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This will be the last newsletter before the 1994 reunion. I must say Paula Wells is always there when needed. It was Memorial Weekend and the printer called--the newsletter was ready, and all our regular helpers had plans for the weekend. I called Paula and she helped me get them ready for mailing as she has several times in the past. I want to thank each of you who have been faithful to help in getting them ready for the bulk mailing. Thanks Virginia Edgel, Paulina Garza, Pat Womack, Gloria Sallie and Paula. I don't know how we could do it without your help since the list is now nearing 800 members.

The reunion is only a few weeks away. Family members will be traveling on September 3rd. and 5th. from all across the country to Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, Ky. We are anticipating a great time this year with many first time members. If you need to make motel reservations the following are options in the area:

Carriage House Hotel, Paintsville	(606) 789-4242
Starfire Motel, Paintsville	(606) 789-5341
Heart of Highland Motel, Paintsville	(606) 789-3551
Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg	(606) 886-2711
Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg	(606) 886-0001

The Johnson Central High School will be open on Saturday at 2:00 pm. and the following activities are planned:

1. Grave tour will leave at 2:00 p.m.
2. Genealogical Workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. (We will have an extra room with Historical Committee members available to lead the group)
3. The Youth Entertainment Chairperson, Mary Frances Keel, and Co-Chairperson, Angela Williams, will be providing some entertainment for the Youth and rehearsing for Sundays activities.
4. The doors will open Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and will be open until 5:00 p.m. Many activities are planned for the day.
5. Our "Pot Luck Lunch" is scheduled to begin around 12:30. So bring your favorite dish and get ready for a wonderful time!



The Board is looking for young people to come out and help Mary and Angela. They want to show us adults what the Wells young people can do when given the chance. If you are willing to help, call Mary Angela. You may work up a skits, a talent show or use your own ideas.

Don't miss this reunion. Its success depends on YOU! COME AND BE A PART OF THE BEST FAMILY IN KENTUCKY, IN THE SOUTH, IN THE U.S., IN THE WORLD - THE WELLS FAMILY, see you there!!!

The following article was provided by John B. Wells III. It was listed in the Paintsville Herald during the 1915 Wells Reunion.

THE WELLS FAMILY

TO HAVE A REUNION ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1915 ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

One of the biggest things ever pulled off in the Sandy Valley is promised the relatives of the late Richard Wells that will be held on Saturday November 13, on Daniel's Creek in this county at the grave of the noted soldier and a citizen. All the arrangements have been made and the relatives all over the country have been invited and are expected to attend. Arrangements have been made to convey all those who attend from Auxier, the nearest railroad station and those coming from a distance are requested to come the evening before as arrangements have been made for accommodations at Auxier over night. One ox, six sheep, hams, chicken, eggs and all the eats have been secured. Speeches and family history will be related, relatives will get acquainted and a general good time is assured the relatives of the prominent family.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

It's time to elect officers again and the committee, Virginia Edgel, Chairperson, 2000 Oak St., Flatwoods, Ky., 41139, Phone: (606)836-5337; Wanda Collins, P.O. Box 268, Flatwoods, Ky., 41139, Phone: (606)836-8297; and Manford Walton, 124 Mt. Savage Dr., Ashland, Ky., 41101, Phone: (606)325-4314 are beginning to think about getting a slate of officers to present to the president so you may approve them at the reunion. The committee can only make recommendations. You must elect them. They need for you to contact them if you or someone you know would be willing to serve. We may make a decision to serve, but we must ask ourselves if we are committed to accepting the responsibility that goes with that decision. One nomination committee member will rotate off each year with a new member being elected. The new member will serve for three years and will be chairperson and rotate off the third year. The nomination committee is very important because they choose persons for recommendation to serve as board members and members

will elect them at the reunion. If the committee should recommend a member that is not committed to serve, then the organization could suffer. If you serve on a committee, only the chairperson or one member is required to attend the board meeting. If you will make your recommendations to either of the committee members they would appreciate it.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Pat Williams, chairperson is asking for your assistance. She needs the names of your love ones who died since the 1993 reunion or was omitted in the 1993 Memorial Service. Please send or bring the names, birth and death dates to Pat. This information will help Pat in making the list that is displayed at the reunion for the Memorial Service. I also need that information for the next newsletter.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:

Dolores Booth, chairperson needs your assistance again this year. She is requesting that you continue to do as you did in 1993 and bring vegetables, meat dishes, desserts, drinks etc. You did great last year and we had plenty of everything--except drinks were a little short. I am sure some of you who travel long distances will pick up the slack by bring items that will travel easy. We did have an excess of bread last year.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:

Darlene Clark Burgess, chairperson is looking for those of you who have talent to assist her. We know that there are many of you that pick and sing or can do some type of skit etc. Haskel Burgess may not be able to pick and sing this year since he has just gotten out of the hospital after suffering a stroke. Marluta will be unable to attend this year due to going to Washington State. I understand that Ken Rice Jr. and his group plan to be with us this year. If you have special talent, please come and help entertain us. Contact Darlene Burgess at (513)890-4977 or Bobby Wells at (606)886-2101 or Mary Walton at (606)325-4314.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE:

Ann Porter, chairperson and Randy Wells are looking forward to some of you bringing some of your crafts and baked goodies this year. It is felt that things like cakes, cookies, candy and breads would be in great demand. They already know what good cooks the Wells women and men are. Set your items aside so you will not forget them. Read the article under memorials to find out more about the auction and how the money is being used. Our young children love the auction. Please check to see if your children or grandchildren have toys or other items they aren't using and bring it for the auction.

