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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thanks to the many Wells Family members who prayed, visited, called and sent cards and flowers during my heart bypass surgery and recovery period this past Summer. It was a very difficult time made easier by your thoughtfulness.

My recovery is nearly complete, except for a persistent cough that usually comes in the early evening and goes away by bedtime. I can usually control this with cough drops.

Too often we take, not only our Health for granted, but also those whom we can depend upon every day. Nothing makes one realize this more than being totally dependent on someone for his every need.

I feel very fortunate to have had my wife, Judi and sons Jeff and Chris and their wives, Ann and Lisa, to attend to me for the first couple of months. My new granddaughter, Caroline, was also a Big Morale Booster and Good Therapy.

Again, Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness and may God keep you happy and healthy throughout the coming years.
Ron

The 1997 Wells Family Reunion was a GREAT success. The Board members have already met for their first meeting to review the reunion and plans to make the next one even better!!

The following persons were elected as your new officers at the reunion for the year 1997-98 year.

President:	Ron Wells	Vice President:	Pat Williams
Secretary:	Tommie Cochran	Co-Secretary:	Mary Walton
Treasurer:	Patricia Womach	Parliamentarian:	Lloyd Wells
Auditor:	Paula Wells	Devotion:	James E. Wells
Refreshment:	Delores Booth	Greeters:	Darlene & Haskell Burgess
Auction:	Ann Porter & Randy Wells	Auctioneer:	John B. Wells III
Memorial:	Pat Williams & Paul Burchell		
Scholarship:	Randy Wells, Allene Dunseith & Ron Wells		
Newsletter:	Mary Walton & Tommie Cochran		
Registration:	Lyman Porter & Beulah Keel		
Nomination:	Mary Walton, Wanda Wells & Charlene Patton Muncy		
Recruitment:	Arthur Collins, Wanda Collins, Greta Wells Click & Danny Blevins		
Historical:	Bobby Wells, Paula Wells, John Wells III, Charles Wells, Mary Walton & Patti Quallich		

Members at Large: Aloma Wilburn, Jeff Wells, Clay Wells, Rita Smith, Donna Muncy & Walter Muncy

Honorary Members: Phillip Wells & Opal Derossette

Board Members Representing Richard Wells Children: Paulina Garza, Gloria Sallie, Manford Walton, Edith Mollette, James T. Wells, Margaret Berryman, Mabel Allen, Mary F. Keel, Janice Allene Dunseith, Malva Belle Cline, and Virginia Edgel.

Ex: Officio Members: John B. Wells III, Pat Williams, Mary W. Walton, & Bobby Wells

From Your Editor:

Goldie Wells Stevens visited Manford and I in October. Manford drove to Huntington, WV and brought her to our home for the afternoon. Goldie will be 97 years young in February and I must say she is sharp as a tack. She can climb stairs without assistance and keeps me on my toes. We had a great visit especially when she was able to identify several of our relatives in the old 1915 Wells Picture. Our plans are to identify as many as we can and then we will number and identify them.

Goldie and I viewed old pictures and talked about the days when she was growing up in Johnson County. Goldie was the daughter of the late Moses and Mintie Bevins Wells and was a granddaughter of Dr. William Green Wells, (she said everyone called him Billy). I also can remember my grandmother, Unoka Clark Richmond, calling him Billy and she was born in 1878.

Goldie attended the *Old Log Church* with her father Moses Wells and she said "Papa and all were Christians that attended the old church". She told me she could remember Preacher Muncy, Rev. Burnside, Rev. Howes, and Rev. Plummer preaching at the church. She said that after John Howes left Rev. Muncy came back and preached again. She is sure he was the last Methodist preacher before the church closed as a Methodist church. She said there were no other churches in the area at that time and the Methodist allowed the Hard Shell Baptist to use the building every 5th Sunday. She told us that **Aunt Martha Branham and Leona Clark and Fannie Pennington** and many others would really get happy and shout. Some of the families that attended were the Wells, Clarks, Setsers, Richmonds, Butchers, Porters, Penningtons, and Branhams. The Methodist closed the church after the Lower Daniels Creek School was built around 1930. Through the years the church has remained active with different denominations preaching there. The Regular Baptist preached for many years and a dear old preacher by the name of Grover Fannin preached from the 30's until in the 50's. Then the Free Will Baptists began preaching and eventually charted the church, taking up part of the Free Will Baptist doctrine, and became known as The House of Prayer. My parents attended the Old Log Church throughout their life, taking us children with them until I was grown and moved away in 1951. My brother Alex Samuel Wells and his family are still attending the church. I am told they have a full time preacher and approximately 75 in attendance.

Tommie and I want to thank you for your kind support and positive comments about the newsletter. We hope to make it something each of you will enjoy. We ask that you continue to send us news about your family. Many have told us they can't put it down until they read every word of it. This is the only way many hear about their relatives according to some of you.

We did update our mailing list as we announced in our last newsletter. Many of you wrote that you wanted to stay on the mailing list and those we hear from on regular basis were left on the list. Everyone who registered at the reunion will get the newsletter. If you or someone you know were removed from the list in error, just let me know and you will be put back on the mailing list. We had 885 on the list and have brought the list down to approximately 500.

We want to express our appreciation to Rita Mollett Smith for her assistance with the newsletter. She knows the software program WORD that we are using and was able to polish it up some for us. Our hope is that Rita will become a full time helper with us. Rita is the daughter of Bill and Edith Wells Mollett and serves on the Wells Family Board. Rita, thanks for your help and support with the newsletter.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, AND MAY YOU AND YOURS HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 1998.

Mary and Tommie.

