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PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE BEFORE THE 1997 WELLS FAMILY REUNION. YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND BY GETTING YOUR RESERVATION AT A LOCAL MOTEL. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE BAZAAR AND FOOD FOR DINNER. THE WELLS FAMILY BOARD WILL MEET ONE MORE TIME ON JULY 26TH TO WRAP UP THE LAST MINUTE PLANS FOR THE REUNION. BOBBY WELLS WILL HAVE HIS COPIER MACHINE AT THE REUNION SO MEMBERS CAN COPY THEIR DOCUMENTS AGAIN THIS YEAR.

ABOUT YOUR PRESIDENT

RONALD "RON" WELLS, your Wells Family Association President, was unable to write an article for the newsletter due to unexpected illness. On Feb. 8, 1997 I called Ron and found out that he had been taken to the hospital after experiencing chest pain and was admitted for a heart catheterization, which resulted in his having an angioplasty. He had been released from the hospital and his family were there to help celebrate his birthday. Ron and his wife Judi were to have the Wells Family Board meeting at their home on April 26th. The meeting had to be rescheduled to May 3 because both Ron and Judi came down with the flu. We had a wonderful meeting with a delicious dinner. Ron appeared to be feeling pretty good except for being tired which was attributed to recuperating from the flu.

I received a call from Ron's brother, Lloyd, saying that Ron was in St. Joseph's hospital where he underwent another heart catheterization on Tuesday and a by-pass surgery on Wednesday, May 6th. Manford and I visited Ron on Mother's Day and found many things had happened to him since we were with him one week earlier. Ron is presently in St. Joseph's hospital. He is having difficulty in eating since everything makes him sick. His wife Judi and sons Jeff and Chris are giving him the best of care. I talked with Ron today, 5/12 and he was much better and told me this illness has made him appreciate family more than ever before. Ron really has had a difficult time and would appreciate each of your prayers for a quick recovery. If you would like to send Ron a card just send it to his home and Judi will see that he gets it. Send it to Ron Wells, 6543 Paris Pike, Georgetown, Kentucky. (Mary)

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It is beautiful here in the Ashland area with all the flowers in bloom. I am sure many of our people are already scheduling their vacations for the **Wells Family Reunion** that will be **Sunday August Day 31, 1997 (Labor Day weekend)**. Time passes so swiftly that August 31<sup>st</sup> will be here before we realize it. (I had a letter from a Wells cousin stating they wished we could have the reunion another time, since it was difficult for their family to come after school has started.) We meet on Labor Day weekend because it is a long weekend and many of our people do travel a long distance. However, we do understand that it makes it difficult for those with children in school. There

are so many reunions in the area that if we changed the date we would surely get on a day some other family has theirs scheduled.

**Please note. THE REUNION WILL ONLY BE ON SUNDAY AUGUST 31 THIS YEAR.** If you plan on going on the grave tour on Saturday, meet at the school parking lot at 2:00 p.m. **(the school will not be opened until Sunday morning)**. If you come on Saturday for the grave tour you may want to come early enough to visit the Mountain Home at Paintsville Lake. I am sure it will take you back in time and will be worth your visit. If you tell them you are from the Wells Family, a discount will be offered.

Since the last newsletter went out giving my e-mail address I have heard from several Wells cousins. It has been a pleasure hearing from each of you. I have also received some news for the newsletter. It was such a great pleasure hearing from John Wesley Bryant and Wavel Wells. John Wesley's wife descends from the Agnes Wells Auxier line and Wavel Wells attended the reunion three years ago. He is the son of Orval Wells who used to attend the reunion regular and spend time with Mabel Allen and her late husband Woodrow. Orval is a grandson of Hiram Brownlow Wells who went to Kansas and died there. Wavel resides in Lawton, OK. I was saddened by a message from Wavel that his aunt Sylvia Wells Kock, 94 died 12/28/96. Orval and his two sisters Sylvia and Violetta Wells Tipton moved to Lawton a few years ago to be close to Wavel. The three of them have lived together and they range from 85 to 94. Since Sylva's death, Orval and Vi are still together. Vi is the historian of the family and provided me with some information on the family passed down to her from her father and grandfather. She also has been a great researcher since the 50's.

I have exchanged e-mail with are **John B. Wells, III, Marlene E. Coleman, Paulina Garza, Dortha Strobel and Oran Wells**. I have accessed many of my PEERY cousins throughout the country and they offer a Newsletter on Internet that I have been enjoying very much. One of the greatest pleasures that have come from Internet and e-mail is that our very own Marlene E. Coleman found someone researching the Wells/Miller line. It was the family of our long lost John Wells, son of Richard Wells. John married Nancy Webb who moved to Lawrence County Ohio. The last account we had of them was in 1880. We are presently corresponding with a great-stepdaughter of Alexander Wells, John's son. We are hoping that some of the family will attend the Wells Reunion this year and/or write an article for the newsletter.

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1996 WELLS FAMILY PICTURE

SOME OF YOU HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PURCHASING A COPY OF THE WELLS FAMILY 1996 REUNION PICTURE. YOU CAN NOW DO SO AS WE HAVE THREE PICTURES AVAILABLE. CALL MARY WALTON AT (606)325-4314. THE COST IS \$25.00 PLUS POSTAGE. *IF YOU WANT ONE, CALL SOON. THEY WILL NOT LAST LONG.*

Saturday only for the grave tour. Join Bobby Wells at Johnson Central High School at 2:00 p.m. to begin the tour. The tour will include Richard Wells and Susannah Hutchison Wells grave sites and all of their children that we know where the graves are located in the area. **REMEMBER THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE**

OPEN ON SATURDAY.

The schedule for Sunday will be as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. SCHOOL DOOR WILL OPEN TO SET UP TABLES ETC.
- 10:00 a.m. GENEALOGY MEETING (LEAD BY JOHN B. WELLS III & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.
- 10:30 a.m. ENTERTAINMENT A(IF AVAILABLE)WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE OUR VERY OWN KAREN (MOLLETTE) KOUNS AND HER BLUEGRASS BAND
- 11:30 a.m. AUCTION (**BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION**)

12:30 p.m. GROUP PICTURE, **WE WANT EVERYONE IN THE PICTURE.**
 1:00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE & PRAYER FOR DINNER
 1:15 p.m. DINNER WILL BE SERVED (**TO DON'T FORGET BRIG FOOD AND DRINKS**)
 2:30 p.m. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS & AWARDS PRESENTED.**

PLEASE STAY FOR THE ELECTION AND AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AND VISIT WITH RELATIVES AS LATE AS YOU WOULD LIKE. SINCE WE ARE NOT HAVING SATURDAY MEETING, WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO STAY LONGER AND VISIT RELATIVES. REMEMBER AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE OLDEST, YOUNGEST, ONE TRAVELING MOST DISTANCE, AND THE FAMILY WITH THE LARGEST GROUP IN ATTENDANCE. THERE WILL BE A DOOR PRIZE GIVEN, YOU MAY BE THE LUCKY ONE THIS YEAR.

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 The **Winfield Wells** family won the award at the 96 reunion for having the most present. They had 21 members present. It was announced that it was Allen Wells family although they all descend from Allen Wells, they were all from the family of Winfield "Win" Wells. Other relatives need to get busy and get in the competition, get your family members out and lets make this a fun award. Count your members before the awards are presented. We would like to have a picture for the newsletter of all members receiving awards. (We are limiting pictures in this newsletter because DOUBLE EDITION. We promise to have pictures in the fall newsletter. HOPE TO HAVE PICTURES OF THE 1997 REUNION IN THE NEXT LETTER!!