NOAH WELLS DEROSSETT. b. 1994. The proud parents are Freddie DeRossette Jr. and Deborah DeRossett of Brea, California. Noah is the grandson of Fred DeRossett and the late Malta Wells DeRossett. Opal Wells DeRossett, of Belleville Mi., is the step-grandmother and she and her husband Fred are faithful to the Wells Family Reunion. Opal serves on the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. According to Opal this is the only Noah in their family since Noah Wells who was her father's uncle. Noah Wells was the son of the late George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

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EMMA CATHERINE HAMPTON, b. 4/16/94 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She weighed 2-lb and is the daughter of Mack and Rhonda Wells Hampton, of Lexington. The maternal grandparents are Judy Jones Wells, and the late Ron Wells of Flatwoods, Ky. Emma descends from Richard Wells through Geroge E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

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DANIEL COLIN EDGEL, b. 4/16/94 to Lynn and Karen Edgel of Republic Wa. Daniel is the 25th grandchild of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel of Flatwoods, Kentucky. Virginia is a member of the Wells Family Board. Daniel descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears, by way of Hansford Collins.

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CHRISTOPHER SHANE PERRY, b. 10/21/93 weighing 7-lb 10-oz and 21" long. He is the son of Eddie and Denise Wells Perry of Ashland, Ky. The maternal grandparents are Phillip and Wanda Young Wells of Ashland. Both Phillip and Wanda serve on the Wells Family Board. Christopher descends from Richard Wells through George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

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TED MCCOART, b. March 23, 1994 at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. The proud parents are John and Connie McCoart of Van Lear. The maternal grandparents are Herman and Patsy Webb of Van Lear. Paternal grandparents are Frank Burns and Nena McCoart of Red Bush and Carl and Lois Berry of Dayton, Ohio. Ted descends from Richard Wells through William and Nancy Wells Webb. He also descends from Jacob Butcher line.

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SARA ANN COLLINS, b. March 21, 1994. Mary and (Al Clive Allan II) Collins of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Sara is the first child of Al and Mary and is the 2nd grandchild of Donna and Clive Collins, also of Poughkeepsie. Sara descends from Rose Ann Wells Spears by way of William Perry and Alverta Spears Collins, Hansford Collins.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!

WELLS BOARD MEMBER SPEAKS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



RANDALL WELLS, Professor of Secondary Education at the University of Louisville will present a paper on July 26 in Oslo, Norway, at the 66th. International Society of Business Education (ISBE) Conference. He and a colleague from Virginia Tech. will speak on "Educational Reform in the United States: Meeting Workforce 2000 Needs Through Tech Prep and the Integration of Academic and Occupational Education." Randy just served as the President of the United States Chapter of ISBE. He presided over the delegation last summer in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and in Kansas City in March. In Oslo, he will sit on the International Pedagogical Committee to plan the topics for next year's meeting in Prague, Czech Republic. Randy has enjoyed the opportunities for travel which have taken him to England, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Greece, Turkey, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Canada, and the Soviet Union. Randy has served on the Wells Family Association Board for two years and assists Ann Porter with the silent auction at the reunion. Randy earned his B.S. from the University of Charleston, an M.A. from Marshall University, and the Ph.D. from the Ohio State University. He joined the faculty at the University of Louisville in the Fall of 1976 and currently teaches classes in both the School of Education and School of Business. His major assignment is in the secondary teacher education program. Before to going to U of L, he was on the staff on the State Superintendent of School for six years in West Virginia. Randy is active several professional organizations and has written and spoken on many educational topics. Randy is the oldest son of Dorothy and the late Elbert "Ebbie" Wells formerly of Sharon and now East Bank, West Virginia. He is the grandson of the late George and Lora DeLong Wells from Martin County. He descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, James W. Wells, and Frances Marion Wells.

