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SICKNESS  
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DELIGHT WELLS HALL, EMMA W. ADKINS, JIM CLARK, LES HALL, RUTH E. COLLINS, WANDA  
WELLS, PAULA WELLS, DOLIE HARMON, POLLY CLARK WILLARD, BETTY CLARK FARLEY, MARY  
W. WALTON,

Soon the Wells relatives will be traveling to Johnson County Kentucky for the 1995 Wells Family Reunion. THE REUNION WILL BE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd. & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. It will be at the Johnson Central High School on Rt. 23 at Paintsville (next door to McDonald) If you haven't gotten your motel reservations you may have difficulty in finding a room locally due to other activities in the area. You may call one of the following Hotels/Motels for your reservations. Please ask if they are giving special rates for the Wells Family.

CARRIAGE HOUSE HOTEL,	Paintsville.	1-606-789-4224
JENNY WILEY STATE PARK,	Prestonsburg	1-800-325-0142
HOLIDAY INN,	Prestonsburg (South)	1-800-465-4329
SUPER 8 MOTEL,	Prestonsburg	1-800-800-8000
SUPER 8 MOTEL,	Inez, Ky	1-606-298-7000
DAYS INN	Paintsville	1-606-789-3551
STARFIRE MOTEL	Paintsville	1-606-789-5341

SATURDAY'S activities:

Grave tour group will meet in the parking lot and leave at 2:00 pm for grave tour. Wear comfortable shoes and something cool. By 2:30 p.m. the group will plan to be at Richard Wells grave on Rt. 3.-- 3:00 p.m. the group will plan to be at the Old Log Church cemetery. 3:20 p.m.-- they plan to leave for Auxier Relocation Cemetery 4:30 p.m.-- leave Auxier Cemetery, 4:30 p.m. stop on Rt. 23 and view Agnes Wells Auxier grave site.-- 5:00 p.m. stop at the two Paintsville cemeteries-- 5:45 p.m. back to Johnson Central School for refreshments. THE SCHOOL WILL BE OPENED AT 4:00 pm.--6:00 pm.  
Genealogical Workshop (Bring ? & information to share)

SUNDAY'S activities:

Special entertainment will be offered throughout the morning.

9:30 a.m. - School doors opened (Time to visit & look over the "for sale items" including the auction items & enjoy entertainment)

10:30 a.m. Genealogical Workshop (Bring ? & information to share)

11:45 a.m. AUCTION

12:45 a.m. Memorial Service for those that have gone on & Blessing for the Dinner.

12:55 a.m. Line up to eat. PLEASE ALLOW OUR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED BE SERVED FIRST-- 75 AND OLDER

1:00 p.m. Dinner will be served.

2:00 p.m. Election of Officers

2:30 p.m. Awards Presented to: member traveling the most distance.  
the family with most members present  
the oldest member in attendance  
the youngest member in attendance  
the door prize awarded

3:00 p.m. Members plan to visit and enjoy entertainment until 5:00 p.m.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO STAY WITH THE SCHEDULE.

Please bring plenty of food, drinks, etc. and lets all eat together.

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DON'T FORGET YOUR AUCTION ITEMS

Each year during the family reunion an auction activity is held to raise money for the Memorial Fund. This fund is used by the Wells Family Association to place stones on unmarked graves of descendants of Richard Wells, starting with Richard's children and grandchildren. Please bring something for the auction that is of value that someone else would want to buy. Things that are broken or soiled are not easy to sell and we end up with them being left over. Also plan to buy something to support the Association and the Memorial Fund. Remember, if you get a good buy, that's great; but you are really contributing to a good cause. Large items will be auctioned off before lunch. Smaller items will be placed on tables where you write in your bid, always increasing the previous bid. And the Chinese auction is always a popular item with the kids. This is where you buy an envelop of numbers and place them in the cup beside any of the items you would like. At the end of the reunion, numbers will be drawn out of the cups to see who gets the items.

Auction Committee: Ann Porter & Randy Wells

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DEAR WELLS RESEARCHERS:

We now have four separate accounts of the origin of our branch of the Wells Family. The fascinating aspect of all four is that they refute the "accepted" Hall's history account that our Richard Wells was the son of Richard Wells, Sr..

Account #1 was written in 1887 by George Wells, the son of our Richard Wells. He stated that Richard's father "I think was Humphrey Wells" and that Richard was kidnapped by his uncle George. This account was published in Hall's history, but was ignored by the author of the Wells article in the book.

Account #2 was written by George's daughter. She, too, lists the father of Richard as "Humphrie Wells". She also noted that the mother of Richard Wells was "a widow", indicating that "Humphrie Wells" died when Richard was just a boy. Interestingly, this account was found in the personal papers of M.L.K. Wells, the author of the Hall's history account. The original papers were in the possession of Mrs. Pearl Wells Short. Copies have been donated to the Johnson County Public Library.

Account #3 comes all the way from Iowa and was provided by Cora Wells Cox, the great granddaughter of Andrew Wells, the oldest of Richard's sons. The family of Andrew Wells moved West in the early 1800's and was cut off from our branch of the family for generations. It is particularly fascinating that the version of our origin used by Andrew's descendants is very close to our own. It also names "Humphry Wells" as the father of our Richard. Although their account mentions that Richard went to Georgia with his uncle George, there is no mention of a kidnapping. Cora Wells Cox was born in Iowa in 1853. This account was provided by Margaret Berryman, a descendant of the Andrew Wells branch.