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LISTING OF MOTELS FOR YOUR CONVIENANCE

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
Alpique Motel, Allen, KY	1-(606) 874-2560
Days Inn, Pikeville, KY	1-(606) 432-2560
Landmark Inn, Pikeville, KY	1-(800) 831-1469
Louisa Motel, Louisa, KY	1-(606) 638-4432
Best Western, Louisa, KY	1-(606) 638-9417

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**AUCTION**

Remember to bring your items for the auction. Bring items that you would use yourself. The Wells family are so talented and artistic that I am sure many of you can make great items that many would love to have. Our board member **Malva Hall Cline** is donating a **quilt for the auction**. The Wells men should be prepared to place their bids on this quilt for their wives. We do appreciate Malva for this gift. Crafts have been a big hit in the past. Let's keep our auctioneer John B .Well's III, busy this year.

Ann Porter & Randy Wells, Auction Committee

### WELLS REUNION

The descendants of Richard Wells son Moses Wells will be meeting for a weekend on June 20, 21, 22, 1997 at CAMP HAPPY VALLEY GROUND, TEASVALLEY, WVA. TAKE EXIT 39 OFF 64 AT WINFIELD EXIT. Turn right and go pass 2 Banks turn left go to Poplar Fork Rd. turn into the Camp Happy Valley. The reunion will begin on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., through Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Lodging is provided but you will need to bring your own bed linens including blanket and pillows etc. Bring food for your family, refrigeration and a stove is provided. There will be an auction to help pay for the lodging. For more information call Clarence Wells, 2999 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV. Phone # (304) 343-0451 and he can give you all the details.

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COLLINS/SPEARS REUNION

The Collins/Spears reunion will meet on Sunday September 7th at Jenny Wiley State Park. They will meet in the hollow on top of the spillway this year. Everyone related to the Collins and Spears are invited to bring your dinner and have a good time together. If you have any questions you can call Paul or Paulina Garza, at (410)795-8365 or Virginia Edgel at (606)836-5337.

GREEN REUNION

The Green Reunion will be at Armco Park in Ashland, Kentucky on September 7th. Bring a basket dinner. They usually eat dinner at 12:00 noon. This is the descendants of Lewis Green and he is the grandfather of our Susannah Hutchison Wells. Her parents was Peter & Nancy Green Hutchison.

SICKNESS

FRED & OPAL WELLS DEROSSETT, EMMA D. ADKINS, EMMA JEAN WELLS CAUDILL, PAUL CAUDILL, JUDI WELLS, JILL WELLS, DORTHA COLLINS CRUMB, NEVARD WELLS, BETTY LOIS PHELPS RAMEY, ANN PORTER, SHERRI BENNETT, J. K. WELLS, ANN BROWN WILSON, LUCILLE WELLS PATTON, BEATRICE WELLS CHILDERS. PEARL WELLS, EULA SPEARS GROSS.

HOSPITALIZATION

PHILLIP WELLS, of Ashland had been in the hospital at least twice since the last newsletter. Phillip has been very sick but we are praying that he will be back on his feet soon. For the past seven years Phillip has been through a lot but has always managed to spring back into action. The doctors contribute this to the wonderful care that his wife Wanda gives him. Phillip serves on the Wells Family Board. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells.

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**HOPE ALEXANDAR WELLS**, two year old daughter of Alex S. Wells Jr. & Missy Conley Wells of Van Lear was a patient in the Paul B. Hall Hospital, Paintsville and after a few weeks she was brought to Kings Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, KY. Hope began to carry a high temperature at Easter time and her doctor at Kings Daughters put her through every test imaginable before finding that she had Hydronephrosis which is a obstruction of the Kidney. This was caused because of the long term Kidney infection. Hope was discharged but with her temperature yo-yoing. She is being referred to UK hospital in Lexington. She is doing better but her doctor feels there are something else wrong. Our prayer is that UK doctors can find the problem. Hope descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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MAMIE FERGUSON NABCKOWSKI, of California was a patient in a local hospital but is now

home recuperating. Mamie descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

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**DORTHA COLLINS GOBLE CRUM**, of Ashland, Kentucky has been a patient in an Ashland Hospital suffering from pneumonia. She is home recuperating with care from her family. Dot is the daughter of the late David & Nancy Porter Collins and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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DONNA WELLS RAMBO, of Worthington, Kentucky was a patient in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and is still having problems. She was sent to University Hospital, Lexington for special test. (I talked with Donna on 1/10/97 and she is not doing very well) Donna will be returning to Lexington to see how they will be able to help her. Donna is the daughter of the late Ali & Sadie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears line. Her husband Don Rambo died 12/95.

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**PAUL E. CAUDILL**, of Russell, Kentucky has been a patient in King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Kentucky. He is home recuperating and being cared for by his wife Emma Jean. His spouse Emma Jean descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

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GENENE WELLS, of Van Lear, Kentucky has been a patient in the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, Kentucky and underwent surgery Monday after Thanksgiving. She is home recuperating with special care from her family. Genene is the daughter of the late Willie and Lutie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

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**NOLA WILLIAMS**, of Key West, Florida is a patient in a Knoxville, Tenn., hospital. Her son Randy took her there where he could see that she is cared for. She is the widow of the late Eck Williams and he descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

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NOLA MOORE SPEARS, of Paintsville and the widow of the late Shirley Spears has been a patient in Paul B. Hall hospital, Paintsville. Nola's late husband descended from Rose Anna Wells Spears line.

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**ERNESTINE WELLS**, of Auxier, Kentucky has been a patient in the Highland Regional Hospital where she underwent amputation due to diabetes. She is a patient in a local convalescent facility. Ernestine is the daughter of the late Ernest and Zella Webb Wells. Her husband Chester Wells died in 1961. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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VIRGINIA COLLINS EDGEL, of Flatwoods, KY spent three weeks in the Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland where she had both Knees replaced on 12/3/96. She is moving around slow but anticipates being up and about good as new in the near future. Virginia is the daughter of the late Hansford Collins and descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears line. Virginia and her sister Pauline Garza both are a member of the Wells family board.

CARL COLLINS, of Van Lear, KY was a patient in the Highland Regional Hospital with a blood clot in his leg. Carl is presently home and doing well with that special care from his wife Polly. Carl descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells by his son David Wells.

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**EULA M. WELLS WILLIAMS**, of Van Lear was a patient in Paul B. Hall hospital suffering from a stroke. The last I heard she had been transferred to a Huntington Hospital. Eula descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells. I have not heard how she is doing.

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DORTHY FERGUSON STROBEL, of California was in hospital for knee repair. She is home and moving around slowly but hopes to be back good as new soon. Dorothy descends from Richard Wells through Rose Anna Wells Spears line.

DEATHS

A MILLION TIMES

A million times we needed you..

A million times we cried.

If love could have saved you,

You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly

In death we love you still:

For in our hearts you hold a place

That never can be filled.

It broke our hearts to lose you

But you didn't go alone

For a part of us went with you

The day God took you home.

