



Wells

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It will be only a few weeks until members of the Wells Family will begin their journey to Johnson County Ky to meet on Labor Day weekend at the Johnson Central High School. If you haven't gotten your overnight lodging by this time, you may have some difficulty. I am listing the local motel/hotels again for your convenience. If you don't have close relatives in the area to spend a night with, you will need to call immediately.

Super 8 Motel, Inez, Ky	1-(606) 298-7000
Inez Motel, Inez, Ky	1-(606) 298-7711
Carriage House, Paintsville, Ky	1-(606) 789-4242
Days Inn, Paintsville, Ky	1-(606) 789-3551
Starfire Motel, Paintsville, Ky	1-(606) 789-5341
Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, Ky	1-(606) 886-0001
Blue Sky Motel, Prestonsburg, Ky	1-(606) 886-2797
Super 8 Motel, Prestonsburg, Ky	1-(606) 886-3355
Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, Ky	1-(606) 886-2711
Plantation Motel, South Prestonsburg, Ky	1-(606) 886-0383
Alpike Motel, Allen, Ky	1-(606) 874-2560
Days Inn, Pikeville, Ky	1-(606) 432-2545
Landmark Inn, Pikeville, Ky 1-800-831-1469	1-(606) 432-2545
Louisa Motel, Louisa, Ky	1-(606) 638-4432
Best Western, Louisa, Ky	1-(606) 638-9417

THE WELLS FAMILY BOARD MET AT THE CARRIAGE HOUSE IN PAINTSVILLE ON JULY 20TH TO COMPLETE THE LAST MINUTE PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING REUNION. HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING OF INTEREST FOR ALL AGES THIS YEAR.

SATURDAY'S ACTIVITIES:

At 2:00 p.m. Bobby Wells, will be in the parking lot at the Johnson Central High School to lead the grave tour. Those taking the tour should wear comfortable shoes, insect repellent and something cool. The group's itinerary is as follows:

2:30 p.m. The Richard Wells grave on Rt. 3 on the Mrs. Ashley Butcher property.

3:00 p.m. The Old Log Church cemetery, where Susanna Hutchison Wells, Roseann W. Spears, and many other relatives are buried.

3:45 p.m. The Auxier Relocation Cemetery to visit the grave of George E. Wells and several of his children and grandchildren.

4:30 p.m. Stop on Rt. 23 and view Samuel & Agnes Wells Auxier's grave.

5:00 p.m. The group will visit the two Paintsville cemeteries where William G. Wells and many of his family is buried

5:45 p.m. Return to Johnson Central School for some refreshments.

4:00 p.m. the school will open and members will set up for Sunday's meeting and prepare for the group to return from the grave tour.

6:00 p.m. Genealogical workshop led by the Historical Committee, John B. Wells, III, Bobby Wells, Paula Wells, & Charles C. Wells. (Bring any information that you have to share plus and ?'s you may have. They will to answer your questions or find the answer for you.)

SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES:

9:30 a.m. School doors will open (time to visit & look over the "for sale items" including the items for the auction and enjoy the entertainment.

Entertainment:

Efforts are being made to provide some special entertainment throughout the morning. One of our very own, Karen Mollette Kouns, plans to bring her "Blue Grass Band" to play a few songs for us. Karen is the daughter of Edith Wells Mollette who serves on the Wells Family Board and is the granddaughter of the late George Wells from Boonscamp, Ky. Other activities are being planned.

10:30 a.m. Genealogical Workshop, Historical Committee members, John B. Wells, III, Bobby Wells, Paula Wells & Charles C. Wells. (bring your ?'s and information to share)

11:45 a.m. AUCTION:

EACH YEAR DURING THE FAMILY REUNION AN AUCTION ACTIVITY IS HELD TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MEMORIAL FUND. . THE MONEY DERIVED FROM THE AUCTION IS DESIGNATED FOR MARKING OLDER UNMARKED GRAVES. (PLEASE NOTE THE PICTURES OF THE MARKERS THAT HAVE BEEN SET THIS YEAR furnished by our President Bobby Wells). THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IF YOU HAD NOT BROUGHT ITEMS TO AUCTION AND/OR TO PURCHASED ITEMS AT THE AUCTION OR THE SILENT AUCTION. SOME OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE PAID FOR MARKING THE GRAVES OF OLDER FAMILY MEMBERS. THEY WILL BE LISTED ALONG WITH THE OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN MARKED

BY THE ORGANIZATION. REMEMBER WHEN YOU BRING AN ITEM OR PURCHASE AN ITEM AT THE REUNION IT GOES FOR A GOOD CAUSE. YOUR AUCTION COMMITTEE, ANN PORTER, RANDY WELLS, AND JOHN B. WELLS, III, AUCTIONEER.

12:45 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE LOVE ONES THAT HAVE LEFT US SINCE THE LAST REUNION. PLEASE NOTIFY PAT WILLIAMS OR YOUR EDITORS OF LOVE ONES THAT HAVE DIED. SEND THE INFORMATION SO WE CAN INCLUDE THEM IN THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. THEIR NAMES WILL BE LISTED AND DISPLAYED IN A SPECIAL PLACE AT THE REUNION AND THEIR NAMES WILL BE READ AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. PAT WILLIAMS AND PAUL BURCHELL HAVE BEEN BUSY PURCHASING STONES AND GETTING THEM SET BEFORE THE REUNION.