Account #4 comes from Rutherford County, North Carolina, and is the account of the descendants of Humphrey Wells, the brother of our Richard Wells. Their account was given by Jesse Richard Wells in 1896. He was the son of Humphrey Wells "Junior" and nephew of our Richard. He also listed the father of our Richard as "Humphie Wells", but stated that the boys were "sold off" as "bound boys" to their Uncle George by an uncaring mother who wanted to be rid of them. It also indicates that their father, Humphrey, died under "mysterious circumstances".

In my humble opinion, the evidence is almost irrefutable that Humphrey Wells was the father of our Richard Wells. It is no coincidence that ALL FOUR of these accounts list Richard's father as Humphrey wells and that ALL FOUR state that Richard's uncle took him to Georgia. The circumstances of the move to Georgia continue to be shrouded in mystery. Whether Richard was a kidnap victim, or "bound boy", or went voluntarily is still the subject of much discussion. I suspect that Richard's mother was not a very nice lady...possibly the "Susan Smith" of her time. I think it is quite appropriate that her name has been lost to history. I don't want to give her any notoriety. All we know is that her last name might have been "Lindsey" and that she doesn't seem to have been a very nice person.

I would love to hear from any and all of your comments concerning the above materials.

Your "off" cousin,

John Britton Wells III

Member Historical Committee"

(The different accounts will be discussed and documents reviewed at our genealogical meetings during the reunion.)

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HOSPITALIZATION

MABEL ALLEN, of Prestonsburg, Ky underwent eye surgery in July and is at her home recuperating. She is the widow of the late Woodrow Allen. Mabel is a member of the Wells Family board. she descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

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GLORIA SPEARS SALLIE, of Ashland, Ky has been in St. Mary's Hospital where she underwent a heart catherization. The morning that she was to be dismissed, she got up and slipped on something wet in the floor and fell. In the process of trying to catch herself by grabbing a chair, The doctor felt she had some fractured ribs. But x-rays revealed just really deep bruises and she was put in a brace. Her heart catherization turned out. She is at home receiving special attention from her husband Bill. Gloria descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears and William G. Wells lines. She is a member of the Wells Family Association.

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MARGARET BERRYMAN, Surry, Va was in an automobile accident May 20, 1995. She had a soft tissue injury to her knee and bruised her chest and lungs. She is hoping to return to work on June 19th. Margaret descends from Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells. She is a member of the Wells Family Board and she and her mother are faithful attendants of the Wells Reunion.

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MARGARET WILLIAMS HAYTH, Jackson, Ohio was in the hospital in March. After suffering from a stroke she had to have the coronary arteria in her neck opened. Margaret is a sister of the late Will Williams who served on the Wells Family Board. She is the daughter of the late Sophia Wells Williams and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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POLLY WELLS COLLINS, of Van Lear, Ky, underwent total knee replacement on June 20, 1995 at Kings Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, Ky. She had both knees done and spend a week in the hospital and then another 11 days in rehabilitation therapy. Polly is now home and doing great and receiving special care from her husband Carl and other family members. The only problem they have with her is that they are unable to keep her out of the garden. She is the daughter of the late Ben & Anna Richmond Wells, and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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KIM HALL WILLARD, was in Lakewood Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio on April 28, 1995. She underwent gallbladder surgery and has recuperated well. She is the daughter of Albert L. &

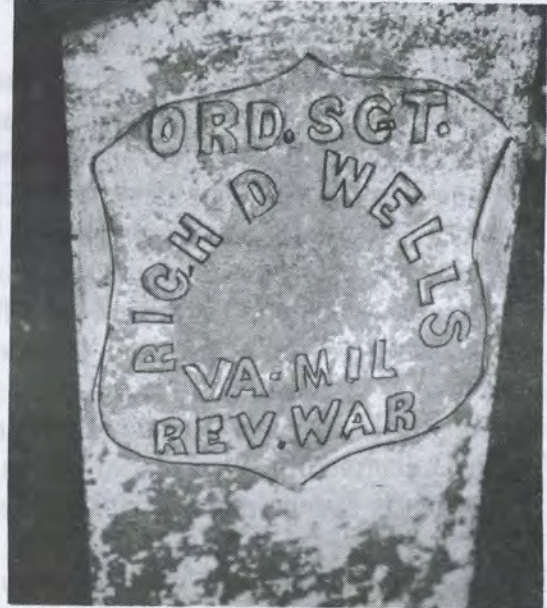
Georgia Richmond Hall of Brunswick, Ohio. She descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

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## DEATHS

We cannot know what lies ahead  
From day to passing day,  
What changes God is planning  
In His Wise and loving way,  
We cannot know the reasons  
He allows both joy and tears,  
Why we must lose the precious ones  
We've cherished through the years,  
We cannot know--but we can trust,  
And faith can help us find  
Our way to those tomorrow's  
That will bring us Peace of Mind.

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THE OLDEST LIVING WELLS AND A WORLD WAR I VETERAN DEAD AT 102.