(I am including information on the death of Ricky Allen Collins since there were a mistake in the last newsletter and including the above poem that was on the program for the funeral of Ricky A. Collins)

RICKY ALLEN COLLINS, 46 of Taylor, Michigan died 9/19/1996. He was born 10/25/1949 in Detroit, Michigan to Christopher and Betty Vires Collins. He leaves to cherish his memory: 4 children, Carolyn "Craig" Lawhorn, Ricky Allen Jr., Nancy and Johnny; Ricky descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

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**SYLVIA WELLS KOCK**, 94 of Lawton, OK., died 12/28/96 in Lawton. She was born on 10/9/1902 to the late Andrew Jackson Wells & Mary Martha Fryor Wells. Her grandparents, Hiram Brownlow & Arkansas Kennedy Wells went to Kansas and settled years ago. She is survived by a sister Violetta "Vi" Marie Wells Tipton, one brother Orval Wells, both of Lawton Kansas. Sylvia descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells line.

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JACQUELINE L. WELLS JOHNSON, 33, of Maloneton, died 1/9/1997 in Southern Ohio Medical Center at Portsmouth. She was born 4/8/1963, at Portsmouth, a daughter of Larry D. and Dorothy Perkins Wells of South Shore. Surviving, in addition to her parents, is her husband,

Eugene Dale Johnson Jr., a son Eugene Dale Johnson III of Maloneton; two brothers, Larry Dale Wells Jr., and Joshua Wells, both of South Shore; three sisters, Angie Pennington, Linda Annette Harr and Joy Minnie Wells, all of South Shore; and her grandfather, Lee Perkins of West Liberty. Arrangements were under the direction of Roberson Funeral Home in South Shore and the Rev. Everett Wolfe officiated with burial in Reed cemetery at South Shore. I do not know if or how she may be connected with the Richard Wells family.

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**MARTIN DALLAS COLLINS**, 75, of West Van Lear, Kentucky died 1/15/1997 in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Dallas was born 12/28/1921, in Floyd County, a son of the late Dave W. & Nancy Porter Collins. He was a former laborer. Surviving are his wife, Murl Wells Collins; a daughter, Dorothy Fannin of Hagerhill; a brother, Alvis Collins of Ashland; a sister, Dorothy Crum of Ashland; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The funeral was under the arrangements of the Paintsville Funeral Home, with Rev. William R. Spradlin officiating. Burial was in the Wells family cemetery. Dallas descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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JULIA MAYO MAY, 60 of Prestonsburg, died 1/18/97 at her home in Bal Harbour, Fla. She was born 4/5/1936, in Prestonsburg a daughter of the late Robert Vernon and Emma Wells May. She was executive director of the Floyd County Housing Authority and member of St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg. Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth M. Atinary of Lexington and two brothers, Robert V. May Jr., and Walter W. May, both of Lexington. The funeral was conducted at St. James Episcopal Church by the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home with burial in the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg. (I don't know if or how Julia descends from Richard Wells).

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**ISHMAEL ONEY**, 73, of Raceland, Kentucky died 8/27/1996 at his home. Ishmael was born Aug, 27, 1923, in Raceland, a son of the late Kenneth and Ethel Mitchell Oney. He was a retired carman with C&O Railroad and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, Smith Lodge 775 in Flatwoods and First Baptist Church in Raceland, where he was a deacon and assistant Sunday School teacher. Surviving are his wife, Eileen Wells Oney; three daughters, Marlene Castle of Lawrenceburg, Debbie Sanders of Lexington and Teresa Allen of Banardsville, N.C.; a son, Todd Oney of Nashville, Tenn.; five brothers, Clifford Oney, Glenn Oney and Billy Oney, all of Raceland, Richard Oney of Ironton and Bobby Oney of Columbus, Ohio; and two grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Raceland by the Rev. Charles W. Blevins and the Rev. Lee Gore. Burial was in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods. Arrangements were under the direction of Evans Funeral Home in Raceland. A Masonic service was conducted. Ishmael's wife Eileen descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

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JOHN BRICKLEY, 85, of Van Lear, Kentucky, died 12/18/1996 at his home. Mr. Brickley was born 2/10/1911, at Burning Well, W.Va., a son of the late Edward and Lena Foyt Brickley. His wife, Julia Richmond Brickley, also preceded him in death. He was a retired coal miner. Surviving are three daughters, Sally A. Patton, Van Lear, Page Daniels, Paintsville, and Brownie Smith of Danville; a sister, Dorothy Phillips of Houston; five grandsons; and two great-grandsons. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville, with Rev. William Spradlin and Drew Martin officiated, burial was in the Wells Buckingham Cemetery in Paintsville. John's wife

Julia descended from Richard Wells through his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier by way of Angeline Auxier Richmond..

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**CHARLES ROLLEN WELLS**, 67, of Van Lear, Kentucky died 11/9/1996. He was born on 10/23/1929, in Johnson County, the son of the late Joe D. Wells and Lillie "Cricket" M. Webb Wells. He is preceded in death by one daughter, Katherine Wells Collins and two brothers Denver Wells and Raymond Wells. He is survived by two sons, Philip Wells and Charles "Chuck" Wells Jr. of Van Lear; a daughter Lisa Horn of Louisa, Kentucky; four brothers, Joe Wells Jr., Herbert Wells and Everett Wells of Van Lear; Georgie Wells of Defiance, Ohio; two sisters Josephine of Dayton, Geraldine of Lexington and six grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home with Jerry Scott officiating. Burial was in the Webb Family cemetery in Van Lear. Charles descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells by way of James Wells line.

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OTIS GRIFFITH, 66, died on 5 March 1979 at his home in Auxier, Kentucky. He was born 3/7/1930, in Floyd County, a son of the late Linzie and Mary Effie Salyers Griffith. He was retired from Pike Electric Co. and was a member of the Auxier Free Will Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, Margaret Powers Griffith; a son, Herschel Griffith of Garden City, Mich.; two daughters, Connie Frasurer of Auxier and Rita Collins of Van Lear; two brothers, Elmer Griffith of Somerset and L.J. Griffith of Florida; four sisters, Ellen Marsillett of Prestonsburg, Martha Duty of East Point, Ruby Powers of Auxier and Nancy Estep of Grayson; and seven grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at Auxier Free Will Baptist Church by Bobby Joe Spencer, Southie Fannin Jr. and David Powers. Burial was in the Government Relocation Cemetery at Auxier. Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Griffith's daughter Rita Collins spouse Larry descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**MAY B. VANHOOSE PRESTON**, 1906-1996 age 90, died 11/12/1996. She was a resident of McAuley Center, Urbana. Mrs. Preston was born May 24, 1906 in Chestnut, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Edward and Elizabeth Vanhooose Preston. She was married April 23, 1927 in Paintsville to James K. Preston, who preceded her in death on February 16, 1987. Survivors include; two sons, Charles Preston of Urbana, James P. Preston of Mechanicsburg; three daughters Laura Vanhooose of Urbana, Betty Spencer of Urbana, Bonnie Meade of Columbus; thirteen grand-children, several great grandchildren, and three great great-grandchildren, a sister, Sophia Wheeler of Ashland. Preceded in death by parents, husband, son Floyd Cecil Preston, three brothers Cyrus, Herbert, and Everett Preston, sister Malta Johnson. Services were at Mechanicsburg Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Jesse Walters officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Mrs. Preston's daughter-in-law Clara Wells Preston descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. James and Clara both previously served as members of the Wells Family Board.

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EMMA DOUGLAS AUXIER GALBRAITH, 89 of Paintsville died 11/28/1996 in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. She was born Dec. 26, 1906, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Samuel Milton and Anna Auxier. Her husband, George Galbraith also preceded her in death. Surviving are two sisters, Geneva Wilson Crider of Hagerhill and Fannie A Hall of Jacksonville, Florida. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with Kevin Scott officiating. Burial was in the Auxier family cemetery at Hagerhill. She descended from Richard Wells through his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier line.