12:55 p.m. BLESSING WILL BE OFFERED AND GROUP WILL FORM THE FOOD LINE.

PLEASE SEE THAT THE DISABLED AND THOSE 70 AND OLDER ARE ABLE TO GET IN THE LINE FIRST. (WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS EACH YEAR FOR ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN)

1:00 p.m. DINNER WILL BE SERVED.

YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING PLENTY OF FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY AND SOME EXTRA FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO BRING FOOD FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. LAST YEAR WE RAN A LITTLE SHORT IN MEAT AND VEGETABLES. (THANKS TO THE REV. JAMES WELLS OF RACELAND, KY. FOR SAVING THE DAY. HE WAS SO KIND TO PURCHASE FOOD FROM A LOCAL STORE) IF EACH OF US WILL BRING JUST A LITTLE EXTRA WE WILL HAVE PLENTY FOR EVERYONE. THE WELLS FAMILY ARE SO GOOD ABOUT BRINGING PLENTY OF FOOD AND ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS LET YOU KNOW THE NEEDS AND YOU ALWAYS COME THROUGH. DELORES "SIS" BOOTH, CHAIRPERSON OF THE REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE EXPRESS HER APPRECIATION TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEARS.

2:00 p.m. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

LLOYD WELLS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS TO THE GROUP. YOU WILL BE ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. IF THERE ARE NONE THEN THE SLATE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THE ELECTION.

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

3:00 p.m. Members can plan to visit and enjoy visiting until 5:00 pm. or ?

Every effort will be made to stay with the schedule as close as possible.

**THE ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE GREETERS TO WELCOME YOU.
DARLENE & HASKELL BURGESS WILL BE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE
GREETING COMMITTEE.**

I FOUND THIS POEM TO SHARE WITH YOU. I found so much truth in it:

"When A Man Is Poor"

A man is poor when he has lost the confidence of his friends, when people who are nearest to him do not believe in him; when his character is honeycombed by deceit and punctured with dishonesty. He is poor when he makes money at the expense of his character, when he does not stand clear out, supreme in his idea. When this is clouded, he is in danger of the worst kind of poverty. To be in the poorhouse is not necessarily to be poor. If you have maintained your integrity, if your character stands forth square to the world, if you have never bent the knee of principle to avarice, you are not poor, though you may be compelled to beg bread. --Queensland Freemason

Tommie and I are looking forward to seeing you at the 1996 reunion. There are 890 households on the mailing list for the newsletters if 50% of you can attend this year we will have over 400 in attendance. Please bring your information for the newsletter with you to the reunion. We will include it in the fall newsletter. I will be at one of the tables to take your information and hope to get the opportunity to visit with each of you. I feel that by being stationed in one place that I'll be able to visit with more of you. If you have any questions, I'll try my best to answer them for you. If I don't know the answer I'll make every effort to find someone who knows the answer.

SICKNESS

DORTHA HONEYCUTT, PAUL WELLS,
JIM FARLEY, EMMA ADKINS,
DORTHA CRUM, VIRGINIA EDGEL,
PAT WOMACK, STEVE VOLOTA,
LUCILLE PATTON, OPAL
DEROSSITT, CLAY WELLS, EDITH
MOLLETT, BEATRICE CHILDERS,

in 1/96. She spent some time in the Hospital. Her daughter Buelah spent six weeks giving her the special care she needed for a complete recovery. Malta is the widow of the late Rollan Wells who was the father of Buelah. He descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells line. Malta daughter Buelah and grand-daughter Mary Frances Keel both serve on the Wells Family Board.

HOSPITALIZED

MALTA CASTLE WELLS WATSON, of Box 163, Auxier, Ky. 41602, fell on the ice in January and had to have hip surgery at Three Rivers Medical Center

FRED DEROSITT, of Belleville, Michigan was hospitalized at the Pamona Valley Hospital in Pamona, Ca. He went to Pamona to attend his

grandchild's graduation and became sick and had to undergo surgery. He is recuperating with family there. His wife Opal Derossitt is at their home at 7225 Belleville Rd. , Belleville, Mi. 48111. She very sick and it is felt she may have suffered a stroke. Her heart is in California with her dear husband Fred, but she is unable to join him due to her health and the distance. Opal and Fred attend the Wells reunion each year and are one of the joys of the reunion. Opal descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells by way of his son Allen Wells. Opal is the mother of Malva Hall Cline who serves on the Wells Family Board. Opal is honorary member of the Wells Family Board.

HAROLD "BUD" WILLIAMS, of Sachse, Tx. underwent triple by-pass heart surgery in a local Texas hospital on June 13, 1996. Bud is the son of the late Bernard and Alta Wells Williams and descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells lines. He is the brother of Delores "Sis" Booth and brother-in-law of Pat Williams who serve on the Wells Family Board.