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JOHN CALHOUN WELLS, the country's top labor mediator is known for his bargaining from both sides. John spoke recently at the annual Mid-American Labor/Management Conference in Lake Ozark, Mo. His opened remarks were that unions and companies in the United States need to continue forging partnerships to thrive in the global economy. It seems that we read about his great work almost weekly these days. Being the highest-ranking Kentuckian in the administration of President Clinton most of his time is spent talking with business and union leaders. Recently he was in Louisville to speak to a conference on labor relations and back home to speak to the annual breakfast of the Big Sandy Area Labor-Management Committee. John remains proud of his Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky roots... John represents and have the respect from both the Democrats and Republicans in Kentucky. He is known for his ability to resolve labor disputes between Labor and Industry. The 48-year-old former Kentucky Labor secretary said he loves Kentucky more than any where else in the world and plans to return to his

home state someday. We have had several Wells family members in Frankfort including Blain Clark who was Kentucky Senator in the 1920's. Many are saying that John may be Kentucky governor in the future. It would be great to have a Wells as the top man in Kentucky. His father the late John C. Wells, a miner and UMWA member, got him started out of the coalfields by finishing college himself. After 15 years in the mines, he became an Eastern Kentucky teacher and later principal. The senior Wells died when his son was 17. John Calhoun Wells Wells graduated from Auxier High School in 1962. He worked his way through college through employment at a chemical plant-as a member of the oil and chemical workers' union. Eventually, Wells earned a Ph.D. at Rutgers University. He worked for Kentuckians Harry Caudill and John Stevenson on a study of the economics of Appalachian poverty, and found himself in state government before long. Wells believes the future of the region depends on its leadership working more closely together. John descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines. He is a first cousin of Lloyd Wells and Mabel Allen who serve on the Wells Family Board.

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RUFUS AND GEORGIA WELLS FRANCIS of Ashland, Ky celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family reception at Andrew's Restaurant in Cannonsburg, hosted by their daughters. The couple was married June 5, 1944, in Paintsville, by the Rev. Lonzie Reed. Mr. Francis is the son of the late James and Julia Francis and is retired from CSX. Mrs. Francis, is the daughter of the late Ira and Lucky Wells, is a member of Pollard Baptist Church. She is a retired nurse's aide from King's Daughters' Medical Center. They are the parents of Judith Meredith and Phyllis Copley, both of Catlettsburg and Mary Green of Westwood. They have three grandchildren. I talked with Georgie on 6/26 and she told me her grandfather was George Washington Wells and her father was Ira Wells. She said her father had the following siblings, Fred, Roy, Ernest, Charlie, Edith, Carrie, Amy, Erma and Alma. Mrs. Coy Jermain Wells Vincent was the daughter of her Uncle Fred Wells. We are not sure where they descend from our Richard Wells or not.

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JACK CARTER WELLS, a research consultant for Oak Ridge National Laboratories recently joined the Pikeville College faculty as a physics instructor. Wells a Prestonsburg native, received his B.S. degree from Centre College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1985 He received his M.S. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1989, and is in the process of completing his Ph.D. this spring. He also served at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Physics Division as a graduate research fellow, and at Vanderbilt as a research and teaching assistant. Wells has received numerous awards including the National Science Foundation travel award to attend the NATO Advanced Study Institute, Bodrum, Turkey in 1993; a Predoctoral Fellowship, Institute for theoretical Atomic and Molecular Physics at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Harvard

University, in 1991; and was selected as one of four U.S. graduate students to receive the National Science Foundation travel award to attend the NATO Advanced Study Institute, Peniscola, Spain in 1989. He has had several articles published in professional magazines and journals, and has been invited to give talks throughout the United States. Wells currently teaches five physics classes and labs for sophomore and junior level students at Pikeville College. He is the son of Dortha Carter and the late Jack Frost Wells of Prestonsburg. Jack descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines. He is a cousin of Lloyd Wells and Mable Allen who serve on the Wells Family Board.

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RONNIE WELLS, was hired as Paintsvilles Cities Recreation Director. The Paintsville City Council voted unanimously to hire Wells. Ronnie 44, of Paintsville, has a recreation degree from Morehead State university. He's also a water safety instructor and a handicapped swimming instructor. He was hired on a six month bases, with his job performance to be evaluated by the commissioners. Ronnie's duties include development and supervision of the City's recreational facilities, which include the Community Center, Pool, Park, and Playground. Wells was director of the Paintsville - Johnson County Recreation Department from 1973-75. He held the football and baseball coaching position from 1980-90 and has been assistant football coach at Paintsville High School since 1988. He also operates Sunnie Side Pools in Paintsville, a business he has owned since 1980. Ronnie is the son of Herman Wells and the late Jeanette Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rose Anna Wells Spears.

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ERIN SUSANNAH MCCOART and ANGELA WILLIAMS, Junior High Students at Paintsville School attended UCA Cheerleading Camp June 7-10 at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tn. The junior high cheerleaders received blue and gold ribbons as well as a superior trophy. Erin is the daughter of John and Vickie Adkins McCoart of Van Lear. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Angela descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

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HEATHER CAMILLE HUGHES, the daughter of Edward and Karyn Garza Hughes and the granddaughter of Paul and Paulina Collins Garza is starting young. She was awarded the Presidential Fitness Award for running a mile in 9 minutes and 5 seconds. Heather beat all the boys except one who managed to run even with her. Heathers grandmother Paulina serves on the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears. We are proud of our young people and as Paulina said "We may see her in the Olympics some day"

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VANESSA ERIN MUSIC, daughter of Dole and Tresa McCloud Music graduated from Choctaw High school, Shalimar, Florida. She graduated with 4.8 GPA with honors. Vanessa is pre-registered at the University of Ky College of Engineers. Vanessa has twin brothers, Jason and Clayton Music. She is the granddaughter of Janice A. Wells Music and the late Claude O. Music. Janice previously served on the Wells Family Board. Vanessa descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells by way of his son Allen Wells.