CHARLES MADISON "CHARLIE" WELLS, 102, of Paintsville, Ky, died at 5:40 a.m. Sunday, June 18, 1995, at the Highland Regional Medical Center. Charles was born August 28, 1892 to William Green Wells and Mollie Marrs. Two wives preceded him in death, Musette Sowards Wells and Essie Burchwell Hall Wells. He was former owner of the Wells Insurance Agency, a member of the Paintsville Masonic Lodge, and served as Lt. in WWI. He was a member of Mayo Methodist Church, Rotarians, and was very active in Boy Scouts. Survivors include a sister, Pearl Short, Paintsville; a brother, George C. Wells, Sr., Pikeville, a cousin, Willa May Alexander, Pikeville; and nieces and nephews, Bernard Wells, Arlington, VA., Elizabeth Ann Wells, Louisa, Ky, Kay Wells, Alexander, VA., George W. Wells, Jr., Pikeville, Sara Williams, Knoxville, TN., David Ward, Auxier, KY., Bill Ward, Paintsville, Betty Lou Bailey, Tennessee, Helen Blackburn, Georgia, Lois Ann Lorch, Texas, Bill Jordan, Lexington, Mary Lynn Jordan, Texas, George Ed Jordan, Connecticut, and Nancy London, Washington, D.C. Funeral services was under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in their chapel. Clarence Dutton and Robert M. Conley officiated. Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery, Boons Camp. Charlie descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

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JAMES MERMON PENIX, 79, of Van Lear, died 7/24/95 in Highlands Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg. Mermion was born 8/16/16, in Martin County, a son of the late James and Virgie Dennison Penix. He was a retired coal miner and a member of Daniels Creek Church of Christ. Surviving are his wife, Maggie Collins Penix; and a half sister, Sophia Alice Travis of Troy, Ohio. Arrangements were under the direction of The Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville with burial in the Collins family cemetery at Van Lear. Vernon Hall and Arville

Short officiated. His wife Maggie descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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EUGENE WELLS, 74, of Prestonsburg, died 7/29/1995 in Veterans Administration Hospital at Lexington. He was born 1/8/21, at Prestonsburg, a son of the late Melvin and Beulah Robert Wells. He was a World War II Navy veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart. Life member of D.A.V. Chapter 18 at Auxier, and worked at John P. Wells garage at Prestonsburg. Surviving are his wife, Ollie Goble Wells; 3 sons, Kenneth Eugene Wells of Versailles, Wendell Wells of Prestonsburg and James Edward Wells of Richmond; 4 daughters, Betty Wells Stephens of Prestonsburg, Wilma Leslie and Carolyn Walters, both of Emma, and Linda Clements of Lexington; 3 brothers, John P. Wells, Melvin Wells and Ferman Wells, all of Prestonsburg; 2 sisters, Mrs. Jettie Shreve of Prestonsburg and Mrs. Woodsie Adkers of Lexington; 13 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home at Prestonsburg. The Rev. Lee Edward Caudill and the Rev. Tommy Valentine officiated. Burial was in the Akers & Goble Cemetery at Corn Fork, Prestonsburg. Eugene descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

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PARIS GOBLE, 93, of Auxier, died Saturday in Highland Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg. Paris was born 12/3/1901, at Lancer, a son of the late James S. and Florence Wells Goble. He was a retired coal miner and member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church. Surviving are a son, Jimmie Goble of Allen; a brother, Ted Goble of Mt. Dora, Fla.; two sisters, Opal McKenzie and Annis Mae "Dottie" Perry, both of Auxier, 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home at Prestonsburg with burial in the family cemetery at Auxier.

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MARION (BUD) MOLLETTE, died at his home in Milan, Mi., of a heart attack on 4/12/95. He is the husband of Verti Collins Mollette formally of Van Lear. (My information is limited since Don Collins figured I had received the data from family members.) Verti Collins Mollette is the daughter of the late Conard & Gladys Mae Wells Collins. She descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears & George E. Wells lines.

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DOROTHY WELLS MUSIC, 78, of Van Lear, died 5/19/1995 in Highland Regional Medical Center of Prestonsburg. Dorothy was born 12/24/1916, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Alex and Angeline Spears Wells. Her husband, Frank Music, died in 1978. Surviving are 4 sons, Dexter Music of Hagerhill, Rex Music of Madisonville, and James David Music and Joe Russell Music, of Van Lear; a daughter, Vivian Young of Winchester; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville with Jerry Scott and David Wells officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, Ky. Dorothy descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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BEVERLY PRESTON MCINTYRE, 58, of Ashland, died 5/23/95 in University of Kentucky's Albert B. Chandler Medical Center, Lexington. Beverly was born April 8, 1937, at Ashland, a daughter of Marjorie Riffe Preston Elam of Flatwoods and the late Walter Preston. She was a registered nurse at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and a member of First Baptist Church, Ashland. She was preceded in death by her second husband Dr. Steward Light. Additional survivors include her stepfather, Ray Elam of Flatwoods; her husband, John F. McIntyre; two daughters Lisa Wheeler of Pikeville and Susan Ray of Flatwoods; 2 sons Hank Light of Ashland and Scott Light of Russell; 2 stepsons, David McIntyre of Flatwoods and Jeff McIntyre of Lexington; and 4 grandchildren. The funeral was at the First Baptist Church under direction of Millers Funeral Home. Dr. Bill Messer officiated with entombment at the Rose Hill Mausoleum, Ashland. Beverly was a granddaughter of Watt and Lula Richmond Preston and descends from Richard Wells through Agnes Wells Auxier.