DEATHS

JAMES THORNTON "JIMMY" CLARK, 52, of Pilgrim, Ky. died May 4, 1996 in the U K Medical Center, Lexington, Ky. He underwent a heart transplant on April 28th. Jimmy was born July 27, 1943, in Martin County, a son of the late Haskell and Fannie Harmon Clark. He was a contractor and a member of the Warfield Missionary Church, and a U. S. Airforce veteran. Surviving are his wife, Judith Brown Clark; two sons,

James B. Clark of Meadows of Dan, Va., and John D. Clark of Pilgrim; a daughter, Lisa Clark of Pensacola, Fla.; four sisters, Betty Sparks of Tazewell, Va., Shelby Jarrell of Marshalltown, Iowa, Sara Hall of Brooksville, and Ludie Williams of Inez; and one brother David Clark of Inez. Arrangements were under the direction of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home at Warfield with services at the Warfield Missionary Baptist Church. The Rev. Joe Blevins officiated. Burial was in the Clark family Cemetery at Inez. Jimmy's aunt Darlene Clark Burgess is a member of the Wells Family Association board. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

TARA RAE BLACK, 14, died July 3, 1996 after a long illness at her home in Olive Hill, Ky. She was born 6/2/1982 to Branson Ray and Linda Wells Black in Rowan County. Additional survivors include two brothers, Michael Ramey and Paul Ramey, both of Morehead; two sisters, Charl Black of Morehead and Kimberly Burke of Georgetown; and her maternal grandparents, Paul and Faye Adkins Wells of Morehead.

Arrangements were under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals in Morehead. The Rev. Gayle Price officiated with burial in the Waddell-Gilliam Cemetery in Carter County. I do not know if Tara descended from Richard Wells.

JAMES DENNISON, JR. 76, of Ethel, W. Va., formerly of Johnson County, died 6/4/96 in Logan General Hospital in W. Va. He was born 8/16/1919, in Boons Camp, a son of the late Jim and Dixie Penix Dennison. He was a former

coal miner and World War II veteran. Surviving are his wife, Beatrice Dennison; two sons, James Gary Dennison of Switzer, W. Va., and Wendell Dennison of Columbus, Tenn.; two daughters, Freda Whisman of Ethel and Wilma Ball of Lake W. Va.; four brothers, Roswell Dennison of Gallitan, Tenn., Pervis Dennison and Leo Dennison, both of Wabash, Ind., and Arlo Dennison of Boons Camp; two sisters, Louise Wells of Van Lear and Yvonne Mollett of Dehue, W. VA. ; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. The Rev. Dennie Collins officiated and burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville. His sister Louise Dennison Wells husband Herbert Wells descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

ARNOLD JOHNSON, 58, of Naples (Greenup County Ky.) died 7/17/96 at his home. He was born 4/22/1938, in Honnewell, a son of Banner and Gertrude Tackett Johnson. A daughter, Terrie Lynn Johnson, preceded him in death. He was owner of Johnson's Convenience Store in Naples and a pipefitter with Steamfitters and Pipefitters Local 521 in Huntington, W.V. He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Flatwoods. Surviving are his wife, Joyce Ann Wells Johnson; a daughter, Cheryl Johnson of Ashland; two brothers, Paul Johnson of Ashland and LeRoy Johnson of Danleyton; and three sisters, Opal Oliver of Columbus, Ohio, Geneva Babcock of Naples, Fla., and Jewel Balsiger of Huntington, W. Va. Arrangements were under the directions of Carman Funeral Home in

Flatwoods with the funeral at the Funeral Home. The Revs. Terry Browning, William Dilon and Dan Russell officiated. Burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods. Arnolds wife Joyce Wells Johnson descended from Richard Wells through his son Peter Wells.

BERT M. BENNINGTON, 74, of Nokomis, Fla., formerly of Greenup, died June 20, 1996 at his home. Bert was born 9/13/1921, a son of the late Otto and Anna Hager Bennington. He was retired from the U.S. State Department and a World War II veteran. Surviving are his wife, Florence "Flo" Bennington; two daughters, Barbara Short of Prince Frederick, Md. and Roberta Carew of Richmond, Va.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. The funeral was conducted at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia. Bert descended from Richard Wells through Agnes Wells Auxier and Samuel Auxier line.

GARY DEAN WELLS, 48, of Fostoria, Ohio, died June 21 at his home. Mr. Wells was born 6/9/1948, in Paintsville, a son of James E. and Avonelle Thompson Wells of Auxier. He was a former truck driver with Signal Delivery Service in Findlay, Ohio, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Teamsters. Additional survivors include three daughters, Leslie Kay Burke and Krystina Jo Wells, both of Fostoria, and Brandy Raymer of Reno, Nev.; a son, Jason Cameron Wells of Fostoria; a brother, Larry Wells of Auxier; and four grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg by the Revs. Calvin Setser and Bobby Joe Spencer.

Burial was in the Wells Cemetery in Auxier with military rites by Disabled American Veterans Big Sandy Chapter. I don't know how or if Gary descended from Richard Wells. If someone knows, please let me know.