ELIZABETH WELLS, 87, of Paintsville, died 12/7/1996 at her home following an extended illness. Mrs. Wells was born 6/24/1909, in Magoffin County, a daughter of the late Wiley N. and May Rose Sublett Rice. Her husband, Charles J. Wells, preceded her in death in 1955. She was a member of the First Christian Church. Surviving is a son Charles C. Wells of Paintsville; a stepdaughter, Margaret Wells Hernandez of Phoenix, Arizona; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Prestons Funeral Home with the Rev. Eldon Rucker officiating. Burial was in the Wells family cemetery in Paintsville. Her son Charles C. Wells is a member of the Wells Family Association Board. Her husband descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells by way of his son Charles Jefferson Wells.

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**VILETTA MAE WELLS**, 90, of Carlisle, died 12/18/1996 at Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. She was born in Nicholas Co. to the late Leslie Thomas and Amelia Hunter Wells, was a retired restaurant employee, a member of the Carlisle Christian Church. Survivors are a sister, Lollie Caswell, Carlisle; a nephew, Stanley Caswell, Carlisle; 3 nieces, Linda Ritchie, Carlisle, Barbara Baker, Blue Springs, Mo. and Faye Baum, Ashland, OH.; several great and great-great nieces and nephews. The Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements with Rev. Steve Smith officiating. Burial was in Carlisle Cemetery. I am not sure if or how Ms. Wells was related to Richard Wells Line.

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ALVIN W. KEEL, 56, of Van Lear, died 12/15/1996 in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He was born 2/3/1940, in Johnson County, a son of the late Rufus Alvin & Lucy DeLong Walton Keel. He was a retired truck driver. Surviving are his wife, Angie Rowland Keel; a daughter, Kelly Keel Rice of Morehead; two stepdaughters, Tommigene Tackett of Prestonsburg and Thersa Stambaugh of Lake City, Fla.; three brothers, Manford Walton of Ashland, Ky., Franklin Keel of Auxier, Ky., and Stanley Keel of Van Lear, Ky.; two sisters, Willa Dean Hamilton of Parma, Ohio, and Lorraine Newberry of Van Lear; and four step-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with Jennings West officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville. Alvin descended from Richard Wells through William Green Wells by way of his son Aaron Wells.

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**STEVE VOLOTA**, 81, of Parma, Ohio, died 2/18/1997 in Parma convalescence facility. Steve was born 10/21/1915 in Penn., the son of the late Catherine Kudlyk and Ivan John Volota (Wolota). His wife Geneva Wells Volota preceded him in death in 1993. Surviving are two daughters, Pam Haynish and Patti Quallick (husband Douglas), one son John Volota, two grandchildren; Patrick Haynish and Heather Anne Quallick all of Parma. Arrangements were under the direction of Mall Chok Funeral Home in Parma. The funeral was at Westwood Abbey, Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio, where he was entombed. Steve attended the Parma Community General Hospital Elder Center and it was suggested that instead of flowers that a donation be given to the Elder Center or to the Wells Family Association in his memory. His wife Geneva descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. His daughter Patti Quallick served for many years on the Wells Family Board.

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MAXINE EDWARDS WELLS YOUKEY, 70, died in Lakeland, Florida on 11/5/1996. She was born 6/6/1926 daughter of Carl Edward's and Mary Plants Edward's in Beckley W. V. She was preceded in death by her late husband Don Alan Wells, b. 1925-d.1961. Surviving are her present

husband Robert Yukey of Lakeland, Fl. a daughter Sandra Griffith, daughter of Luther Sommerville, and Tawn Walls daughter of Robert Prior, Maxine and Don Alan Wells had two sons Alan Donald Wells and Scott Clifton Wells. They are a descendent of Shirley Wells, Walter Wells, Alexander G. Wells John Wells, and Richard Wells. Her son Don Alan gave her two grandchildren Emile Kay Lee Wells, b. 1989, and Don Alan Wells II, b. 1994. **Sandra Sommerville Wells Griffith is our correspondent from the John Wells and Nancy Webb Wells line. We have not had any of John's descendants attend the Wells Reunion and had not located them until January 97. We are all excited that we now have descendants from all of Richard Wells children . Our prayer is that some of John's descendants will be able to attend the 97 reunion. (Thanks Sandra)**

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**DENMAN WELLS COLLINS**, 75, of Johnson County, died 2/3/1997. He was born 12/16/1921 in Johnson County, the son of Gladys Wells Collins. He is survived by five brothers, Columbus Collins of Taylor Michigan, James Collins of New Jersey, Jessie Collins of Van Lear, Colbert Collins of Howell, New Jersey, and Harold Collins of Wayne, Michigan; one sister, Verdie Mollette of Milian Michigan; one aunt, Pearl Wells. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home with funeral in the Chapel. Jerry Scott officiated and burial was in the Highland memorial Park, Staffordsville. Denaman descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears.

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ALBERT C. NUNNERY, 69, of Hawthorne, Fla. , formerly of Ironton, died 4/20/1997 in Gainesville, Fla. Mr. Nunnery was born 12/6/1927, in Betsy Layne, Ky., a son of the late Samuel and Ethel Akers Nunnery. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Marilyn Jean McQuay Nunnery. He was a retired truck driver for A&N Leasing, which he owned and operated. He was also a former driver for Matlock Trucking Co. and Nunnery Trucking. He was a former professional motorcycle, sprint-car and dirt-track racer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II and was a member of Auxier United Methodist Church, El Hasa Shrine of Ashland, Ky., and Masonic Lodge 498. He was a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and the Moose, Elks and Eagles clubs. He attended the First Methodist Church in Hawthorne. Surviving are his wife, Glennora Wells Montgomery Nunnery; three daughters, Shelley Nunnery-Holschuh of Chillicothe, Veronica Avery of Sciotoville and Jean Hicks of LaBelle, Fla.; a son Albert C. Nunnery Jr. Of Ethwah, Tenn.; three stepdaughters, Janie Castle of Auxier, Bonnie Joseph of Van Lear, Ky., and Cora Sherbourne of Wabash, Ind.; two stepsons, Thomas Montgomery of Knoxville, Tenn., and George Montgomery of Lexington, Ky.; a sister, Mary Lucille Noakes of Prestonsburg, Ky.; two half sisters, Effie Hopsons of Auxier and Hazel Hopsons of Pikeville, Ky.; three half brothers, Larry Nunnery and Jack Nunnery, both of West Virginia, an Donald Nunnery of Atlanta; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 2 step-great-grandchildren. The funeral was under the directions of Phillips Funeral Home in Ironton. Burial was in the Denver Cemetery in Ross County. His wife Glennora descended from Richard Wells through George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells and Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells lines. She is a sister of Bobby Wells who serves on the Wells Family Board.

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**RUTH JUSTICE WELLS**, 81, of Ashland, Ky., died 4/22/1997 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland. Ruth was born 2/21/1916, in Paton, Iowa, a daughter of the late William and Jemima Pack Justice. Her husband John P. Wells and 2 sons, Ronald Wells and Richard Wells preceded her in death. Surviving are 2 sons, Phillip Wells of Westwood and Stephen Wells of Ashland; 3 daughters, Janet Cordial of Fairborn, Ohio, Gail Kimbler of Attica, Mich., and Carol Miller of Louisville; 1 stepson, Jack Hillard, of Ashland, 17 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Arrangements

were under the directions of Caniff Funeral Home in Westwood. The Rev. James Wells officiated with burial in the Dixon Cemetery. Ruth's late husband John P. descended from Richard Wells through George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells. Her son Phillip Wells is a member of the Wells Family Association Board.

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CLARENCE CECIL WELLS, 77, of Grayson, died 3/13/1997 at his home following a sudden illness. He was born 7/19/1919, in Grayson, a son of the late Merideth and Martha White Wells. He was a farmer. Surviving is his wife, Bertha Steele Wells; 3 sons, Clarence Wells Jr. of Princess and Johnny Wells and James Clyde Wells, both of Grayson; 2 daughters, Jackie Waggoner, and Jennifer Kazee, both of Grayson; 2 sisters, Bertha Grizzell and Georgia Counts, both of Grayson; 14 grandchildren; and 2 step-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Malone Funeral Home in Grayson with Rev. Bill Claxon, officiated. Burial was at East Carter County Memorial Gardens. I do not know how or if Clarence descended from Richard Wells.

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**MABEL IRENE HUBBARD WELLS**, 83, of Auxier, died 3/17/1997 in Highland Regional Hospital, Prestonsburg. She was born 12/12/1913, in Shelbiana, a daughter of the late L.C. and Dora Bickford Hubbard. A son, William Lee Wells II, preceded her in death. Surviving is her husband, William Lee Wells Sr.; 2 daughters, Nancy Goble and Peggy Wells, both of Auxier; 3 sons, Paul B. Wells of Prestonsburg, Charles Robert Wells of Louisville, and Michael Wells of Mt. Orab, Ohio; a sister, Olive Donovan of Cleveland, Ohio; 2 brothers, Charles Hubbard of Raleigh, N.C., and William Hubbard of Cleveland, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer, officiated with burial in Wells family cemetery, Auxier. Mabel's husband, William Lee Wells Sr., descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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JULIE ANN WELLS, 54, of Ashland, died 2/3/1997 in King's Daughters' Medical Center. She was born 7/8/1942, in Boyd County, a daughter of Marie Bowling McGranahan of Lexington and the late Cecil McGranahan. Addition survivors include her husband, Thomas B. Wells; a son, Michael B. Wells of Boyd County; a daughter, Debbie Ann Vaughn of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters, Delores Pennington of Boyd County and Phyllis McGranahan of Lexington; a brother, Paul Ray McGranahan of Boyd County; and 4 grandchildren. Miller Funeral Home, Ashland was in charge of arrangements. The Rev. Larry Dixon officiated with burial in Dixon Cemetery. I do not know or how if Julie descended from Richard Wells.

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**IRA EVERETT "POPS" WELLS JR.**, 78, of Flatwoods, died 4/10/1997 at his home. He was born 6/22/1918, in Wayne County, W.Va., a son of the late Ira and Mary Ellen Horn Wells. He was formerly an employee in the maintenance department of Standard Overall and as a custodian at Fairview High School. He was a World War II Army veteran, and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, and a member of Purple Heart Club, American Legion Post 76 and Ashland Family Light House Church of God. Surviving are his wife, Sara Porter Wells; a son, Gary William Wells of North Carolina; 7 daughters, Carolyn Baldrige, Tera Moore, Ida Meeks and Marcia Simpson, all of Flatwoods, Charlotte O'Donell of Huntsville, Texas, Mary Akers of Ashland and Cora Johnson of Salt Lake City, Utah; 4 sisters, Georgia Frances, Lora Conley, Ida Mae Hardy and Susie Huffman, all of Ashland; 22 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home. The funeral was at Ashland Family Light House Church of God. The Rev. Roger Wireman and Rev. Lewis Porter Jr. officiated with burial in East Carter County

Memory Gardens. I do not know if or how Ira descends from Richard Wells.

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CLAUDE VERNON WELLS, 86, died 4/2/1997 at his home in Norfolk, Virginia. He was born in Croix Falls, Wisconsin on 8/18/1911, a son of the late Floyd A. and Ada Parrett Wells. He was preceded in death by his first wife Louada Dunlop Wells. He was a graduate of Hopewell High School in Hopewell, VA., he enlisted in the US Navy in 1932, retiring after 25 years of service. During World War II he served off the coast of North Africa and took part in many North Atlantic patrols. In the Pacific, he saw duty at Ryukyu Islands, the Philippines, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Japan. He received his commission at Okinawa. He commanded the USS LCFF- and the USS Banner, AKL-. After the war, Claude was an employee by the Banner, AKL-. After the war, Claude was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers, serving in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. Following retirement from the Corps he joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and for several years was the Commander of Flotilla 54. His death ended a combined career of 64 years of service to his country. Survivors include his wife, Emma M. Wells, his daughter, Betty Louada Wells Goss, 1 granddaughter, 5 grandsons, and several great grandchildren. Also surviving are 2 sisters, Gladys Wells Berryman of Surry and Edna Wells Torrence of Chesapeake and 1 brother, Ralph Henry Wells of Claremont. Claude was a descendant of Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk.

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**BEATRICE PENIX WELLS**, 74, of Tomahawk, died 5/22/1997 at her home. She was born 6/26/1922, a daughter of the late Richard Allen and Zilphia Penix. She was a member of Trace Fork United Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband, Edgar Wells; a son, James Wells of Tomahawk; a daughter, Phyllis Ann Wells Perry of Paintsville; a sister, Ruth Penix of Tomahawk; and 4 grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home in Inez. Quanton Crum and Alfred Setser officiated with burial in the Penix Cemetery. I do not know how or if Ms. Wells husband descended through Richard Wells line.

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MARTIN B. WELLS, age 82, formerly of Georgetown, Kentucky and the widower of Ada Tudor Wells, died 5/15/1997 at Columbia Hospital Georgetown. He was born in Scott County 1/19/1915 and was the son of the late John C. and Harriett McCann Wells. He was a retired employee of Hillenmeyer Nurseries, and was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Lexington. Survivors include 2 daughters, Betty Faust Cline and Peggy Wells Hampton, both of Georgetown, a son, Bobby Martin Wells, Georgetown, a sister, Grace Hammack, Lexington; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Yocum & Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Sageser officiating. Burial was in Georgetown Cemetery. Casketbearers was Rick Faust, Steven Faust, John Martin Hampton, Alan Hampton, Gregory Hampton, Tony Hampton, Terry Wells and Robbie Wells. Honorary bearers were Harris Tudor, Coleman Tudor, Ron McClanahan, Timmy James, Carl Wells, J.B. Wells, Bobby Kenneth Wells and Harold Chowning. I do not know if Martin descends from Richard Wells.

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**PAUL WELLS**, 51, of Van Lear, died 3/31/1997 at his home. He was born 12/4/1945, in Johnson County, a son of the late Arthur and Jenny Ward Wells. He retired from American Standard after 25 years of service. He was an Army veteran and a member of East Point Church of Christ. Surviving are his wife, Vicki Handy Wells; a son, Paul Thomas Wells of Van Lear; a daughter, Tracy Wells of Van Lear; 2 brothers, Charles Wells of Prestonsburg and Jerry Wells of Thornville, Ohio; 2 sisters,

Francis Honaker of Bowling Green and Carol Davis of Van Lear; and 2 grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. The Rev. Dave Flanery and Eddie Hughes officiated. Burial was in the Lake View Cemetery in Staffordsville. Paul descended from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON "T.J." DEROSSETT, 82 of Prestonsburg, died 4/25/1997. He was born 8/11/1914, at Water Gap, a son of the late Christopher C. "Lum" and Minnie Sizemore DeRossett. He was an antique dealer, World War II veteran and member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 128. Surviving are his wife, Allene DeRossett; 3 sons, Thomas DeRossett of Johns Creek, Douglas E. DeRossett of Allen and Roger D. DeRossett of Prestonsburg; 2 daughters, Deloris A Calhoun of Sidney, Ohio, and Mary E. DeRossett of Prestonsburg; 4 brothers, Fred DeRossett of Bellville, Mich., Christopher DeRossett of Indiana, Theodore DeRossett of East Point, NY, and Hillard DeRossett of Martinsville, Ind.; 4 sisters, Ruth Newton of Louisville, Victoria Meade of Prestonsburg, Virginia Whitt of Ashland and Alka Your of Ohio; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. The Rev. Vernon Stone officiated with burial in Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg. Mr. DeRossett is the brother of Fred DeRossett who attends the reunion regularly with his wife Opal Wells DeRossett. Opal descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. She is a member of the Wells Family Board.

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#### **BIRTHS**

**LAKIN DAWNIELLE WELLS**, b. 1/18/1997 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She weighed 9 lb. 5 oz. and was 22" tall. The proud parents are Alex Samuel Wells Jr. and Missy Conley Wells of Van Lear. Lakin is welcomed by her sister Hope Alexandria. The paternal grandparents are Alex Samuel and Susie Goble Wells, and maternal grandparents Winfrey and Sharon Witten Conley. Lakin descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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MARRIAGES

PATRICIA ANN WELLS SOTO & JOHN MARK WALLACE, of Lexington, Kentucky was married on Sunday June 2, 1997 with a Canadian style Ceremony and Reception. The wedding followed by the reception took place at eight o'clock in evening at Bell House, Layne Avenue, Lexington, Ky. Patricia is the daughter of Jack Richmond Wells and has 2 children Bradley and Amanda Soto. They will be residing in Lexington. Patricia descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Mark is from Bancroft, Ontario and resides in Lexington, Kentucky. The Wallace's will be residing in Lexington.

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**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 Hutchison 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 Huteson 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 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)
5. submit a Pedigree Chart for your family line, using the format provided by the Historical Committee
6. 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
7. 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: Random 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 it's 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 \$500.00 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.

**THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please type or print

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must be enrolled as a senior during the year I apply for the scholarship. I will graduate (or have graduated) this school year from:

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

My overall High School grade Point Average is \_\_\_\_\_ on a 4.0 Scale.

School Signature (Principal or Counselor) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand I must have a letter of acceptance from the school in which I plan to enroll in the fall. I have been accepted at:

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

As part of this application, I understand I must prepare my family tree on the line that I present in the format provided by the Historical Committee is:

(Branch of Family Tree) \_\_\_\_\_

I have attended \_\_\_\_\_ reunions of the Wells Family Association, Inc. held over Labor Day Weekend.

I also agree to submit grades for the first academic year to the President of the Wells Family Association, Inc.

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Signature of Parent (or Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Student Applicant Date \_\_\_\_\_



Alex S. Wells, Jim Williams & Everett Abnar Wells Taken in 1944 on Daniels Creek, Johnson Co, KY All descend from George E. Wells



Colvin Wells, b.1895-d.1937 m. Tessie Burke- Son of Wm. L Wells & Laura Ella Spears Wells. Came through George E Wells line

PEDIGREE CHART

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 Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and address of submitter: \_\_\_\_\_



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

### REMEMBER

"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.  
You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.  
You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.  
You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.  
You cannot keep out the trouble by spending more than your income.  
You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds  
You cannot establish security on borrowed money.  
You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.  
You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves"

### ~~~~~ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**ROBERT WOMACK** had all S's and is a member of the Academic team for Greenup Co. Elementary School, Robert is the son of Kermit & Patricia Wells Womack, of Greenup. Robert descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Pat is member of Wells board.

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GOLDIE ANN WELLS, an eight grader at Johnson Central High School, Paintsville has maintained the honor roll again as she has done every year since starting school. Goldie will be entering Johnson Central High School in August. She has also excelled on the Basketball team and Track team. She participated in the region Track team for High School girls and placed 2nd. And three 3^{ds}. She also played on the High school basketball team. Goldie has great possibilities the next four years as an outstanding player on the school's basketball and track team. She is the daughter of Alex S. & Susie Goble Wells. Descending from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

~~~~~ COLLEGE VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

JACOB BARRIER WELLS, of Paintsville and was the Wells Family Association Scholarship winner for the 1995 year is on the Deans list at Vanderbilt University. Jacob has maintained a 4.00 GPA while attending Vanderbilt. We are proud of Jacob as our first scholarship winner. Jacob is the son of John B. Wells III and Terrie Ann (Barrier) Wells, of Paintsville. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

~~~~~ UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY;

PATRICIA WELLS SOTO received her degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology with a Minor in Family Studies on May 10, 1997. Patricia is the mother of a son Brad Soto age 16 and a 10th grader at Henry Clay High school and a daughter Amanda Soto age 10 and a 4th grader at Breckinridge Elementary in Lexington, Ky. Patricia has that Wells/Richmond motivation to push forward and not only completing her Masters but went on to complete a degree of Doctor of Philosophy since becoming a single parent. Patricia is the daughter of Jack Richmond

Wells, of Ind. She descends from Richard Wells through Agnes Wells Auxier and William Green Wells lines.

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**VINCE COCHRAN**, has remained on the Deans list at Ashland, Community College since beginning college. He has a 4.00 average for the spring semester. Vince is the son of Robert & Tommie Collins Cochran of Worthington. He descends from Richard Wells by way of Rose Ann Wells Spears. Vince's mother is the Secretary & Co-Editor of the Wells Family Board and his grandfather, Arthur Collins and his wife Wanda are Recruiters on the Wells Family Board.

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ANGELA WELLS, received a Primary Care Association Scholarship. Wells, a senior at the University of Kentucky, majoring in health administration, also has been named to the dean's list. She is a graduate of Greenup county High School. Criteria for selection of the \$1,000 award is a high grade point average and an essay describing how ambulatory care services fit into delivery of health services in Kentucky. Angela descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

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**MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY;**

**SCOTT P. LIGHT**, received his Bachelor's degree Dec. 1996. Scott is the son of the late Dr. Stewart and Beverly Preston Light of Ashland. He descends from Richard Wells through his mother by way of Agnes Wells Auxier, Angeline Auxier Richmond, Lula Richmond Preston, James Preston, Beverly Preston Light.

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JOHN BRITTON WELLS IV, of Paintsville, Kentucky graduated from Morehead State University with honors on May 17, 1997, with a bachelor's Degree in Communications. The University of Mississippi Oxford graduate School of Business Administration has announced the award of a John N. Palmer Fellowship to John IV. Palmer Fellowships are awarded to a very small group of outstanding students who have impressive undergraduate records and possess great potential for success. The Ole MISS MBA Program has earned a reputation for producing capable and qualified graduates with a broad-based educational experience. Carrying on that tradition as a Palmer Scholar, Wells will serve as an ambassador representing the best aspects of the Ole MISS graduate program and will be involved in many special events during which he will have the opportunity to meet and interact with visiting business leaders, celebrities and dignitaries. John B. IV is the son of John Britton Wells III and Terrie Ann (Barrier) Wells of Paintsville, Kentucky. He descends from Richard Wells through William Green & Mary Butcher Wells line. His father John III served on the Wells Family Association Board as member of the Historical Committee and is Auctioneer for the Auction Committee.

GERALD RAY WELLS, Greenup, KY completed his studies in Cosmetology in Ashland and received his apprentice in Cosmetologist in May 1995. Gerald descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. He is the brother of Pat Womack who serves as Treasure on the Wells Family Board.

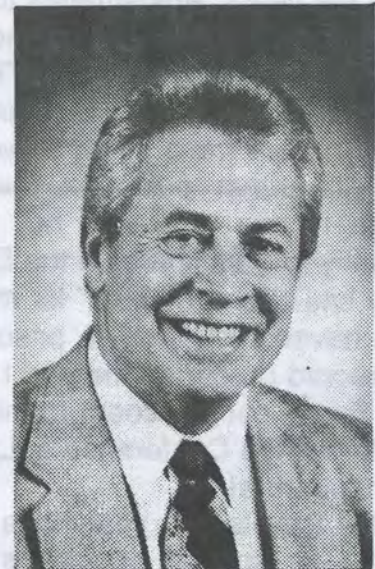
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**ROBERT "ROB" WELLS**, of West Van Lear, was Valedictorian at the 1997 High School graduation class at Johnson Central High School. He will be attending Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky in the fall on Scholarship. Rob was named All-American Scholar by the United

States Achievement Academy. The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to other deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsors are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by USAA. Rob who attends Johnson Central High School, was nominated for this national award by Lillian O'Bryan. He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, and published nationally. Rob placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Social Studies and 2<sup>nd</sup> in general knowledge on Johnson Centrals Academic team. Rob is the son of Leland and Bonnie Wells from West Van Lear. The Paternal grandparents are Irene Wells and the late Woodrow Wells of West Van Lear. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

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CONGRADULATION

VOLNEY TERRY TAYLOR, was elected Chairman and CEO of The Dun and Broadstreet Corporation. Terry lives in Bronxville, New York with his wife Kathleen and 4 children. Volney Terry descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells, his son John Preston Wells , Virginia Lee Wells & Volna S. Taylor, and Lafayette Taylor. His father Lafe is a regular contributor to the Wells Family Association Inc.

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**DR. CLERANCE TONY COLLINS**, Dean of Academic Affairs at Somerset Community College and formerly of Flatwoods, has been appointed by Gov. Paul Patton to serve on the Kentucky Mapping Commission. The commission works with contiguous states in all types of official mapping of the state. Paul is the son of the late Tillman & Marie Steven's Collins and descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears.



**C. Tony Collins  
Colins named to  
state commission**

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(FHTNC)--NAVY SEAMON RECRUIT ARIC R. MCCOART, of Van Lear and son of John P. and Vicky A. Adkins McCoart completed his U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit training Command, Great Lakes, ILL., on March 3, 1997. During the 8 week program McCoart completed a variety of training that included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and air craft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness. McCoart and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core value-honor, courage and commitment- and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. McCoart joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country. Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships

and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, McCoart and other recruits also were trained sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity. Even as the navel service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like McCoart are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical navy force in history. Aric was a 1996 graduate of Johnson Central High School of Paintsville, Ky. He is the maternal grandson of James N. and Emma D. Wells Adkins of Van Lear. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

LAURA WELLS

I received this Christmas letter from a sibling of Laura B. Wells, from Ashville, NC and felt you would enjoy reading about what she is doing since she retired. Laura is the sister of our President Ron Wells and Lloyd Wells who has been on the Wells Board for years. Laura dedicated her life as a deaconesses/missionary and is now retired. She is writing a book about her late mother Carrie Music Wells.

Dear Family and Friends,

Christmas greetings from the BROOKS-HOWELL HOME (BHH), a retirement center for the "likes-of-me" (deaconesses/missionaries).

In April, I moved to BHH. Many of the residents at BHH are persons I have known and worked with through the years. Adjustments to major changes are easier when one is surrounded by friends.

BHH is an active place. It is almost impossible not to get "caught up in the traffic." I have tried to conserve my time to work on THE BOOK but haven't been too successful. Noel Heermance (a former CO-worker in prison ministry who happens to be head of the English Department at Lincoln University) gave me a boost by editing a collection of stories he made several valuable suggestions which will further postpone the completion of this major project, Encouragement is needed! Although I have "just said no" to several invitations for involvement, I couldn't turn down the opportunity to participate on the District Committee for Ministry with the Poor and Marginalized, That ministry has been my "beat" for many years.

I haven't returned to prison since being paroled several years ago, However, news of my prison record preceded me and I have been encouraged. The following could be used for your tax return. Some people seem to think that is where I belong! I attended the SEJ Criminal Justice & Mercy Ministries Conference at Lake Junaluska in August, 'Twas good to see several of my former CO-conspirators!

My travels this year have included: a visit to KY for a mini-family reunion; several trips to Nashville for special occasions (Bill Barnes' final sermon prior to his retirement and Martha Whitmore Hickman's introduction to her newly published novel, SUCH GOOD PEOPLE); a few days with friends in Clay Co., NC (my first assignment as a CCW 'way back when!) and in adjoining Cherokee Co.; and attendance at my first World Diakonia Conference in Friedrichroda, Germany. Thanksgiving was spent with my friend, Hortense parish, in Martin, TN (the location of my last assignment prior to retirement); I also visited with other friends in Martin, Lewisburg and Nashville. (Experienced my first earthquake tremor while in Martin!)

I plan to celebrate Christmas with "old" and new friends at BHH. In 1997 I plan to retreat for several weeks throughout the year to work on THE BOOK. Prayers are solicited and appreciated! May the Spirit of Christmas fill your (and my) hearts and lives with love, compassion, forgiveness, generosity, mercy and justice to and for all God's Gift and God's Mandate to us through Jesus, the Christ.

Shalom, Laura B. Wells

DIAKONIA WELTKONFERENZ `996

The 17th Assembly of the World Federation of Diaconal Associations and Communities was held in Friedrichroda, Germany, July 3-11. This international, ecumenical organization is committed to "the service of reconciliation in the world with the word of faith and the action of love" The 1996 Assembly theme was "Bridges of Reconciliation - Hope and Mission". I WAS ONE OF THE 670 DEACONESSES/DIACONAL MINISTERS FROM 54 COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS GLOBAL CELEBRATION.

Friedrichroda is located in Thuringen, one of the new states, formerly a part of East Germany. The conference was held at Berghotel, a large building that had been used as a vacation spot for leaders of the Communist Party.

The German Sisters (Deaconesses) were gracious hostesses - and amazing musicians. An orchestra, composed primarily of German Deaconesses, made a great contribution to building "bridges of reconciliation."

A majority of European Sisters wears "habits." One of the German Deaconesses, in her welcoming remarks, admitted to difficulty in adjusting to seeing North American deacons dressed in "jeans." In an informal meeting, one of the Sisters asked me if I had a habit. Later, I thought of several "cute" responses I might have made, but I'm glad I didn't!

