



The Wells Family Board voted to use a Logo with the A inside the W to identify monuments set on unmarked graves. This Logo will also be used on the Newsletter each time. It was felt that this way people could identify the monuments purchased by the Wells Family Association Inc. Thanks to Lyman Porter for coming up with this ideal and for Patti Quallich for her art work in designing the Logo.

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This *could* be the last newsletter before the 1998 reunion. *If time permits and our printer is able to print a small newsletter in August we will send one out.* If this is not possible this will be the last one until after the reunion. The Wells Family Board will be meeting in March of 1999 so we can get the newsletter out in early April next year. This will make it easier to get the last newsletter out in July.

Please go ahead and made arrangements to attend by getting your reservations at a local motel if you do not have relatives to spend the night with. *Please don't forget your items for the Bazaar and food for the dinner.* The Wells Family Board will meet on July 18th to complete plans for the reunion. We are hoping that Bobby Wells will have his copier machine in case you need to copy documents. *Please bring any data that you may have on your family for the book that the Historical Committee is working on.* MAKE YOUR PLANS TODAY BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET LODGING IF YOU DON'T. *The reunion will be September 6th. This year.* We will be meeting only one day again this year due to the expense of paying insurance's etc. Time passes so swiftly that September will be here before we know it.

We will not be having a family picture made this year since it is required that we purchase at least 25 of the pictures and only 20 was purchased last year. The Board purchased the extra (5) last year and still have some of them if any of you would like to purchase one. *The cost is \$25. 00 plus postage.*

The Johnson Central School will be open at 9:00 am for setting up the tables. If some of you strong young people would have a little time for this please come and help the committee. You may want to come early and look over the auction items and decide what you would like to purchase or bid on.

If you plan on taking the Grave Tour, you need to meet at Johnson Central School parking lot on Saturday at 2:00 pm. Bobby Wells and Danny Blevins will be leading the tour this year. The following cemeteries will be visited, Richard Wells Cemetery, Old Log Church Cemetery, Auxier Relocation Cemetery, The Auxier Cemetery below the Relocation Cemetery, The Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier Cemetery and The Two Wells Cemetery in Paintsville. The Keel cemetery may be added to the tour this year. There are many Wells relatives buried there. Wear comfortable shoes for there will be some walking. *Remember the school will not be open on Saturday. The group will leave at 2:00 pm on Saturday 5th, to take the tour of the graves.*

The schedule for Sunday will be as follows:

- 9:00 am. School doors will be open to set tables up etc.
- 10:00 am. Genealogy meeting (lead by John B. Wells III and Historical Committee. I am sure he will have slides of the England trip and share information of the trip.)
- 11:00 am. The board decided to not schedule any entertainment since our people love to spend the time for visiting. Bring any old pictures you may have to share and for help to identify them if you don't know who they are.
- 11:30 am. Auction (Bring your items for the auction).
- 1:00 pm. Memorial Service & Prayer for dinner. All members that are over 80 years old and handicapped please be allowed to get in line first. (We would like for everyone over 80 to come forward for a picture to use in the newsletter.
- 1:15 pm. Dinner will be served (Bring meats, vegetables, desserts, salads and drinks)
- 3:00 pm. Election of Officers and 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's mee. g, let's use this time to get to know each other and reminiscence about old times. There will be a door prize and you may be the lucky one. Awards for the oldest, youngest, most in family, traveled farthest distance,

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
Star4fire 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

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GEORGIA RICHMOND HALL, BETTY CLARK FARLEY, DORTHA COLLINS CRUM, THELMA WELLS, DARLENE CLARK BURGESS, HASKELL BURGESS. EMOGENE WELLS CAUDILL, JANICE WELLS ADKINS, BUFFORD WELLS DELONG, DORTHA STROBEL, GERALDINE WELLS MCCROSKEY, LENA DISSAPORT, LISA WELLS HORN, and CARL COLLINS.

Wells Reunion, The descendants of Richard Wells son Moses Wells, will be meeting on June 19, 20, and 21, 1998 at Camp Happy Valley Ground, Teas Valley, WV. 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 19th, at 5:00 pm., through Sunday 21 st. at 5:00 pm. Lodging is provided but you will need to bring your own bed linens including blankets 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. Bring something for the auction.

Collins/Spears Reunion, Sunday Sept. 13, 1998 at Picnic Hollow, shelter no 4 at Jenny Wiley State Park, For more information call Paul & Paulina Garza at (410)795-8365.

Green Reunion, at Armco Park in Ashland, Ky., on Sep. 13, 1998. Will eat at 12:00 noon. This is the descendants of Lewis Green, the grandfather of Susannah Hutchison Wells.

BIRTHS

Heidi Marie Hughes, born Aug. 22, 1997, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz., 20 inches long. She had a mop of black hair and has big blue eyes, giggles a lot (started that while Grandma (Paulina Garza) was holding her when she was barely two months old.) "I made the remark she is going to have the "black" humor in the Collins family!" The proud parents are Edward Thomas and Karyn Camilla Garza Hughes who reside in that little town of Grantsville, Utah. Heidi joins 4 sisters: Heather, Meagan, Sarah, and Kehli, and one brother, Christian. The maternal grandparents are Paul and Paulina Collins Garza. The grandmother Paulina serves on the Wells Family Baord. Heidi descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Daniel Trevor Blevins, bom Dec. 26, 1997 in Floyd County, KY. The proud parents are Danny Keith Blevins and Ida "Trudy" Butcher Blevins. Daniel was welcomed by his three year old sister Tracy Danielle Blevins. The paternal grandparents are Danny E. and Phyllis Wells Blevins of Van Lear. Daniel Trevor descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells on his father's side and from Mary Wells Butcher on his mother's side. The maternal grandparents are Hubert and Clarinda "Hampton" Butcher. The great-grandmother's are Margie "Goble" Wells and Eva "Music" Wells both of Paintsville. Daniel Trevor's father Danny is a member of the Wells Family Board.

Holly Lawson, born Feb. 26, 1998, weighing 7 lb. 11 oz. The proud parents are Ken Lawson and D. D. Wells Lawson of Paintsville, Ky. Holly's maternal grandparents are G. Wendell & Carol Hall Wells of Van Lear. The maternal great grandparents are Nevard and Genene Wells of Van Lear. She descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Moses Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Michael Lee Wilburn II, born in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV., on March 29, 1998 weighing 8 lb. 2 oz. He was transferred to Cabell Huntington Hospital where he underwent surgery a few days after birth and spent 17 days in intensive care. He is still in guarded condition but according to his grandmother Aloma Wilburn he is 300 % better. He was welcome by his parents Michael and Shelly Lyons Wilburn and two sisters Kristen age 9 and Micki age 5. The paternal grandparents are Eugene and Aloma Wells Wilburn of Rush, Ky. Michael Lee descends from Richard Wells by way of his son George E. Wells. His grandmother Aloma is a member of the Wells Family Board.