LESTER HALL, 70, of Van Lear died 6/3/96. He was born 11/1/1925 in Floyd County, the son of Billy and Myrtle Bentley Hall. He is preceded in death by his wife, Edna Trivette Hall. He is survived by five sons, Ronnie Hall of Ulysses, Nolan Hall and Billy Joe Hall, both of Salyersville, Dennis Roy Hall of Prestonsburg and James Arthur Hall of Van Lear; three daughters, Carol S. Wells of Van Lear, Alice Lay of Lexington and Diane Collins of Paintsville; two brothers, Noble Hall of Indianapolis, In. and Glenn Hall of Elyria, Oh. ; two sisters, Irene Looney of Elyria, Oh. and Glema Roberts of Jonancy; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. The Rev. Carson Wright and Howard Coleman officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park, Salyersville. Mr. Hall's daughter Carol Wells husband Wendell descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, Wm. G. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

GREGORY MARK TEMPLE, 49, died 4/28/1996 at his home. He was born 9/5/1947 in Los Angeles, Calif. , a son of the late James Keller and Margie Ruth Mitchell Temple. He is survived by his wife Robin Ann Edgel Temple, a son, Austen Temple and a daughter, Brynna Temple, both at home. Greg was a Financial Planner. As a

avocation, he composed music. Two of his compositions were played at his funeral, "Around Cape Horn" and "Solitude". Burial was in Larkin Sunset Gardens, Sandy, Utah. Greg's wife Robin, is the daughter of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel. She descends from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells and Spencer Spears.

EDD DUPUY REDD, 81, A retired Paintsville real estate and insurance dealer, died April 16, 1996 in Bixby Knolls Towers Convalescent Center in Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Redd was born 6/10/1914, in Hampton, Va., a son of the late John and Ruby Randson Redd. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sara Wells Redd. He was a co-owner of the Redd-Williams Agency in Paintsville. Surviving are two sons, John Edward Redd and William Randolph Boyd; and two daughters, Margaret Judith Hilgers and Sara Kay Dorsey. A graveside service was conducted at Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville by Errol Archerson. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. Mr. Redd's late wife Sara Wells descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

TERRY VAUGHN SPEARS, 48, of Wurtland, Ky died April 27, 1996 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland, Ky. Terry was born May 17, 1947, at Ashland, a son of Quinten and Wanda Lee Cameron Spears of Wurtland. He was a clerk with CSX, a member of Danleyton Missionary Baptist Church and an Air Force veteran. Additional survivors include his wife, Linda Pennington Spears; a son, Matthew

Scott Spears of Louisville; a daughter, Amanda Beth Spears, at home; two sisters, Donna Jan Ervin of Wurtland and Rayna Nixon of Santa Clarita, Calif. Arrangements were under the direction of the Reed Funeral Home at Greenup. The Rev. Mike Saunders officiated. Burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Garden at Flatwoods. Terry descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells and his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

RICHARD HART WELLS, 71, of Lexington, Ky. He is the husband of Mary Jean Wells, died at his residents. An engineer, he had been associated with American Standard for 39 years. Born in Wilkesburg, PA., he was the son of the late Wesley Boyd and Faye Hart Wells, Sr. He was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, a member of Crestwood Christian Church and was an avid fisherman and enjoyed cultivating roses. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp in WWII. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Linda Wells Eades, Charlottesville, VA; two sons, Robert S. Wells, Lexington, SC and Michael L. Wells, Lexington, Ky; four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Richard K. Wells. Memorial services were held at the W.R. Milward Mortuary-Southland, with Dr. David N. Bondell officiating. I don't know how or if Mr. Wells descended from the Richard Wells and Susannah Hutchison Wells line.

THEODORE "TED" GOBLE, 82, of Mt. Dora, Fla., formerly of Prestonsburg, died April 29, 1996 in Mt. Dora Health Care Center. Mr. Goble was born Jan. 9, 1914, at Lancer, a son of the late

James and Florence Wells Goble. He was a retired teacher in Floyd County and an Army veteran of World War II. Surviving are his wife, Marie Crider Goble; two stepsons, Charles a Crider and William J. Crider, both of Prestonsburg; a stepdaughter, Joann Livingston of Fruitland Park, Fla.; and two sisters, Opal McKinzie of Auxier and Anis Mae "Dotty" Perry of Prestonsburg. Arrangements were under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. Burial was in the Crider Family Cemetery at Auxier. Mr. Goble descended from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells line.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIMBERLY JO SCHMITT AND MICHAEL COOLEY, will be married on Saturday May 18, 1996 in Lexington, Kentucky. The bride to be is the daughter of Mike and Lynn Schmitt of Paintsville. Michael is the son of Nancy Hall of Paintsville and Nick Cooley of Monticello, Kentucky. Kimberly descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

JOHN SCOTT WELLS & JENNIFER WEBB, will be solemnized in marriage on July 20, 1996 in the ballroom at Elite Catering in Ashland. Miss Webb is the daughter of Mary Lynn Morris of LaGrange. Mr. Wells is the son of Joanne Wells of Russell and the late Gerald "Jerry" Wells. The bride-elect graduated from Oldham County High school in LaGrange and received a bachelor's degree in English form

Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights. She is an English and theater teacher at Russell High School. The prospective groom is a graduate of Raceland-Worthington High School and received an associate's degree from Ashland Community College. He attended Morehead State University and is a new car sales manager at Bob Clyse Oldsmobile-GMC Truck Inc. in Ironton. John Scott descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells line and is a great grandson of the late Low B. Wells.