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CHARLEY WELLS JR., 68, of Louisa, died 6/8/95 in King's Daughters' Medical Center. Mr. Wells was born 3/20/27, at Louisa, a son of the late Charley Sr. and Sophia Nolan Wells. He was a tippie employee and security guard with United Coal Co. Surviving are six daughters, Penny Robinette of Covington, Pam Ratliff of Louisa, Jerry Sue Wells and Mary Ann Wells, both of Ulysses, Doris Adkins of Blaine, and Charlene Salvito of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Mary Borders of Newark, Ohio; 2 brothers, Wetzel Wells of Monroe, Mich., and Joe Wells of Tadpole; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home at Louisa. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery at Louisa with the Rev. William Teems officiating. I am not sure if Mr. Wells descended from Richard Wells.

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BEATRICE OPAL SPEARS, 74, of Wurtland, died 6/22/95 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland. Mrs. Spears was born 7/20/20, a daughter of the late Arthur and Bertha Pierce. Her husband, Kermit Spears, died in 1986. She is survived by 3 sons, David Spears, Richard Lee Spears and Ted Spears, all of Wurtland; a daughter, Letha Burton of Greenup; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Reed Funeral Home at Greenup. The Rev. Thomas Heaberlin, Rev. Johnnie Little and the Rev. Jimmy Harris officiated. Burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Spears late husband Kermit descended from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells Spears and William G. Wells.

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UNA HALL BUSKIRK, died June 14, 1995. She is the aunt of Malva Cline and a sister of Perry Hall. Malva serves on the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. She is also a sister of Albert Lee Hall of Brunswick, Oh.

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HARRY MILTON WELLS, 91, of Webbville, died 5/26/95 in King's Daughters' Medical Center at Ashland. Mr. Wells was born Jan. 15, 1904, in Elliott County, a son of the late Benjamin and Angelina Pennington Wells. He was a farmer. His wife, Melissa Sparks Wells, died in 1992. Surviving are 6 daughters, Virginia Howard, Linda Thompson, Myrtle Gump, Chloe Greene and Sara Sexton, all of Webbville, and Phyllis Harrell of Cermillian, Ohio; 4 sons, Geroge Wells of

Webbville, James "Shorty" Wells and Thomas Wells, both of Vermillion, and Carlos Wells of Willard; 25 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Arrangements was under the direction of Malone Funeral Home at Grayson with Terry Sexton and David Boggs officiating. Burial was in the East Carter Memory Gardens. I am not sure if Mr. Wells descends from our Richard Wells. If some of you know please let me know.

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HELEN GLADYS VANHOOSE DELONG BUTCHER, 78 died May 9, 1995 in Highland Regional Medical Center. She was born April 6, 1917, in Rosedale, Ohio, the daughter of the late Hiram Vanhooose and Emma Moore Butcher. Preceding her in death were two husbands, William "Bill" Delong & Melvin Butcher. Surviving are one son, Robert Butcher of Van Lear; 2 daughters Doris Delong and Joyce Dollarhide, both of Van Lear; 2 sisters, Delta Bailey of Urbana, Ohio and Irene Gorman of Louisville; and 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the directions of Jones-Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville with David Mollett officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery at Butcher Hollow, Van Lear. Helen Gladys first husband Bill descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

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STEPHEN COLLINS, 47 of Reading Mass. died 6/5/1995 after a year illness. Stephen was born on 12/24/48 to Vernon and Mary Byens Collins of Lake Grove, N.Y. Additional survivors are his wife Maretta Collins, one son, Jeffery Collins; four sisters, Mary Lou, Caroline, Candace, and Francine. Stephen descends from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells Spears. His aunts Virginia Edgel and Paulina Garza both serve on the Wells Family board.

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GUSTAVA LEMASTER WELLS, 73, of Sitka, died 6/13/95 in Highlands Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg. Mrs. Wells was born 2/19/22, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late John R. and Ollie Fairchild Lemaster. Her husband, Bruce Leon Wells, died in 1981. She was a retired teacher and a former employee of Daniels Dairy Bar. Surviving are 2 sons, John R. Bowling of Sitka and Richard Wells of Dayton, Ohio; a sister, Mary Messick of Sitka; and 5 grandchildren. Arrangements were under the directions of Jones-Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville. Lowell Ferguson officiated with burial in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville.

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JEWELL SUE BUTCHER ADAMS, 40, of Van Lear, died 5/20/95. Jewell was born 6/5/54, in Johnson County, a daughter of Nora Webb Butcher of Johnson County and the late Ashley Butcher. Additional survivors include her husband, Orin Ray Adams; 8 brothers, Harold Butcher, Chester Butcher, Gene Butcher, Randall Butcher, Darrell Butcher, Foley Butcher, Sheldon Butcher and Charles Butcher, all of Van Lear; and 3 sisters, Lorene Hall of Wabash, Ind., Marie Herrera of Van Lear, and Norina Hackworth of Prestonsburg. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Prestons Funeral Home at Paintsville. Jerry Scott officiated with burial in the Ashley Butcher Cemetery at Van Lear. Jewell came down Richard Wells line through his daughter Mary Wells Webb. She also descends from Jacob Butcher.

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COLONEL ROLFE LOUIS HILLMAN, died on 1/15/95. He attended Emory & Henry College & was a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He served in World War II, Korea, & Vietnam, and earned the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was Army Staff Executive to Gen. Maxwell B. Taylor and later was a Presidential Assistant. Rolfe was the son of Dr. Rolfe L. & Edith M. Ashworth Hillman; grandson of John Morrow and Martha Ella Broadwater Hillman; great grandson of William Martin & Hulda Dingus Hillman; and great-great grandson of John & Elizabeth Wells Hillman.