Logan Andrew Mauk, Greenup County, was born Feb. 20, 1998 weighing 9 lb. 5 oz., and 21" long. The proud parents are Joseph and Tara Rambo Mauk. The maternal grandmother is Donna Wells Rambo of Worthington, KY., Logan descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears line.

Nathaniel Lee Wilcox, born Feb. 10, 1998 weighing 6 lb. 15 oz., in Highland Memorial Hospital. The proud parents are Richard and Vernitta Lynn Wells Wilcox of Van Lear. He was welcomed by his sister Amber, age 4 and brother Caleb, age 6. Nathaniel is the maternal grandchild of Alex S. and Susie Goble Wells of Van Lear. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

MARRIAGES

Debra Harris and Alvin L. Bowyer Jr., was married on Dec. 6, 1997 at Highlawn Baptist Church in Huntington, West Va.. Debra is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Prentice Harris of Warfield, Ky. Alvin is the son of Mr. And Mrs. Alvin Bowyer Sr. of Huntington. An open church wedding was honored. Debra graduated from Sheldon Clark High School at Inez, and Marshall University. She was a member of the honor society and was recognized as Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. She received a bachelor of arts degree in biology and secondary education and a master of arts degree, plus 45 hrs., in marketing education. She is employed as a project coordinator with Cabal Wayne Family Resource Network in Huntington. Bowyer graduated from Huntington High School and Marshall University. He is employed as the finance director of Huntington Civic Arena managed by Ogden Entertainment Services of New York. He also is the owner and president of AB Mini-storage, Inc. Milton. Debra's maternal grandparents are Edith Moore Clark and the late Sheldon Clark. She descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

Mary Frances Keel and Bobby Michael Moore, were married at 1:30 pm., Feb. 14, at Auxier Freewell Baptist Church, Auxier, Ky., The bride is the daughter of Beulah Wells Keel, Auxier, and Frank Keel, Van Lear. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore of Pilgrim. Mary Frances is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg Community College and is currently a paramedic student at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is an EMT employee at Life Star Ambulance Service in Louisa. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Sheldon Clark High School and is an EMT employee at Life Star Ambulance Service in Louisa. The custom of an open church wedding was observed. The bride was given in marriage by her brother James Nyberg. A reception followed the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. Mary Frances descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William G. Wells lines. Mary Frances and her mother Beulah both are members of the Wells Family Association Board.

Lisa Wells and Steven Stumbo, of Drift were united in marriage on September 26 at the Drift Pentecostal Church by pastor Ted Shannon, grandfather of the groom. The bride is the daughter of Vickie Chaffins of Garrett and Ray Wells of Williamsport, Ky. The groom is the son of Kathy and Greg Stumbo of Drift. The wedding colors were in teal and ivory. Wedding songs were "How Could I Live." "Unchained Melody," and "My Endless Love." The bride wore a straight, elegant gown with off-the-shoulder cuff sleeves designed with beads and pearls. The bride wore a pearl necklace and pearl earrings. Her veil was a pearl-beaded crown with ivory netting. The groom wore an ivory shirt with a black Michael Jordan tux. The bridesmaid was Dawn Jude, sister of the bride. Her matrons of honor were Darla Wells, Jo

Pack, Genna Goble, and Belinda Stumbo. Their dresses were ivory with teal trim. The groom's best man was Jamie Hall, a friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Billy Stumbo and Shannon Price. Their tuxes were black in color and they wore ivory shirts. Family and friends who helped the couple prepare for the wedding were Peggy Pack, Sandee Holt, Alberta Shannon, Kathy Stumbo, Vickie Chaffins, Teddy Pack, Laura Kidd, Barb Scarberry, Ricky Kidd, Kathy Tackett, and Glenna Goble. The couple will reside in Minnie, Ky. Lisa descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS

Johnson Central Middle School: Benjamin Wells, Heather Wells,

Johnson Central High School: Amanda Wells, Bobby L. Auxier, Hollie Auxier & Mark Auxier

Louisa High School: Dustin Horn

Louisa Elementary School: Brandi Horn

Katherine Michelle Muncy, a Sophomore at Johnson Central High School has a 4.0 gpa that she has maintained through high school. She is the daughter of Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport, Ky. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her mother Charlene served on the Wells Family Board.

Heather Quallich, a student at St. Francis De Sales School in Parma, O. was elected student of the month for March. She is a first grader and has been a high achiever since Kindergarten. Heather also was picked for a \$200.00 scholarship toward her fall tuition. She is the daughter of Doug and Patti Volota Quallich. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells, and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her mother Patti serves on the Wells Family Board Historical Committee.

Robert Womack, was on the fifth grand honor roll at Grays Branch Elementary and participated with academic team for his school. His school went to the regional and Robert won third place in Science. Robert was choose to participate on the fifth grade team when he was only a fourth grader. Robert has qualified for the gifted program at his school. He is the son of Kermit and Patricia Wells Womack and the maternal grandson of the late Bennie and Juanita Goble Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. His mother Patricia is a member of the Wells family board.

Cynthia Mariah Muncy, student at Morehead State University Art Program has maintained the Deans list and had a 3.81 gpa in the fall semester. Cynthia is the daughter of Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport, Ky. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her mother Charlene serves on the Wells Family Board.

Vince Cochran, student at Ashland Community College has maintained the Deans list all through school. Vince is the son of Robert and Tommie Collins Cochran of Worthington, Ky. He graduates from ACC and will be transferring to Eastern Kentucky University in the fall. His mother Tommie serves on the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells by way of Rose Ann Wells Spears.

Jennifer Garza, daughter of Paul and Paulina Collins Garza of MD., were able to cash in on her experiences in Argentina and took several credit-by-examination tests in Spanish. She had a 96% average for the four advanced Spanish tests and added another 14 credit hours so she will graduate from Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho in June. She plans to further her education at Brigham Young University in the Fall. Jennifer descends from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears. Her mother Paulina is a member of the Wells board.

Tim Mollette was honored as one of EKU top students. When faculty talk of Tim Mollette they speak of a quiet and unassuming manner that belies his considerable and diverse talents, work ethic and wit. "His work," said Dr. Ron Wolfe, "speaks volumes about the quality reflected in what he does and how he does it." It was evident from day one. Even through Mollette spent his first year at Eastern Kentucky University as a pre-occupational therapy major, he also impressed enough folks at The Eastern Progress that he was named Freshman Journalist of the Year. Mollette, who soon switched his major to journalism, has gone on to garner a host of individual awards, while also helping the Progress continue its national award-winning ways. Now the Paintsville resident can add one more honor: Top Senior in ECU College of Applied Arts and Technology, which encompasses the departments of mass communication, human environmental science, agriculture, military science and technology.

"He has been a source of pride for our department since he arrived four years ago as a budding Regents Scholar," said Wolfe, chair of the Department of Mass Communications.