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TIM MOLLETTE, son of Wanda Mollette of Paintsville and Roger Mollette of Boons Camp was one of 225 to graduate from Johnson Central High School, Paintsville. Tim was one of five students that tied for valedictorian honors with a weighted grade scale used for top ten honors, All students in the valedictorian position maintained a weighted GPA of 4.43 and a non-weighted GPA of 4.0. At this time Tim is an alternate to the Wal-Mart Scholarship and has received a Regents Scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky. Tim is the grandson of Edith Wells Mollete who is a member of the Wells Family Board He descends from Richard Wells through William Green & Mary Butcher Wells line.

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JACOB BARRIER WELLS, a senior at Paintsville High school, was chosen as one of 56 participants in the University of North Carolina's "Carolina summer" Academic Camp, July 3/24. His many academic accomplishments as well as teacher and counselor recommendations were evaluated in his selection from over 3,000 applicants. Only students who have achieved at least a 4.0 weighted GPA and have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities were considered for admission. "Carolina Summer" is designed to acquaint outstanding high school seniors with college life. It gives them the opportunity to take two academic courses on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The 1994 U.S. News and World Report Survey ranks UNC as one of the fifteen best universities in the United States and the #1 "best buy" for out of state students in the entire country. UNC was the only state supported university so ranked. Jacob is the son of John B. Wells II and Terri Wells of Paintsville. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

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VINCENT BRYAN COCHRAN, a Junior at Raceland High School, received a certicate in recognition of achieving academic excellence for the 1993-1994 school year. The certificate was given to students who remained on the honor roll for the entire school year. Vincent is the son of Robert and Tommie Collins Cochran. His mother and grandfather, Arthur Collins, serve on the Wells Family Board. Vincent decsends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears.

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GREG SALLIE, Catlettsburg, a teacher in the Boyd County system for 12 years, was hired as Principal of W.P. Renfroe and Pine Acres schools by their site-based decision making councils. The two elementary schools are in the Fairview school system, Westwood, Ashland. Greg attended Ashland Community College and Alice L'oyd College before moving to Morehead State University for his bachelor's and master's degrees and Rank I certificate. Greg is the son of Bill and Gloria Spears Sallie and descends from Richard Wells through William G. & Mary Butcher Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

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CHARLENE PATTON MUNCY, graduated from Morehead State University in December 1993. She completed an associate in Science from Prestonsburg Community College and Bachelor of Science of Arts in Elementary Education from Morehead. Charlene graduated with honors and maintained the Deans list throughout college. She is Substitute teaching for the Johnson County School System also the Mayo State Vocational School. Charlene's husband Eugene found that he had more patients than he really thought during her school years. She is the daughter of Lucille Patton Auxier and the late Charlie Patton. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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TODD KEITH ONEY, graduated May 8, 1994 from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. Todd earned a Bachelor of Science in History. He also earned an Associate of Arts from Ashland Community College, Ashland. Todd is Assistant Manager at Little Professor Book Store, Ashland, where he worked throughout his school years. He is the son of Ishmael and Eileen Wells Oney of Raceland, Ky. According to his mother, he is the first of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells' grandchildren to graduate from college. Todd descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

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TONYA RENA COLLINS, daughter of Larry and Reta Collins of Van Lear, Ky. earned an Associate Degree from Prestonsburg Community College, Prestonsburg, Ky., with a 4.0 GPA in May. Tonya will be attending Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky., in the fall. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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PRECILLA A. RICHMOND, graduated from the 29th annual Prestonsburg Community College of Nursing on May 20, 1994. Pinning was May 19th at Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, Ky. Precilla earned a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and an Associate degree in Nursing. Precialla is the daughter of Samuel B. and Judy Cline Richmond of Van Lear. She descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

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BERNITA WELLS, was one of two Johnson Central High School students to qualify for the state track and field meet in Lexington. She qualified in discus and shot put, where she finished second in both events in the regional the third week in May. She won with throws of 28 feet, 9-1/2 inches int the shot put and 91 feet, 7 inches in the discus. Bernita graduated from Johnson Central High School in June. She is the daughter of Alex Samuel & Susie Wells of Van Lear. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Bernita is planning to attend the Christian College at Grayson, Kentucky.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Each of these young people have crossed another milestone in their lives and will be making difficult decisions that will determine their future. What ever you choose-- a college or vocational, it is our prayer that you will be committed to that decision. A principal of my sons school told his young six graders, "What ever career you choose, even if it is a HOBO on the street, be the best out there." On behalf of the Wells Family Association Members, we wish you the very best in life and it can be whatever you make of it.

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Kelly Collins, Bernitta Wells, Eric Newberry, Tim Mollette, K. Wells,

Johnson Central High School.

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Beatrice Wells Childers, Emma Jean Wells Caudill, Dortha Music, Eyvand Brown, Alex S. Wells, Sherri Wells Bennette, Dortha Collins Crum, Lewis Edgel, Dolie Harmon, Donnie Wells, Samuel B. Richmond, Alvin Keel, Georgia A. Richmond Hall, Woodridge Wells.

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HOSPITAL

REATHA LOU WILLIAMSON BLACKBURN, had surgery at the University Hospital, Lexington. She is presently at her home in Van Lear recuperating. Reatha is the daughter of the late Aud and Julia Williamson. She descends from Richard Wells through his son Aaron Wells and Mary Butcher Wells.

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NELLIE DELONG ROSSA, had surgery for the third time on her feet. She had an ankle replaced and a foot repaired including toe surgery. Nellie is the daughter of Lacy and Sarah McGinnis DeLong and states that she comes down the Wells line. I am not sure which line she comes down since she did not include it in her letter.

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OPAL WELLS DEROSSETT, had eye surgery and is waiting for new glasses. She is doing real well with the special care from her good husband Fred.

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HASKELL BURGESS, suffered a stroke on July 3rd. while in Sunday Church. He is a patient in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. I talked with his wife Darlene on the 10th and he is hoping to be home soon and is doing very well. Haskell and Darlene are a very active couple and I am sure this will not hold them down very long. Darlene is on the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells. She is the daughter of the late Blain and Luta DeLong Clark. Haskell, Darlene and their daughter Marluta sing at the Wells Family Reunion each year.

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LYMAN PORTER, of Waverly, Ohio underwent laser surgery in Columbus, Ohio for a torn Retina. Lyman was given strict instruction of total rest, and is home recuperating with that special care from his wife Ann. Lyman is chairperson of registration and Ann chairperson of Auction committee on the Wells Family Board. Lyman descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

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JACOB WELLS, was a patient in a local hospital after falling and dislocating his knee. I understand that he had over 300 signatures of friends on his cast. I was told that he was home and doing fine. He is the son of John B. Wells, III who serves on the Wells Family Board. He descends from Richard Wells through William Green & Mary Butcher Wells.

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JUANITA GOBLE WELLS CARR, has been a patient in the University of Kentucky Hospital since April 28th. She was taken to the Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland, and transferred to U.K. She entered emergency surgery at UK hospital to remove an aneurysm of the stomach. She was transferred to Greenbrier Nursing Facility, Wheelersburg, Ohio on July 21st and to KDMC on the 25th. She is presently in critical condition. Juanita is the widow of the late Bennie Wells who descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Juanita is the daughter Bertha Collins and the late Carl Goble. Her daughter Patricia Wells Womack serves on the Wells Family Board.

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LUCILLE PATTON, has been in the Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She fell and broke her hip on May 15th. After spending about a week she has returned a Prestonsburg Nursing Home. Her daughters, Karen and Charlene, were caring for her until she had a stroke and required nursing care. Lucille is the daughter of the late Richard (Dick) and Fannie Richmond Wells. She descends

from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

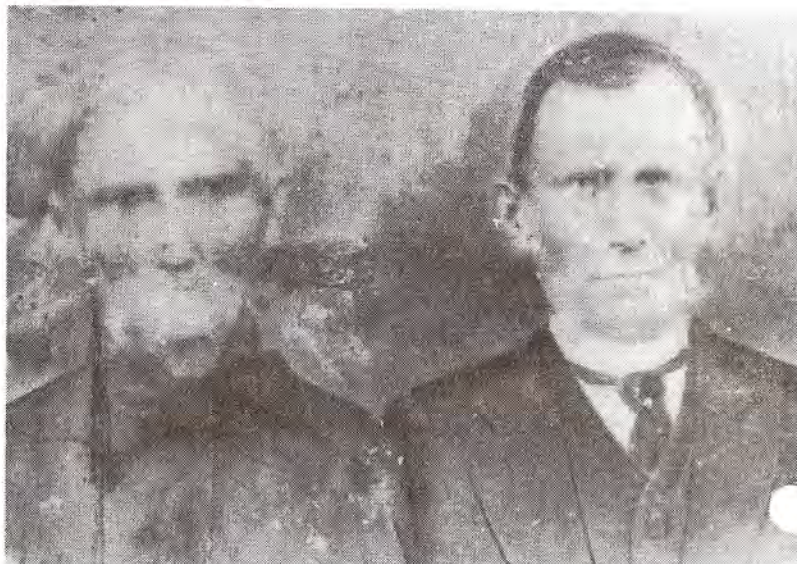
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JACKIE YOUNG, son of Emma Jean Wells Caudill is a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital after suffering a heart attack. He has heart blockage and is waiting to be transferred to a Lexington hospital where he will have Angioplasty surgery or open heart surgery. Jackie descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears.

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DEATHS

God hath not promised
 skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
 all our lives through;
God hath not promised
 sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
 peace without pain.
But God hath Promised
 Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
 light for the way,
Grace for the Trials,
 help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
 Undying Love.



George W. & Arminta C. Wells
(Grave markers will be furnished
by the Association)

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JULIA WILLIAMSON, 87, d. March 15, 1994 in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg after an extended illness. Julia was born March 25, 1906 in Johnson County to the late Arch & Della Preston Music. She was preceded her in death by her late husband Aud Williamson on 12/21/88 and two sons Aldon Williamson and Freelin Williamson. Surviving are two sons, Woodridge Williamson of Cincinnati, Oh., and Gerald Williamson, Paintsville; three daughters, Reatha Lou Blackburn, Van Lear, Betty Webb, Paintsville, and Gwendolyn Ward of Cuyahogen, Ohio, two sisters Evelyn Pauley of Clothiex, W. Va., and Elsie Ward, of Boons Camp, and 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral home, with the Rev. Harry Frisby and David Blackburn officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, Ky. Julia's late husband Aud descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. and Mary Butcher Wells.

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W. PAUL GREENE, 70, died May 7, 1994 at his home in Ashland. Mr. Greene was born May 22, 1923, in Ashland, a son of the late Herald S. and Lula Slone Greene. He was a retired minister with the Wesleyan Tabernacle Association and a general mechanic. He was a World War II Army veteran. Surviving are his wife Mabel Ruth Cooner Greene; two brothers, Herald S. Greene Jr. and William J. Greene both of Ashland; and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements were under the direction of the Steen Funeral Home, Ashland. The funeral was at the Moore Street Tabernacle with the Rev. Randalls Boggs officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Burial Park, Ashland. Mr. Greene descended from the same Lewis Green that our Susannah Hutchinson Wells descended from.

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UNOKA "NOKIE" WELLS FRISBY, d. May 21, 1994, in a Louisville, Ky., hospital. She had heart surgery on March 15 and spent seven weeks in the hospital and was home three weeks when she apparently suffered another heart attack. She was born on June 24, 1923 in Floyd County to the late Richard "Dick" and Fannie Richmond Wells. Surviving are one son Richard "Dickie" Frisby of Louisville; four sisters, Lucille Patton, Mildred Sturgill and Beatrice Childers of Auxier, Ky and Delight Hall, Louisville; two grandchildren, Tina Frisby and Rager Frisby. Arrangements were under the directions of McAfee Resthaven Funeral Home, Bardstown Road, Louisville, with Rev. Rich Shanks officiating. Burial was in the Resthaven Memorial Park, 4400 Bardstown Road, Louisville. Unoka descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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DR. GWEN G. AUXIER, 84, Riverside, California, died April 17 at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ray Barckett of Allen. She was a native of Whites Creek, Wayne County, WVa and daughter of the late Nathaniel Lincoln Auxier, Blockhouse Bottom, Johnson County, Ky and Mary Borders Auxier, Borders Chapel, Lawrence County, Ky. A graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School. She received her B.S. degree from the University of WVa at Morgantown, where she was also an assistant professor. She received her Doctor of Medicine from Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, and specialized in obstetrics and gynecology at Women's Hospital in New York City. Dr. Auxier's practice was in Riverside, where she also taught specialized classes at the University of California. She served on a number of boards and was a member of several honorary societies. She was preceded in death by brothers, Roosevelt and John Glen Auxier, both of Whites Creek. She is survived by a sister, Olga Auxier Preston, River Road, Ulysses, Ky., and nieces, Frances Brackett, Allen; Mikell Burchett, Caracas, Venezuela; Faye Moore, Louisa; nephew, Senator John David Preston, Paintsville; sister-in-law, Mrs. John G. Auxier, Kenova, WV. Arrangement were under the direction of Jones-Prestons Funeral Home, Paintsville, with graveside services at Borders Chapel Cemetery, River Road, at Ulysses.

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CURTIS CLAUDE WELLS, 67, of Livonia, Mich., formerly of Prestonsburg, died May 28, 1994 in McPherson Hospital in Howell, Mich. Mr. Wells was born Aug. 6, 1926, in Auxier, a son of the late Curtis and Josephine Hunter Wells. He was a retired utility repairman for Ford Motor Co. Surviving are his wife, Jean Phillips Wells; two sons, David Wells and Tom Abbott, both of Livonia; three daughters, Jeanne Abbott, Kathy Constantine, and Nancy McGuire, all of Livonia; two brothers Sammie E. Wells of Prestonsburg and Henry Wells of Milan, Mich.; two sisters, Fayette Hughes of Murray and Myrtle Jane Cassady of Danville, Va.; and six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg with Rev. Bennie Blankenship officiating. Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery in Prestonsburg. Curtis descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells,

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GROVER EDWARD "DOEBERRY" NEWBERRY, 64 of Van Lear, died July 3, 1994 in St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, WVa. Edd suffered a heart attack and was taken to the Veterans Hospital in Huntington. He was transferred to St. Mary's for emergency surgery after having another heart attach. Edd was born June 28, 1930 in Auxier, Ky to the late J. D. and Willia Mae Bays Newberry. He was a self-employed owner and operator of a trucking company. He was a veteran and member of the Lancer First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Loraine Keel Newberry; two sons, Terry L. Newberry and Dwayne Newberry, both of Van Lear; three sisters, Helen Robinson of Lima, Ohio, Lena Mae Corti of Willowick, Ohio, and Jean Deborah Hill of Hilton Head, South Carolina; his stepmother Sarah Butcher Setser Newberry, Auxier, and one grandson, Eric Newberry of Van Lear. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg with the Rev. Cohen Campbell and Rev. Jennings West officiating. Burial was in the Government Relocation Cemetery at Auxier. Edd's wife Loraine descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. & Mary Butcher Wells.

REUNIONS:

THE WELLS FAMILY REUNION: Will meet Saturday September 3rd. & Sunday September 4th at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, Rt. 23. The school doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and activities are in the planning for Saturday evening. Bring your children and young people for we hope to have some activities for them. If you plan to go on the grave tour, be at the school ready to leave at 5:00 p.m. Please wear good walking shoes. Bobby Wells informed me that the road is now paved to the Auxier Government Cemetery and you will be able to drive up to the graves.

THE VAN LEAR HIGH SCHOOL, (The Bankmules) will have their reunion

on August 6, 1994, at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville, Ky. Van Lear High School was consolidated into the Johnson Central School and those that attended the school meets every two years. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the program will be brief to give everyone an opportunity to eat and visit with their friends and classmates. The Van Lear Historical Society will begin the towns celebration on August 4, 1994 thou Sunday, August 7, 1994. The Historical Building is always an interesting place to visit for those who attended in Van Lear. Hopes to see you there.

COLLINS-SPEARS FAMILY REUNION: Meets August 13 (Saturday) at shelter house #3, Jenny Wiley State Park (Dewey Dam) Recreation area

GREEN FAMILY REUNION: Meets August 14, 1994 at Armco Park Rt. 60, West Ashland, Kentucky at Shelter House # 2.

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MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The Association's operating fund is running very close. Our greatest expense is the newsletter. We mail out 775 newsletters with the cost of printing and mailing running between \$400. & \$500. each time me mail. The organization has some money that is designated for purchasing monuments for the unmarked graves. The board voted to, if necessary, borrow from this fund to operate until the reunion. This will be paid back as money comes in. The organization will be setting some markers this year that will deplete this fund. IF YOU HAD COOKBOOKS TO SELL AND HAVE SOLD THEM, PLEASE TURN YOUR MONEY IN BY MAKING YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION. This would help with operation cost until after the reunion. If there are others that would like to make a donation or give a memorial for a love one, let us hear from you. Many of you support the organization with regular donations and we do appreciate this. While many purchase items at the reunion that is used toward expenses. The board voted to use the 1994 auction money to help build up the treasure for operating expenses. It is the desire of the Board that the 1995 auction money will go back to marking the graves. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OF RICHARD WELLS CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN THAT DO NOT HAVE A MARKER, LET US KNOW. PLEASE SEND THEIR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND DEATH, AND PLACE OF BURIAL. The COMMITTEE WILL SEE ABOUT MARKING THE GRAVE. The board voted to mark the eldest grandson of Richard Wells and his wife's grave. George Washington Wells and Arminta Clark Wells' graves were moved on to the Government Relocation Cemetery on the hill south of Highland Regional Hospital and were not marked. John B. Wells III, has obtained a Civil War stone for Aaron Wells, grandson of Richard Wells. The board has voted to pay for having the setting of the stone. Plans are to have this done before the Wells Reunion.

MARLENE RICHMOND COLEMAN, Columbus, Oh. made a donation of \$12. to be used where needed most.

PAULA WELLS, donated \$100. to general fund to be used for expenses of Newsletters etc.

OPAL WELLS DEROSSETT, donated \$25. to help in expenses of the newsletter and the reunion. Opal is a member of the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells by way of Allen Wells. She and her husband Fred are faithful to attend the reunion each year.

MANFORD & MARY WALTON, \$25. in memory of Mintie Clark Butcher, b. 7/15/1934 - d. 3/14/94 and Unoka Wells Frisby, b. 6/24/1923 - d. 5/21/94, to be used toward the Newsletter, etc.

BARBARA JO "WELLS" BRANHAM, \$25. in memory of Lois Wells, b. 7/15/1934 - d. 3/10/1994 and Mintie Clark Butcher, b. 4/16/1933 - d. 3/14/1994. Barbara's note states that Lois and Mintie are her cousins and High School friends. She is the granddaughter of the late Walker & Mary Branham Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

NELLIE DELONG ROSSA, donated \$15. toward the expenses of the newsletter. She expressed her appreciation for the newsletter. She hopes to come to the reunion this year. Nellie is the daughter Lacy and Sarah McGinnis DeLong. She states that they are related to the Wells Family.

PAUL L. BURCHELL-I met Paul at Jones Prestons Funeral Home in March at the funeral of my cousin. Paul is a director of the funeral home. I knew right away there was something special about him and his outgoing personality. I soon found he descends from the Wells Family. He expressed a desire to receive our Newsletter and I received the following note from him with a \$50. donation to be used toward expenses.

June 3, 1994

I would like to take this time to thank you for the recent newsletter that I have received. I have enjoyed it very much. I am the Great-grandson of the late, William Bailey and Margaret Wells Collins of Daniels Creek. Please accept this contribution toward the newsletter.

Sincerely, Paul L. Burchell

Paul is also the grandson of Mitchell and Geneva Collins Delong of Johns Creek. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

MILLARD & KRIMHILDE PLUMMER, \$25. toward newsletter expenses. I received this note from the Plummer family and we appreciate them very much. 6/10/94 "We look forward to each issue of the Family newsletter" The Millard Plummer Family. The Plummer's are from Fort Gay, WV. Millard is the son of the late Eddie Lee & Edith Williamson Plummer. He is also a brother of Glada Plummer Jarrel who is a dedicated Wells Association member. Both descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

DOROTHY "DOT" COLLINS GOBLE CRUM, Ashland, donated \$10. toward expenses. She is the daughter of the late Dave & Nancy Porter Collins. She descends from George E. Wells line. She also descends from the John Walker Porter who married Susanna Hutchinson Wells' sister. Dot was raised on a farm on Johns Creek that was taken when the Jenny Wiley Lake was built.

MILDRED WELLS STURGILL, has donated \$100. to the Organization in memory of her Dear Sister Unokie Wells Frisby. Unoka died May 21, 1994 in Louisville, Ky. She was born June 24, 1923 to Richard "Dick" and Fannie Richmond Wells. Mildred is the widow of the late Rev. James Sturgill. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Mildred is a regular donator in memory of her loved ones.

MARGARET BERRYMAN, has donated \$50. to the Wells Family Association to help in the expenses of the organization. Margaret is a member of the Wells Board and she and her mother are faithful to attend the reunion each year. She descends from Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells.

GLORIA SALLIE, contributed \$10. to the Association to be used where it is most needed. She is a member of our Board and descends from Richard Wells through Wm. G. & Mary Butcher Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTOR, has donated another \$100. to be used toward the expenses of the organization. This Wells member has continued to support the organization throughout the years with these excellent donations. This member wishes to remain anonymous. We do appreciate their faithfulness in supporting the Wells Family Association, and regular attendance at the Wells Family reunions. Thanks again Dear one.

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. Please accept \$_____ as a memorial contribution in honor/memory of _____

who is my _____ (State Relationship)

Check One:

#1 Use toward stones for unmarked graves _____

#2 Use toward the general fund _____.
(expenses/newsletter etc.)

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Arthur and Wanda Collins,
Chairperson, of the Recruitment
Committee will be visiting many
of you between now and Labor Day
Weekend. They will be inviting
you to the Wells Family Reunion
and, more than likely, the
Collins Reunion.



THE REGISTRATION CHAIRPERSON, LYMAN PORTER, AND BEULAH KEEL ARE REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR. THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO COMPLETE THIS FORM, BRING IT TO THE REUNION, AND GIVE TO THEM WHEN YOU REGISTER. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE MAIL IT BACK TO ME AT THE ADDRESS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE LIST THE MAILING ADDRESS WITH ZIP IN THE TOP SECTION. I WILL BE USING THIS LIST TO UPDATE THE MAILING LIST FOR THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE REUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

WELLS FAMILY REUNION REGISTRATION

YOUR NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
SPOUSE'S FULL NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

IS YOUR SPOUSE HERE TODAY? YES _____ NO _____
ARE YOU A DESCENDANT? YES _____ NO _____

IS YOUR SPOUSE A DESCENDANT? YES _____ NO _____

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE REUNION?

INVITED BY FAMILY MEMBER, NAME _____

INVITED BY FRIEND, NAME _____

READ ABOUT IT IN READ ABOUT IT IN NEWSPAPER.

NAME OF PAPER _____

OTHER, PLEASE LIST _____

NAME OF YOUR PARENTS

NAMES OF YOUR SPOUSE'S PARENTS

NAME OF YOUR GRANDPARENTS

SPOUSES GRANDPARENTS

YOUR CHILDREN

NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

MARRIED TO

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