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MYRTLE LUETTA RICE EDWARDS, died on 12/19/94. She was the widow of Corbett Walker Edwards, who was the son of James & Mazilphia Hillman Edwards, grandson of Rev. Henderson K. & Mary Fraley Hillman; great-grandson of rev. John Wesley & Margaret McConnell Hillman; and great-great grandson of John & Elizabeth Wells Hillman.

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PAULINE HILLMAN, died on 12/22/94. She was an accomplished artist. She was the daughter of Dr. James Noah & Ethel Lee Powell Hillman; granddaughter of Benjamin F. & Nancy Greear Hillman; and great-granddaughter of James Monroe & Betsy Stallard Hillman; & great-great granddaughter of John & Elizabeth Wells Hillman.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### BOARD NAMES FIRST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

JACOB BARRIER WELLS has been named the recipient of the first scholarship given by the Wells Family Association. The Scholarship Committee Randy Wells, Ron Wells, and Janice A. Dunseith submitted Jacob's name to the Board at its summer meeting held on July 22 in Paintsville. The Board is pleased to have Jacob as the first scholarship recipient, and commend him for the fine work he submitted for the genealogy assignment. Jacob is the son of John Britton Wells III and Terrie Ann Barrier Wells of Paintsville. He graduated from Paintsville High school where he maintained a 4.227 weight GPA in high school and received a combined score of 1430 on his SAT. He will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall, majoring in pre-law. Jacob is one of five nationwide; to be honored by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution for the Lillian and Arthur Dunn Merit Scholarship. The Dunn D.A.R. Scholarship is awarded to only five students nationwide who have exhibited exceptional academic and extracurricular credentials. In addition to numerous academic awards, his high school activities include the academic squad, various clubs, and the track, soccer, cross county and tennis teams. He also participates in a tutoring program for underprivileged children and is a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. He is an active member of the Mayo Methodist Church youth group and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jacob has never missed a Wells Family Reunion and that is a great record. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells. The Board wishes him well in his educational pursuits.

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JENNIFER GARZA, of Maryland, the daughter of Paul and Paulina Collins Garza is preparing to enter the mission field. Jennifer will be leaving August 2nd. to go to Provo, Utah to the missionary training center. She will be preparing herself for culture and language differences. She will also be brushing up on her Spanish since she will be going to Argentina upon completing her training. Jennifer will spend 18 months in Argentina and has been told to bring her sleeping bag with her. Her church in Maryland will be having a farewell for her on July 23rd. This will mean that her mother Paulina will not be attending the Wells board meeting since she will attend the farewell for her daughter. Paulina Collins Garza never misses a board meeting although she travels approximately eight hours. Jennifer descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Anna Wells Spears line. We wish Jennifer the very best while in Argentina.

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WENDELL WELLS, of Van Lear has taken a position in Millville, New Jersey. Wendell will be an assistant manager for Walmarts in Millville. and will spend two years there before coming back to Ky. Wendell is the son of Garald Wendell and Carol Hall Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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J. MORGAN WELLS, of North, Virginia retired from N.O.A.A. , National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. His career began with the first sea lab ever, and has lived in sea labs all over the world and worked up to a directorship. He holds a PHD from Scripps in California. Morgan is a cousin of Margaret Berryman and a son of the late John Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells.

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DONALD LEE COLLINS, of Wenatchee, Wa. Don completed his studies from Lesley College, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with a masters degree in education. His program of study is in the Creative Arts in Learning. Don is currently teaching art at the high school in Wenatchee where he has taught for the past 8 years. Don is the son Frances Lee Bunch of Washington State and Jessie Collins of Van Lear and descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears and George E. Wells lines. (From his letter of 7/20/95: " I thoroughly enjoy getting the Wells Family newsletters since that is my primary means in finding out how my people are in Kentucky. I don't get the opportunity to travel down there and visit my family and friends nearly enough. I last visited in 1990. I really miss the beauty of the hills. Being there basically recharges my batteries and believe me they need recharging!"

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KIM HALL WILLARD, graduated on June 11, 1995 from Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting degree. Kim was initiated as a member of Beta Sigma Phi and represented her school by attending the Tri-state Regional Convention for Beta in Chicago. She is one of 20 students picked for an all expense paid trip in the United States to go to London, England. Kim will be in London from 6/15-7/15.

1995 to study International Accounting. She will then travel to Florida in August with four other students to attend the National Beta. Kim did her internship at Forest City Enterprise in Cleveland. She is married to Todd Willard and they have two sons Joseph and Christopher. She is the daughter of Albert Lee and Georgia A. Richmond Hall of Brunswick, Ohio. She descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rose Anna Wells Spears.

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JON THOMAS WELLS, graduated from Eastern High School Jefferson, Louisville on June 9, 1995. He obtained the honor roll through his high school years. He was a member of the Eagle wrestling team and had the opportunity to go to the State tournament. Jon will be attending the University of Florida, Gainesville Fl. He will begin the Spring term in June. He is contemplating studying toward a degree in Physical Therapy. Jon is the son of Randy Wells who is a professor at U.L. and serves on the Wells Family board. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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ANGELA K. WELLS, is the recipient of the Bernice Hendrson Scholarship, which is funded by the Lynn Homemakers Club. Wells was awarded an Academic Scholarship to Ashland Community College for the 1993-94 academic year. Angela is a graduate of Greenup County High School and is studying toward the medical field. She is the daughter of Ricca and Bob Wells of Greenup and descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