MARRIAGE'S

JAMES D. WELLS AND BETHANY BURKE WELLS, of Raceland exchanged wedding vows on May 18, 1996 at the First Assembly of God Church in Raceland. The double-ring vows were read at 2:30 by the Rev. James E. Wells father of the groom. The bride is the daughter of Benjamin T. and Linda Burke of Raceland. The groom is the son of the Rev. James and Ann Wells of Raceland. A program of nuptial selections was presented by Pat Williams of Westwood, pianist, and Don Rambo of Worthington and Sherry Lear of Winchester, both soloists. Beth Burns of Worthington served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Kristy Barber of Wurtland, Kristin Burke of Lexington, the bride's cousin, Staci Mauk and Hilah Jarvis, both of Raceland, and Rebecca Napier of Wayne County, W. Va., cousin of the groom. Josh Sargent of Ashland was best man and groomsmen were Chris Morgan of Ashland, Devin Williams of Westwood, Aaron Burke of Raceland, brother of the bride, Eric

Sutter of South Point, and Michael Adkins of Frankfort, the bride's cousin. Ushers were Jeremy Barker of Raceland, Jonathan Burke of Lexington, the bride's cousin, Dwight Back of Columbus, Ohio, and Todd Middleton of Worthington. The wedding party included Gabriella Brown of Wilmington, Ohio, and Jordan Evans of Flatwoods, cousins of the bride, as flower girl and ring bearer. A reception followed the ceremony in the reception hall of faith Christian Assembly at Flatwoods. Mrs. Wells is a graduate of Raceland-Worthington High School and will receive an Associate's degree in Medical Office Administration from Ashland Community College in the fall. She is employed at Ashland Inc. Mr. Wells is also a graduate of Raceland-Worthington High School and attended Ashland Community College. He is employed by WTSF Christian Broadcasting. Following a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple is residing in Flatwoods. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents in the fellowship hall of the First Assembly of God Church. James David descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

CONGRATULATIONS

LOLA M. WILLIAMSON, daughter of Gerald and Marbel Williamson of Paintsville, and 1992 graduate of Paintsville High School graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Ky on May 5. Williamson received a bachelor of science degree in the agriculture department while majoring in Natural Resource Conservation and

Management. She also minored in Political Science and Agricultural economics. During her four years at the university, Williamson was awarded the L.H. May, Edwin C. Gamble, Alfred Chambers, Charles E. Barnhard Fund for academic excellence, agriculture graduate student undergraduate achievement and the Johnson County NRCS Scholarships. Beginning with the fall semester, Williamson will pursue a masters in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration. This will provide her with a well-rounded realistic view of governmental regulations and laws and aid her in her goal to help preserve our natural resources. Lola descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and George E. Wells lines.

LESLIE ANN HORN, of Springfield, Ohio graduated from Wright State University on June 8, 1996 with a degree in Accounting. She is the granddaughter of Clifford and Delores "Sis" Booth of Van Lear. The grandparents proudly attended the graduation. The grandmother descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells and serves on the Wells Family Board. She is chairperson of the refreshment committee. Sis and her husband are faithful workers at the reunion.

JIM NYBERG, son of Beulah Keel, has completed Paramedic School and is a Licensed Paramedic. Jim is employed at Life Star Ambulance Service in Louisa and Morgan EMS in West Liberty.

DON RAMBO AND RON KEETON, operate a screen-printing business out of their homes in Raceland. They didn't want to borrow money when they started their screen-printing business, they needed some help from the sun. With only \$3,000 in start-up capital, they couldn't afford much equipment. So for one step of the process that involves exposing photosensitive materials to a bright light, they simply carried their materials outdoors and exposed them in the sunlight. That was in 1992. The business doubled its volume the first three years and now turns out 12,000 or more items yearly, and projects gross sales of about \$100,000 in 1996. They have acquired more equipment, and they have borrowed some capital, but they still operate DSI Screen Printing out of their homes and Keeton's garage. DSI stands for Distinctive Specialties Inc. The company's specialty is custom-printing T-shirts with designs by Rambo, a commercial artist. Using both computer-generated lettering and his own considerable drawing skills, Rambo develops designs in up to four colors. Keeton makes most of the screens, and together they print off the shirts. T-shirts are DSI's bread and butter, but Rambo and Keeton also print on caps, bags, aprons, sweatpants and other items of apparel. The two have been friends since the sixth grade and their long acquaintanceship shows in their conversations together. The technique of screen printing involves forcing a thick ink through a fine-mesh screen onto fabric or other material. The screen is prepared with a design in a process comparable to photographic printing, by coating it with a light-sensitive emulsion, putting the design, which is drawn in

