

THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC.
NEWSLETTER

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The Wells Family Board has already met twice since the 95 reunion. They met in October and again April 20th in Ashland. Twenty members of the board were in attendance. The group discussed arrangements for the 96 reunion. The board is concerned that members may have difficulty in finding lodging. (***We were told that the Carriage House and the Days Inn both are booked up***) ***Listed below are several motels or hotels in driving distance that you may try. Might to check with the Carriage House and Days Inn in case they have a cancellation.***

1. Carriage House Motor Lodge, Paintsville, Ky. (606) 789-4242
2. Days Inn, Paintsville, Ky. (606) 789-3551
3. Starfire Motel, Paintsville, Ky. (606) 789-5341
4. Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, Ky. (606) 886-0001
5. Blue Sky Motel, Prestonsburg, Ky. (606) 886-2797
6. Super 8 Motel, Prestonsburg, Ky. (606) 886-3355
7. Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg, Ky. (606) 886-2711
8. Alpique Motel, Allen, Ky. (606) 874-2560
9. Best Western, Louisa, Ky. (606) 638-9417
10. Louisa Motel, Louisa, Ky. (606) 638-4432
11. Days Inn, Pikeville, (606) 432-0314
12. Landmark Inn Pikeville, (606) 432-2545 or 1-800-831-1469
13. Inez Motel, Inez, Ky. (606) 298-7711
14. Plantation Motel, South of Prestonsburg, Ky. (1st floor is now opened and 2nd floor will be remodeled before the reunion. Check information for phone #

Since the race track went in on Rt. 3 in Floyd County, YOU MUST BOOK EARLY and mark your calendars for Labor Day Weekend. *I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the 96 reunion and thank all of you who remembered be with phone calls, cards and your prayers--which I feel is working along with the medicine.*

Love you, Mary

I WANT TO SHARE THIS ARTICLE WITH YOU THAT MABLE W. ALLEN SENT ME IN A CHRISTMAS CARD. SHE SAID IT APPLIED TO HER AND NOT ME. I FEEL IT APPLIES TO ME AFTER MY 1995 YEAR.

I HAVE NOTICED

Everything is farther away than it used to be. It is even twice as far to the corner and they have added a hill.

I have given up running for the bus: it leaves earlier than it used to.

It seems to me they are making the stairs steeper than in the old days. And have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspapers?

There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud anymore, as everybody speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is so simple now, especially around the hips and waist, that it is almost impossible to reach ones shoelaces. And sizes don't run the way they used to. The 12 and 14's are so much smaller.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am.

I ran into an old classmate the other day and she has aged so much she didn't recognize me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning and in so doing I glanced at my own reflection. Really, now, they don't even make mirrors like they used to.

Rev. James Wells, wife Maxine and daughter, Ramona. They descend from Richard Wells through his son, Peter.



REUNIONS FOR 1996

WELLS FAMILY REUNION, will be Saturday August 31, and Sunday September 1. The reunion will be at Johnson County School and begin at 10:00 a.m. , (there will be a list of the schedule in the newsletter before the reunion). Please call me or any board member if you have any questions.

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COLLINS FAMILY REUNION, will be September 7th. at Jenny Wiley State Park (Shelter #2, below the Dam). The reunion will start gathering around 10:00 a.m. and they will eat at 12:00 noon.

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PORTER FAMILY REUNION, will be July 13 at Shelter # 1 below the Dam at Jenny

Wiley State Park.. The reunion will start 10:00 a.m. and they will eat at 12:00 noon.

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MUSIC FAMILY: Doyle Music is interested in starting a Music reunion. If you are related to the Music line and interested in this effort please contact Doyle. You may write Doyle Music at 1204 Orchid Drive, Safety Harbor, Florida 34695 or phone him at (813) 725-3971. Doyle is the son of Janice Wells Dunseith who serves on the Wells board. His father is the late Claude Odell Music of Auxier, Kentucky.

NOTICE: GROUP PICTURE AT 1996 REUNION

It may be that we will be able to have a professional to come and take pictures at the 1996 reunion. Darlene Burgess has found a man in Dayton, Ohio that has a Camera like the one that was used in the 1915 Wells Reunion Picture. This way all of our people can get into the same picture due to his camera having a wide angle lens. This man is willing to come from Dayton and take pictures if we can guarantee him at least 6 pictures at approximately \$25. each. Darlene has asked him to come to our 1996 reunion to take pictures. She will see if he is willing to take individual family group picture if you are interested. You may contact Darlene Burgess at _____ and let her know if you would like to purchase a group picture or have your immediate family picture made. . This will give us a general ideal of how many group pictures we can expect our people to purchase. . Make every effort to get your family members to come to the reunion so your picture can be make together. We will let you know in the newsletter in July of details including the time pictures will be taken.

SICKNESS

TONY MEADE, LEX BAKER, PEARL WELLS, LOIS CLARK MARSHALL, PHILLIP WELLS, BETTY CLARK FARLEY, GEORGIA R. HALL, LENA SPEARS DISSAPORT, EMMA D. ADKINS, NORMAN BENNETT, MYRTLE RICHMOND, ANNABELLE RICHMOND PINKERMAN, PATRICIA WELLS WOMACK, HADEN "PETE" TUFTS, SHERRI L. BENNETT, ANN PORTER, JIMMY ADKINS, OPAL DEROSSETT, DELIGHT WELLS HALL, LUCILLE PATTON, BEATRICE CHILDERS, NEVARD WELLS, POLLY COLLINS, ALVIS COLLINS, DALLAS COLLINS,

HOSPITALIZATION

DORTHA "DOT" COLLINS CRUM, of Ashland was a patient in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland, Ky. in March. Dot's daughter Peggy came home and spent a month to give her the care that she needed. Dot is the daughter of the late Dave and Nancy Porter Collins. She descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

RUTH WELLS, of Ashland, Kentucky is a patient in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital where she has been since 4/5/96. She suffered a heart attack and was in intensive care until 4/14 when she was moved into a regular room. She had open heart surgery in 1988. Ruth is the widow of the late John P. Wells. He descended from Richard

Wells through George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells. Her son and his wife Phillip and Wanda Wells serve on the Wells Family Board.

HAROLD "BUD" WILLIAMS, of Dallas, Texas spent nine days in in a Dallas hospital with double pneumonia in March. While in the hospital they found out that he has major heart blockage. Bud is at home recuperating and preparing to undergo open heart surgery soon. Bud is the sister of Delores "Sis" Booth and a sister-in-law of Pat Williams who serves on the Wells Family Board. He is a son of the late Bernard & Alta Wells Williams. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

BOBBY WILLIAMS, of Van Lear, Kentucky was a patient in March at the Three River Hospital , Louisa, Ky. Bobby is the son of Jim and Pat Williams of Paintsville. His mother Pat serves on the Wells Family Board. Bobby descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells lines.