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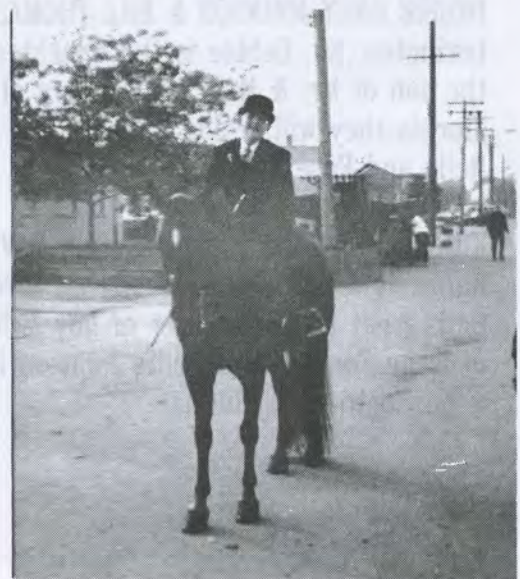
DENISE DAWN WELLS daughter of Larry and Mildred Wells of Greenup County has been awarded an AK Steel scholarship. Denise graduated from Raceland-Worthington High School. Her father is a utility equipment operator at the Ashland Works. She has been in chorus four years and in show choir. She is a member of the academic team, Beta Club and Future Business Leaders of America. She plans to attend Kentucky Christian College and major in business management. I'm not sure if or how she came down Richard Wells.

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CHERENE WELLS, of Ashland receives a bachelor's degree in history and Spanish from Center College, Danville, Ky. Cherene is the daughter of Linton Wells and Phyllis Wells of Ashland. Her brother Linton Wells Jr. , is a member of the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells.

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ELIZABETH ANN HALL, 11 years old great-great-granddaughter Opal Wells Derossett. She has all A's in school and is in a special class of four. Elizabeth is a dancer and horse back rider. She rides a Morgan horse in horse shows in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. She descends form Richard Wells through Geroge E. Wells line.



VINCENT BRYAN COCHRAN, son of Tommie and Bob Cochran and grandson of Arthur Collins, just returned from a trip to Phoenix to the Nazarene Youth Conference where they toured the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, met with fellow Nazarene Youth from all over the U. S. and did community service. Vince will be a freshman at Ashland Community College this fall.

#### HONORS

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE ON THEIR SCHOOL'S HONOR ROLL OR ON THE COLLEGE DEANS LIST:

Shaun Burchett, Adam Collins, Sara Wells, Chris Auxier, Crystal L. Auxier, Melinda Richmond, Jason M. Butcher, Paul Butcher Shannon Butcher, Joseph Butcher, Rob Wells, Leah Wells, Wanda F. Young Wells, Jacob Wells, Tonya Collins, Kelly Collins, Erin Collins.

#### MARRIAGES

CLIFFORD ALLEN WELLS & HEATHER ELAINE FORTNER, exchanged wedding vows on March 25, 1995 at First Baptist Church in Grayson. The single-ring vows were read by Mike Harper, minister. Nuptial music was provided by Hazel Sloas, pianist, and Keith Sparks and Cindy Sparks, soloists, all of Grayson. Becky Ray of Lexington served her niece as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Becky Wellman, Lori Holbrook, Marquita Welsh, Barbara Wells and Lisa Jones. Randy Thomas of Grayson served his cousin as best man. Groomsmen were Rick Wells, brother of the groom, and Rick Jones & Brandon Ray. Other attendants were Whitney Jones, Karlie Wellman, Chase Wilson and Tanner Wells. Mrs. Wells is a graduate of East Carter High School in Grayson and received an associate's degree in accounting from Ashland Community College. She is a senior at Morehead State University, where she is working toward a bachelor's degree in business management and is employed in the law office of MaLenda S. Haynes in Grayson. Mr. Wells, also is a graduate of East Carter High School and is a self-employed farmer. Following a wedding trip to the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania and New York City, the couple is residing in Grayson.

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DEBBIE ONEY JOHNSON & BILL THOMAS SANDERS, exchanged wedding vows on May 13, 1995 in Lexington, Ky. Debbie is the daughter of Ishmael and Illene Wells Oney of Raceland. Bill is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sanders of Danville, Ky. After a wedding trip to Panama City, Florida they will reside in Lexington. Debbie descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears.

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KIMBERLY SUZANNE DUTY & JOHN DAVID BARNES, II, exchanged wedding vows on 11/26/1994. Kimberly is the daughter of Ivan & Nancy Hall Duty; granddaughter of Pat & Loy Hillman Hall; great granddaughter of Roy & Bonnie Marshall Hillman; and great-great granddaughter of Isaac Fortner and Nellie Johnson Hillman; & a great-great-great granddaughter of John & Elizabeth Wells Hillman.

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WILLIAM RUSSELL HILLMAN & THELMA ANN HARLESS, exchanged wedding vows on 6/11/94. Bill is the son of Frank and Lou Jean Bates Hillman; grandson of Luther M. & Dora Philgard Hillman; great grandson of William and Mary Hillman; great-great grandson of James Monroe & Mary Carico Hillman; & great-great-great grandson of John & Elizabeth Wells Hillman.