Awards at the 1997 reunion was presented to the following members



Youngest child attending: John Nicholas James, four weeks old son of Larry & Sheila James of Decater Ala. John is the grandson of Roger and Janice Prestwood Patton. Descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



Oldest person attending: Truman Wells, age 93 of Rush, Ky. Truman was born 11/8/1905 at Dewey, Ky the son of the late Wallace Winfield and Sally Burchett Wells. He is married to Thelma Thompson Wells of Rush, Ky. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. His daughter Aloma Wells Wilburn is a member of the Wells Family Board.



Largest Family Represented: The Ali & Sadie Collins Wells Family with 29 members present. This family is very faithful and has won the award several times through the years. They really work to get their members out for the reunion. The children of this family are Emma Jean Caudill, Eileen Oney, Murl Collins, S. J. Wells, Mary M. Wells, Cynthia A. Morris, Lorraine Mollett, Donna S. Rambo, Doris A. Fannin, Ali Wells Jr. , and the late Charles Franklin Wells. The majority of these children attended with their children and grandchildren.



Traveled the most miles: Pam Ward Chapman, from Shanghai, China. Pam descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

Many Thanks to Malva Cline for her generous donation of one of her beautiful hand made quilts for the auction at the reunion!!! It brought over \$500 into our treasury and her son-in-law, Dale Church, bought it for his wife, Karen, who is Malva's daughter. Pictured above, Malva, Dale and the gorgeous quilt.



MARRIAGES

Roger Patton and Janice Prestwood, were married on 2/14/97 in Decatur, Ala. Roger is the son of Lucille Wells Patton and the late Charlie Patton of Auxier, Ky. Roger descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Jeri Joyelle DeLong and Randall Likins, of Van Lear, Ky were married on 4/5/97 at the Paintsville Church of Christ. Jeri Joyelle is a 1994 graduate of Johnson Central High School and employed by British Petroleum in Paintsville. Mr. Likins is a 1992 graduate of Allen Central High School and employed by Heilig Meyers in Prestonsburg. Jeri Joyelle is the daughter of Gerald and Helen DeLong. She is the granddaughter of Geneva Collins DeLong and the late Mitchell DeLong. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

Lola Marie Williamson and Benjamin William Lyle, were married 6/21/97 at Macedonia Christian Church in Lexington, Ky. Lola Marie a graduate of Paintsville High School, and a 1996 graduate of the University of Kentucky. Lola attained a bachelor's degree in agriculture, having conservation and management. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in public administration at UK. Ben a graduate of Henry County High School, and a 1996 graduate of the UK. He is employed by the university in mine reclamation forestry, he will soon be pursuing his master's degree in forestry. The couple will reside in Lexington. Lola Marie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald R. Williamson of Paintsville and descend from Richard Wells through his sons George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

Donna Wells Martin and Walter G. Muncy, were married on 8/29/97. Donna is the daughter of Henry & Jeanette Lafferty and descends from Richard Wells thorough George E. Wells. Both are members of the Wells Family Baord. Donna has been on sick leave from her job for several months due to an accident on the job.

and the shape he was in at the emergency room at University of Louisville Hospital. He is now home with Randy but will probably go to his mother's in North Carolina for therapy. Jon will have to put college on hold for a semester while recovering. Jon descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line. His Dad, Randy, serves on the Wells Family board.

Kim Hall Willard, of Cleveland, Oh., had foot surgery in Oct. She was off from work for a couple of weeks and is now back to work. She is the daughter of Lee and Georgia Richmond Hall of Brunswick, Oh. Kim descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Geraldine Wells McCrokey, of Elizabeth, WV., was in a Charleston Hospital from 8/25/97 to 9/2/97. She was unable to attend the Wells Reunion in 97 due to being in hospital. I had a call from her and she still was not doing very well but was receiving loving care from her husband Gail. Geraldine is the daughter of the late Andrew and Rose DeLong Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Bertie Wells Adkins, of Van Lear, Ky was a patient in Cabal County Hospital, Huntington, WV., where she underwent surgery. Bertie's son James gave her the care she needed to get her back home. Bertie is the daughter of the late Noah Wells and descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and his son Noah Wells.

Eve Gilbert Spears, of Georgetown, Ky has been a patient in a local hospital. She is presently home getting that special care from daughter Sandy. She is the wife of the late Woodridge Spears. Woodridge descended from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

Haskell Burgess, had triple by-pass open heart surgery on 10/22, 1997 in Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Oh. Haskell's wife Darlene and daughter Mariuta have been at his side. I talked with Darlene on the 23rd and Haskell was doing great. Haskell is a member of the Wells Family Board and he and Darlene are greeters at the Wells Reunion. Darlene descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

Virginia Collins Edgel, suffered a gall bladder attach followed by surgery on 10/23 at King's Daughters' Hospital. There were complications and she spent a couple days in ICU. Virginia came home on 10/30 and is being cared for by her neighbors and church sisters. She is the daughter of Hansford Collins and descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears. Virginia has served as Wells Family Board member for many years.

Roscoe Ferguson, had open heart surgery on 9/10/97 at a Lexington Kentucky Hospital. He is the husband of Mary Belle Collins Ferguson of Johnson County, Ky. Mary Belle descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Joyce Wells Johnson, of Naples, Ky was a patient in an Ashland Local Hospital where she underwent gall bladder surgery. She also had pancreatitis due to stones moving through the bile duct. Joyce is home recuperating with help from her mother and daughter. Joyce descends from Richard Wells through the Peter Wells through his son William C. Perry Wells.

Benette Collins Ford of Okeechobee, Fl. had surgery on 9/21/97 at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stewart, Fl. Her mother, Polly Wells Collins, was there to give her the care she needed. Benette is the wife of Charlie Ford and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

Betty Clark Farley, of Chino Cal. had eye surgery in September at a local hospital. She has been receiving that special care from her husband Jim. Betty is the daughter of the late Logan and Maggie Wells Clark and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells.