black on clear acetate, over it and exposing it to light. The screen is then rinsed, and only the unexposed parts are washed away, leaving those areas permeable to the ink. The exposed parts of the emulsion harden and block the ink. The press they use holds up to four screens in a merry-go-round-like configuration. Each of the screens applies one color, so final designs can have as many as four colors. DSI competes in the marketplace by operating more as a service business than a retail one, Rambo said. Because he is an artist, he can spend more time with clients developing original designs. "(Other companies) couldn't afford an artist on an hourly wage," he said, "It would cost them too much. Most screen printers charge an art fee. Doing something from scratch is a nightmare to them. "I try to make more than a basic design. I try to add a little pizzazz to it to brighten it up a little." They don't always work side by side, but each feels responsible for pulling his weight, Keeton said. "If I print 300 shirts, Don Will try to do some extra," he said. Working together on big orders makes the repetitive work go faster, Rambo said. "We can talk about things we're doing and our problems. Spending the time with a friend to me is a godsend." DSI targets schools, churches and businesses. They deliver their finished products personally. Both credit their families for their success. "If it weren't for our wives, we wouldn't be where we are today." said Rambo, whose wife, Lori, works at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. Keeton's wife, Kathy, is a high school teacher. "We couldn't make it. We've put a lot back in the business, building for the future." Don Rambo is

the son of Donna Wells Rambo and the late Don Rambo of Worthington. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

BERNITA WELLS, of Van Lear the daughter of Alex S. & Susie G. Wells joined the U.S. Army in 10/95. She completed her basic training and was stationed in Texas until she was shipped out in July. She will be stationed in Saudi Arabia. At this time we do not know her address. When I am able to obtain the address I'll run it in the newsletter in case some of you may want to write her. I am sure she will enjoy hearing from her relatives. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

ERIN SUSANNA MCCOART. is a Varsity Cheerleader at Paintsville High School. The group attended United Cheerleader Association Camp at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in June. They were named overall camp champions in cheer. While at the camp, they also won all superior or blue ribbons during all daily competitions for cheers, sidelines, dancing, and stunting. Over 600 cheerleaders representing 59 squads from four states attended the camp. Erin was one of seventeen cheerleaders that cheered the Paintsville High School Tigers to win the 79th. Boy's State Basketball tournament... better known as Kentucky's Sweet Sixteen. The champs won over Ashland Tomcats by 71 to 53. The cheerleaders, coaches and sweet 16 champs celebrated the victory with a great welcome home pep rally. Erin is

the daughter of John and Vickie Adkins McCoart of Van Lear. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

ROB WELLS. 17 a Johnson Central High School Junior was among this year's Governor's Scholars. Rob is the son of Leland and Bonnie Wells of West Van Lear. After graduating from high school, he plans to attend the University of the South where he will study medicine. Rob's activities include Academic Team captain, Debate Team, Beta Club, COED, and Student Council. As governor's scholar, Rob and two other juniors will attend a five-week summer program where they will attend daily classes and participate in special activities. The Governor's Scholars Program is designed around a strong liberal arts program with full co-curricular and residential life experience. Rob descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

LEWIS GEORGE EDGEL, JR. graduated 12/95 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a B.S. in Public Health Education. George is the son of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel of Flatwoods. He descended from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells and Spencer Spears.

TIM MOLLETTE. Is a key member of the 1996-97 staff of The Eastern Progress, the student-produced weekly newspaper at Eastern Kentucky University. Tim has been managing editor of the Progress, which this past year was named one of the nation's top

campus newspapers. The Progress received the Gold Crown Award, the highest honor presented by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. It was just one of six newspapers nationally chosen for the honor. EKU's Department of Mass Communications offers bachelor's degrees in journalism, broadcasting and public relations, and affords numerous opportunities for practical experience through The Progress, cable television shows, the campus radio station, and coop and internship position. Tim is a graduate of Johnson Central High School and has maintained the honor roll all through his school years. He is the son of Roger Mollette and descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. Tim's grandmother Edith Mollette and Aunt Rita Smith both serve as members of the Wells Family Association Board.

GOLDIE ANN WELLS. a member of the Johnson Central School Lady Eagle Track Team have made a good showing this year. She and her team mates have only lost one meet. The Lady Eagles picked up eight first place finishes, five second place marks, five third place marks, and two fourth and two fifth place finishes in scoring 173 team points against Pikeville. Goldie Ann took fourth place in the 200-meter dash. Goldie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alex Samuel Wells of Van Lear. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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Tonya Collins, EKU. Wanda F. Wells, ACC. Vince Cochran, ACC. Jerry Michael Wells, ACC.

1997 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

(We encourage any and all of the High School graduates to apply for the scholarship being offered by the Wells Family Association. The Scholarship is for \$500. for the first year of college.)

CLASS OF 1996

ARIC MCCOART. graduated from Johnson Central High School in May. Aric has joined the U.S. Navy and is scheduled to leave 11/12/96. He will be going to Chicago for his basic training. Aric is the son of John & Vickie Adkins McCoart of Van Lear, Ky. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

RENIA SALLIE. Ashland, Ky graduated from Shawnee University, Portsmouth, Oh. in June. She attended two years at Ashland Community College before transferring to Shawnee where she earned a degree as a Dental Hygienist. The proud parents Bill and Gloria Sallie invited several friends, neighbors and relatives to their home in Ashland to celebrate the occasion. Refreshments were served to the group and many best wishes were offered to Renia. Renia descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

HEATHER EDGEL. received her B.S. in Psychology from Utah State

University in Logan, Utah in May. Heather is the daughter of John Francis Edgel and a granddaughter of Lewis and Virginia Collins Edgel of Flatwoods, Ky. Heather descends from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells and Spencer Spears.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you are interested in ordering the AUXIER FAMILY BOOK.. by David Auxier or the 10th KENTUCKY CAVALRY CCS book by John B. Wells, III. Information on how to order is listed below.