The 1994 Johnson Central High School graduate was attracted to Eastern because of its occupational therapy program, but, despite high grades in OT, discovered he simply loved journalism more. Since joining the Progress staff, he has expressed that passion through numerous positions: sports, graphics editor, managing editor and, this year, editor.

During his time with the Progress, Mollette has won first place awards for infographics from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and a slew of honors from the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association, as well as awards for spot news coverage from Region V of the Society of Professional Journalists. This past summer, he was selected in national competition as an intern for Knight-Ridder Newspapers, and has received a Kentucky Press Association summer internship and worked as a sport correspondent for USA Today Online.

But it's his ability with graphics and design that have not only graced many editions of the Progress but will likely catapult the son of Roger Mollette and Wanda Mollette into a successful newspaper career.

"I started out thinking all I wanted to do was write," Mollette recalled. Then, after the mid-term departure of a previous Progress graphics artist, "I spent one Christmas break with my nose in a manual, come back and decided that's what I wanted to do."

Mollette, whose grade point average entering the fall semester was 3.93, is keenly aware he's entering a profession that many hold in low regard, while at the same time admitting they couldn't do without a free press.

"You have to be thick-skinned and confident in yourself, that you're doing the right thing," Mollette said, "Everywhere you turn, there's declining confidence in the news media."

His solution? "To turn back to readers, and generate an open dialogue."

He is the grandson of Bill and Edith(Wells) Mollette, and descends Richard Wells through William Green Wells. His grandmother Edith and his aunt Rita Smith both are a member of the Wells Family board.

Renee Sallie, daughter of Bill and Gloria Spears Sallie of Summitt, Ky is now on the team of Dr. R. Brian Adkins, Adult and Family Dentistry, in Summitt. Renee accepted the position with Dr. Adkins as his full time Dental Hygienist. Renee is a graduate of Ashland Community College and Shawnee State University of Portsmouth, Ohio. She descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears. Her mother Gloria is a member of the Wells Family Board.

John Calhoun Wells, a native of Ky and the highest-ranking Kentuckian in Clinton administration when he was appointed in 1993, said he will leave Washington. He is director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. According to the report he plans on returning to Austin, Texas, where he previously was president of a labor-management group with ties to the oil and petrochemical industries. He also has served as special assistant to U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford, D-Ky.; chief executive officer of the state auditor's office; commissioner of the Kentucky Bureau of Manpower Services; and state labor commissioner. Wells is from Auxier and the son of Josephine R. Wells of Beverly, NJ, and the late John Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines. The Wells Family thinks that John should come back to Kentucky the most beautiful state in the union.

HOSPITALIZED

Phillip Wells, of Ashland had been in St. Joseph hospital in Lexington several times since the last newsletter. He is in the hospital at this time where he has been for three weeks. He underwent surgery again the week of April 27th. His wife Wanda is right there by his side giving him that TLC that she has been doing for over seven years. Phillip and Wanda both are members of the Wells Family Board. Phillip descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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**Franklin Keel**, was a patient in Highland Regional Hospital, Prestonsburg and then transferred to the University Hospital, Lexington, Ky. He moved from the hospital to Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Pikeville, Ky. As of yesterday 4/26 he was doing very well according to the Nursing Home Nurse. Franklin is the son of the late Rufus and Lucy DeLong Keel. He descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells. His wife Beulah and daughter Mary Frances Keel Moore both serves on the Wells Family Board.

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Corky Wells, of Rush, Ky was a patient at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, WV., where he underwent surgery in February. Corky is the son of Truman and Thelma Wells. He has recuperated well with the loving care of his wife. Corky descended from Richard Wells by way of his son George E. Wells.

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**Polly Wells Collins**, was a patient in the Highland Regional Medical Center in March. She is presently home receiving special care from her husband Carl. Polly is the daughter of the late Ben and Anna Richmond Wells and descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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Donna Wells Rambo, was a patient in an Ashland local hospital on Dec. 25, 1997 where she underwent surgery for two blood clots in her right leg. She still has to go back into the hospital for more surgery. Donna has been having a real hard time the last few years with health problems. Donna descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and Rosie Ann Wells Spears lines. She is the daughter of the late Ali and Sadie Collins Wells.

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**Paul Caudill**, of Russell, Kentucky has been in and out of Kings Daughters Medical Center, Ashland for the last year. He is the husband of Emogene Wells Caudill who descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears.

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Samuel Jefferson Wells, of Van Lear underwent open heart surgery early fall at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Ky. He is doing real well with care from his family. S.J. descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rose Ann Wells Spears lines.

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**Colletta Meade**, of Paintsville was a patient in February at a Lexington Kentucky hospital where she went through chemotherapy. Colletta is the wife of Tony Meade and the daughter-in-law of Anna Brown Wilson. Tony descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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Richard DeLong, 64, was admitted to the VA. Hospital in Huntington Jan., 12, 1998 with lung cancer. Richard never married and has been living alone since the death of his brother a few years ago. He is the great grandson of the late King Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

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**Emma D. Wells Adkins**, of Van Lear under went eye surgery on Feb. 26, 1998 at Highland Regional Hospital. She is recuperating with that TLC from her husband James. Emma descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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Malta Castle Wells Watson, of Auxier underwent surgery on Feb. 26 at Highland Memorial Hospital. Malta had 50% of her stomach removed and is presently home recuperating with special care from her daughter Beulah Keel. Malta's first husband Rolland Wells descended from George E. Wells. Her daughter Beulah serves on the Wells Family Board.

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Douglas A. Quallich, of Parma, Ohio has been in the Cleveland Clinic at least a dozen times since November. He has undergone many test in an effort to diagnose his problem. Doug is home trying to recuperate although they never know when they will have to call 911 and rush him back to hospital. His wife is Patti Volota Quallich who serves on the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells by way of William G. Wells , George E. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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## DEATHS

Twila Branham, 44 , of Prestonsburg, Ky, died April 4, 1998 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Twila was born Nov. 7, 1953, in Prestonsburg a daughter of Greta Wells Branham Click and the late John "Butch" Branham. Additional survivors include a sister, Lila Davis of Auxier. The Floyd Funeral Home in Prestonsburg was in charge of arrangements with the Rev. Van West officiating. Burial was in the Government Relocation Cemetery in Auxier. Twila descends from Richard Wells by way of his son George E. Wells. Her mother Greta serves on the Wells Family Board.

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James Henry Wells, 89, of Ashland, Ky died April 11, 1998 in Oakmont Manor in Flatwoods. He was born Sept. 23, 1909, in Carter County, a son of the late Landon and Katie Wheeler Wells. His wife, Frankie Elizabeth May Wells, died in 1992. He is a retired inspector with Armco Steel where he worked 45 years. Surviving are a son, Vernon B. Wells of Ashland; a sister, Lola Faye Tufts of Wheelersburg, Ohio; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home with Rev. Pete Verkruyse officiating. Burial was in the East Ashland Memorial Gardens. I do not know if Mr. Wells descended from our Richard Wells or not.