Dakota Allen, was a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital in Oct. suffering from pneumonia. He is the son of Bill and Pamela Wilburn Allen of Rush, Ky. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. His maternal grandmother, Aloma Wilburn, serves on the Wells Family Board.

Twyla Branham, was a patient in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Ky after suffering a stroke and blood clod in the brain. She is the daughter of Greta Wells Branham Click and the late John Branham. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. Her mother Greta is a member of the Wells Family Board.

DEATHS

Lewis George Edgel Sr., 79, of Oak St., Flatwoods, Ky died 6/20/79 at Best Care, Wheelersburg, Ohio. Lewis was born 5/27/19, in Hoytsville, Utah, a son of the late John Francis and Maude Hillier Edgel. He was a retired design engineer with Martin Marietta, a World War II Veteran and a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Surviving are his wife, Virginia Collins Edgel; 4 sons, John E. Edgel II of Nashville, Tenn., Lyn Eric Edgel of Republic, Wash., Lewis G. Edgel Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn., and Kelly W. Edgel of Bonita Springs, Fla.; 3

daughters, Ginny Beckes of Elmo, Wash., Robin Temple of Salt Lake City, Utah and Suzanne Dantzler of Knoxville; 3 brothers, Herman Edgel of Hoystville, Grant Edgel of Troutdale, Ore., and W. John Edgel of Virgin, Utah; a sister, Lucille Lowe of Layton, Utah; 26 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. A graveside service was conducted at Collins/Plum Grove Cemetery, Greenup County by his children. Arrangements were under the direction of Carman Funeral Home in Flatwoods. Mr. Edgel's wife Virginia descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears line. She is a member of the Wells Family Association Board where she has served for many years.

Rosemary Wells Blevins, 61, of Lincoln Park, Mich., formerly of Floyd County, died 8/3/97 in St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis. Rosemary was born Nov. 1, 1935, in Weeksbury, Ky, a daughter of the late James "Jim" Garfield and Mary Honeycutt Wells. She was a former employee of Sears & Roebuck and a member of Fellowship Freewill Baptist Church in Taylor, Mich. Surviving are her husband Bobby Blevins; a daughter Tammy Eady of Kenosha, Wis.; and a grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home in Martin, Ky. The Rev. Belmont Johnson and Louie Ferrari officiated. Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel. Rosemary descends from Richard Wells through his sons George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

Estell S. Wells, d. 7/16/97 the son of Moses Wells. He is the widower of Lorean May Black Wells. He is survived by a daughter, Mary Belle Michaels of Proctorville, Ohio and one son James Arnold Wells of Huntington, W. Va.; one sister, Lucille Wells Martin of Stubenville, Ohio. He descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells and his son John W. Wells. John W. Wells b. 6/20/1829 Floyd Co. d. 2/6/1902 Elliott Co., Ky., married Sarah Flanery in 1853 in Floyd County. They moved to Morgan Co., in 1858 and he served in the Confederate Army in 1862-65. The Rev. James E. Wells of Raceland, Ky., descends from this family line. James is a member of the Wells Family Board.

Beatrice Penix Wells, 74, of Tomahawk, Ky, died 5/22/97. She was born 6/26/22 the daughter of Richard Allen and Zilphia Penix. She is survived by her husband Edgar Wells, of Tomahawk, Ky; daughter, Phyllis Ann Wells Perry, of Paintsville, Ky, and one sister Ruth Penix, of tomahawk, Ky, and 4 grandchildren., Arrangements were under the direction of Richmond-Callahan funeral Home with the funeral in the Chapel. The Rev. Quinton Crum and Alfred Setser officiated. Beatrice's husband Edgar descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

Howard Mauk, 82, of Ohio River Road, Greenup, Ky, died 7/30/97 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. He was born 6/25/15, in Greenup County, a son of the late Willis and Flora Webb Mauk. He was a retired maintenance rigger at Armco, a World War II Army veteran, attended Greenup United Methodist Church and a member of Greenup Masonic Lodge #89. Surviving are his wife, Lucille Patterson Mauk; two brothers, Carl Mauk of Greenup and Bill Mauk of Mayslick; and a sister Evelyn Turner of Peebles, Ohio. Arrangements were under the direction of Reed Funeral Home in Greenup. The Rev. John Schroll officiated with burial in the Brick Union Cemetery in Lloyd. Howard descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Patricia Wells Castle, 57, of Ashville, Oh, died 10/11/97 in a Columbus Community Hospital. She was born 7/4/40 in Johnson County the daughter Margie Preston Wells and the late William L. Wells. She is survived by her husband Grover Eugene Castle; one son, Grover Eugene Castle II, of Lexington; one brother, Vernon Wells, of Lowansville; two sisters, Bonnie Connelley of Wittensville and Carolyn June Wells of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and one grandchild. The Jones-Preston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. The funeral was in the chapel with Rev. Dick Vanhooose, Jimmy McKenzie and Clell Lucas officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville. Patricia descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