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1995 SCHOLARSHIP

JACOB BARRIER WELLS, was the recipient of the 1995 Wells Family Scholarship. Jacob is a student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tn., where he is studying law. Jacob has maintained a 3.464 GPA while at Vanderbilt. He is the son of John B. Wells, III and Terri Wells of Paintsville. John is a member of the Wells Family Association Board and serves on the Historical Committee and Auctioneer for the reunion. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells line. Jacob we are proud of you!!!

THE 1996 SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED TO AMANDA LEIGH MCKENZIE, OF WEST VAN LEAR, KY.

The Scholarship committee received 2 applications this year and both qualified for the scholarship. According to the guidelines, the board drew the winner of the scholarship from "a hat" at the July meeting. We regret that we were unable to present both applicants a scholarship this year.

Amanda Leigh is a graduate of Johnson Central High School with a 3.5681 GPA. She plans to attend Prestonsburg Community College this fall. She is the daughter of Danny K. McKenzie and Susan L. Stambough McKenzie. Her mother and father both descend from Richard Wells, by way of George E. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. We are happy to award this years \$500. scholarship to Amanda. The Association appreciates

the hard work that the Scholarship committee has done this year. Thanks **Randy Wells, Ron Wells, Allene Dunceith, Bobby Wells and Paula Wells** for your good work.

MEMORIAL'S

RON & JUDI WELLS, Georgetown, Ky gave \$25. to the scholarship fund. Ron is the son of the late Leonard & Carrie Music Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Sally Young Wells & Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells lines. He serves on the Wells Family Association Board and is the organizations Vice President.

PAULA WELLS, of Greenup, Ky. gave \$50.-- \$25. is given to the Scholarship Fund and \$25. to the General Fund. Paula is the daughter of the late Rolland Wells and she descends from Richard Wells through the Moses Wells line. She serves on the WellsFamily Board as Chairperson of the Historical Committee.

RUSSELL BOGGS, Ashland, Kentucky gave \$10. in memory of his late wife Bonnie Boggs. The money will go toward expenses of the newsletter. Russell descends from John and Nancy Wells Boggs.

JAMES D. WELCH, West Plains, Mo. gave \$25. toward postage, printing, etc. by the Organization. James descends from Richard & Susannah Wells, through William Green and Mary Butcher Wells, William Allen and Mary Hicks Wells, Sarah Susan Wells Welch and U. G. Welch, Dewey Welch and

Mary Bradford Welch. James states in his letter the only Wells Reunion that he had attended was when he was a child. It was held at Greasy Creek where Isaac Wells and Mary Dutton Wells lived. They were both living and so was his grandmother , Sarah Wells Welch and grandfather U. G. Welch.

DOYLE MUSIC, Safety Harbor, Fl. gave \$50. toward the Wells Family Scholarship Fund. Doyle is son of Allene Dunseith of Tn. and the late Claude O'Dell Music. Doyle descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells by way of their son Allen Wells. line. Doyle is a regular contributor to the Wells Family Association. His mother Allene Dunseith serves on the Wells Family Board and as a member of the Scholarship committee.

DORTHA L. STROBEL, of Boss, Mo. gave \$20. to be used where needed most. Dortha is the daughter of the late Dale and Susie Spears Ferguson of California. She is a regular contributor to the Wells Association. Dortha descends from Richard Wells through William G. & Mary Butcher Wells and Spencer & Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

MABEL WELLS ADAMS, of Henryville, In. gave \$50. toward the expenses of the Newsletter. She is a regular contributor to the Association. She is the daughter of the late George Moses and Cora L. Honeycutt Wells. Mabel descends from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells by way of their son Charles Morgan & Susannah Dingus Wells.

RANDALL L. WELLS, of Louisville, Ky gave \$50. toward the Wells Family Scholarship fund in memory of his father, Ebbie Wells and his grandmother Lora DeLong Wells. Randy descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells line. Randy serves on the Wells Family Association Board as Chairperson of the Scholarship committee and assistant on the Auction Committee.

JANICE ALLENE DUNCEITH, of Tn. gave \$50. toward the Wells Family Scholarship Fund. Janice Allene is the daughter of the late William Elzie and Mary Baird Roberts Wells. Allene serves on the Wells Family Board and is a member of the Scholarship Fund. She is a regular contributor to the Wells Association. Allene descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Elizabeth Delong Wells by way of their son Allen Wells.

MEMORIAL STONES

ANDREW WELLS', stone has been purchased by the Association and his descendent Margaret Berryman of Surry Va. took care of the arrangements. (This is from Margaret's letter)

"The Andrew Wells stone has been ordered and will be placed soon. I am sending you the receipt for reimbursement as I don't know who the treasurer is and I know you will forward it for me. The star blue granite is actually a polished silver gray. The stone will measure 22" X 10" X 8" slightly higher in the back and will be placed near the original stone that can't

really be read. The monument company will send pictures when it is placed. The landowner is going to share the expense of fencing the site with me. When I was there on May 18 cattle were all over it. There are 10 or 12 graves and all the others are members of the Grubb family. I am guessing they may have had a connection with the Andrews' wife's family."