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#### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

JOSEPH "JOE" WELLS JR. AND HILDA IDIGPIO WELLS, celebrated their 50th anniversary at the union hall building on John's Creek, Van Lear, Ky. Jr. is the son of the late Joseph "Joe" Wells and Lillie Mae "Cricket" Webb Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells and Elizabeth Delong Wells line. Jr. and Hilda have one daughter, Lois Jean Wells Collins; four sons, Thomas Earl Wells, Edward L. Wells, David Roland Wells & Brian Kenith Wells. Their son, Roy Neil Wells, died 3/13/1982. Many freinds and family attended the anniversary party.

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HERBERT WELLS AND LOUISE DENNISON WELLS, celebrated their 50th anniversary at the home of their daughter's home on Daniels Creek, Van Lear, Ky. Herbert and Louise have two daughters, Diana Kaye Wells, Wanda Faye Wells; two sons, Ronald Dean Wells and Morris Rodney Wells. Herbert is a brother of Joe Wells Jr. and descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells and Elizabeth Delong Wells. This was a suprise anniversary party with family and many friends attending.

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#### SPECIAL ARTICLES WRITTEN BY RELATIVES

##### MY WORST BIRTHDAY

by Laura Wells

September 1, 1993 is a date engraved in my memory for as long as I live.

After several years of doing everything possible to avoid it, the family made the traumatic decision to put our mother in a nursing home.

Mom had always feared nursing homes and had said many times that she hoped she'd never have to go.

We were committed to keeping her at home. It was a heart-breaking decision to have to break that commitment.

It was my week to stay with mom. I drove to Lexington on Sunday to meet with Charlie, Ron and Tom to discuss plans. The decision was made (based on extensive research done by Jackie & Tom, Charlotte & Charlie) to put mom in a nursing home in Larenceburg where Charlie and Tom's families lived. Charlie agreed to call me at mom's on Monday if a room became available at the nursing home chosen. I drove to mom's that afternoon with a heavy heart.

On Monday Charlie called to inform me that a room in the nursing home was

available and that he and Tom would come on Wednesday to get mom.

They came in Charlie's truck to take mom's chair to the nursing home.

Removing mom from her home was hard on all of us, but especially difficult for Lloyd. He and Jill had lived next-door to mom for 32 years.

As we were preparing to leave, Lloyd left the house sobbing. Jill followed him.

Charlie, Tom and I had to keep a stiff upper lip to keep mom as calm as possible.

Tom drove my car. I sat with mom in the back seat.

When we had attempted to take mom for rides in the past several months, she would want to return home before we were out of sight of the house. But, that fateful day, she didn't mention going home, although she was obviously very agitated.

She would lie down when I suggested it but would bounce upright, like a jack-in-the-box, in a few seconds. There were times I felt that mom was aware of much more than we realized. It was a difficult three-hour trip.

After we arrived at the nursing home, several staff members came in the room to meet her and to give her a check-up. She was tired, agitated and most uncooperative.

I sat down on the arm of her chair, put my arm around her and made an attempt to calm her. She turned on me angrily and said:

"What do you think this is? Your birthday?"

Suddenly I became aware that yes, indeed, it was my birthday - the most memorial and painful one I will probably ever have.

(Larua is a sister of Ron Wells and Lloyd Wells who serve on the Wells Family Board. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.)

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#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you are interested in joining the Floyd County Historical & Genealogical Society. The organization was founded 10/1994 at Prestonsburg, Ky. to Preserve and Promote the History and Genealogy of Eastern Kentucky's Mother County. They meet the third Monday of each month in the Floyd County Library Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and participate in our meetings. Dues for this first year are \$20.00 so that they may establish a working fund to carry out plans, which include establishing a Genealogy Research Facility in The Kentucky Room of the Floyd County Library, promoting a Jenny Wiley Homecoming for the Descendants of Jenny Wiley at "The Jenny Wiley Festival" held each October in Prestonsburg, and eventually a Museum to house Floyd County's Historical Artifacts. If you desire to become a member send the following information to Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society, Box 982, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Interest: Genealogy \_\_\_\_\_ History \_\_\_\_\_ Civil War \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Children: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

If more than four children write on another sheet of paper  
 Do you have a Pedigree Chart? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you share it with us for our Research  
 Files? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please submit it with the information on this application

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If you are interested in joining the BIG SANDY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, (dues are \$10.00 per calendar year.) They have four meetings a year, one the second Saturday in April at Kenova, WV, one the second Saturday in July at the Breakes Interstate Park, Breakes, Va, one the second Saturday in September at Paintsville, Ky, and one the second Saturday in November at Louisa, Ky. They publish the SANDY VALLEY HERITAGE quarterly. This is a history of the Big Sandy Valley and its people, They print all family histories, stories, queries, books sales, and pictures, etc.

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$10.00

For \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Send dues to Betty R. Hazelette Secretary 319 FM Stafford Ave. Paintsville, Ky. 41240

#### UP DATE ON BUILDING PROJECT

By Bobby W. Wells

The Auxier Historical Building, which we so desperately need, came a little closer to reality at our April 1995 meeting. At this meeting, Billie Ruth Wilcox announced that she and Ray were willing to donate a building site on their property at Ford's Gap. the members, present at the meeting, immediately adopted a motion to accept this property. this means that we can now plan for a building to be completed before winter. our society now has a great opportunity to do something lasting for our community. We all need to contribute, if not in money, in labor, to make this building a reality. Plans are now being worked up so that our members can see what is involved in this large undertaking. There will be a great deal of work to be done, and the cost will be much more than the \$2,000 plus we now have in the building fund. Even though we now have a site, and all the trees we need to make the building, we still have to prepare the site, cut and haul the timbers, purchase materials for all of the utilities, and build the building. We anticipate much (hopefully most) of the construction can be done with volunteer labor.

