12 min.

Mrs. Violetta Wells Upton
Lawton, Okla.

Banana Nut Bread

I copied this recipe from the Columbus, Oh., paper 30 years ago. I have been making it ever since. I have given it out to many people. They think it is great.

- 1/2 C. veg. shortening or margarine
- 1 C. sugar (white) 2 eggs
- 3 small ripe bananas or 1/2 C. applesauce
- 2 C. sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/2 t. baking soda
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. salt 1 t. vanilla
- 1/2 C. chopped nuts (dusted with flour)

Cream shortening & sugar thoroughly. Add eggs & heat until it looks like velvet. It will be so fluffy. Add bananas, mix well. Add sifted, dry ingredients, nuts & vanilla. Pour in two small loaf pans. Bake 350 degrees F. until wooden toothpick comes out clean about 45 min. Let cool for few minutes. Turn out to cool on cooling rack.

Goldie Richmond Storms
Venice, Florida

Apple Raisin Bars

- 1 C. diced apples 1 T. butter
- 1 C. raisins
- a little hot water
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. powdered sugar
- 1/2 C. shortening
- 1 C. water
- 2 C. flour 1 t. soda
- 1/2 t. salt 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/4 t. cloves

Frosting

- 1 T. butter

- a little hot water
- 1 C. powdered sugar

Mix apples, raisins, sugar, shortening & water, bring to a boil & simmer, 3 to 4 minutes. Cover & let cool. Sift together rest of the ingredients. Stir all together rest of the ingredients. Stir all together. Bake 350 degrees F. 25 minutes in 9 X 13" greased floured pan. Mix the above frosting and dribble on frosting while still hot. Cut bars into squares or rectangles. They stay moist for a long time. Nuts or candied fruits may be added if you want at Christmas. Makes 2 dozen.

Sylvia Wells Koch
Lawton, Okla.

Ham Loaf

- 2 lb. ground ham & pork (1 lb. each)
- 1 C. graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 C. milk 2 beaten eggs

Mix into loaf & put into loaf pan

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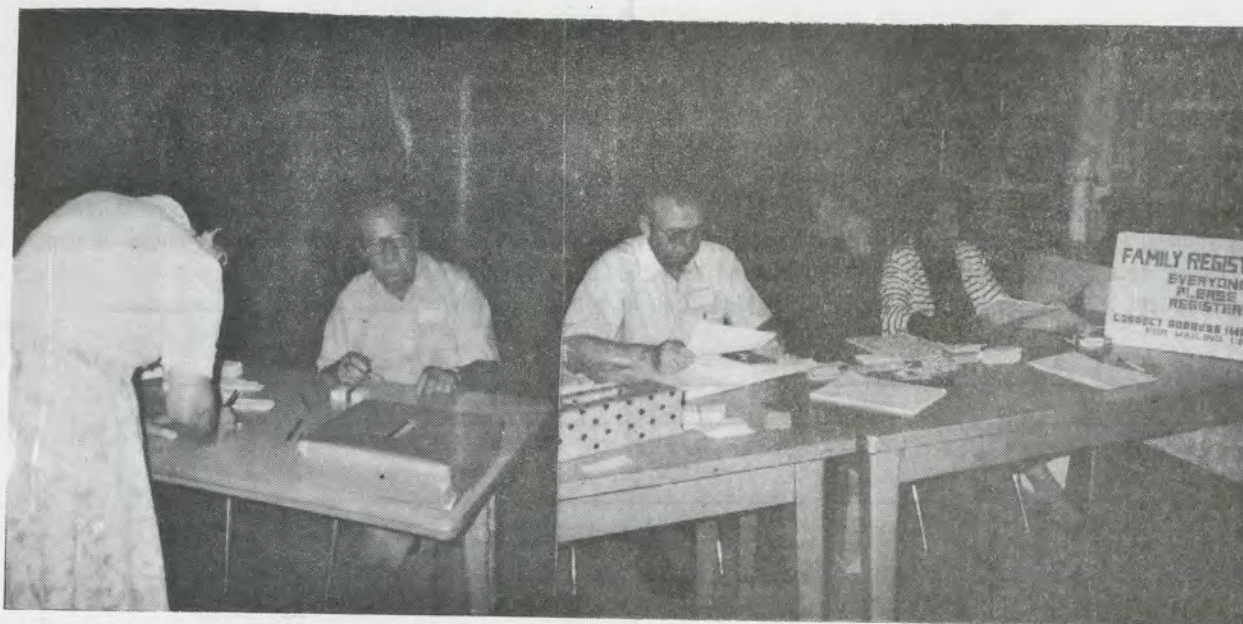
- 1 can (16 oz.) tomato sauce
 - 1/2 C. vinegar 1/2 C. water
 - 1 C. brown sugar Packed
 - 1 T. dry mustard
- Pour sauce completely over ham loaf & bake 350 degree F. Approx. 1-1/2 hrs. Baste often.

Doris Wells McFaddin
Sequim, Wa.

Texas Hash

- 1 lb. ground beef
 - 2 med. onions
 - 2 med. green peppers, fried until brown, mix with
 - 3 T. oil.
 - 1 No. 2 can tomato sauce
 - 1 C. cooked spaghetti
 - 1 t. chili powder
 - 1/4 t. pepper & salt to taste.
- Bake 45 min. at 350 degree F.

Unoka Wells Frisby
Louisville, Ky



LEFT TO RIGHT: Lloyd Wells is registering members for the door prize at the 1987 reunion. Lyman A. Porter & Buelah Keel, are registering members at the 1989 reunion. Lyman & Buelah will be found each year at the reunion trying to be sure that each of you register. Please help them this year by taking the time to register & reminding your family members to register.



The 1989 Wells Family Members in the food line. You may recognize some of the cousins in the picture. Paula Wells, Edith Mollett, Clay Wells, Reatha Williamson and several of the late Aud & Julia Williams family

MEMORIAL

One means by which individuals, 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 lives on and on through the Wells Family Association. For every memorial, a notice of the gift will be placed in the next newsletter. Donors may request that their names 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.

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