Thuringen is known for a number of famous persons, notably Martin Luther and refuge after his ex-communication from the Roman Catholic Church - and where he Johann Sebastian Bach. We had a grand tour of Wartburg Castle where Luther took translated the New Testament. (1996 was designated as "Luther Year in Germany".) At the Bach House, in nearby Eisenach, we were introduced to a number of musical instruments used by Bach and given a concert demonstration. Travel/Study Tours, a bonus for U.S. Deaconesses pre and post-Assembly, were planned by the Deaconess Program Office. We visited beautiful cathedrals as well as more humble churches and mission projects of the United Methodist Church in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. In Zittau, a small town near the borders of Poland and the Czech Republic, we saw a model of the international connectionism of The United Methodist.Christine, (whose husband was pastor of the local United Methodist Church), had been the president of the East German United Methodist Women's organization prior to reunification. She now coordinates a mission project called "Women Helping Women," and Advance Mission Special of the General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church (#012004-0AN).

log include:

- the German emphasis and support of arts, culture, education;
- cleanliness and beauty (no billboards along the autobahn, flowers everywhere, particularly in windowsills);
- many beautiful trees (much evidence of environmental concern);
- hospitality (particularly Sisters in the Deaconess Houses where we were guests -- Frankfurt, Eisenach, Berline;
- the tremendous efforts/progress of rebuilding in East Germany;
- exceptional tour guides (particularly our bus driver)!; and
- the leadership/camaraderie of U.S. Deaconesses during the tours.

Of course, there were several embarrassings learning experiences -- but that's another story!
Laura B. Wells

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MAHAL WELLS, b. 1823 Lee Co., married Levina Stedham. They had a daughter Rebecca Ann Wells who married a Duff. Looking for information of who Mahal Wells parents are. If you can help contact Angela Hager, 557 Right Fork Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, KY., phone 1-(606)874-0644.

SALLY YOUNG, birth date not known. The mother of George Washington Wells, b. 4 Aug., 1828-d. 12 March 1913. He was the son of George E. Wells and his father raised him until his marriage to Elizabeth Delong Gains on 29 Sept., 1831. George Washington Wells death record shows Sally Young, b. in England was his mother. It is not known if she and George E. Wells were ever married. Any help in finding any information on Sally (Sarah) Young contact Mary Walton, 124 Mt. Savage Dr., Ashland, Ky., Phone (606)325-4314.

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### HAPPY EATING

( I wanted to share this candy recipe with you since it is so good and a non fail recipe. It is very creamy and everyone will love it . You can use either white or regular chocolate) This is excellent, Mary Walton

#### **WHITE CHOCOLATE FUDGE**

- 1 (8oz) Cream Cheese softened 4 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 12 oz. vanilla or chocolate flavored candy coating melted.
- 1 cup chopped pecans or favorite nut meat

Beat cream cheese with electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add sugar, vanilla and beat well. Stir in candy coating and pecans. Spread into a buttered 8" pan. Refrigerate until firm. cut into small squares makes 2 pounds.

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#### **RECEIPES**

Judy Sallie submitted the two receipts, she is a daughter in-law of Gloria Spears Sallie who serves on the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells and his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears line.

#### **ORANGE SALAD**

- 1 small container of Cottage Cheese
- 1 small can crushed Pineapples
- 1 large box Orange Jello
- 1 small can Mandarin Oranges
- 1-9 oz. container Cool Whip

Mix dry Jello and Cottage Cheese together, drain Orange & Pineapple and mix Oranges & Pineapple with dried Jello & Cottage Cheese and mix with Cool Whip. Stir up and refrigerate several hours and serve.

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PEANUTE BUTTER CAKE

by: Judy Sallie

- 1 box yellow Cake Mix
- 1 bag Peanut Butter Morsels (6 oz)
- 1 can Thank You Brand Chocolate Pudding
- 1 small bag (1 cup) of chopped Pecans

Mix dry cake mix and pudding together. Spread in creased and floured (9" X 13") pan. Sprinkle the Peanut Morsels over the cake mix. Sprinkle the chopped Pecans over the Peanut morsels. Bake in 350' oven for 35 mi. cool and cut.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

LAURA B. WELLS, of Asheville, NC. donated \$25.00 to go toward the expensed of the newsletter. Laura is the daughter of the late Leonard & Carrie Music Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his sons George E. Wells and Moses Wells. She is a sister to Lloyd Wells and Ron Wells who serve on the Wells Family Board.

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DR. RICHARD D. WELLS, of Des Moines, Iowa gave \$35.00 toward the expenses of newsletter etc. Dr. Wells is a regular contributor to the organization. I am not sure how if he descends from Richard Wells. At least he carries the famous name of our Richard.

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JACK RICHMOND WELLS, of Alton, IL gave \$30.00 toward the expenses of the newsletter. Jack is the son of the late Hobert and Abbie G. Richmond Wells and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Jack is the father of Dr. Patricia Wells Soto Wallace.

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PAULA WELLS, of Greenup, KY gave \$50.00 toward general fund. Paula descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells line. Paula serves on the Well's Family Board as member of Committee and Auditor. Paula is a regular contributor to the organization.

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DARLENE BURGESS, of Dayton, Ohio gave \$25.00 toward the general fund. Darlene and Haskel are regular contributor. Darlene descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells line. She and Haskel serve on the board as greeters.

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ROBERT WELLS, of Shelbyville, KY donated \$10.00 toward the newsletter. Robert is an annual contributor. I am not sure how Robert descends from Richard Wells or if he does.

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LAFAYETTE TAYLOR, of Portsmouth, Ohio a regular contributor gave \$15.00 toward the expenses of the newsletter. Lafayette descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells, John Preston Wells, Virginia Wells Taylor.

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LOUISE MCMONEGAL, of Alexandria, V. and VIRGINIA MCMONEGAL, of California, gave \$50.00 toward general fund. Louise is the daughter of Virginia and they attend the Wells Family Reunion each year. Virginia has won the award for traveling the furthest distance at the reunion. They descend from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

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ANONYMOUS GIVER, gave \$25.00 toward the general fund. We appreciate their gift as they are a faithful giver.

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TWO ANONYMOUS DONORS, gave \$20.00 AND \$10.00 toward the scholarship fund. We appreciate these gifts as these people are regular contributor to the association.

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MILLARD PLUMMER, of Fort Gay, WV., gave \$25.00 toward the general fund. Millard is a regular contributor to the Wells Family. He descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. (Millard why not send and up to date history on your family for the book?)

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**DOUGLAS & PATTI QUALLICK**, given \$20.00 toward the general fund in memory of Patti's father Steve Volota. Patti descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Patti is a former member of the Wells Board and a regular contributor to the Wells Family .

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PATRICIA & KERMIT WOMACK gave \$25.00, toward the general fund in memory of Steve Volota who passed away on 18 Feb. 97 in Parma, Ohio. Patricia descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Pat is the treasure of the Wells Family Association Inc.

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**MANFORD & MARY WALTON**, gave \$25.00 toward the general fund in memory of Mary's brother-in-law Steve Volota . Mary descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. She is co-editor of the Newsletter and a member of the Nomination Committee and Historical Committee.

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REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Lyman Porter and Beulah Wells Keel will be at the reunion to register you again this year. If you would cut the form below and bring to the reunion with you it would save time. The form will ask for your old address and your new address that will help when updating the mailing list. The mailing list has 900 families on it and we are uncertain where some of you are getting your newsletter or not. The post office does not return undelivered bulk mail. If you at home would complete the below form and return to Mary Walton, 124 Mt. Savage Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41101, Phone # (606)325-4314 or call her and tell her you are receiving the newsletter and want to continue receiving it will be a great help and save dollars for the Association.

FULL NAME _____ AGE _____

OLD MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NEW MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PARENTS: _____

GRANDPARENTS: _____

IF ATTENDING THE REUNION IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME? YES _____ NO _____

MEMORIALS

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/memorial 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 expense's newsletter etc.)



Mr. Mrs. Truman Wells
parents of Aloma Wells Wilburn