Bert L. Fraley, 75, of Wurtland, Ky, died 7/25/96 at King's Daughters' Medical Center. Mr. Fraley was born 10/10/21, in Greenup County, a son of the late William Jason and Cordia Sparks Fraley. He was a retired water treatment operator for Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. Surviving are his wife, Magolene Spears Fraley; 2 sons, William "Bill" Lee Fraley and Mark Douglas "Doug" Fraley, both of Raceland; a sister, Ann Oliver of Ashland, and a grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Reed funeral Home in Greenup. The Rev. Kenny Potter officiated with burial in the Fraley family cemetery in Argillite. Mr. Fraley underwent open heart surgery and died with complications from the surgery. His wife Magolene descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Fred A. Wells, 86, of Oldtown, formerly of Prestonsburg, died 6/11/97 at his home. Fred was born 9/5/10, in Dewey, Ky., a son of the late James H. and Lanie Goble Wells. His wife, Hazel Burchett Wells, preceded him in death. He was a retired employee of Kentucky & West Virginia Gas Co., and a member of the Church of Christ in Prestonsburg. Survivors include a son Doug Wells of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Nancy Carol Dillow of Oldtown; two sisters, Irene Wells and Esta May Selvage, both of Van Lear; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Floyd Funeral Home in Prestonsburg. The Rev. Bennie Blankenship officiated. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg. Fred descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Burley Gross, 67, of Van Lear died 7/29/97 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Mr. Gross was born 5/4/30, a son of the late William and Sadie Sluss Gross. He was a former employee of the city of Paintsville. Surviving are his wife Eula Spears Ferguson Gross; two stepsons; two stepdaughters; two brothers, David Gross of Wabash, Ind., and Sam Gross of Paintsville; and three sisters, Edith Hall of Pennsylvania, Geneva Reed of Wabash and Lula Mae Gross of Paintsville. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. The Rev. Dick Vanhooose, officiated with burial in the Richmond cemetery in Van Lear. His wife Eula descended from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Susan Martin Wells, 39, of Paintsville, died 9/16/97 in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Susan was born 11/8/57, in Norfolk, Va., a daughter of Richard E. and Nancy Vaughn Martin of Prestonsburg. She was an administrative assistant to the president at Consolidated Health System in Prestonsburg and a member of First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. Additional survivors include her husband, Frank A. Wells Jr.; a daughter, Katherine Ann Wells; and a sister, Elizabeth Ann Wells; of Union. The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg by Dr. Tommy Valentine. Burial was in the Highlands Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg. Susan's husband Frank A. descend from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

Willa Mae Wells Ward, 86, of Boons Camp, died 10/24/97 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Willa was born 7/29/11, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late William G. Jr. and Mae Meek Wells. Her husband, Russell B. Ward, also preceded her in death. She was a retired cook with Meade School and was a member of Wells Chapel United Methodist Church. Surviving are 2 sons, William O. Ward of Ridgeland, S.C., and Russell Jackson Ward of Boons Camp; 4 daughters, Lorraine Ward of Paintsville, Bonnie Castle of Marion, Oh, Linda Lou Watkins of Florence, S.C., and Wanda Sue Parrott of Sunman, Ind.; two brothers, Marcus Wells of Tomahawk and Frank Marion Wells of Lexington; a sister, Olive Exer Bollheimer of Nicholasville; 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. The Rev. Roger D. Parrott officiated with burial in the family cemetery in Boons Camp. Willa descended from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.

Lex H. Baker, age 71, died 10/13/97 in Cleveland, Oh. Lex was born 2/7/26 to Ruben and Lois Felther Baker. He is survived by his wife, Neva Sue Wells Baker, a daughter, Debra Lynn Jackson, of Cleveland and a son, Jeffrey Allen Baker, of Cleveland. His wife, Neva Sue Wells Baker, descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rosa Wells Spears.

Oscar "Bus" Richmond, Age 85, died 11/2/97 in Columbus, Oh. He was born in Lawrence, Co., Ky on 2/12/12, a son of the late James Auxier Richmond. Surviving are his wife of 44 year, Marie Hickman Richmond; 2 sisters, Goldie Storms and Annabelle Pinkerman, both of Columbus. Burial was in the Union Cemetery, Columbus. He descends from Richard Wells through his daughter, Agnes Wells Auxier.

PLEASE NOTE: I have been listing the death of individuals either Wells or connected to the Wells family in the past newsletters. I state that I do not know how or if they descend from our Richard Wells line. In this newsletter I am going to list them in this section case some of you may be researching the line. If you should know if they descend from or Richard Wells, please let me know and I'll make a correction in the next newsletter.

Margie McDavid, 90, of Springfield, Oh, formerly of Weeksbury, died 10/30/97 at her home following an extended illness. Mrs. McDavid was born 12/14/06, in Gate City, Va., a daughter of the late Jim and Ollie Wells Woods. Her husband, George Patton McDavid, also preceded her in death. Surviving are 4 sons, Howard and Donald McDavid, both of Springfield, Olaf McDavid of Louisiana, and Mike White of Prestonsburg; 5 daughters, Catherine Chaffins of McDowell, Betty Salyers of Tuscon, Ariz., Phyllis Wade and Beverly Wright, both of Springfield, and Burieta McCoy of Bristol, Va.; a brother, Ed Woods of Georgia; 31 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin. Services was at the Drift Pentecostal Church in Drift with the Rev. Ted Shannon officiating.

Jewel Johnston Wells Henry, 90, of West Liberty, died 8/2/97 in Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital. Mrs. Henry was born April 18, 1907, at Bascom, a daughter of the late John Wesley and Emily Ann Brown Johnston. Two spouses, Lynn B. Wells and Carl Henry, and a daughter, Catherine Tant, also preceded her in death. She was a retired merchant and member of the West Liberty First Christian Church. Surviving are a brother, Glen Johnston of Pomp; a grandchild; and 3 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Potter Funeral Home, West Liberty. The Rev. Jimmy Adkins and Steven Bliffen officiated. Burial was in the Henry and Perry Cemetery at Pomp.

June Osborne Music, 77, of Ashland, Ky, died 4/29/97, at Woodland Oaks Health Care Facility. She was born 4/10/19, in Greenup County, the daughter of the late John Pat and Alice Delong Osborne. She was a homemaker and a member of the Flatwoods Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Sue Music in 1995. She is survived by her husband, John L. Music of Ashland; a daughter, Linda M. Moore of Paintsville, 2 sons, Don Music of Raceland, and Ron Music of Ashland; one brother, Frank Osborne of Hager Hill; and 4 grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Miller Funeral Home with the funeral at Flatwoods Church of Christ by ministers John M. Brown and Bob Reeves officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Cemetery in Johnson County. June descends from the Delong family and is connected with the Auxier family

David Dudley Wells, 43, Lexington Road, Richmond, Ky, the son of former State Representative Dwight A. Wells and Betty Pigg Wells, died 8/16/97 from injuries received in a farm tractor accident on the Wells Farm. He was a native of Madison Co., and a postal service employee and farmer. Survivors are his wife Dana B. Wells; 2 daughters, Ashley Elaine and Hailea Lynn Wells, both of Louisville, KY; parents, Dwight & Betty Pigg Wells, Richmond; maternal grandmother, Eula "Bill" Pigg, Richmond; and a niece, Cassie Wells. He was preceded in death by a sister, Terry Lynn Wells, and brother, Charles "Chuck" Wells. Arrangements were under the direction of Oldham, Robert's & Powell Funeral Home. The Rev. Shannon Franklin officiated with burial in Richmond Cemetery.

Ballard Wells, 86, of South Shore, Ky, died 8/3/97 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. Ballard was born 9/29/10, in Greenup County, a son of the late Dee and Cynthia Osborne Wells. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lovey Vansicle; and a son Ronald Wells. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a postal clerk. He was a member of South Shore First Christian Church, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of

Harrison Fullerton Masonic Lodge in South Shore. He was retired treasurer and trustee of the South Shore Volunteer Fire Department and former owner of the Hartford Insurance Agency in South Shore. Surviving are his wife, Alka Meek Wells; a daughter, Phyllis O'Connors of South Shore; 12 grandchildren, including Rich Vansickle of South Shore, whom he raised; 27 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Roberson Funeral Home in South Shore. The Rev. Harley Johnson and the Rev. Jim Foster officiated. Burial was in the Collier Memorial gardens Cemetery at South Portsmouth with Masonic services by Harrison-Fullerton Masonic Lodge #937 of South Shore.

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Dr. Randall Wells. Morehead resident Randall Wells is the new chairperson of the Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission. Wells was elected chairperson Oct. 7 by board members. Wells was appointed to the ethics commission under former Gov. Brereton Jones and has served as vice chair for the past 18 months. The commission's duties include: providing ethics training to officials and employees in the executive branch of state government; drafting ethics opinions; reviewing financial disclosure statements required of candidates, elected officials and some employees; and enforcing ethics laws. Dr. Wells descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

Stuart Paul Brown, received a Juris Doctor degree from Chase Law School on May 17, 1997. He is affiliated with the law firm Bogucki and Knoebel in Florence, Maysville and Augusta. Stuart is married to the former Jane Willis Nall, and is the son of Elbert and Frances Wells Brown. He is the grandson of Vernon Paul Wells. Stuart descends from Richard Wells through his son, Peter.

Terrie Wells passes on love of music. "Music Appreciation." Those two words could best describe Terrie Wells, a teacher who brings appreciation of music to all her students at Paintsville Elementary School. Wells, a teacher for "20 some odd years," is also a wife, and mother of three almost grown boys.

Music has always been an important part of Wells' life. She was born, and raised in Monticello, Ky, a small rural south-central town where Wells also met her husband, John Britton Wells III, while working at a summer job. She received her first taste of music in the Baptist church where she started playing the piano when she was only 12-years-old. Wells then went on to graduate from Georgetown College. She completed her Masters Degree at Morehead in 1990.

Wells grew up in a surrounding of music. She can remember dancing to her dad's music (Strauss waltzes) when she was only three-years-old and telling her parents that she hadn't decided whether she wanted to be a dancer or a movie star. Terrie's husband, John, was attending Columbia University in New York when the couple decided to get engaged. Evidently absence does make the heart grow fonder. Most people would think that a long distance relationship wouldn't workout, but Wells says they had a very romantic long distance relationship.

After the wedding, the couple moved to North Carolina where John obtained his first Masters degree from the University of North Carolina. Meanwhile, Terrie taught school to help put food on the table. Five years into their marriage the couple added a third member to the family, John Britton. (He is a graduate of Morehead State College is now entering the MBA program at Ole Miss). Four years later a second child, Jacob, joined the family. Jacob currently is a junior at Vanderbilt. A third child, Josh, is a senior at Paintsville High School and according to Terrie "is the joy of our lives and his brothers."

Wells has not always taught music. When she lived in North Carolina for two years she taught deaf children. She began her Paintsville teaching career in 1974. She taught two years and then took off eight years to spend time with her husband and children. She returned to teaching in 1984-85 and has taught music to the students at Paintsville ever since. "I'm convinced that I teach with the hardest working principal and many of the hardest working teachers anywhere-who are trying to prepare their students for the future to achieve all of which they are capable!" said Wells.

Asked what gives her the most pride, as an extra curricular school projects the students are provided with options that broaden their life experiences and at the same time are fun and educational. The project also provides many scholarships. Terrie and John have been a big part of the program for many years.

She said she also finds it very rewarding to teach children and then years down the road see them doing something really responsible like being on the city council. Driving an ambulance, being a police officer or a teacher!

When asked what she liked best about living in Paintsville, Terry said "We love the fact that Paintsville is a very nurturing and close community. We love it because we know almost everyone."

Terrie's husband John descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells line. John also serves on the Wells Family Board.

QUERIES

Isaiah Wells, married Elizabeth Youst in PA. Their daughter, Rachel Wells b. 1812 married James Johnston in Ohio after which they had 12 children, one was a son named Andrew. James Johnston's Grandparent's came from Ireland in 1774. I hope some one can help me with this branch of the Wells family. James Johnston was my husband's G-G-Grandfather. Norma J. Campbell, 22618 Lakeshore Dr., Elkhart, Ind. 46514.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

GRADUATES Johnson Central High School:

Robert Wells, of W Van Lear, son of Leland & Bonnie Wells is attending Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. Robert descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

Cynthia Mariah Muncy is the daughter of Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy of Willmsport, Ky. Cynthia is attending Morehead State University and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her mother, Charlene, is a member of the Wells Family Baord

Peter Brandon Howard, the son of Timothy and Karen Lynn Patton Howard of Auxier, Ky. Peter is attending the Morehead State University and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

The following persons made the Deans list at Prestonsburg Community College: **Margaret W. Wells**, Blaine, Ky. **Amanda Lee McKenzie**, Van Lear, Ky made the Deans list and the **Presidents list** for 1997.

Ashland Community College, Ashland, Ky: **Vince Cochran**, Worthington, Ky.

Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky: **Cynthia Mariah Muncy** of Willmsport, Ky

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky: **Tim Mollett**

Johnson Central High School honor roll: **Golda Ann Wells**, and **Adam C. Collins**, both of Van Lear.

Greenup County School: **Robert Womach**, Greenup, Ky.

Johnson County Junior High School: **Benjamin Wells**, Van Lear, Ky

MEMORIALS

Millard Plummer, donated **\$25.00** to the Wells Family general fund. Millard is a regular donator to the organization and resides in Fort Gay, WV. He descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells line.

Dorothy Wells, donated **\$25.00** to the Wells Family general fund. Dorothy is from East Bank, WV. She is the mother of Dr. Randy Wells from Louisville who serves on the Wells Family board. Dorothy descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells line.

Robert D. & Betty S. Cook Wells, donated **\$10.00** to the Wells Family Association. To their knowledge they are not related to our Wells line but have attended the Reunion two or three times. They enjoy the newsletter and sent a contribution for the cause. Robert and Betty are regular contributors to the Association and we really appreciate their faithfulness.

Dortha Ferguson Strobel, donated **\$15.00** to the Wells Family Association to be used where needed most. She is a granddaughter of the late John T. and Leona Clark Spears and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines. She is a faithful contributor. She resides in California.

Audrey Smith, donated **\$20.00** to the Wells Family Association to be used where most needed. Audrey descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears line. She also comes down the Collins line. Audrey is a regular contributor to the family cause. She resides in Thornville, Ohio.

Norma J. Campbell, of Elkhart, Ind., donated **\$10.00** to be used toward the general fund. If you can help Norma on her family heritage please check under queries. She came down Isaiah Wells and Elizabeth Youst Wells from Pa. Thanks Norma.

Bob Hutchison, of Paintsville, Ky., donated **\$250.00** to the Scholarship fund. Bob comes down through the Hutchison line that our Susannah Hutchison Wells came down. Bob is the owner and operator of several McDonalds in the Big Sandy area. He served last year on the Wells Family Board but due to numerous obligations he was unable to serve this year. We appreciate Bob and his willingness to serve and his faithful support of the Wells Family and the Scholarship fund. Thanks Bob you are welcome to come and join us at any of our meetings and especially at the reunion.

Margaret S. Berryman, of Surry, Va., donated **\$25.00** to the general fund. Margaret descends from Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells. She is a regular contributor to the Association. Margaret is a member of the Wells Family board.

Bernie A. Wells, of Springfield, Va., donated **\$30.00** to be used as needed. Bernie descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells. Bernie is a regular contributor and we appreciate his assistance.

Georgia Ann Richmond Hall, of Brunswick, Ohio donated **\$70.00** to the Wells Family Association Inc. She gave the money in memory of her mother and father Willie "Bill" and Myrtle Spears Richmond's 70th anniversary on July 4, 1927. Bill descended from William G. Wells and Agnes Wells and his wife Myrtle descended from Rose Ann Wells Spears line. Georgia is a former member of the Wells Family Board.

Violetta Wells Upton, of Lawton, OK., donated **\$100.00** to the Wells Family Association Inc. for use were most needed. Violetta descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Her grandfather Hiram Brownlow Wells and his family moved to KA. Her father was Andrew Jackson Wells. Violetta and her sister moved to Lawton, OK several years ago with brother Orval Wells to be near his son Dr. Wavel Wells.

Dr. Randall "Randy" Wells of Louisville donated **\$50.00** to the Scholarship fund in memory of his father Ebbie Wells, his Aunt Suzie Wells Deering and his grandmother Lora Delong Wells. Randy also donated **\$50.00** to the general fund in honor of his uncle and aunt, Haskell and Lois Wells, for their 50th wedding anniversary.

The 1997 WELLS FAMILY GROUP PICTURE

If you did not purchase your picture at the Reunion, you still have a chance to do so. We have five (5) and they will cost \$25.00 plus mailing of \$1.00. The picture is beautiful and it is so clear you can identify everyone in the picture. If you want one send \$26.00 to Mary Walton right away for they may not last long. This would be a great gift to pass down to your children and grandchildren.

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 (expenses of newsletter etc.) _____
3. Use toward the College Scholarship Fund _____

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

Robert "Rob" Wells was the 1997 Scholarship winner and his picture is at the right. Rob is attending Transylvania University in Lexington. He is majoring in biology. Wells' long -range plans is a carrier in medicine. He is the son of Leland & Bonnie Wells of W. Van Lear.



1997 WELLS' FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Wells Family Association 1997 Scholarship Committee had five applicants for the 97 Scholarship. All qualified except one, Robert "Rob" Wells' name was drawn as the winner. Our President, Ron Wells, presented the \$500.00 scholarship to Rob at the Wells Family Reunion on August 31st. Rob's parents, Leland and Bonnie Wells, of W. Van Lear, Ky accepted the award for Rob who was attending orientation at Transylvania University in Lexington. Rob graduated at the top of his class at Johnson Central High School. He was named in the Courier-Journal's All State Academic Team, and The Daily Independent's All-Area Academic Team for the second straight year. Wells was captain of Johnson Central's team. He was regional champion in social studies and sixth in that subject in the Governor's Cup finals in March in Louisville. He finished second in the region in general knowledge. At the Kentucky Beta Club convention, he won the social studies championship and competed in social studies at the national convention in June in New Orleans. He made the highest score on the National test, but was not declared the winner because his sponsor had not submitted the proper entry forms in time. He was allowed to compete after a discussion with test officials, and said it was ironic when he did the best on the exam. He finished the 100 question test in 22 minutes, 36 fewer than the limit. Wells was a social study champion in the Northeast Kentucky and East Kentucky academic conference in 1996. He was a member of the Johnson Central's speech and drama team and participated in radio broadcasting. He did the public address announcing for his school's basketball games. He was president of the Coed-Y Club and was active in the Ecology Club, Beta Club and Kentucky Youth Assembly. Rob is a very competitive person in everything he does. He is attending Transylvania University in Lexington and will be majoring in biology. His long range plan is a career in medicine. Rob descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM

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

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The Wells Family Association, Inc. Board has established a fund for one scholarship to be awarded annually in the amount of \$500. We are giving you the information needed to apply for the scholarship early in case the spring newsletter doesn't get to you early enough to apply. **If you are graduating this spring please complete this application for the scholarship and you may be receiving the 1998 scholarship of \$500. Previous scholarships were won by Jacob B. Wells in 1995; Amanda L. McKenzie, 1996; and Robert Wells, 1997.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant must:

- 1 be a biological or legally adopted descendant of Richard and Susannah Hutcheson Wells.
- 2 be a graduating high school senior the Spring of the year of application
- 3 have a letter of acceptance from the school in which you plan to enroll in the fall (This has been defined broadly to include any recognized institution such as a vocational or technical institute, junior or community college, regular four-year college. Or university that grants a certificate, diploma, or degree based on a planned program of study.)
- 4 complete the Scholarship Application Form
- 5 have a minimum 2.0 ("C") gpa on a 4. scale (This is to be verified by the signature of a high school administrator or counselor on the application form.)
- 6 submit a Pedigree Chart of family line, using the format provided by the Historical Committee
- 7 agree to use the scholarship money during the first academic year for which it is given or return the amount to the Wells Association Board Treasurer
- 8 agree to send a copy of your first year semester/quarter grades to the President of the Wells Family Association, Inc. Board

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The completed Scholarship application Form and Pedigree Chart must be postmarked by July 1, 1998. Mail to: Dr. Randall L. Wells, 10337 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, Ky 40223. Only completed application forms accompanied by the Pedigree Chart that tie you to Richard Wells will be considered qualified for the scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP DECISION

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

No scholarships will be awarded to an applicant who has not attended at least one out of three of 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 and a check for \$500.00 will be presented at the 1998 reunion to the winner. 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.

If any applicant should need help in doing their pedigree chart please phone any of the Historical Committee members listed. Bobby Wells, (606) 886-2101, John B. Wells III, (606) 789-1940, Charles C. Wells, (606) 789-1688, Mary Walton, (606) 325-4314, or Paula Wells, (606) 473-9957

PEDIGREE CHART

Chart No. _____

Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. _____ on chart no. _____

		8 BORN: _____ PLACE: _____ MARR: _____ PLACE: _____
	4 BORN: _____ PLACE: _____ MARR: _____ PLACE: _____ DIED: _____ PLACE: _____	9 BORN: _____ PLACE: _____ DIED: _____ PLACE: _____
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	7 BORN: _____ PLACE: _____ DIED: _____ PLACE: _____	15 BORN: _____

Name and address of submitter:

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 _____

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. 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.

Date _____

Signature of Parent (or Guardian) _____

Date _____

Signature of Student Applicant _____





WELLS FAMILY HERITAGE TRIP

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TRIP PLANNED TO ENGLAND JUNE 8TH, 1998

I am thrilled to announce plans for the Wells Family tour to our ancestral homeland in England.

On July 24, 1635, 18 year old Richard Wells of Harbury, Warwickshire, England, departed from the port city of Gravesend near London, on board the ship "Assurance" bound for Virginia. In the "New World" he established OUR WELLS FAMILY! Now, some 363 years later, on the 380th anniversary of Richard's birth, we, his direct descendants, will be returning to his birthplace and the ancestral homes of our WELLS forebears in England.

On June 8, 1998, we will depart from the Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport on a direct flight to London's Gatwick Airport for a ten day escorted Wells Family Tour. In addition to visiting London, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, we will travel to Gravesend where Richard Wells departed from his homeland forever. We are also planning a cruise up the Thames River to see additional sites.

We will travel in our own private coach to Windsor Castle, the residence of the English Royal Family, and to Sulgrave Manor, the family home of George Washington. Most of our trip will center in Warwickshire, the ancestral home of the Wells family. We plan to visit the village of Cherington and the church where our family has worshiped since 1541. We also plan to be guests of local residents for Sunday lunch. Our guide will be local historian Peter Drinkwater who will give us an over view of local history and it's connection to our family. We will learn why our Richard left England and why he chose America.

We will make our hotel homes in only two locations: London and Stratford-Upon-Avon to keep packing and unpacking at a minimum. Both hotels are 3 Star facilities with all the amenities. Travel and walking will also be kept to a minimum. Most of the Wells Heritage stops are less than 120 miles from London and our own private coach will take us to every location.



A FIRST CLASS TOUR

The trip cost is \$2650.00, based on double occupancy, which includes all tours, transportation, accommodations, 2 meals per day (breakfast & dinner) except in London where dinners are not included.

We must have a minimum of 25 participants to make this trip a reality. Reservations need to be made ASAP with a cut off date of Feb. 25th., 1998.

I guarantee you will have a trip of a lifetime. If you love your family, and your family's history, this is a unique opportunity to have fun, learn your family heritage, meet new friends and have a great European vacation!

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

Monday, June 8th - Depart from Greater Cincinnati Airport, in Covington, KY, on Delta Airlines non-stop to London.

Tuesday, June 9th - Arrive at Gatwick Airport near London. We will be met by Joan Robertson, our British tour guide, and our private luxury coach. We will proceed to Windsor Castle, official residence of Queen Elizabeth II, and tour the Queen's state apartments and St. George's Chapel. We will also visit Runnymede where the Magna Carta was signed in 1215, see Ascot Race Course and the Eaton School.

We will travel by private coach to Stratford-Upon-Avon where we will have an early dinner and spend the night. Stratford-Upon-Avon is the old county seat for Warwickshire, the English home of our Wells Family.

Wednesday, June 10th - We will travel to the City of Warwick for a tour of the famous Warwick Castle. Built by William the Conqueror, it is the finest medieval castle in England. The tour will include the grounds, state rooms and the world famous wax museum.

After the tour we will travel by coach through southern Warwickshire and view Wells family sites, including the Rollright Stones, a prehistoric stone circle. We will return to Stratford-Upon-Avon for dinner.

Thursday, June 11th. - Full day in Stratford-Upon-Avon. We will visit Ann Hathaway's cottage, Shakespeare's birthplace and Trinity Church. This church is the burial place of William Shakespeare and the site of the marriage in 1561 of Richard Wells and Ann Verley who are thought to be the grandparents of Richard Wells, our common ancestor.

The afternoon will be free for individual touring or shopping in the many quaint shops which line the High Street. In the evening we will attend a performance of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, known worldwide as the best venue for performances of Shakespeare's works.

Friday, June 12th - In the morning we will travel by our private coach to Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washington family. George Washington's family resided there and Washington coat of arms is carved into the main entrance. This coat of arms became the model for the American Flag

After lunch we will visit Broughton Castle, the beautiful moated manor of Lord and Lady Say and Sele. Sir Francis Fiennes, the Lord of the manor, will personally conduct us on a tour of his home and will be our host for high tea. After-

A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

wards, we will return to Stratford-Upon-Avon for dinner.

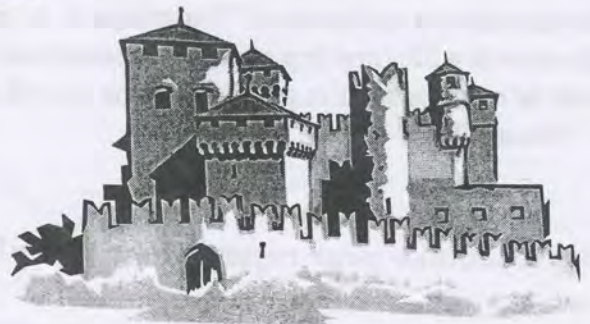
Saturday, June 13th - This will be the WELLS FAMILY day. Local historian Peter Drinkwater will lead us on a historic tour through the villages of Warwickshire that were the residences of our ancestors.

We will visit the church at Harbury, where Richard Wells, the first member of our family to come to America, was baptized in 1618. We will tour the village of Cherington where Richard's grandparents lived in the 1540's and is the earliest known residence of our family. We will see Alveston where it is thought that Richard's father was born.

Sunday, June 14th - Another very special family day! We are making arrangements to attend Sunday morning worship service at the church in Cherington where our earliest Wells ancestors worshiped. Several members of the family will be asked to participate in the service. After worship, we will be invited to the village hall, or the homes of local residents, for Sunday lunch. After lunch we will visit the village of Whichford where our family also lived and possibly tour the farm of William Wells at Tysoe, one of our distant English cousins. We will travel to the village of Harbury where we will join in the evening worship service and be guests of the villagers for dinner. After dinner we return to our hotel in Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Monday, June 15th - Leave Stratford-Upon-Avon for London, but travel first to Gravesend, the port city where Richard Wells left England in 1635 to make his, and therefore our, home in America. We will also visit St. George's Church, burial place of Pocahontas and stop at the International Date Line at Greenwich.

In the evening we will check into the Tower Thistle Hotel, which is located next to the Tower of London and Tower Bridge.





PROPOSED ITINERARY

After supper we will take a leisurely cruise on the Thames River.

Tuesday, June 16th - Full day tour of London. Trips to Westminster Abbey...St. Paul's Cathedral...Big Ben...The Tower of London...Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park.

The evening will be free for shopping, the theatre, or relaxation.

Wednesday, June 17th - Free day in London for shopping, museums, excursions, pub hopping, etc. on your own.

Thursday, June 18th - Leave London by coach for Gatwick Airport for return flight to Greater Cincinnati Airport, U.S.A.

If there are additional sites or suggestions that you want to add to the itinerary, PLEASE CONTACT ME RIGHT AWAY.

Prior to the trip (probably in January) we will meet together to learn about the sites we will visit. Brochures, family history and general tourist information about clothes, money, customs, food, appliances, passports, etc, will be discussed.

When you step off the plane in London you will not be a stranger..but an informed and aware American tourist, ready for 10 days in a foreign country....but, a country which is also your second homeland.

We must have a minimum of 25 participants to make this once in a life time trip a reality. Reservations must be made as soon as possible but the cut off date is February 15th.

Please....make your reservations today!!

Wells Family Heritage Trip to England June 1998 Reservation Form \$2,650.00 per person

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day: ____ / ____ Night: ____ / ____

e-mail _____

Number of trips reserved _____

Names of participants: _____

Reservations must be made ASAP before Feb. 15th.

Return this form to:

John B. Wells III
733 Court Street
Paintsville, KY 41240
Phone: Day: 606-789-4700
Night: 606-789-1940
Fax: 606-789-4713