(We will run a picture of the stone in the newsletter as soon as we get the copy from the monument company.)

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)

#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.) _____

CORRECTIONS TO 26TH EDITION

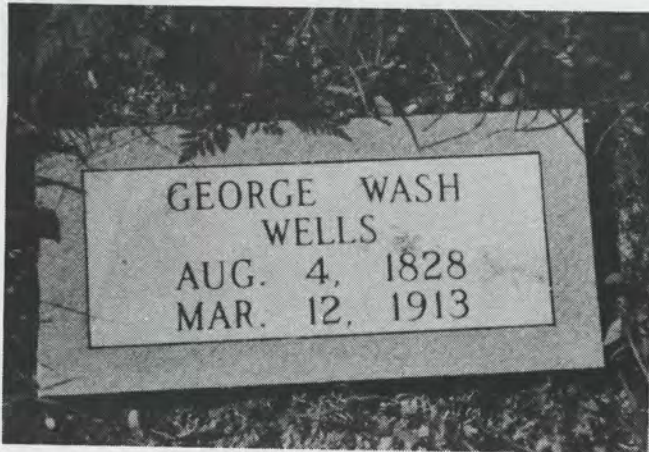
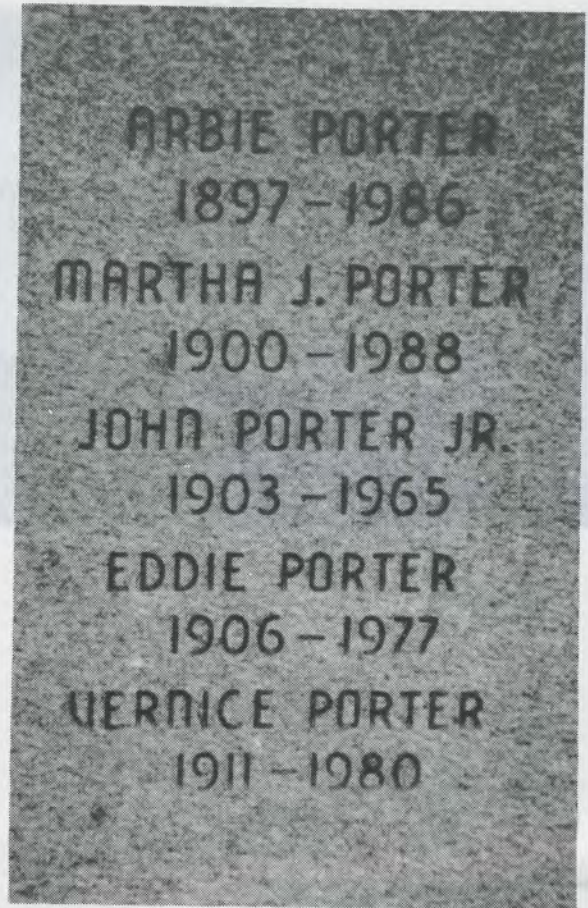
(please continue to send me corrections and we will include that correction in the next newsletter)

It was brought to my attention by Audrey Smith that Pauline Bowling did not descend from George E. Wells line. She was the daughter of John Wesley Spears and her grandparents were William Harvey and Louise Malloy Spears. William Harvey's first wife was Jemmia Wells and after her death Harvey married Louise. Another correction is that Audrey Smith was 84 on 1/12/1996 and not 1995 as listed. Audreys parents was Bert Hutchison Collins and Missouri A. Salyers Collins and her grandmother was Sachoriby Spears Collins. (Thanks to Audrey for sending me the correction).

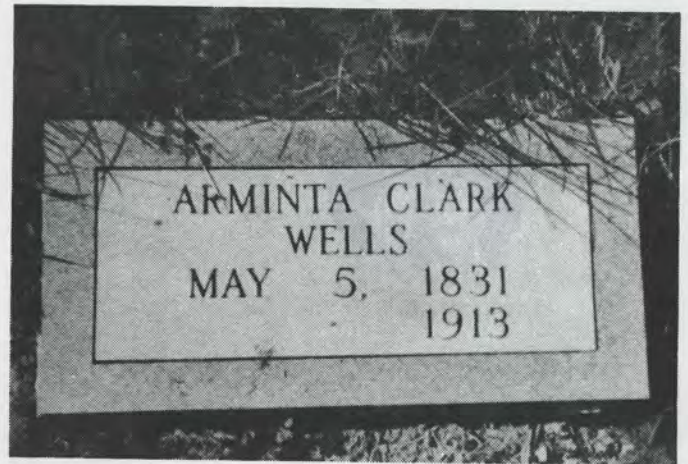
THE FOLLOWING STONES HAVE BEEN SET SINCE THE 95 REUNION. I DO NOT HAVE PICTURES OF ALL OF THEM BUT WILL INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER AS SOON AS WE OBTAIN PICTURES OF THEM. STONES FOR THE CHARLES MORGAN & SUSAN DINGESS WELLS WAS PURCHASED BY THE LATE FLORENCE WELLS GOBLE FAMILY.



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