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Ameda Louise Wells, 84 of Johnstown, Ohio died May 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Perry (little Perry) Wells and a son Clifford Wells. Ameda's husband was the son of John L. Wells the son of John W. Wells. Her husband Perry was the great-great-grandson of Moses and Margaret Hillman Wells. Moses Wells was the son of Richard Wells.

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Beatrice Louise Wells Fitch, 83, of West Van Lear, died January 3, 1998. She was born Feb. 7, 1914, in Floyd County, the daughter of Noah Wells and Louise Butcher Wells. She was a member of the Buffalo United Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Robert Ray May. Surviving are her husband, John Fitch; two sons, Larry M. Fitch and Gary K. Fitch of West Van Lear, on daughter, Kathleen Ratliff of West Van Lear; one sister, Berta Adkins of Van Lear, and three grandchildren. Services was at the Buffalo United Baptist Church with the Rev. Lawrence Arrowood officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville. Beatrice descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells.

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Myrtle Richmond, 74, of Paintsville, died Dec. 9, 1997 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Miss Richmond was born Nov. 28, 1923 in Johnson County, a daughter of the late William and Alice Joseph Richmond. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Orville, Howard, John and Jim Richmond. She was a retired medical technician. Surviving are several nieces and nephews, Douglas and Esther of Titow-Paintsville; Alice J. Marion of Amston, Conn.; Bill Richmond and David Richmond, both of Ashland; Rebecca Richmond of Estes Park, Colorado; four surviving great nieces and nephews. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with the Rev. Johnny Ross officiating. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery in Paintsville. Myrtle descends from Richard Wells by way of his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.

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James Ellsworth Wells, 77, of Auxier, died on Jan. 28, 1998 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Mr. Wells was born Jan. 31, 1920, in Auxier, a son of the late Ellsworth "Buck" and Pearl Litteral Wells. He was a former construction worker, a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Auxier, Laborers International Union of North America for 40 years and a member of Local 216 of Springfield, Ohio. He was a World War II Army veteran. Surviving are his wife, Avonelle Thompson Wells; a son, Larry Wells of Auxier; a daughter, Leslie K. Burke of West Van Lear; a brother,



Elton Wells of Mt. Gay, W. Va.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg. The Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer officiated with burial in the Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel. A military rites was by Disabled American Veterans Big Sandy Chapter 18. I do not know if or how Mr. Wells descends from Richard Wells

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**Robert "Bob: Jackson Cornette,** 69, of Flatwoods, died Nov. 1997 at his home. Mr. Cornette was born Feb. 20, 1928, in Rowan County, son of the late Robert Jasper and Bessie McKinney Cornette. A son Gary Michael Cornette, preceded him in death. He was a retired self-employed businessman and a member of the Nazarene church. Surviving are his wife, Alice Spears Cornette; a foster son, Jerry Lee Morrison of Catlettsburg; and two brothers, Harold E. Cornette of Shelby, Ohio, and Gilbert Cornette of Tampa, Fla. Arrangements were under the direction of Evans Funeral Home, Raceland, Ky. The funeral was conducted at the funeral home with the Rev. Earl Hazel officiating. Burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods, Ky. Bob's wife Alice descended from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells and Rose Anna Wells Spears lines.

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**Nola Moore Spears,** 81, of Paintsville, died March 31, 1998 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky. Mrs. Spears was born Jan. 4, 1917, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Edward and Lona Brown Moore. Her husband, Shirley Woodrow Spears, died in 1966. She was a former Precision Metal Factory Worker. Surviving are two sons, Donald Spears of Paintsville and John Spears of Madison, Ohio; a sister, Ethel Campbell of North Madison, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with the Rev. Harry Neil Frisby and Lowell Webb officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville. Nola's late husband Shirley descended from Richard Wells through his daughter Rose Anna Wells Spears.

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**Florence Delaney Goble,** 95, of Prestonsburg, died March 28, 1998 in Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg, KY. Mrs. Goble was born Dec. 12, 1902, in Floyd County, a daughter of the late Isaac and Mary Wells Goble. Her husband Clyde Goble preceded her in death. She was a member of Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, KY. Surviving are two sons, Donald Goble and Thomas Goble, both of Prestonsburg; three daughters, Jewel Crider, Doris Griffith and Neil Goble, all of Prestonsburg; a sister Bess Burke of Martin; 30 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; and 40 great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with the Rev. Roger Music officiating. Burial was in the Goble Cemetery. Mrs. Goble descended from Richard Wells by way of his son Moses Wells.

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**Henly Clarence Dutton,** 74, of Williamsport, died Feb. 9, 1998 in Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, KY. Mr. Dutton was born Aug. 9, 1923, in Mingo County, W. Va., a son of the late Elias and Josephine Diamond Dutton. His wife, Ellen Wells Dutton, died in 1993. He was a retired teacher and Methodist Minister of the Wells Chapel at Boons Camp for eight years. Surviving is a brother, William Chester Dutton of Dayton, Ohio. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with the Rev. Steve Drury officiating. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery in Williamsport. Mr. Dutton's late wife Ella descended from Richard Wells by way of his son William Green Wells.

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**Hattie Wells,** 90, of Van Lear, died 2/9/1998 in J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa, KY. Hattie was born Jan. 3, 1908, in Martin County, a daughter of the late Marion Jackson and Alice Burke Wells. Surviving are a daughter, Billie Jo Wells Soard of Van Lear; a brother, Kermit Wells of Meally; two sisters, Imogene Sammons and Garnetta Rucker, both of Van Lear; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home with the funeral and burial was held at the Highland Memorial Park Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Staffordsville. Hattie descended from Richard Wells by way of his son George E. Wells.

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**Addie Marie Wells,** 82, of Paintsville, died Nov. 10, 1997 in Riverview Nursing Home in Prestonsburg. Mrs. Wells was born July 27, 1915, in Magoffin County, a daughter of the late Green and Nancy Ann Williams Phipps. Her husband, Ivory Wells, died in 1995. Surviving are a daughter, Marbel Williamson of Paintsville; a sister, Lola



Honeycutt of Kelseville, Calif.; and two grandchildren. The funeral was conducted at the Highland Memorial Funeral Home in Staffordsville by Arville Short. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park. Addie Marie descends from Richard Wells by way of his son George E. Wells.

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**Eva Wells**, 81, of Van Lear, died Jan. 13, 1998 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Mrs. Wells was born in Oct. 28, 1916, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Amos and Clara Ratliff Music. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brown Low Wells. Surviving are a son Danny Blevins Sr. of Van Lear; two daughters, Patsy J. Webb and Phyllis Ann Jennings, both of Van Lear; three brothers, Everett Music and Clarence O. Music, both of Wabash, Ind., and Arlo Music of Michigan City, Ind.; four sisters, May Honeycutt, Ivory Parks, and Edith Kestner, all of Wabash and Eram Lee Blair of Van Lear; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home. The Rev. Manford Fannin and the Rev. Roger Goble officiated. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery in Paintsville. Eva's, grandson Danny Blevins is a member of the Wells Family Board.