Our society will be calling for volunteers. We not only need bodies, we need people who have equipment that can be used to cut the trees, to haul the timber to the site, and to prepare the site. If anyone, member or non-member, who has any of this type of

equipment that can be used to cut the trees, to haul the timber to the site, and to prepare the site. If anyone, member or non-member, who has any of this type of equipment and is willing to donate its use to our cause, it will be greatly appreciated. Possibly our society can give a receipt for these services for income tax purposes.

Our new building will be approximately the design that was published previously in this publication. It will be located on state route 3051 which runs from Auxier to East Point, along the old Stumbo Trail route. This is a paved road. Ample parking space is available at the building site. Two families are close neighbors, which should add to the security of the building. It is the society's intention to have an Auxier Museum in the first floor of the building, and a large meeting hall on the second floor. All utilities are available except a septic system, but this should not be a problem.

The Auxier Historical Society owes a great deal of gratitude to Ursal Ray and Billie Ruth Wilcox for this generous donation. It is now up to us, the membership, to make this project a success. Please help in any way you can to make this a reality. Let us make this a show place of our past. We owe it to the future.

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#### BIRTHDAY'S

OPAL WELLS HALL DEROSSETT, celebrated her 86th. birthday in April 1995. Opal said in her letter that she tells her children that old age is getting her, but that they always say Mom you will never grow old to us. You are just the same. Opal is a young 86 year old and gets around better than most 60 year old. Some of you may remember her dancing at the reunion a few years ago. She and her husband Fred lives in a 9 room tri-level home and she keeps it up by getting to every room each week to do a little cleaning. She cooks for Fred and a son that resides with them. Opal & Fred have never missed a Wells Family Reunion since she found out that we were having one. She is usually the life of the party and brings great sunshine to the Reunion. Opal is the daughter of the late Wallace Winfield and Sally Burchett Wells. She has 4 sons Dewey Clifford, William Perry, Truman Dalton, and Thomas Wyndell Hall; 2 daughters, Daphne Jane Blanc and Melva Belle Cline. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. She and her daughter Melva Belle Cline both serve on the Wells Family Board. Keep the good work up....

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#### INFORMATION REQUESTED

Sarah Jane Wells, b. 11 May 1853, d. 12/1945, m. Miles William Ferguson, 2/Sept. 1871 in Morgan County, Ky., d. 1894. I think they had nine children. One of their daughters, Loula Ferguson, married my grandfather, John Benjamin Wheeler. Any information will be appreciated. Homer G. Wheeler, 2617 Glenn Drive, Missoula, Mt. 59801.

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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).

Please Check One:

- #1. Use toward stones for unmarked graves \_\_\_\_\_
- #2. Use toward the general fund (expenses of newsletter etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- #3. Use toward the College Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

If one of the above is not checked the memorial/honor will go into the general fund.

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JANICE A. DUNSEITH, Crossville, Tn. gave \$50. toward the Scholarship Fund in memory of her late mother Mary B. Counts. Janice's mother was a retired school teacher. Janice is a memory of the Wells Family Board and the Scholarship Committee. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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DOYLE MUSIC, of Florida gave \$50. toward the Scholarship Fund in memory of his grandfather's Claude Music, & William E. Wells. Doyle is the son of Janice A. Wells Dunseith who serves on the Wells Board. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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JACK & DELIGHT W. HALL, of Louisville, Ky gave \$100. to general fund in memory of her mother & father Richard "Dick" Wells, Fannie Richmond Wells, and here sister Unoka "Nokie" Wells Frisby and her three brothers Glen Wells, Chester Wells and Haskel Wells.

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B.A. Wells, Jr. of Springfield, Va. gave \$25. to be used for where needed most. B. A. is a regular contributor to the organization and always writes the most encouraging letters of how much he enjoys the newsletters. B.A. descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

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OPAL DARBY, of West Melbourne, Fl. gave \$25. toward newsletter. Opal is the daughter of George M. & Lora Delong Wells. She descends from Richard Wells though his son George E. & Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells. She has three children which will be added to the mailing list. Howard K. Darby, & Betty J. Collins both of Cleveland and Robert C. Darby of Leewood, W.Va.

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OPAL WELLS HALL DEROSSETT, of Belleville, Mi. gave \$50. to be used toward printing and postage of newsletter. Opal & her family attend the reunion every year. She is one of our special bidders at the auction. She and her daughter Malva B. Cline both are members of the Wells Family Board. Opal is the daughter of the late Wallace Winfield Wells & Sally Burchett Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells.

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ANONYMOUS DONATOR, a substantial donation was given toward the scholarship fund. The donator requests that their name & the amount not be announced. This gift was given in memory of Winfield & Sally Burchett Wells and Clifford & Thomas Hall. We do appreciate this person and their gift.

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ANONYMOUS DONATOR, gave \$20. toward mailing expenses of the newsletter. It is their preference that their name not be used. We do appreciate this person and the gift.

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DON COLLINS, of Wenatchee, Wa. (from Don's nice letter) Since education is a high priority to me I would like to make a \$20. contribution to the scholarship fund. I would like to do this in memory of my grandmother Gladys Mae Wells Collins. Don is the son of Jess Collins of Van Lear and Frances Rae Bunch. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells and daughter Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

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MAKE PLANS TO FELLOWSHIP AT THE 1995  
REUNION--SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!

*Mary & Tom*

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