CORA LEE WELLS, Annahme, Ca. underwent stomach surgery in 1995 in an Annahme hospital. She spent six days in the hospital for heart surgery in January 1996. Cora Lee is now home recuperating with the help from her sister Wavey Cope. Cora is the daughter of the late Sherman and Lillie Collins Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

JAMES "JIM" RICHMOND, of Van Lear is a patient in a Lexington hospital where he has been for several weeks. Jim has had an extended illness with major health problems. He spent time in Highland Regional hospital before being transferred to Lexington, where he has been going on three months. Jim is the son of Thelma Delong Richmond and the late Joel Richmond. He descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

JAMES "JIM" FARLEY, of Chino, Ca. spent 6 days at Montclair hospital after having emergency surgery in November. His wife Betty had knee replacement surgery two weeks earlier. Jim had a five pound tumor removed and is presently undergoing chemotherapy. Jim and Betty are looking out for each other with the help of Betty's sister Polly. Jim's wife Betty descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

BILL & GLORIA SPEARS SALLIE, of Ashland, Ky., have both spent time in St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Gloria took her turn with over a week in Oct. and then Bill underwent surgery in November. They are both home doing good now. Gloria is a member of the Wells Family Board. She is the daughter of the late Beverage & Norma Spears. She descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

CARL COLLINS, of Van Lear was a patient in the Paul B. Hall Hospital, Paintsville in

December. Carl underwent surgery a second time since September. Carl is the son of the late McKinley & Callie Daniels Collins and the spouse of Polly Wells Collins. Carl descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

MABEL ALLEN, of Prestonsburg underwent Retina surgery and Cataract eye surgery in 1995 in Lexington, Ky. Her son Bill came in from Texas to take her for surgery and to take her back for follow up trips. Mabel serves on the Wells Family Association Board. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

JIM DOUG WELLS, of Ft. McCoy, Florida underwent a knee replacement on 2/8/96 at Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida. Jim is recuperating at his home at Ft. McCoy with special care from his wife Doris. Jim said in his letter that he was doing O.K. but seems slow for him since he is used to being outdoors and working. He said everyone tells him it will get better and that he can't wait. Jim is a member of the Wells Family Board. He descends from Richard Wells through his son's George E. Wells and Mose Wells lines.

CLYDE COLLINS, of Van Lear was a patient in a local hospital where he underwent surgery in December. Clyde is a son of the late McKinley & Callie Daniels Collins. He is married to Ola May Hyden Collins. Clyde descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

GERTRUDE PERRY, of Louisville, Ky underwent a knee operation and a complete hip operation July 1995. They had to graft a bone in the leg. She states in her Christmas card that she is doing O.K. now. Gertrude is the widow of the late Albert Perry and descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

EYVAND BROWN, of Van Lear, Ky was in Paul B. Hall hospital, Paintsville for approximately two weeks first in January. Eyvand had major health problems including pneumonia. He is presently home recuperating and being cared for by his wife Jeanette and son Jim. Eyvand's first wife was Betty Wells Brown and descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

BERTIE WELLS ADKINS, Van Lear was in the Highland Regional Hospital in Feb. 1996 with heart failure. Bertie is the daughter of the late Noah & Louise Butcher Wells. She is presently at her home recuperating at Van Lear. Bertie descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells who was her paternity grandparents.

ROBERT (BUTCH) COCHRAN, husband of Tommie Cochran, had two surgeries this winter and was on sick leave for over six weeks--he is recovering well and is back to work now and looking forward to fishing this summer.

CORRECTIONS OF VOLUME 25

If you find mistakes in the newsletter, please contact me and let me know and we will make the correction in the next newsletter.

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Doug Quallich was listed as a child of Steve Volota and he is a son in-law. Doug is the spouse of Patti Volota Quallach.

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Bob Hutchison, I received a card from Bob and I do appreciate him for pointing out that we spelled Hutchison wrong. (from Bob's card) As always it was a real pleasure to look over the latest Wells Family Newsletter. It is interesting to recognize names and piece everyone together through the genealogies. I especially enjoyed the article on "Researching Your Roots" a lot of good, helpful information. Keep up the good work with the newsletter and God Bless! Sincerely, Bob Hutchison. Bob descends from Peter Hutchison who was the father of our Susannah Hutchison. He and his brother owns McDonald's franchises in the Big Sandy area. He is married to the lovely Laura Salyer. I attended their beautiful wedding a few years ago. We appreciate having their attendance at the Wells Reunion. Thanks Bob.

CORRECTIONS TO 1993 COOKBOOK

If you have any corrections to the Wells Cookbook, please let us know. The following correction has been brought to our attention.

Page 47, "Glazed Potato Donuts" omitted from recipe was 1 cup scalded milk. It mentioned adding milk but did not list how much in the recipe. Please make the change in your cookbook.

NEW BIRTHS

BRYAN CHARLES SNYDER, b. 10/18/1995 at 10:18 a.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital, Spakane, Wa. He weighed 8 lb. 7 oz. and was 21" long. The proud parents are Chuck and Michele Renee Collins Snyder. The maternal grandfather is Jesse Charles Collins of (Daniels Creek) Van Lear, Ky. Bryan descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Spears lines.

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RALEY CARMEN SLONE, b. 3/20/1996 to the proud parents Greg and Samatha Bayes Slone of Scotsville, Kentucky. The paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Diana Slone Wells of Paintsville, Kentucky. Ronnie descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Rose Ann Spears & Agnes Wells Auxier.

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GABARAL LLOYD BURCHELL, b. 1/24/1996 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Kentucky. The proud parents are Paul and Melissa Burchell, of Paintsville. The paternal grandparents are Diana DeLong Burchell and the late Paul Burchell. Gabaral descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines. Gabaral's grandfather Paul is a regular supporter of the Wells Family Association.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harry Estill Burchett and Kathleen Marie Thomas announces their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Donna O'Herron Karr of

Chilhowee, Missouri and Michael Dee Thomas of Townsend, Tennessee and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Griffith of Morehead. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Herron of Hiram, Ohio and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Thomas of Portsmouth, Ohio. She is a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School and Morehead State University. Mr. Bruchett is the son of Leon and Patricia Ann Kazee Burchett of Paintsville. He is the grandson of Howard Estill and Mary Mae Welch Kazee and Mrs. Harry Stambaugh Burchett, all of Paintsville. He is a graduate of Paintsville High School and Morehead State University. He is employed by the Johnson County School system. The wedding is planned for April 20, at 2:30 p.m. at the Morehead United Methodist Church. The gracious custom of an open church will be observed. Harry descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

JAMES DAVID WELLS AND BETHANY LEE BURKE, announces their forthcoming marriage. The wedding will be at 2:30 p.m. May 18, 1996 at the First Assembly of God at Raceland, Kentucky. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin T. Burke of 902 Tonawanda Drive, Raceland. The prospective groom is the son of the Rev. James Wells and Ann Meade Wells of 1044 York Drive, Raceland. Miss Burke graduated from Raceland-Worthington High School, attends Ashland Community College and plans to work toward a music degree at Central Bible College at Springfield, Mo., this fall. She is employed with Ashland Inc. David is also a graduate from Raceland-Worthington High School, attended Ashland Community College and plans to work toward a youth ministry degree at Central Bible College this fall. He is employed at The Kroger Co. in Ashland. David's father James Wells is a former member of the Wells Family Board. He descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

WEDDING'S

VANESSA ERIN MUSIC & CLIFF TERRELL MAGEE were joined in marriage on July 29, 1995. Vanessa and Cliff exchanged vows in a sunset, beachside ceremony at the Seaside Pavilion, Seaside, Florida. A reception followed at the Pavilion. Vanessa is the daughter of Doyle and Teresa Music of Safety Harbor, Florida. The maternal grandparents are William McCloud and the late Irene (Williamson) McCloud of Stambaugh, Kentucky and the paternal grandparents are the late Claude Odell Music and Janice (Wells) Dunseith of Crossville, Tennessee. Cliff is the son of Charles Magee of Biloxi, Mississippi and Ms. Ann T. Magee of McComb, Mississippi. Vanessa is a 1994 graduate of Chactawhatchee High School in Ft. Walton, Florida. She graduated with honors, having a 4.8 gpa. She was studying structural engineering at the University of Kentucky and presently at the engineering department of the University of Florida. She and Cliff are residing in Gainesville, Florida and Cliff is employed by American General. Vanessa's grandmother Janice Dunseith is a member of the Wells Family board, and serves on the scholarship committee. Vanessa descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells by way of Allen Wells.

BIRTHDAY'S

GLADYS WELLS BERRYMAN, celebrated her 92nd birthday on October 4, 1992. Her daughter Margaret was unable to get the pictures to me for the fall newsletter. I listed her as the daughter of Rufus Morgan Wells and she is really his great granddaughter and her father was Floyd, son of Walter the son of Rufus Morgan Wells. I am going to include the pictures of her and her parents with excerpts from Margaret's letter. Gladys was born to the late Floyd Alverson & Ada Virginia Parrett Wells. Floyd was the great grandson of Andrew Wells the son of Richard Wells. Family members got together on October 4, to celebrate Gladys 92nd birthday. She was born 10/4/1903 in Locust Grove Township, Jefferson County, Iowa, the second of six children of Floyd Alverson and Ada Virginia Parrett Wells. Her sister, Alberta, died as a young child in Iowa and brother, John Morgan Wells, died in Hopewell, Va. in 1974. Brothers, Ralph Wells of Claremont, Va. and Cloude Wells of Norfolk, Va. are well and active, but sister, Edna Wells Torrence is confined to a nursing home in Chesapeake, Va. Gladys is the widow of Joseph Shepherd Berryman, and has two sons and a daughter, Joseph Wells Berryman of Surry, Va. and Ben R. Berryman of Richmond, Va., and Margaret Berryman also of Surry. Gladys is presently in a nursing home near her daughter. Margaret is a member of the Wells Family board and she and her mother attend the reunion annually.



The picture above left is Floyd Alverson Wells and Ada Virginia Parrett Wells, parents of Gladys Wells Berryman (right) at her 92nd birthday gathering.

ANNA GOLDIE WELLS STEVENS, of Huntington, W. Va. celebrated her 94th. birthday on 2/17/96. Goldie was born on 2/17/1902 the daughter of the late Moses & Minta Bevins Clark Wells. She is a granddaughter of Richard Wells son William Green Wells. Her father Moses Wells was born 1/20/1841 & died 1/14/1914. He was a twin of Aaron Wells and buried beside him at Boonscamp, Ky. Goldie has one son Eugene Stevens of Huntington. Goldie and Eugene are faithful attendance of the family reunion.

RUTH WELLS, of Ashland, Kentucky celebrated her 80th birthday 2/23/1996. She was born 2/23/1916 and is the widow of the late John P. Wells. Ruth celebrated by going out for dinner with her son and daughter in-law, Phillip and Wanda Wells. Phillip and Wanda both serve on the Wells Family Board. Ruth's late husband descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells and his last wife Nancy Butcher Wells.

AUDREY L. SMITH, of Thornville, Ohio celebrated her 84th birthday on January 12, 1995. She was born 1/12/1911 in Franklin County, Ohio to Bert Hutchison Collins and Sachoriby Spears Collins. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line.

PAULINE BOWLING, of Wheelersburg, Ohio celebrated her 81st. birthday on 1/15/95. She was born 1/15/1915 to John Wesley Spears and Mary Mitchell Spears. Pauline descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and was a granddaughter of Harvy Spears.

VERNON PAUL WELLS, of Florence, Ky., celebrated his 81st. birthday on 12/28/95. He was born 12/28/1914 to Clarence & Emma A. Thornsburg Wells of Ashland. Vernon descends from Richard Wells through his son Peter Wells. His brother James Wells serves on the Wells Family Board. He has one daughter Frances Pauline Wells Brown of Glasgow, Ky.

OPAL DEROSSETT & her husband FRED DEROSSETT celebrated their birthday's on April 13. Opal was born 4/13/1909 and celebrated her 87th. and Fred his 86th. birthday. Opal is the daughter of the late Wallace Winfield and Sally Burchett Wells. Her siblings are Truman Wells, Thomas Allen Wells, William Elzie Wells and Erma Wells, Most of you know Opal and Fred since they are regular's at the reunion each year. Opal is an honorary member of the Wells Family board. She descends from Richard Wells through his son Allen Wells.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following article honors the son of Josephine Wells and the late John Wells of Auxier. He descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells and George E. Wells:

LOCAL WRITER GETS HIS BREAK IN HOLLYWOOD

by: Jack Knarr, Columnist
BURLINGTON NEWSPAPER

JAMES WELLS, grew up in Edgewater Park, N.J. and might have graduated from Burlington City High School around 1981 like a good kid, Except that he quit school to study, uh, skydiving.

He then went to California, to film school, to try to break into the movie business. For the past 12 years he has been hanging around out there writing scripts, living with other students in Santa Monica, working as a temp, hustling, hoping.

None of the scripts sold. But every time he talked to his mother Josephine back in Jersey, she encouraged him to keep trying. "She believed in me." Jim said. "She always had confidence. She'd say, "You can do it! "

So it is sweetly ironic that when Jim's first big sale occurred on Jan. 5, Mom was right there with him to see it go down.

His 120-page script for a movie called "Unidentified Suburban Object" sold in the low six figures to Fox Family Films, which has produced "The Firm," "Waterworld," "Grumpy Old Men," and so on.

I have such a disdain for most things Hollywood that I hope it wasn't evident when I asked Jim what his script was about. I expected another piece of macho shoot-'em-up sex-filled junk. It's all you see anymore from those twisted perverts out there.

But it wasn't that at all.

"The story is that a Tim Allen-type guy is 39, he's been a loser all his life, and he's quit his job to try to be an inventor because that's what he wanted to do all his life," Jim said. (Tim Allen is that geek from the "Home Improvement" TV show.)

"And after a year of trying, all his inventions haven't come to anything." Jim said. "In fact, the story opens with him trying his latest invention, and it's a big washout. And his wife says, "OK, now you've got to go back to work like we agreed."

"And he mopes about it, but he kind of agrees, and he's in the back yard trying to figure out why this latest invention screwed up, and he starts to dig a hole down in the yard, to try to figure it out, and his shovel hits something.

"And lo and behold, later on we find out he's found a flying saucer buried under there. It's just kind of buried under her like a dinosaur bone would be buried, you know? Archaeologically buried."

Nothing alive inside it? I asked.

"Well, actually, that's the surprise," Jim chuckled. "There's like alien log entries, holographic recordings of this alien who landed there a million years ago.

"And we see what the earth looked like back then. Tim and his best friend, perhaps (actor) John Goodman, are involved in this, and he (John) is saying, "What is that?!" and (Tim) is saying, "That ears it, man; we're paying way too much in property taxes."

What a great concept! I want to see this movie! I thought of one of my favorite old movies, "The Time Machine," in which the back yard changed rapidly as the days and years flapped by.

The sale of Jim's script was incredible.

"I had come back for Christmas to visit my mom like I always do," Jim said. "so I was right there in Edgewater Park." (The former Josephine Ruggeri is a retired school nurse who served for 25 years at Garfield East in Willingboro. Her late husband John taught in Medford.)

"Monday was New Year's, and I was going to stay that whole week, and leave Saturday," Jim said. "And Tuesday, the Davis Entertainment people called me and said that the studio people were really interested, and they wanted to do something.

"And so all that week they kept calling me, and by Friday, they called and made a preemptive offer on the script. Because Warner Brothers was also looking at it that weekend. And they (Davis) wanted to try to buy the script before Warner Brothers had a chance to read it - they wanted to take it off the market to buy it before they had a bid against another studio."

This is when the money gets a lot more serious, and I wondered why Jim hadn't allowed a bidding war, and tried for the big bucks. For example, I've heard that an old newspaper competitor of mine, ex-Philadelphia Daily News columnist Pete Dexter, recently got \$5 million for writing a movie script for his novel, "The Paperboy."

"It's a risky thing," Jim said. "Number 1, it's my first sale, and I wanted to be conservative. And number 2, it's quite possible the other studio would have said no. It's really a weird situation. It's all perception and so on.

"The way the system works, it's really weird. Once one person is interested, the other people get interested, the other people get interested. And they kind of feed off each other's interests. It's like feeding frenzy with sharks. It kind of happens like that.

"And the neat thing was, I was sitting on the couch at my mom's house, and she was watching me from a chair," Jim said. "And the whole thing was done over the phone on that Friday of New Year week.
"And all the people out in Hollywood were calling my Mom's phone number back in Edgewater Park. So she saw the whole thing. It took like about four, five hours before we had it sold."

The next day he was packed and gone. I asked Mrs. Wells if she was surprised, and she said simply "I expected it. I knew it was going to happen."

She knew he could write good.

THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

'Object' found by Fox Family

BY: Stephen Galloway

Fox Family Films has paid low six figures against mid-six figures for "Unidentified Suburban Object." a comedy by Jim Wells that John Davis will produce.

The story centers on a middle-age married man who lives in suburbia and one day discovers a spaceship has been buried in his back yard. The whole town subsequently goes crazy with excitement and he becomes something of a celebrity.

Rob Carison and Alan Gasmer of the William Morris agency brokered the deal.

Fox's Tracey Trench brought the project to the studio. Davis Entertainment executive Anya Kochoff was instrumental in bringing it to Davis Entertainment.

DON COLLINS, of Wenatchee, Wa. graduated with a Master Degree in 1995. Don is and artist and teaches Art in Washington. He is excellent, and he did a very special Christmas card for me. I must say the talent runs in the Wells family and he shared some special happening about his family during 1995. His wife Heidi joins 1st. United Methodist Church, Jacob joins Civil Air Patrol, Marissa learns to ride her bike...finally, Family takes a vacation to Topeka, Kansas, Family Reunion, 95, Jacob enters High School & joins swim team. Marissa becomes a campfire girl & top seller in her unit. Don is the son of Jesse Charles Collins of Van Lear, Kentucky. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

ROBERT J. DRAKE, the son of Anita Collins Drake was home for the holidays from Montpellier, France. He is studying at the University of Montpellier where he has been since Sept. of 1995. He returned to Montpellier where he will be studying until June. Robert is in his second year of college there. Robert's maternal grandfather is Jesse Charles Collins of Daniel's Creek, Van Lear, Ky. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

TIMOTHY A. WEBB, D.P.M. has successfully completed the examination requirements of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Recently, Dr. Webb became a Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. His office is located at Foot Care Associates in Paintsville. Podiatry is the medical specialty concerned with the diagnosis, medical, surgical, physical and adjunctive treatment of disease, injuries and defects of the human foot. Dr. Webb has been a member of the staff at Highland Regional Medical Center since 1990. Dr. Webb is the son of Charles Otis and Emma Sue Wells Webb of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of the late Shermom and Emma Goble Wells of Auxier. Dr. Webb descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells and George E. Wells lines.

LORI LUNDERGAN, 13 year old daughter of Eddie and Kim Wells Lundergan of Morehead, Ky., traveled to an International Tumbling and Trampoline competition in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in May 95. Lori was among 35 other tumblers on the USTA National Team which traveled to Canada. She placed 7th. place Jr Elite Trampoline, 13th. place Advanced Double Mini Trampoline, 11th. place Advanced Tumbling. In June 1995 Lori traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for a National Tumbling competition. She captured two National Titles on the Trampoline and on Synchronized Trampalene (with a Partner) also 3rd. in Tumbling and 4th in Double Mini Trampoline. Many of you will remember Lori and her sister performing for the Wells Reunion a few years ago. Lori descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines. She is the granddaughter of Jim Doug and Doris Connors Wells of Ft. McCoy, Florida. Her grandfather Jim Doug is a member of the Wells Family Board.

HONOR STUDENTS

Tim Mollette, Tonya Collins, Adam Collins, Benjamin Wells, Wanda F. Wells, Vince Cochran, Lola Williamson.

10th KENTUCY CAVALRY

"The Yankee Chasers"

by

John Britton Wells III & James M. Prichard

Kentucky Regimental Publishers

1996

10th KENTUCKY CAVALRY
CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY

233 pages - 34 photographs - 4 maps and unit roster (HARD COVER)

It has been claimed that during the War Between the States the inhabitants of the Southern Appalachian Mountains suffered more casualties per capita than any other section of our country, yet the mountains remain as one of the least studied theaters of the war.

Throughout the region, sharp divisions of opinion produced thousands of volunteers for both sides and resulted in a fierce brand of partisan warfare unequaled in intensity and bloodshed. And it did not end with Appomattox. The fighting lingered for generations after the war in the form of family and political warfare. Sociologists contend that vestiges of the bitterness continue even to this day.

This book is not only a history of an East Kentucky Confederate unit, it is a study of an independent, isolated, and intensely proud at war. It is the story of mountaineers who fought against former neighbors and friends.

Recruited in the border counties of Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia, the mountain rebels endured unbelievable hardships, but fought on to the bitter end even after all hope of victory was gone. If you have mountain roots you will read with pride and admiration of the determination and fighting spirit of the "Yankee Chasers" of the 10th Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

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NOTICE

FAMILY TREE TRACKERS GOING ON-LINE

"A network of networks with millions of users connecting networks together—the Internet gets us where we want to go. That's how Lalie Dick, Columnist for Kentucky Women said the instructor began a recent day-long seminar she and her husband attended. Ms. Dick talked with Jim Nelson, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Commissioner in Frankfort and asked him if she could talk with him about how the Farm Bureau's *All Around Kentucky* readers could use his facility for doing a better job of tracing their family histories. He said

fine, and we set the date. She and her husband went and the three of them set around a computer monitor in Jim's office, up to their shoulder blades in thins like: ([Http://www.kdla.state.ky.us/](http://www.kdla.state.ky.us/)). For those of us on the edge of the "new world" that's the computer address of how we'll all be able to go to the Kentucky Archives at 300 Coffee Tree Road without even leaving home (of course, we can always drive to Frankfort)

O.K., here we go classmates! "http" stands for: hyperlink technology transfer protocol.

The "www" part of the Internet sign-on-stands for "world wide web." The "kdla" part stands for "Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives." The "state" represents our commonwealth.

The "ky" is Kentucky and "us" is the United States (all of us in the best sense of the work".

In January of 1996 you can access (from your homes or your community libraries or anywhere else we can find a port) such things as: where the military records are from the Civil War and earlier: muster rolls; tax rolls; court records; census records; criminal and civil suits; county clerk's office records--deeds, mortgages, tax assessments, wills, settlement books, marriages; and federal records.

Did you know, Kentucky is the "motherstate" for immigration westward? Family tree trackers from the north, south and west "have to come back here (to Kentucky)." says Jim Nelson, who with his staff has been working for the last three or four months to make a "home page" available on the "world wide web," accessible for anyone in the world who has an "Internet gateway."

There are new communities a-building, even a "town meetingplace" for genealogists, where they can quickly obtain information about raw materials, use indexes, identify repositories, scan guide materials for libraries.

There were some really good "ancestry" ideas in a column appearing in the December, 1995, issue of the *Computer Times*: "It is so important to realize that life is not a rehearsal! We each have a limited number of days on this earth. It's time to begin to get the MOST from yourself TODAY!"

Exciting! You bet! We can darn a sock, trace a great-great-great grandmother, bandage a knee, track down a great-great-great grandfather.

Computers are expensive, But so are automobiles and pickup trucks. Darning needles are relatively inexpensive, until you start calculating how much the darner's time is worth.

Here's another idea. Let's say, none of the "https" in the computer world is for you. Let's say, computers are about as unthinkable as dancing with grizzly bears. Please, jot down just a little something. Put some dates that you know to be true in the family Bible.

Don't wait for a young relative with a tape recorder to seek you out. Send out the work to them: "I want to help build a record about Kentuckians for Kentuckians!:

We'll all be the richer for it!

DEATHS

DONNIE DEAN WELLS, 43 of Van Lear, Ky., died 1/23/96 at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland. Donnie was born 6/18/1952 in Women's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio a

son of Herman Wells of Van Lear and the late Jeanette Wells. Additional survivors are his wife Linda Voughan Wells , and a brother Ronnie Wells and two nephews J.J. Wells and Creig Slone of Paintsville, and a paternal grandmother Pearl Wells. Donnie was a member of the East Point Church of Christ, The East Point #657 Masonic Lodge of East Point, Kentucky where he was a past Master, He was a 32 degree in the Scottish Rite. He was an honorary member of the Wells Family Association Board and served as a past vice president for several years. Donnie descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Rose Ann Wells Spears & Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Arrangements were under the Jones and Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville with the Rev. Dave Flannery and Jerry Scott officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville.

HAZEL BURCHETT WELLS, 85, of Prestonsburg, died March 12, 1996 in Highlands Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg. She was born 10/8/1910, at Johns Creek, a daughter of Willie and Anna Stricklin Burchett. She was a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ. Surviving are her husband, Fred Wells; a daughter, Nancy Carol Dilon of Oldtown; a son, James Douglas "Doug" Wells of Prestonsburg; five sisters, Thelma Hunt of Largo, Ind., Josephine Fannin of Wabash, Ind., Nancy Pitts of Sidney, Ind., and Edith Burchett and Edna Mae Goble, both of Prestonsburg; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home at Prestonsburg. The Rev. Bennie Blankenship officiated. Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery at Prestonsburg. Hazel's husband Fred descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells by way of his son Allen Wells.

JULIA RICHMOND BRICKLY, 85, died 4/11/96 at her home in Van Lear, Kentucky. July was born 2/22/1911, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Elijah B. and Zora Webb Richmond. Surviving are her husband, John Brickley; three daughters, Sally A Patton of Van Lear, Page H. Daniels of Paintsville and Brownie Smith of Danville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville. The funeral was in the Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. William Spradlin officiating. Burial was in the Wells Buckingham Cemetery at Paintsville. Julia descended from Richard Wells through his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.

MARY K. WELLS, 80, formerly of Ashland, died 3/10/96 at Deland, Fla. Mrs. Wells was the daughter of the late Charles and Ida Morman. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Hugh Wells. Surviving are her husband, William R. Wells; a son, Charles W. Wells of Norris, Tenn; a sister Lydia Stacey of Ashland; a brother, William Morman of Ashland; and two grandchildren. A private funeral was conducted in Florida. I am not sure if or how Mary's husband William R. Wells descended from Richard Wells.

FRANCES HARGETT WELLS, 84, widow of Miller H. Wells Sr., died 4/6/96 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. She was born 1912 a daughter of the late

James G. and Nellie Huston Hargett. She is survived by one son, Miller H. Wells Jr., Lexington; one daughter, Mildred W. Eades, Winchester; five grandchildren, Billie Walden, Mathews, N.C., Kenneth and Buckley Eades, Winchester, Rebecca Wells, Lexington and Rhonda Peterson, Brandon, Fl, several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Lexington. The Rev. Stuart Couve officiating with grave side services. I do not know if or how Mrs. Wells husband descended from Richard Wells.

MITCHELL DELONG, 87, of Van Lear, Kentucky died 4/1/1996. Mitchell was born 1/9/1909, in Johnson County, a son of the late Benjamin and Sarah Sammons Delong. He was preceded in death by his son Mitchell Delong Jr. in 1995. He was a retired store merchant, coal miner and construction worker. Surviving are his wife Geneva Collins DeLong; two sons, Larry K. DeLong and Gerald L. DeLong, both of Van Lear; two daughters, Doris Ann Music of Marion, Ind., and Diana Marlene Burchell of Van Lear; a brother, Willie "Bill" DeLong of Van Lear; two sisters, Nancy Stewart of Paintsville and Audrey Deerfield of Cleveland, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville. The Rev. Keith Cozort officiated. Burial was in the Johnson County Memorial Cemetery at Staffordsville. Mr. DeLong's wife Geneva descends from Richard Wells through his sons George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines. Her grandson Poul Burchell is a regular supporter of the Wells Family Association, Inc.

MAGGIE WELLS, 85, of Sandy Hook, died 4/10/96 in University of Kentucky's Medical Center at Lexington, Kentucky. Maggie was born 12/3/1910 in Elliott County, a daughter of the late J.P. and Bertha Spencer Banks. Her husband Charles Wells, died in 1973. She was a member of Neal Howard's Creek Community Church. Surviving are a son, Charles Horton of Dayton, Ohio; four brothers, J.P. Banks of Michigan, Walter Eugene Banks of Canton, Ohio, and Rollie Banks and Osa Banks, both of Sandy Hook; and a grandchild. Arrangements were under the directions of Lewis & Ferguson Funeral Home at Sandy Hook. The Rev. Tommy Fraley officiated. Burial was in the Elliott County Memory Gardens. I am not sure if Maggie's late husband Charles Wells descended from Richard Wells or not.

VERNA WELLS AUXIER, 88, of Mansfield, Ohio, formerly of Johnson County, died 3/31/96 at Mansfield. Ms. Auxier was born 8/10/1907, in Johnson county, a daughter of the late Noah and Louise Butcher Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband, James K. Polk Auxier in 1975. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Surviving are two sons, Jim Bob Auxier of Hagerhill and Richard Auxier of Findlay, Ohio; a daughter, Ruth Bowling of Mansfield; two sisters, Berta Adkins and Beatrice Fitch of Van Lear; and six grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville. The Rev. Dave Flanery officiated with burial in the Auxier family cemetery at Hagerhill. Verna is a granddaughter George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells and a great-granddaughter of Richard Wells. Her late husband James K. Polk Auxier descended from Richard Wells daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.

VELMA MAE WELLS, 82, of Richmond, Kentucky, widow of the late William C. Wells, died 2/28/1996 after a long illness. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She retired from the Westinghouse Corporation. A daughter of the late William Franklin and Susie Skinner. She is survived by two daughters, Sue Barnes and Mrs. Carter (Pat) Brandenburg, both of Richmond; three granddaughters, four grandsons, four sisters, Virginia Turner and Leta Rice, both of Richmond, Elizabeth Billings, Ashland and Blanche Back, Monticello; one brother, Dr. Russell Skinner; three great-granddaughters, three great grandsons; Arrangements were under the direction of the Turpin Funeral Home with Rev. Wayne Spivey, Rev. George Strunk and Rev. Robert Wallace officiating. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery. If do not know if or how Velma's husband William C. Wells descended from Richard Wells

RUTH E. COLLINS, 73, died 1/7/1996 at the Arlington Nursing home in Thornville, Ohio after an extended illness. Ruth was born 4/5/1922 in Irvin, Ky., to the late Joseph H. and Rosa Falls Campbell. Ruth was a former employee of the Newark Public School System. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, William E. Collins, three sons and daughters in-law, James C. & Becky Collins, Jeffery L. & Bert Carter Collins of Newark, Jerry E. & Cookie Collins of Thornville., a daughter and son in-law, Jacquelyn P. & Robert Mong of Luray; brother Royal T. Campbell of Franzseysburg; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Two brothers and sisters preceded her in death. Arrangements were under the direction of the Brucker and Kishler Funeral Home of St. Newark. A memorial services were at the funeral on 1/10 with the Rev. R. A. Newstrand officiating. Burial was in the Wilson Cemetery at a later date. Ruth's husband William E. Collins descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

FRANKLIN R. WELLS, 59, Lexington, husband of Aldrin R. Thompson Wells, died 3/27/1996 at St. Joseph Hospital. a native of Facette County, WV, he was a son of Theodore R. Wells, Facette Co., WV, and the late Olive Gray Thomas. He was a member of Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, a graduate of Kentucky Business College, a U.S. Air Force veteran, a retired IBM Club and various historical bodies. Besides his wife and father, survivors include a son Frank Thompson Wells, Lexington; two brothers, Carl Wells, Greenbriar Co., WV, and Gene Wells, OH; two sisters, Susan Miller, VA, and Frances Scott, Greenbriar Co., WV; his stepmother, Helen Z. Wells, Facette County, WV; and a stepbrother John Robert, WV. Arrangements were under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home. The Rev. Wallace York officiated. Burial was in the Blue Grass Memorial Gardens. I don't know if Mr. Wells's descend through Richard Wells.

ALBERT WELLS, 85, of Logan, formerly of Auxier, Ky., died Sunday in Logan General Hospital following a long illness. Mr. Wells was born Jan. 2, 1910, at Auxier, a son of the late Albert Green and Ell Reed Wells. He was a retired coal miner. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. The Carter Funeral Home at Prestonsburg was in charge

of the arrangements. The Rev. Calvin Setser officiated with burial at Richmond memorial Cemetery at Prestonsburg. Albert descended from Richard Wells through George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

DONALD RAY "DUNY" RAMBO, 58, of Worthington, Ky., died 12/25/95 at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland. Donald was born Sept. 25, 1937, at Springfield, Ohio, a son of Lorena Crisp Rambo Hensley of Worthington and the late Donald C. Rambo. Donald was a retired truck driver, an Air Force veteran. Other survivors are his wife, Donna Wells Rambo; a daughter, Tara Mauk of Worthington; a son, Donald C. Rambo of Russell; a sister, Barbara Chappel of Worthington; and two grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Evans Funeral Home at Raceland. The Rev. Trent Graves, minister of Raceland Christian Church officiated. Burial was in Caroline Cemetery at Raceland. Donald's wife Donna descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Elizabeth DeLong Gains Wells and Spencer & Rose Ann Wells Spears lines. Donna and her family attend the Wells Reunion annually.

GARNETT AKERS MAYO, 69, of West Prestonsburg, died 12/8/1995 in Highland Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg. Garnett was born 2/2/1926 at Van Lear, a daughter of the late Logan Akers and Bessie Peery Akers Arnett. She was a member of Eastern Star Ada Chapter 24, the Rebekah Lodge 31 at Prestonsburg and Little Paint Church of God. Surviving are her husband, Royce Mayo; two sons, Danny Mayo of Prestonsburg and Royce F. Mayo of Pikeville; three daughters, Peggy Rice of East Point, Laura Evelyn Hyden of Martin and Sandra Alvarez of Simpsonville; three sisters, Evelyn Stephens and Laura Griffith, both of Prestonsburg and Ival Whitaker of Pierceton, Ind.; and seven grandchildren. The funeral was at the Floyd Funeral Home at Prestonsburg who was in charge of the arrangements. The Rev. Wayne Burch officiated with burial in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery at Prestonsburg. Garnett is the mother of Mrs. Ken "Peggy" Rice and her husband Ken descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells lines.

JOHNNIE HINKLE, 76, of Bowling Green, Ohio died 11/11/1995 at his daughters in Bowling Green, Ohio. Mr. Hinkle was born 6/24/1919 in Canada, Kentucky to the late Jack and Nellie Fitch Hinkle. He is survived by a daughter of Bowling Green, Ohio and a son Johnnie Hinkle, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Hinkle descends through the Burchett family line by way of Tom Burchett.

BIRDIE LEONA GRIFFITH WELLS, 77, of Prestonsburg, died 12/1/95 in Highland Regional Hospital, Prestonsburg, Ky. She was born 5/27/1918, at Garrett, a daughter of the late Dike and Minnie Combs Griffith. She was preceded in death by two sons Rain Wells and Ray Wells. Surviving are her husband, John P. Wells; a son John P. Wells Jr. of Prestonsburg; and a sister Wanda Trusty of Richmond, Va. The funeral was under the directions of the Floyd Funeral Home at Prestonsburg. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery at Prestonsburg. Her husband John P. descended from Richard Wells through his son Moses and Margaret Hillman Wells.

PEGGY JEAN WELLS ANTIS, 66 of South Shore, died 11/12/95 in King's Daughters' Medical Center following an extended illness. Peggy was born March 25, 1929, in Greenup County, a daughter of the late Russell and Georgia Burchett Wells. She was a bookkeeper for Antis Distributing Co. and a member of the South Shore First United Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband, Robert W. Antis; two sons, Mark D. Antis of South Shore, and Keith B. Antis of Greenup; one daughter, Karen S. Griffith of Greenup; two brothers, Ray Wells of Ashland and David Wells of Greenup; one sister, Lois Garthee of Greenup; and six grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Morton Funeral Home at South Shore, Ky. The Rev. Art Honican and Rev. Taylor Biggs officiated with burial in the Siloam Cemetery. Peggy descended from Richard Wells through Moses and Margaret Hillman Wells.

MADGE AUXIER, 98 of Paintsville, died 12/10/95 at her Paintsville residence. Madge was born 7/7/1897, in Johnson County, the daughter of the late Lincoln and Jemima Wheeler Auxier. She was a retired secretary with the U.S. Government and a member of the First Christian Church. Surviving are nephews and nieces. Arrangements were under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home. Services were in the Funeral Home Chapel with Elden Rucker officiating. Burial was in Johnson County Memorial Cemetery at Staffordsville. She descended from Richard Wells through his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.

BONNIE MOORE BOGGS, 81 of Ashland, Kentucky, died 11/24/1995 in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland. She is survived by her husband Russell Boggs of Ashland. One son Maynard Boggs of Huntington, W.Va. Arrangements were under the direction of The Carman Funeral Home of Flatwoods, Ky. The Rev. David Boggs officiated with burial in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens, Flatwoods. Bonnie's husband Russell descends from John & Nancy Wells Boggs of Blain, Ky. . We do not know if or how Nancy descends from Richard Wells.

HELEN W. MICELI, 68, of Pine Brook died in the Troy Hills Center in Parsippan, Calif. She was a secretary for many years at West Side High School in Newark before retiring in 1986. She was born in Olive Hill, Ky., and lived in Newark before moving to Pine Brook 17 years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Patrice Haderthauer and Mrs. Denise Topolewski; two sons, Gregory F. and William A.; two brothers Jeff D. Wells and Ray E. Wells; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia McMonegal and Mrs. Karen Springer, and four grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Par-Troy Funeral Home, Parsippany. The funeral was at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany. Helen descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells line.

NANCY WELLS MEADE, 70, of Louisville, Kentucky died 12/9/1995, at Caritas Medical Center, Louisville. Nancy was born 10/25/1925, at Auxier, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Sherman Wells and Berta Hatcher Wells. She was a member of First Southern Baptist Church. Survivors include two daughters Nancy Jane McCune, of Louisville

and Carol J. Ward, of Midlothian, Virginia, one son, Thomas A. Meade, of Powhatan, Virginia, and nine grandchildren, one sister, Mary L. Connelly, of Waynesburg, Ohio, and one brother, William L. Wells of Auxier, Kentucky. The funeral was conducted at the Family Funeral Care-Metropolitan. Burial was in the Louisville Memorial Gardens West, Louisville. Nancy descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

EARL SPEARS, 85, of West Van Lear, died 4/14/1996 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center at Paintsville. Earl was born 2/14/1911, in Johnson County, a son of the late Walter and Fannie Goble Spears. He was preceded in death by two wives, Malta Music Spears and Elsie Lemaster Spears. He was a retired coal miner and a World War II Army veteran. Surviving are a son, Lowell Spears of West Van Lear; two daughters, Marietta Morrison of West Van Lear and Wanda Harrel of Arizona; a brother, Leland Spears of Ironton, Ohio; a sister, Ollie Ruth Crum of Coal Grove, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home at Paintsville. The Rev. Keith Cozort officiated with burial in the Johnson County Memorial Cemetery at Staffordsville. Earl descended from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears line.

THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM

The Wells Family Association, Inc. Board encourages family members of all ages to become involved in Association activities that help preserve the heritage and legacy of the Wells family line. It further supports the need for graduates to continue plans for education beyond the secondary level. In view of these positions, a Scholarship Fund has been established for descendants of Richard and Susannah Hutcheson Wells that requires completion of a Wells family genealogy activity.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The Wells Family Association, Inc. Board has established a fund for one scholarship to be awarded annually in the amount of \$500.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant must:

1. be a biological or legally adopted descendant of Richard and Susannah Hutcheson Wells
2. be a graduating high school senior the Spring of the year of application
3. have a letter of acceptance from the school in which you plan to enroll in the fall (This has been defined broadly to include any recognized institution such as a vocational or technical institute, junior or community college, regular four-year college,

or university that grants a certificate, diploma, or degree based on a planned program of study.)

4. complete the Scholarship Application Form
5. have a minimum 2.0 ("C") gpa on a 4.0 scale (This is to be verified by the signature of a high school administrator or counselor on the application form.)
6. submit a Pedigree Chart for your family line, using the format provided by the Historical Committee
7. agree to use the scholarship money during the first academic year for which it is given or return the amount to the Wells Association Board Treasurer
8. agree to send a copy of first year semester/quarter grades to the President of the Wells Family Association, Inc. Board

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The completed Scholarship Application Form and the completed Pedigree Chart must be postmarked by July 8. **Mail to: Randall L. Wells, Scholarship Committee, 10337 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, Ky 40223.**

Only completed application forms accompanied by the Pedigree Chart that ties you to Richard Wells will be considered qualified for the scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP DECISION

All qualified applications will be presented to The Wells Family Association, Inc. Board at its Summer Meeting. In the event there is more than one qualified applicant, the Board will develop a system to equitably determine the sole recipient of the scholarship.

No more than two scholarships in a five-year period will be awarded to applicants who have not attended the Wells Family Association, Inc. annual reunion held over Labor Day Weekend.

All scholarship applicants will receive a letter from the Board President announcing the recipient. A check for \$500. will be included in the letter to the recipient. The recipient will be recognized both at The Wells Family Association, Inc. Reunion and in the Association Newsletter.

All material submitted becomes the sole property of The Wells Family Association, Inc. Board for use in naming a scholarship recipient and in updating Wells family genealogy records.

Questions about the scholarship may be directed to one of the following committee members:

Randy Wells, 10337 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, Ky 40223 (502) 245-7527 Ron Wells, 6543 Paris Pike, Georgetown, Ky 40324 (502) 863-4189 Jancie Dunseith, 130 Kings Row, Crossville, Tn. 38555 (615) 456-1189 Bobby Wells, 687 Burk Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky 41653 (606) 886-2101

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

BETTY CLARK FARLEY & POLLY CLARK WILDER, of California donated \$40. to the organization in memory of Donnie Wells. Donnie b. 6/18/52 d. 1/23/96 was a first cousin once removed to Betty and Polly. Betty and Polly are regular contributors to the Wells Family Association. They are the daughters of Logan "Cooge" and Maggie Wells Clark. They descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

JAMES T. WELLS, of Edgewood, Ky donated \$25. to the organization. James is a member of the Wells Family Board. He is the son of the late Oliver Clarence and Emma A. Thonsburg Wells of Ashland. James descends from Richard Wells through Simon Peter & Mary Porter Wells.

BERNARD A. WELLS JR. (from his note) Dear Mary, Enclosed is a check for \$25. use it anywhere you think it is needed. I hope your health has improved and that you are once again active. The vol. 25 newsletter was great. Best Wishes, B. A. Wells Jr. Bernard is a regular contributor to the Wells Family Association and he descends from Richard Wells through his son Dr. William Green Wells.

JAMES DOUG & DORIS C. WELLS, donated \$25. toward expenses of the newsletter. Jim Doug serves on the Wells Family board. He and Doris are now residing in Ft. McCoy, Florida. Jim descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

DORTHA LEE FERGUSON STROBEL, of Boss, Mo., donated \$15. toward the newsletter. Dortha has become a regular contributor to the association. She is the daughter of the late Dale & Susie Spears Ferguson. She descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

MANFORD & MARY WALTON, donated \$50. toward the scholarship fund. It is given in memory of Mary's grandmother Unoka Clark Richmond who descended from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.

ANONYMOUS DONATOR, donation \$25. toward expenses of newsletter.

ANONYMOUS DONATOR, donation \$50. toward the scholarship fund. This member is a faithful donator to the scholarship committee and wishes that his name not be mentioned.

MILLARD & KRIMHILDE PLUMMER, donated \$25. toward general fund. The Plummer's are from Fort Gay, WV. I think Millard descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells. If I am wrong let me know Millard.

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 (expense 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 for expenses of newsletter etc.)

NOTICE

Pat Williams, Chairperson of the Memorial Committee is right at work. Many of you have contributed to purchasing stones for older members that have no stone on their graves. The board will be purchasing a stone for Richard Wells' son, Andrew, who is buried in Virginia. A descendent of his Margaret Berryman will be taking care of this project. She has informed us that the stone will be set by May 17th. This is one project that the organization is happy to see done. Pat Williams has ordered five to be set on 4/25/96. The stones will go to mark the graves of George W.



Wells, Arminta Wells, Margaret Wells who are buried at the cemetery behind the Highland Regional Hospital, R. 23 South of Auxier, Ky. Two other stoned will be set at the Old Log Church cemetery for Charles Morgan and Susan D. Wells. A government stone has been ordered for Moses Wells who was a member of the militia during the Civil War (Thanks to Paul Burchell for obtaining his discharge & other help). John Wells, III has already obtained a confederate stone for Aaron Wells grave. When Moses stone arrives they will be set at the same time. Plans are being made to have a dedication service for Aaron and Moses Wells and we will let you know when in the next newsletter. We do appreciate Pat and her work in getting these purchased. We thank Paul Burchell who has assisted Pat in this project. Appreciation goes to John Wells III, Margaret Berryman & Bobby Wells for their help. We will run a picture of the stones in the newsletter soon as they arrive.. Great Work !!!



This newsletter is dedicated to our members who have passed away during this past year--they are sorely missed, but not forgotten. Above is our former Vice President, Donnie Wells (6/18/52-1/23/96) Center, his wife Linda, left, & Jimmy Adkins visiting at the 1995 reunion.

NOTICE
4/27/96

JIM CLARK, of Inez is a patient in the U.K., hospital, Lexington, Ky. Jim has been waiting for a heart transplant since last year. He was rushed to the hospital in an emergency a week ago. He is in very critical condition and will have surgery on the 29th. if his health permits. This surgery is allow him to manage until a heart is donated. Jim is the son of the late Haskel and Fanny Clark and the nephew of Darlene Burgess who serves on the Wells Family board. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells..... PLEASE REMEMBER JIM IN YOUR PRAYERS.