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**Betty Lois Phelps Ramey**, 63, died Oct. 25, 1997. She was born March 18, 1934, to Kent and Edna (Nickles) Phelps in Meally. She and her family moved from Johnson County in July of 1974. Betty was a member of the Village Meadows Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister. Funeral services were Oct. 28 at the Village Meadows Church of Christ with Dale Rhodes officiating. It was recommended that contributions be made in Betty Ramey's name to the American Cancer Society, % Charlotte McGhee, 793 Charles Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ, 85635. Betty's husband James Ramey descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells.

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**Willa Mae Ward**, 86, OF Boons Camp, died Oct. 24, 1997, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She was born July 29, 1911, in Johnson County, the daughter of William G. Wells, Jr. and Mae Meek Wells. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Russell B. Ward. She is survived by two sons, William O. Ward of Ridgeland, South Carolina; and Russell Jackson Ward of Boons Camp; four daughters, Lorraine Ward of Paintsville; Bonnie Castle of Marion, Ohio; Linda Lou Watkins of Florence, South Carolina; and Wanda Sue Parrott of Sunman, Indiana; three brothers, Marcus Wells of Tomahawk; Frank Marion Wells of Lexington; and Olive Exer Bollheimer of Nicholasville. Arrangements were under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home. Services was in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Roger D. Parrott officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery in Boons Camp. Willa Mae descended from Richard Wells by way of his son William Green Wells.

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**June Wells Adams**, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Nov. 12, 1997, in Riverview Manor Nursing Home. Mrs. Adams was born Jan. 28, 1916, in Van Lear, a daughter of the later Elijah and Effie Burchett Wells. Her husband, Frank Adams Sr., preceded her in death. She was a retired dietitian with Mountain Manor Nursing Home of Prestonsburg and a member of First Christian Church of Prestonsburg. Surviving are two sons, Frank Adams and Ronald Adams, both of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Virginia Campbell of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Floyd Funeral Home in Prestonsburg. The funeral was at the Funeral Home with the Rev. Kevin Jet officiating. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg. Mrs. Adams descended from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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**James Otto Collins**, 65, of Van Lear, died in Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He was born Dec. 11, 1932, in Johnson County, a son of the late Taylor and Lula Collins. He was a coal miner and a veteran. Surviving are three daughters, Karen Jean Canter of Flat Gap, Teresa Ann Campbell of Banner and Sharon Lou Daniels of Merit Island, Fla.; a brother, Floyd Collins of Van Lear; two sisters, Imogene Murphy of Van Lear and Maryeda Fields of Weeksbury; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel in Paintsville. The funeral was in the Funeral Home's Chapel with the Rev. Roger Hill officiating. Burial was in the Collins Family Cemetery in Van Lear. Otto does not descend from Richard Wells but descends from the Christopher Collins line.

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**Oscar "Bus" Richmond**, 85, Nov. 2, 1997 in Columbus, Ohio. Bus was born in Lawrence County, KY., on Feb. 12, 1912 to James Richmond. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marie Hickman Richmond; two sisters, Goldie Ann Storms and Annabelle Pinkerman, both of Columbus, Ohio. Interment was in the Union Cemetery, Columbus. He was



the son of the late James Auxier and Julia Sturgill Richmond. Bus descends from Richard Wells by way of Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**Bertha Wilhelmena Barber Wells**, 79, died Nov. 25, 1997 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. Bertha was born July 12, 1918, in Ashland, a daughter of the late George W. and Melinda Morris Barber. Her husband Lester Wells died in 1989. She was a former press operator with Standard Overall Co. and a member of Oak Street Freewill Baptist Church in Flatwoods. Surviving are four sons, William Lester Wells, James F. Wells, Danny J. Wells and Dwight "Ike" Wells, all of Ashland; five daughters, Mildred Lorraine Kirk of Ashland, Linda Ray of Raceland, Janet Lee Mullins of Green Township, Ohio, and Rita Carol Devaney of Westwood; a brother, Kenneth Barber of Catlettsburg; two sisters, Beulah May Mayberry and Genevieve Stollings, both of Westwood; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Caniff Funeral Home in Westwood. The funeral was at the Oak Street Freewill Baptist Church in Flatwoods with the Rev. Johnsey Collins officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Burial Park, Ashland. Bertha's late husband Lester descended from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells.

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**Bobby Gene Wells**, 56, Lexington, died Aug. 19, 1997 at his residence. A native of Washington County, he was a son of Clifton and Elsie Scrogam Wells, Salvisa. He was an Associate Vice President of Loan Regulations at Bank One. Besides his parents, survivors include a son, Michael Wells, Lexington; two brothers, Jackie L. and don C. Wells, both of Lawrenceburg; a sister, Joyce Baker, Tuscon, AZ; and several nieces and nephews. Private funeral services will be held by Dr. Chuck Madinger. Burial will be in Lawrenceburg Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Lynn Wells, Loren Wells, Robey Terrell, Travis Beach, Gene Combs, and Will Reessor. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. I don't know if this person descends from Richard Wells or not.

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**Paul Richmond**, 68, of Van Lear, died Jan. 12, 1997 at his home. Paul Richmond was born Feb. 17, 1929, a son of the late Otis and Bessie Lee DeLong Richmond. His wife, Nellie Jean Gross Richmond, died in 1991. He was a former miner. Surviving are a son, Kenny Richmond of Hagerhill; a daughter, Darcia Jaynes of Van Lear; three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston funeral Home in Paintsville. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery in Van Lear. Paul descended from Richard Wells by way of his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.

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**Mary Butcher**, 86, of Van Lear died Friday at her home. Mrs. Butcher was born Oct. 17, 1911, in Auxier, the daughter of the late Tom and Tealey Tackett Mollett. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lindsey Butcher and a son, Billy Butcher. She was a housewife. Surviving are three sons, Carl Thomas Butcher and Everett Butcher, both of Van Lear and Lindsey Butcher of North Carolina; two daughters, Joann Fannin of Charldon, Ohio and Jean Salyer of South Charleston, W.Va.; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home. The funeral was at Van Lear Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Roger Goble and Rev. Manford Fannin officiating. Burial was in the Butcher family cemetery. Mrs. Butcher's late husband Lindsey descended from the Jacob Butcher line.

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**Hazel Goble**, 76, of Paintsville, died Feb. 3, 1998 in Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. She was born Oct. 4, 1921, at Odds, a daughter of the late Martin and Bertha Cumbo Spears. Her husband, Ruben Goble died in 1986. Surviving are a son, Lonnie Goble of West Van Lear; two sisters, Eula Collins of Bowling Green and Janet Webb of Grayson; and three grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. The Rev. Jerry Scott officiated. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville. Hazel descended from Richard Wells by way of Rose Ann Wells Spears.

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**Goldie Ann Grubb-Storms**, 84 died Feb. 16, 1998 in Columbus, Ohio. Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Geib (Ray); and a son Carl Grubb both of Columbus; two grandchildren, Lisa Catalan of Worthington; and Robert R. Hayes, of Dublin, Ohio.; four great-grandchildren, Luke and Jessica Cahalan; Daniel and Laura Hays; one sister, Annabelle Pinkerman. Preceded her in death was her husband, Daniel Storms. Interment was in Greenlawn Cemetery. She was the daughter of the late James Auxier and Julia Sturgill Richmond and descended from Richard Wells by way of his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.



David Allen Wells, 47, of Richmond, Kentucky formerly of Olive Hill, died in Richmond. He died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Richmond. Mr. Wells was born Nov. 14, 1950 in Carter County, a son of Ernest and Cleo Krohn Wells of Olive Hill. He was a salesman with Wayne Supply Co. and a member of Red House Baptist Church in Richmond. Additional survivors include his wife, Charlene Burton Wells; two sons, Ernest Allen Wells of Richmond and Graymond David Wells of Lexington; two brothers, Ernest Wells Jr. of Russell and Lindsey Steven Wells of Olive Hill; and three sisters, Barbara Brewer of Lexington, Shelia Jones of Olive Hill and Sandra Wells of Charleston, W. Va. The Oney-Henderson Funeral Home in Olive Hill was in charge of the arrangements. The Rev. Larry Sizemore and Bruce Brylinski officiating. Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery. I don't know if David came down the Wells line or not.

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## MEMORIALS

Anonymous Donator, gave \$100.00 with \$50.00 to go to the Scholarship Fund and \$50.00 to go to the General Fund. This person is a regular contributor and serves on the Wells Board. We do appreciate his financial support as well as his service of time to the Wells Family.

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Hobert J. and Maxine Wells, Cincinnati, OH., donated \$25. Toward the general fund. Hobert J. descends from Richard Wells by way of his son William Green Wells. We do appreciate your gift and support of the Wells Family.

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Doyle Music of GA. and Allene Wells Dunseith of TN, gave \$100. To the Wells Family Scholarship. This was omitted from the fall newsletter by mistake. Doyle is the son of Allene and they descend from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Allene is a member of the Wells Family Association Board. Doyle and Allene are faithful supports of the Wells family Scholarship and we do appreciate you both for your continue support.

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Kenneth and Ellinor K. Wells, of Hot Spring, NC gave \$20. To be used toward the newsletter. Kenneth is the brother of Paula Wells who serves on the Wells Family Board. They descend from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells. Thanks Kenneth and Ellinor for your support.

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Lee and Georgia Richmond Hall, of Brunswick, OH., gave \$40.00. She gave \$20.00 in memory of her Aunt Hazel Spears Goble and \$20.00 in memory of her Aunt Nola Moore Spears. Hazel and Nola's late husband Shirley Spears both descended from Richard Wells by way of Rose Ann Wells Spears line. Georgia descended from Richard Wells through Rose Ann Wells Spears, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Georgia and Lee are faithful supporters to the Wells Family and we thank them for their continue support.

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Anonymous Donator, gave \$25. To be put where needed most. This person is a regular donator and we do appreciate her faithfulness to support the Wells Family. She states in her letter (The Newsletter is great-so much good and interesting family information, with thanks and appreciation). Tommie and I really appreciate these type of comments about the newsletter.

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Ray and Charlotte Wells, of Catlettsburg, Ky gave \$25.00 toward expenses. They write (Hope this will help out some, we really enjoy the newsletter) Ray is a first cousin of Paula Wells who serves on the Wells Board. He descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells. Thanks Ray & Charlotte.

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### 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 love one lives on an don 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. 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.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### 1998 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Wells Family Association Inc. has give a \$500.00 scholarship the last three years and we are proud of all three of our receptions. Jacob Wells who attends Vanderbilt University was our 1995 reception and has all A's and 4.00 gpa. Amanda McKenzie, attends Prestonsburg Community College has all A's. Robert Allen Wells, attends Transylvania University sent me his grades for the fall semester and he had all A's with a 4.00 gpa. We are really proud of these young people and encourage others to apply for the 1998 scholarship. We are proud that we have young people with excellent ability like this to entrust our future. If you are graduating from High School this Spring and plan to continuing your education, get your application in to the Scholarship Committee before July 15, 1998. The application and details are attached.

Many thanks to Malva Cline for her generous donation of one of her beautiful hand made quilts for the auction at the 97 reunion!!! It brought over \$500 into our treasure and her son -in-law, Dale Church, bought it for his wife, Karen, who is Malva's daughter. The picture was suppose to be in the last newsletter but the printer omitted it by mistake and we wanted to run for you to see the what a gorgeous quilt it was. Pictured below, Malva and Dale with the quilt. Malva serves on the Wells family board. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.





# THE WELLS CHAPEL-BOONS-CAMP

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Ashland, Kentucky 41101



## THE WELLS CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH BOONS-CAMP, KENTUCKY

The Wells Chapel Methodist Church is located on Rt. 40 approximately 12 miles from Paintsville, Kentucky.

*This article is dedicated to Clarence and Ella Wells Dutton*

According to Edith Wells Mollette the daughter of the late George & Angie Wells and granddaughter of Moses Wells, the son of William Green & Mary Butcher Wells sold the land to the church to be built on for the price of \$10.00. The people including Moses and his brother Aaron Wells built the church.

Edith said that the first Sunday School was held in 1887 in the Wells Chapel and that Aaron Wells preached in the church but she does not have the dates when he preached or how long he preached there. Aaron Wells was a circuit rider for the Methodist Church.

I talked with Clarence Dutton husband of the late Ella Wells Dutton who resides at Williamsport, Ky. Clarence was pastor at the church the last eight years before its closure. He was able to provide me with information about the church including the membership book and a list of all preachers that served the church starting in 1886 and ending with him in 1997.

My husband Manford and I had the privilege to visit with Clarence Dutton at Williamsport, Ky in January 7, 1998. Clarence is a 75 year old man that has lived alone since the death of his wife Ellen Wells Dutton. He lives in a beautiful old home that he told me the late William Allen Wells lived. He said the main part of the house was built and the addition was built on when Grover Cleveland was president of the United States. Clarence thinks the Hicks family may have built the house.

Clarence told me that he came to Kentucky in 1937 after the death of his mother. He said that his father was killed in 1936. He came from Mingo County West Virginia. His mother was Josephine Diamond from Lawrence County Ky and his father was Elice C. Dutton. Clarence came to live with his uncle and aunt Langley Dutton and Grace Ward Dutton. Clarence said that he was raised as there son although they had three boys and four girls. Clarence had one brother that another uncle raised.

Clarence said that he married the Ella Wells Dutton in 1943. He said he thought that Ella was such a pretty women and you could tell the love that he felt for his late wife. They left the area for a time and lived in Dayton, Ohio and worked. He and Ella both graduated from Morehead State University and he completed his Masters in 1963. There was one son born to this marriage but died at birth in 1948-49. His wife Ella died on March 10, 1993 and is buried across the road in the family cemetery from his home. He said that he can see her grave from his front porch.



Clarence told us that the church was organized following a revival held by the Wells Family in the community. The family agreed to have a church built this effort was initiated by some of the women. They built the church in 1845-46 and one of the first females to become a member of the church was Willa May Ward. He said his wife entered the church at age 16.

I appreciate the help of John B. Wells III for going to the Johnson County Court house to do some research for me. He was able to provide some information on the beautiful old home that Clarence presently lives in as well as a copy of the deed for the Wells Chapel Methodist Church. According to John III the home was commonly called the Ike Wells House, was built in 1854, probably by John H. Ward. He sold the house to Isaac Hicks whose daughter married into the Wells family. I hope that John will do an article on this old home for it has a lot of history behind it.

The deed that John was able to obtain of the Wells Chapel Methodist Church from the Johnson County Court house is as follows.

Johnson County, KY Deed Book V. page 456

March 3, 1887

Moses and Violet Wells to the trustees of the M. E. Church South of Greasy Creek, Ky for \$10.

On Greasy Creek beginning on a stake near the fence at the road, then straight up the branch 100 feet to stake near an apple tree, then a square line to branch, then with branch to road, then with road to beginning.

"In trust that said premises shall be used... as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the M.E. Church South."

Minutes of the Annual Conference, 1888 page 423

"Winter meeting, 1887 - the Greasy Creek Church (Johnson Co.) petitions to change name to William Green Wells Memorial Church in memory of Rev. William Green Wells, decd. - approved."

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTER  
AND  
CHURCH RECORDS  
OF  
WELLS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AT WILLIAMSPORT, KENTUCKY  
ASHLAND DISTRICT AND KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

| FULL NAME RECORDED TO                | MARITAL STATUS | TO WHOM BY      | DATE     | HOW Married | TRANSFERRED FROM | RECEIVED BY       | DATE    | HOW | TRANSFERRED BY |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|-----|----------------|
| Ward, Mrs. Russell (Wilma Mae)       | Widowed        |                 | 5/4/40   | PF          |                  | H. L. Shumway     |         |     |                |
| Ward, Lorraine                       | Married        | A. J. Brewer    | 6/1/48   | PF          |                  | John P. Carr      |         |     |                |
| Ward, Bonnie                         | Married        | Elmer Castle    |          | PF          |                  |                   | 5/1965  | Tc  |                |
| Ward, Jackie                         | Single         | Ruth Meade      | 7/17/49  | PF          |                  | Mrs. T. H. Bandy  |         |     |                |
| Ward, Marshall                       | Married        |                 | 2/12/22  | PF          |                  | W. J. Blankenship |         | D   |                |
| Preston, Mrs. Jennie                 | Married        | Raymond Preston | 10/20/21 | PF          |                  | L. D. Iscord      |         | D   |                |
| Wells, Mrs. W. G. (May)              | Married        |                 | 6/1911   | PF          |                  | Oviy York         | 9/13/75 | D   |                |
| Meek, Arbie                          | Married        |                 | 6/1/46   | PF          |                  | John P. Carr      | 7/1/71  | D   | Frank Spillman |
| Meek, Mrs. Arbie C.W. White (Evelyn) | Married        |                 | 11/21/48 | PF          |                  | Mrs. F.H. Bandy   | 7/14/61 | CT  | Fortville, IN. |
|                                      |                |                 |          |             |                  | John P. Carr      |         |     |                |
| Meek, Buddy                          | Single         |                 | 7/17/49  | PF          |                  | Mrs. F. H. Bundy  |         |     |                |
| Meek, Flora Ann                      | Single         |                 | 7/17/49  | PF          |                  | Mrs. F. H. Bundy  |         |     |                |



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| Wells, Mrs. Mary<br>John D. Redman<br>(Sammons) | Widow   |                     | 10/20/21 | PF | H. B. Hulett          | L. D. Icard     | 7/12/62  | D              |                                                        |
| Wells, Chloe Lee                                | Single  |                     | 10/11/21 | PF |                       | L. D. Icard     | 3/15/76  | D              | Mabry Holbrook                                         |
| Dutton, Henly C.                                | Married |                     | 10/11/42 | PF |                       | B. L. Allen     |          |                |                                                        |
| Dutton, Mrs. H. C.<br>(Ellen)                   | Married |                     | 2/12/22  | PF |                       | L. D. Iscord    |          |                |                                                        |
| Meade, Raymond                                  | Married |                     | 4/17/49  | CT | Wayland Methodist     | T. H. Bandy     | 11/23/74 | D              | Mabry Holbrook                                         |
| Meade, Mrs. Raymond<br>(Hazel)                  | Married |                     | 4/17/49  | CT | Wayland Methodist     | T. H. Bandy     | 3/4/89   | D              | Doug Lawson                                            |
| Meade, Charles Estil                            | Single  |                     | 7/17/49  | PF |                       | T. H. Bandy     |          |                |                                                        |
| Meade, Chad                                     | Single  |                     | 7/17/49  | PF |                       | T. H. Bandy     |          | TR             | Auxier Church                                          |
| Meade, Howard Ray                               | Single  | Tommie George       | 7/17/49  | PF |                       | T. H. Bandy     | 88       | D              | Daug Lawson                                            |
| Mullins, Virginia                               | Single  |                     | 7/17/49  | PF |                       | T. H. Bandy     |          |                |                                                        |
| Ward, Mrs. Myrtle                               | Widow   |                     | 12/4/47  | OD |                       | M. N. Dehaven   |          | D              | Dehaven                                                |
| Ward, Bill                                      | Married | Opal Blair          | 4/17/49  | PF |                       | S. B. Rucker    | TR       | Mayo Methodist | F. Spillman                                            |
| Slone, Mrs. A. D.<br>(Melissa)                  | Married | Augustia D. Slone   | 10/20/21 |    |                       | L. D. Icard     | TR       | Mayo Methodist | F. Spillman                                            |
| Wells, Mrs. Louise                              | Widow   | Luther Harmon       | 1911     |    |                       | Ivy Guy York    |          | D              |                                                        |
| Ward, Wanda<br>Doug Lawson<br>Aurora, Ind.      | Married | Parrott Bowling     | 7/17/49  | PF |                       |                 | 8/27/90  | CT             | Community UMC                                          |
| Ward Linda Lou<br>Spillman                      | Married | Roy L. Watkins Jr.  | 7/17/49  | PF |                       |                 | 5/18/68  | TR             | United Presley<br>Springfield, TN                      |
| Wells, Barbara Sue                              | Single  |                     |          | PF |                       |                 | 12/5/63  | D              | Marton VanBibber                                       |
| Welch, U. S.<br>W. Whiter                       | Widower |                     |          | PF |                       | R. F. Rice      | 8/27/61  | D              | C.                                                     |
| Wells, George                                   | Married | Angie Sammons       |          | PF |                       | Ivy York        |          |                |                                                        |
| Crabtree, Garnet<br>Hall, Hessie                | Single  | Harrison Crabtree   |          | PF |                       | E. L. Everyman  | 6/74     | D              |                                                        |
| Crum, Julia                                     |         |                     |          | PF |                       | Ivy York        |          | D              |                                                        |
| Pennix, Lydia                                   | Married | James L. Pennington | 4/1/46   | PF |                       | John P. Carr    |          | T              |                                                        |
| Collins, Bonnie Penix                           | Married | Jack Collins        | 6/1/46   | PF |                       | John P. Carr    |          |                |                                                        |
| Ward, Alberta                                   | Married | Lent                | 7/19/42  | PF |                       | B. L. Allen     |          |                |                                                        |
| Wells, Bruce                                    | Married | Octavia             | 7/19/42  | PF |                       | B. L. Allen     |          | D              |                                                        |
| Mrs. May Best                                   | Married |                     |          | CT |                       |                 |          | D              |                                                        |
| Daniels, Phyllis Ann                            | Single  |                     | 4/12/53  | PF |                       | W. E. Cissna    |          |                |                                                        |
| Boyd, Mrs. Russell<br>(Marvel)                  | Married | Russell G. Boyd     | 9/13/53  | CT | Oil Spring Methodist  | W. E. Cissna    |          | TR             | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Methodist Church<br>Paintsville, Ky  |
| Boyd, Russell G.                                | Married | Marvel Brown        | 7/18/54  | PF |                       | W. E. Cissna    |          | TR             | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Methodist Church<br>Paintsville, Ky  |
| Boyd, Janet Sue                                 | Single  |                     | 9/13/53  | CT | Oil Spring Methodist  | W. E. Cissna    |          | TR             | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Methodist Church<br>Paintsville, Ky  |
| Boyd, R. Grayson                                | Single  | Brenda Spradlin     | 9/13/53  | CT | Oil Springs Methodist | W. E. Cissna    |          | TR             | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Methodist Church,<br>Paintsville, Ky |
| DeLong, Roger                                   | Married | Phyllis Preston     | 7/15/56  | PF |                       | H. B. Holland   |          |                |                                                        |
| Ward, Shirley Lee                               | Single  | Robert Murphy       | 5/26/57  | OD | Baptist               | H. B. Holland   |          |                |                                                        |
| Ward, June Ann                                  | Married | Bobby Lane          | 5/26/57  | PF |                       | H. B. Holland   |          |                |                                                        |
| Ward, Betty Lou                                 | Single  | Bailey              | 10/26/58 | PF |                       | G. E. Hart      | 7/5/67   | TR             | Ebenezer Meth.<br>F. Spillman, Knoxville, TN           |
| Ward, Madonna Kay                               | Single  | Herman Chandler     | 10/29/59 | PF |                       | R. S. Deerfield |          |                |                                                        |
| Pennix, Halienna                                | Single  | Larry Trent         | 10/29/59 | PF |                       | R. S. Deerfield |          |                |                                                        |
| Castle, Bonnie Ward<br>Robert Meece             | Single  | Elmer Castle        | 7/17/49  | PF |                       | Mabry, H. Bandy | 5/4/69   | TR             | Wesley Methodist<br>Marion, Ohio                       |
| Castle, Elmer<br>Robert Meece<br>Marion, Ohio   | Married | Bonnie J. Ward      | 10/29/59 | PF |                       | R. S. Deerfield | 5/4/69   | TR             | Wesley Meth.                                           |



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| Castle, Kathy<br>Robert Meece<br>Marion, Ohio | Single  |                    | 1961     | PF |                 | I. H. Lee          | 5/14/69 | TR | Wesley Methodist           |
| William G. Wells Jr.,                         | Married | Mae Meek           | 7/7/61   | PF |                 | C. W. White        | 8/12/61 | D  | C. W. White                |
| Wells, M. Lendsy                              | Married | Vicie Hinkle       | 11/9/61  | PF |                 | C. W. White        |         | D  |                            |
| Ward, Angie                                   | Single  |                    | 9/10/61  | OD | Baptist         | C. W. White        |         | D  |                            |
| Ward, Ruth                                    | Single  |                    | 9/10/61  | PF |                 | C. W. White        |         |    |                            |
| Preston, James                                | Single  |                    | 3/24/63  | PF |                 | John Redman        |         |    |                            |
| Preston, Mildred                              | Married | Ora Preston        | 3/24/63  | OD | Baptist         | John Redman        |         |    |                            |
| Meade, Irma (Mary)                            | Married | "Skinny" Walter S. | 7/12/64  | CT | Methodist, Iowa | Robert Meece       |         |    |                            |
| Walters, Judy                                 | Single  | R. Wayne Wright    | 5/28/67  | PF |                 | Clifford C. Isbelt |         |    |                            |
| Hall, Al                                      | Married | Toby Weaver        | 10/12/74 | PF |                 | Marby Holbrook     |         | D  |                            |
| Paregean, Eileen<br>(Ilene)                   | Married | Saunders           | 10/12/74 | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         | D  |                            |
| Parigian, Ed                                  | Married |                    | 10/12/74 | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     | 8/3/75  | D  |                            |
| Staford, Bob                                  | Married |                    | 12/8/74  | CT | Rush Fork       | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Hall, Tobie (Weaver)                          | Married | Al Hall            | 2/22/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Wells, Demnis                                 | Single  |                    | 2/22/75  | PF |                 | Marby Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Meek, Isaac                                   |         |                    | 9/13/53  | CT | Paintsville     | W. E. Cissna       | 2/25/54 | D  | W. E. Cissna               |
| Walters, Becky<br>(Rebecca)                   | Single  | Steve Click        | 4/20/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Walters, Dianna                               | Single  |                    | 4/20/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Butcher, Marcia                               | Single  |                    | 4/20/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Parigiana, Robert                             | Single  |                    | 4/20/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Penix, Eadie                                  | Single  |                    | 4/20/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Holbrook, Jean Ann                            | Single  |                    | 4/20/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Butcher, Bonnie Lynn                          | Single  |                    | 4/20/75  | PF |                 | Mabry Holbrook     |         |    |                            |
| Ward, Joyce Vonda                             | Single  | Paul Ross          | 6/1/46   | PF |                 | John P. Carr       | 2/5/52  | CT | Lexington Ky, Presbyterian |
| Pelphrey, Lillie Marie                        | Single  | Wiley              | 7/14/42  | PF |                 | B. L. Allen        |         | PF | United Baptist             |
| Lemaster, Billy                               | Married | Sue                | 8/26/90  | CT | