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Tommie and I want to take this opportunity to thank the board members and each of you that worked so hard to make the 1994 reunion a success. It takes everyone pulling together--plus a lot working behind the scenes to make a reunion the size of the Wells Family to run so smoothly. Each individual is important to the Association. Some give of themselves, others money, and there are those who make articles for the bazaar. All of these efforts keep the reunion going plus make it possible to mail out approximately 800 newsletters at least three times each year.

It was a great reunion and Saturday activities began with a tour of the grave sites. We were honored to have several of Elizabeth Wells Hillman's descendants on Saturday night--Franklin Hillman, Laura Lawson, Bill & Madonna Cook and their children. They all went on the grave tour with us and we knew they were family immediately. After the tour we all attended the historical committee's very special Genealogical workshop.

Sunday activities commenced at 10:00 a.m. with relatives enjoying visiting each other. The Wells board members offered many items for sale, including T-shirts, hats, and several genealogical items. *Edith Mollette donated a beautiful embroidered wall hanging she had made depicting the beginning of the Wells Family Tree for chance donations and a framed picture drawn from the same pattern for auction. We certainly appreciate her wonderful talent and generosity.* Ann Porter and Randy Wells did a great job with the Auction this year. John B. Wells, III served as auctioneer again and they made \$417, which will go toward general expenses this year due to the cost of the newsletter and reunion expenses. The auction at the 1995 reunion will go back to the original purpose of setting stones at ancestors graves that have not been marked.

Everyone had plenty of food this year and I must say that I have never seen so much good looking food. The Wells family members are the greatest cooks ever.

I want to share with you the 1994-95 OFFICERS for the Wells Family Association and the awards that were presented at the reunion.

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OFFICERS FOR 1994-95

President: Bobby Wells  
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Magdalene Markley  
Rita Smith  
Mary W. Walton





Your Nomination Committee:  
Manford Walton

Phillip Wells

Lloyd Wells

the picture of the new board members



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Youngest in Attendance: Hope Alexander Wells, b. 7/21/94 to Alex S. & Missie Conley Wells of Van Lear, Ky. Paternal grandparents are Alex Samuel & Susie Goble Wells. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. and William C. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier Lines.

OLDEST IN ATTENDANCE: Anna Golda Wells Stevens, b. 1902 to the late Moses & Mintie Bevins Clark Wells. Golda resides in Huntington, W. Va. and has one son Eugene Stevens who resides with her. She descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells. Her father Moses Wells was a twin brother of Aaron Wells.

Mrs. Goldie Stevens



Ali Wells Family





LARGEST FAMILY REPRESENTED:The Ali and Sadie Collins Wells family won with 15 present. This family won the award in 1993 also. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears. Ali and Sadie had the following children: Emma Jean Caudill, Allene Oney, Murl Collins, Mary M. Rider, Samuel J. Wells, Cindy Morris, Donna Rambo, Renie Mollette, Frank Wells, deceased, Ali Wells Jr., and Doris Fannin.

TRAVELED THE MOST MILES.

Virginia Wells McMonegal, Long Beach, California. This was Virginia's first visit to the reunion and she was invited by her brother Jefferson D. Wells. Virginia descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells. Her grandparents were the late William E. and Lora Hillman Wells.

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DOOR PRIZE was won by Mabel Wells Adams of Hueryville, Ind. Mabel is the daughter of the late Moses and Cora Honeycutt Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells. Mabel had to leave the reunion just before the drawing and she gave me her ticket to see if she won. Her brother said you won't have to worry about winning. This will be a surprise to her since I have not mailed her prize yet. Mabel the gift will be mailed soon.

DRAWING FOR THE WALL HANGING MADE BY-EDITH WELLS MOLLETTE: Tommie Cochran of Worthington, Ky was the lucky winner of the hanging. She is the daughter of Arthur Collins, Danleyton, Ky and secretary of the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells Spears line.

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JOHN B. WELLS III did a slide presentation of his trip to England at Saturday evenings genealogical workshop. He and his family had a wonderful trip exploring the land that our ancestors walked on. John brought back answers to some of the questions that many of you researchers out there have. I think you will be pleased to know that the Historical committee can now begin to work toward getting the book ready for publishing. IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION TO US FOR THE BOOK YET, PLEASE DO SO RIGHT AWAY. IF YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOOK SEND THE INFORMATION ALONG WITH DATES OF BIRTH, MARRIAGES AND DEATH OF YOUR FAMILY. In order to make the book complete, we want everyone included in the book. Don't put it off another day. The historical committee needs your information. John gave the participants a document of his research which is (12) pages. The document can be obtained through special request from John or me. You will need to send the request plus postage for the mailing. Due to limited space we are unable to include the document in the newsletter. I will give you the line from Richard Wells back to before the 1500.

## Wells Migrate to Kentucky

The first member of the family to settle in Ky was George E. Wells, the son of Richard and Susannah Wells, born on March 22, 1800, he was twenty-six years old when he followed his Uncle John Porter to Daniels Creek in the present Johnson County. On October 3, 1826, he signed as a witness to the marriage between Elizabeth Porter and Jonathan Webb. Richard Wells and the rest of the family moved to Ky prior to the U.S. Census of 1830, and settled on part of Porter's land on Daniels Creek. It was not until September 1836 that Richard Wells received his own grant of 50 acres" on the Dog Fork of Daniels Creek". This is the only recorded piece of land Richard ever owned. On February 20, 1834, Richard Wells applied for a Revolutionary War pension, but received the benefits for only four years. He died on March 18, 1838, and was buried on a small hill overlooking Dog Fork of Daniels Creek. His grave is located just to the north of Ky Route #3, approximately



one mile from its junction with State Route #1102, on the Ashley Butcher farm. It is marked with a Revolutionary War veteran's marker provided by the U.S. Veterans Administration. Richard and Susannah (Hutchinson) Wells had 11 children, all born in Va. They were Andrew, George, Moses, Elizabeth, Rosanna, Peter, John, Martha, William Green, Agnes, and Mary. These children became the progenitors of the various branches of the Wells family in the mountains of Eastern Ky.

WELLS GENEALOGY

HUMFREY WELL(E)S  
 born bef. 1525, Warwickshire  
 living 1546, Cherington, Warwick  
 married \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN WELL(E)S  
 chr. 1581, Cherington, Warwickshire  
 died 1598, Harbury, Warwickshire  
 married ALICIA MILLS

JOHN WELLS(?)

JOHN WELLS married ALICIA WELL(E)S  
 b. bef. 1599, Alveston, Warwickshire b. c. 1597, Harbury, Warwickshire  
 died 1638, Alveston, Warwick died bef. 1639, Alveston, Warwick

RICHARD WELL(E)S married ELEANOR ROBINSON  
 chr. 1618, Harbury, Warwickshire, England  
 died bef. 1662, Northumberland Co., VA

ZOROBABEL WELLS married CATHERINE DAVENPORT  
 born c. 1650, York or Northumberland Co., VA  
 died 1696, Talbot County, MD

RICHARD WELLS, "SR." married CATHERINE \_\_\_\_\_  
 born 1677, Talbot County, MD  
 died 1754, Queen Anne Co., MD

RICHARD WELLS, "JR." married MARY HOLLIDAY  
 born c. 1708, Queen Anne Co., MD  
 died 1767, Kent Co., DE

HUMPHREY WELLS married \_\_\_\_\_ LINDSEY(?)  
 born c. 1735, Queen Anne Co., MD  
 prob. died bef. 1769

RICHARD WELLS married SUSANNAH HUTCHISON  
 born 1760, Philadelphia, PA  
 died 1838, Floyd(now Johnson) Co., KY

ANDREW, GEORGE, MOSES, ELIZABETH, ROSANNA, PETER, JOHN, MARTHA,  
WILLIAM GREEN, AGNES, and MARY



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**Proposed Scholarship Fund:**



During the 1994 Wells Family Board Meeting the members discussed ways to encourage our young people to take more of an interest in the reunion and their heritage. The Board of the Wells Family Association Inc. values education and recognizes the pursuit of all educational activities as means to improve the quality of life of its members. It further recognizes the need to foster and encourage family members who continue their education in an effort to enhance their future social and economic goals. Dr. Randy Wells, board member who is with the University of Louisville recommended that we look at the possibility of offering a scholarship for one of the Wells descendants. This sounded real good to the board members and they asked that Dr. Wells come up with a proposal for recommendation to the board. At the October 22, 1994 board meeting the proposal for consideration was presented. The Board appointed a scholarship committee with Bobby Wells, Janice Allene Dunseith, and Dr. Wells as chairperson. The committee are to meet and set up guidelines for the scholarship. The board would like to offer a scholarship for the 95-96 school year which will be funded by private donations. We know this is a big undertaking to support a scholarship of approximately \$500. per year, but felt that it would assist one of our young people. The main criteria would be that the applicant would have to research his/her roots back to Richard and Susannah Hutchinson Wells. Or they could research a line assigned to them if their family line is up to date. If you have a young person that is a senior graduating in 1995 and has plans to continue their education beyond high school they may want to begin work on their family roots. Education beyond high school would include any recognized institution granting a certificate, diploma, or degree based on a planned program of study such as: vocational or technical institute offering various occupational programs, junior or community college, regular four-year college, or university. They should submit the information along with GPA and any other information that they feel will be helpful for the committee in choosing the recipient. The committee will have the requirements for applicants in the next newsletter. WE PRESENTLY HAVE \$97. IN THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING OUR YOUNG (WELLS) DESCENDANTS FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TOWARD THE CAUSE. REMEMBER THE GIFTS THAT YOU GIVE TO THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION OR THE SCHOLARSHIP IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. If 10 persons would contribute \$50. or 20 persons give \$25. we could have \$500. for one scholarship. If you want to know more about the fund, please call our president Bobby Wells or any of the committee members. Our president made the first contribution of \$50 and the other \$47 came from the special "Rockwell Collection" that Randy Wells made for sale at the reunion.

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**Rosanna Wells Spears, Spencer Spears & Family**

ROSANNA WELLS SPEARS m. Nov. 13, 1828 in Floyd County Ky. to Spencer Spears. Roanna was the sixth of eleven children born to Richard & Susannah Hutchinson Wells. She was born 1810 in Va. Rosanna, Spencer and their descendants resided in the Big Sandy Valley, many in Lawrence Co. Kentucky. According to the Spears Saga by Joseph F. Spears, 1982 the Spears Coat of Arms which dates back to the last of the 15th century, contains emblems symbolic of the countries- England, Ireland and Scotland. The early European history of the Spears clan is not fully known.

Several genealogical researches over the past decades have spent much time and money trying to find a clear record. They can only speculated on the migration of the Spears from the British Isles to the continent of Europe and then to America. The intermarriage between the English, Scots and Irish created the Spears that sought our country. A very old motto of the family apparently by its form Scotch-Irish, was "Yes Push On." a fine old motto emblematic of those bearing the name Spears. Spears are recorded in England as early as 1379. There is a record of a Robert Spears in



Va., in 1653, and several Spears have since crossed the sea to the country from the British Isles and Germany. The Children of Rosanna and Spencer are as listed:

- Wm. Harvey, b. 1828, m. Jermina Wells
- Morgan, b. 1830 m. Sarah Robinson
- Wiley, b. 1831 m. Elizabeth Criter
- Susannah, b. 1833 m. John Robinson
- Agnes Althegea, b. 1834 m. M. T. Burns
- Ruthia Jane, b. 1836 m. 1. John McGuire 2. John Fraley
- Wallace, b. 1838, m. Mary Robinson
- John W., b. 1839 m. Irene Hannah
- Thomas J., b. 1841 m. Sarah Ellis
- George W., b. 1841 m. Matilda Clark
- Moses, b. 1845 m. Sarah Clark

Information was provided from several sources for this article and we thank the following persons: Mrs. Woodridge (Eva) Spears, Gloria Sallie, Virginia Edgel and the Wells Family Memorial book.

Descendants of Rosanna and Spencer Spears:

Virgina Collins, son Kelly and family at the 1994 reunion.



Bill and Gloria Spears Sallie and daughter Renee 1994 Reunion:



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THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ATTENDED THE 1994 WELLS FAMILY REUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME:

- FRANKLIN HILLMAN
- LAURA LAWSON
- BILL/MADONNA COOK & CHILDREN
- LOUISE MCMONEGAL
- JOE PERKINSON
- ALVIN BOWYER JR.
- MAY ALICE NEAL
- MILDRED K. HANKINS
- PAULA WELLS TRUE
- SHELDON E. STURGILL
- BARBARA STURGILL
- JUDI WELLS
- JILL WELLS
- MARLENE CASTLE
- JEFF WELLS
- ANNE R. WELLS
- GEORGE HOWERTON
- ORETHA KINMAN
- HAROLD KINMAN
- JERRY W. SINNING
- KIMBERLI KAY SINNING
- LINTON WELLS
- CARLA BAILEY
- KENNETH WELLS
- FRANCES WELLS
- SAMANTHA DANIEL/FREDERICK
- DBY S. WELLS
- ONEIDA WATSON
- LOAVID LEE HALL
- BRIDGETT LEMASTER
- DEBRA A. LEMASTER
- JOHN P. LEMASTER
- JOEL I. LEMASTER
- CHRIS VANCE
- ROBERTA W. BALDWIN
- ELVIE E. GRIM
- JOSEPH N. DAVIS
- LILE L. DAVIS
- DONNA CASTLE
- DARLA S. WELLS
- KRIS WELLS
- JAMES E. RICHMOND
- CARL JARRELL
- GRETA CLICK
- RURRAINE MOLLETTE
- MICHAEL MOLLETTE



DENVER HARLESS  
 ELLA E. MCGUIRE  
 ELIZABETH A. WELLS  
 PAUL K. WELLS  
 ABAGAIL E. WELLS  
 PAUL CLAY WELLS  
 KAREN J. H. H. WILSON  
 BETTY J. W. H. PUCKETT  
 LORENA WELLS WALLEN  
 CURTIS LEE MEADE  
 MADELYN MEADE  
 VIRGINIA COLLINS  
 CRYSTAL CAUDILL  
 BRYAN ALLEN LINDSEY  
 MICHAEL W. DILES  
 ROGER LEE WELLS  
 LISA DILES  
 HATTIE HOWLAND  
 MILDRED WELLS  
 JEFFERSON DAVIS WELLS  
 SAM H. MUSIC  
 EMMA JOYCE MUSIC  
 NANCY S. DENNISON  
 GABRIEL L. DENNISON  
 NATHANIEL DENNISON  
 JAMES CORY WELLS  
 DONIVAN EDWIN WELLS  
 ANTHONY W. WELLS  
 JOSEPH L. MARCUM  
 VIRGINIA W. MCMONEGAL  
 ADRENA CAROL WARD

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QUERIES

Michael G. Wells, 1324 Rutledge Rd., Bloomington, Il. 61704, Would like to exchange information with researchers in the association on the following relatives:

- (1) Raymond Edward Wells (son of Benjamin Wells & Catherine M. Jester) m. Lucy Belle Cook, (a.k.a. Margaret, Belle L., Nancy B). This family was located in Griggsville, Il. about 1887. (2) Nancy L. Wells (Wills) m. Norman R. Christie. They lived in Green Co., Ky about 1838. 10/30/94.

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BIRTHS

HOPE ALEXANDER WELLS, b. Sept. 21, 1994 at Highland Regional Hospital. She weighed 8 lb. 15

oz. and was 21" long. (SEE YOUNGEST IN ATTENTANCE).

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 MARRIAGES

DAWN WELLS JUDE and BRYAN K. JUDE were married on July 1, 1994 in Carbon County Utah. Bryan is a chief electrician at a coal mine in Radnor, W. Va. where the Jude's are residing. Dawn is a homemaker. She is the granddaughter of the late Bennie and Juanita Goble Wells. Dawn descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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HOSPITAL

WANDA WELLS, was a patient in the Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in August. Wanda is the Secretary of the Wells Family Association Board and is the wife of Phillip Wells who descends from George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells line. She is doing fine and keeping very busy as a new student at the Ashland Community College and I happy to report she is making all A's. We are proud of you Wanda.

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CLIFFORD BOOTH, Van Lear, underwent surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland in October. Clifford is presently at home receiving special care from his good wife Dolores "Sis" Williams Booth. Dolores is a member of the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

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BETTY CLARK FARLEY, Chino, Cal. had knee surgery in June. Since the surgery did not relieve her pain she will be going through surgery again in the near future to have the joint replacement. Betty had cataract surgery on one eye on 10/7 and will be having the other done soon as this eye is healed. Betty told me in her letter that she felt like an old car, falling apart piece by piece. (Hang in there Betty) She is the daughter of the late Logan "Cooge" and Maggie Wells Clark and descends from George E. Wells and William G. Wells lines. Betty is receiving TLC from her good husband Jim. I talked with Betty by phone on 10/15 and she is doing great.

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NANCY LEACH WALTON, of Morgantown, Ky had an accident on Sept. 25th. and cut a tendon in her thumb. It required surgery and putting a pin in it. She was required to leave the pin in 5 or 6 weeks and was not allowed to return to her job. Nancy developed an infection in the thumb and was off from work 7 weeks. She is now back to work with some restrictions. Nancy is married to Timothy Allen Walton the son of Manford and Mary Walton who serve on the Wells Family Board. Descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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LEWIS EDGEL, Flatwoods, Ky had a fall which required several stitches in his head. He is receiving excellent care from his wife, Virginia Collins Edgel. Virginia is a member of the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears.

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PEARL HAMILTON WELLS, 87 underwent open heart surgery October 24th., at the University Hospital in Lexington, Ky. Pearl had a Valve, Aorta replaced and one bi-pass. She was reported as doing well before developing blood clot. She is in the trauma unit at U.K. Hospital. I was told that her son Herman has been staying in Lexington to be with his mother at visitation. Her niece, Bernice Austin, has been spending a lot of time with her also. Pearl is the widow of the late Elmer Wells who descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears. Her grandson Donnie Wells is a member of the Wells Family Board. *Pearl is a faithful member of the Wells Family Association and is known for her Apple Stack Cake.*

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STANLEY KEEL, Van Lear, Ky. underwent open heart surgery on Oct. 13, 1994 at the University of Ky. Hospital, Lexington. He had five bypasses and spent a week in the hospital. He is home receiving special care from his wife, Judy. Stanley is the son of the late Rufus and Lucy Delong Walton Keel. He descends from Richard Wells from Willaim G. Wells from William G. Wells line. His brother, Manford Walton, serves on the Board.

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### SICK LIST

Dolie Harmon, Georgia Richmond Hall, Haskell Burgess, Eva Spears, Sherri W Benette, Emma Jean Wells Caudill, Audrey L. Smith, Geraldine Wells McCrokey, Sandra L. Wells, Virginia Edgel, Phillip Wells, Nevard Wells, James "Jim" Richmond and Robert Womack.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

CARL & POLLY WELLS COLLINS, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 6, 1994. The celebration was given by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Collins, Mary W. Walton, & Emma W. Adkins. The celebration was at the Philadelphia Church of Christ from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The couple greeted the following guest: Cindy Camden, Cassandra Camden, Manford Walton, Arthur & Wanda Collins, Lois Marshall, Chester & Geraldine Webb, Clyde & Ola Mae Collins, Herbert & Louise Wells, Murman & Maggie Penix, Tonya Collins, Sarvannah Wells, Hilda Wells, Kelly Collins, Rod & Brenda Collins, Erin Collins, Jessica Akers, Everett & Paulina Conley, Vada Reeves, Lois May, Lorraine Newberry, David & Amanda Wells, Eyvind & Jeanette Brown, Adam Collins, Robert & Pat Womach, Glennah Womach, Linda Ramey, Mike & Brenda Collins, Larry & Rita Collins, Emma Adkins and Mary Walton. The couple was honored with many gifts from the friends. Carl is the son of the late McKinley and Callie Daniels Collins and Polly is the daughter of the late Ben & Anna Richmond Wells. They descend from George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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LORI LUNDERGAN, of Morehead has tumbled and jumped from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Cocoa Beach, Florida, and many places in between. In Oct.as part of the U.S. Tumbling Association's national team, Lori and Krista Caskey will do an exhibition tour and visit Washington, D.C. Both girls traveled to 3 team trial competitions earlier this spring where 72 athletes qualified and 24 athletes were selected. Eleven year old Kim, daughter of Eddie and Kim Lundergan, was selected as one of the top double mini-trampolinist. The two girls paired up last year to win the Junior Olympic National Title







surface mining department. Additional survivors include a son, Jerry David Wells of Whitehouse; a daughter, Lisa Ann Williams of Nippa; a brother Michael Patrick of Frankfort; three sisters, Sharon Nighbert of Lexington, Carol Race of Toledo, Ohio, and Donna Meade of Richmond; two stepsisters, Phyllis Blanton and Shirley Burns, both of Toledo; and 3 grandchildren. The funeral was September 29, 1994 at Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville by Dick Vanhooose and M. T. Womack. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville. I am not sure if Marianna's or her husband was related to our Richard Wells.

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FRED MCGUIRE, 87, of Westwood and Bellefonte, died Oct., 19, 1994 in Topeka, Kan. He was born March 3, 1907, in Floyd County, a son of the late William James McGuire and Alta Magnolia Wells McGuire. His wife, Alleine Gertrude Vance McGuire, died in 1993. He was a retired master machinist with Armeo Steel, where he worked for 46 years. He was a member of Westwood Christian Church and a charter member of the Westwood Lions Club, and Westwood Volunteer Fire Dept. He and his late wife initiated the restoration of the Dixon Cemetery. Surviving are 3 daughters, Peggy M. Boggs and Patricia M. Nunley, both of Topeka, and Alfreda M. Beaver of Springfield, Ohio; 5 brothers, Hobart McGuire, Darwin McGuire, To. "Oak" McGuire and Solomon McGuire, all of Floyd County, and John McGuire of Lawrence County; 5 sisters, Fannie Smith of Kingsport, Tenn., Fayhe Collins of Mt. Vernon, Ill., Jean Simpson of Floyd County, Emma Baldrige of Dayton, Ohio, and Alta Steig of Powell, Ohio; his stepmother, Mary Fraley McGuire of Lawrence County; 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. The funeral was under the direction of Caniff Funeral Home and entombment at the Rose Hill Mausoleum. Fred descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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NEVARD JACKSON WELLS, b. 9/28/94 in Cabell Huntington, W.Va. Hospital and d. 9/28/94 He was a son of Dwayne and Geraldine Morrison of Van Lear. Survivors include 2 brothers, Christopher Dwayne Wells and Sheldon M. Butcher, both of Van Lear; 2 sisters, Kimberly D. Cline of Inez and Shawna R. Butcher of Van Lear; the

maternal grandparents are Margie Morrison and the late Jackson Morrison. The paternal grandparents are Nevard and Genee Wells of Van Lear. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. The body was taken to the parents home for viewing on 10/1. Graveside service was held on Oct. 2 with burial in the Wells Family Cemetery at John's Creek by Rev. Rod Wells. The baby descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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EMMAGENE WELLS WIREMAN, 66, of East Tygart Road, Greenup, Ky. Mrs. Wireman was born July 26, 1928, at South Webster, Ohio, a daughter of Minnie Wells of Greenup and the late William F. Wells. She was retired from Savage Shopwise in Wurtland and was a member of the Church of God. Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, James Wireman; 2 sons, the Rev. Roger Wireman of Rush and Donald "Dick" Wireman of Greenup; 3 daughters, Phyllis Hieneman of Greenup, Marita "Rita" Mathison of Wnatchee, Wash., and Carol Woods of Grayson; 6 brothers, Russell Wells of Wurtland, Robert Wells, Donald Wells and Larry Wells, all of South Shore, Harry Wells of Lodie, Cal., and William "Pete" Wells of Portsmouth, Ohio; 3 sisters, Eva Pearl "Betty" Rhoden of Wheelersburg, Ohio; Stacy Hamilton of Wenatchee and Clara Stephnes of Greenup; 12 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. The funeral was on Sept. 3, at Greenup Church of God by Donald "Dick" Wireman and the Rev. Roger Wireman. Burial was in Warnock Cemetery. Reed Funeral Home in Greenup was in charge of arrangements. I am not sure if this family is connected to our Richard Wells.

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JUANITA GOBLE WELLS CARR, 68 of Greenup, Ky. died Aug. 7, 1994 in King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland, Ky. She was born Aug. 4, 1926 to Bertha Collins Goble Fields and the late Carl Goble. She is succeeded in death by her first husband Bennie Wells Jr. and her second husband Oscar Carr. She is survived by her mother; two sons and two daughters; Jerry Wells, Gerald R. Wells, Patricia Womack, Sandra Wells; four grandchildren; Jerry M. Wells, and Robert Womack both of Greenup., Dawn



Jude of Radnor, WV., Lisa Wells of Prestonsburg, one great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the directions of Reed Funderal Home, Greenup, with Rev. Willis Cooper officiating. Burial was in Brick Union Cemetery, Lloyd, Ky. The remains of her first husband Bennie Wells was transferred from the Wells Cemetery at Van Lear to Brick Union Cemetery. Juanita's first husband descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wellws, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.  
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HELEN VOLOTA, 69 died October 10, 1994 in a Cleveland, Ohio hospital. Helen was born Dec. 7/1924 in Pittsburgh, Penn. Helen is survived by one brother Steve Volota of Euclid, Ohio. Burial was in Pittsburgh, Penn. in the St. Mary's Ukranian National Cemetery. She is the aunt of Patti Volota Quallich who is a member of the Wells Family Board.  
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HERBERT WELLS, 73, of Pikerington, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, died in Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Wells was born Aug. 16, 1921, at Garrett, a son of the late Richard Mac and Ann Cooper Wells. He was retired from the U.S. Army and served during World War II in Germany, Korea and Ethiopia. He was also a former member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Hale Wells; three sons, Tracy Wells and Daniel Wells, both of Pickerington, and Douglas Hale of Pippa Passes; 2 daughters, Michelle Kupfer of Pickerington and Lois Hale of Topmost; a brother Richard Wells of Estill; and a grandchild. I'm not sure if he descends from Richard Wells.  
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SAMUEL L. WELLS, 68, of East Point, died October 27, 1994 at his home. Mr. Wells was born March 19, 1926, in Floyd County, a son of the late Jeff and Lora Stapleton Wells. He was a retired coal miner and a Navy veteran. Surviving are his wife, Dixie Bolden Wells; three sons, Robert Wells of Staffordsville, Jeffery L. Wells of Auxier and Samuel L. Wells Jr. of San Antonio, Texas; 3 daughters, Margie Wells Fitch of East Point, Lora Wells Hamilton of Prestonsburg and Tracy Wells Schneider of South Point, Oh; 2 brothers, Freddie Wells of Medina, Ohio, and Douglas Wells of

Cleveland, Tenn.; and 9 grandchildren. Jones and Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville was in charge of arrangements with Dave Flanery, minister. Burial was in the Wells family cemetery at East Point. Samuel descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.  
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RUBY PELPHREY WELLS, 85, died Oct. 22, 1994 in Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Wells was born Oct. 24, 1908 in Johnson County. She was the daughter of the late Dan Pelphrey and Emma Phelps. She is preceded in death by her husband, Wilford N. Wells. Surviving are a brother, Roy Pelphrey of Chicago, Illinois; and 3 sisters, May Javins of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mildred Mooney of Bluefield, W. Va., and Betty of Baltimore, Maryland. Jones-Preston Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements with Clarence Dutton officiating. Burial was in Fields Cemetery at Boons Camp. Ruby's late husband was the son of Jacob Green and Harritt Arrowood Wells. He descended from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line.  
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WILLIAM L. WELLS JR., 62, of Riverside, Ohio, died November 8, 1994 at his home. Mr. Wells was born June 19, 1932, in Floyd County, a son of the late William L. and Mabel Hubbard Wells. He was retired from the Chrysler Corp. and a Korean War Veteran. Surviving are 2 daughters, Billie S. Sturgill of Londonderry, Ohio, and Bobbie A. Beckett of Huber Heights, Ohio; a son William L. Wells III; 3 brothers, Paul B. Wells of Auxier, Charles R. Wells of Louisville and Michael E. Wells of Mt. Orab, Ohio; 2 sisters, Peggy Sue Wells and Nancy H. Goble, both of Auxier; and 4 grandchildren. The funeral was under the arrangements of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery. William descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.  
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ERMA WELLS PORTER, 86, of Ashland, died November 13, 1994 at the home of her nephew and niece, Ira and Sara Wells, at Rockhouse of Flatwoods, Ky. Mrs. Porter was born Sept. 1, 1908, at Naples, a daughter of the late George Washington and Martha Webb Wells. Additional survivors include a brother, Ira Wells of Ashland; and a sister Evelyn Gallagher



of Covington. Arrangements were under the direction of Steen Funeral Home, Ashland. Graveside services were conducted at the Highland Memorial Gardens at South Point, Ohio, by the Rev. Roger Wireman. I am not sure if Erma descends from Richard Wells. I talked with Mrs. Ira (Sara) Wells and she is going to try and find out some information on the family for me. I wonder if this could be some of John Wells' descendants since some of the family resided in Lawrence Co., Oh. and Ashland, Ky. areas.

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### MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The late Alj and SADIE COLLINS WELLS family gave \$75.00 in memory of their parents and their brother Franklin Wells, who died from Cancer. This gift was designated to go toward expenses of the newsletter and operating of the reunion. The family is always present at the Wells Family Reunion and most of the time take the award for the largest family present. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

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\$30.00 gift in memory of Unoka "Nokie" Wells Frisby, Louisville, Ky. Unokie d. 5/21/94, by her cousin, Betty Clark Farley, Chino, Cal. Nokie was the daughter of the late Richard and Fannie Richmond Wells. Betty has been a faithful contributor to the Wells Family Organization for several years. Betty descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and George E. Wells line. She was the daughter of the late Logan and Maggie Wells Clark.

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ANONYMOUS, a gift of \$10. was given toward the newsletter. The giver wishes to remain anonymous at this time. We do appreciate this gift and hope this person will be able to make the connection to her family line through our newsletter or the Historical Committee.

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\$100. gift to go toward expenses. The letter below from Margaret Williams Hayth will explain the gift. She is the sister of the late Will Williams. Will served on the Wells board until his death. We do appreciate the gift and that Will remembered the

Wells Family Association at his death. Margaret and Will were the grandchildren of the late Allen and Angeline Collins Wells. They descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line.

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Sept. 26, 1994  
Jackson, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Walton:

Enclosed check is from Will A. Williams, my brother. One of the last times I talked to Will he told me to be sure to send a check in this amount. Sorry to be slow getting it to you. Will was very happy about the Wells Family Association, it was very close to his heart. He was awfully miserable the last few months he lived. I loved him very much. I talked to Peggy McGuire a few months ago. Fred is living in a Nursing Home in Topeka, Ka. She said he was doing fairly well and able to get around a bit with his crutches. Myron and I enjoyed the Wells Reunion very much and will be there next year, health and other things permitting. We went to the Dam but there is nothing there that I can recognize. Hope the check will help and if things permit will see you next September. You all do a really great job getting the reunion together. Sincerely, Margaret Hayth

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\$25.00 gift from our faithful contributor, Bernard A. Wells, Jr. of Springfield, Va. Bernard is the son of the late Bernard Wells, and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells line. His letter of 9/4/94.

Dear Mary:

I assume you can use the enclosed check. The newsletter is excellent and I enjoy reading it. Sorry, we're unable to attend the reunion, but I'll look forward to reading about it. B. A. Wells

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\$15.00 gift given in memory of her cousin Unoka "Nokie" Wells Frisby, by Lee and Georgia Richmond Hall of Brunswick, Oh. Nokie d. May 21, 1994 in Louisville, Ky. Nokie was the daughter of the late Richard and Fannie Richmond Wells. Georgia descends from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells Spears and William G. Wells lines.

\$25.00 gift give in memory of Maggie Collins Wells & Herman Thomas Wells by their daughter Mrs. M. Bennett "Jean Wells" Webb from Lucasville, Ohio. Jean is a first cousin of Paula Wells who serves on the Wells Family Board. Jeans letter is below.

Lucasville, Ohio  
Aug. 29, 1994

The Wells Family Assoc. Inc.

Thank you for sending the Wells Newsletter, enjoyed it very much. Enclosed is a check in memory of my mother and father: Maggie Collins Wells & Herman Thomas Wells. Grandparents were : Wallace Collins & Allie Sriggs Collins



brother: Robert Thomas Wells (Ricca) have very fond memories of Daniels Creek and the area.

Sincerely  
Jean Wells Webb  
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THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION BOARD MET ON OCTOBER 22 AND VOTED TO PAY FOR HAVING A CONFEDERATE STONE FOR AARON WELLS SET THAT JOHN B. WELLS III OBTAINED THROUGH THE CONFEDERATE ASSOCIATION. THE BOARD FURTHER VOTED TO PLACE A MARKER ON HIS TWIN BROTHER MOSES WELLS GRAVE. THEY VOTED TO SET A STONE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON SPEARS, & JOHN SPEARS GRAVES. THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF ROSEANNA WELLS SPEARS. THEY ALSO VOTED TO PLACE A MARKER AT THE GOVERNMENT CEMETERY BEHIND THE HIGHLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL ON GEORGE WASHINGTON AND ARMINTA WELLS GRAVES. THE MONEY THAT WAS MADE FROM THE AUCTION AND WAS DESIGNATED FOR MARKING GRAVES ARE BEING SPENT FOR THE CAUSE. WHEN THE STONES ARE SET WE WILL OBTAIN PICTURES AND PUT THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR YOU TO SEE. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OF RICHARD WELLS CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN'S GRAVES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN MARKED PLEASE SEND US THE INFORMATION SO THE BOARD CAN CHECK ABOUT MARKING THE GRAVES.

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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 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.) _____

#3. College Scholarship Fund _____

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*WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU THE BEST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, AND BE SURE TO MARK YOUR NEW 1995 CALENDAR FOR THE WELLS' FAMILY REUNION!*



Judy Wells Delong, daughter of Margie and Beecher Wells, and Grandson.



Wells Family Breaking Bread together at the 1994 Reunion





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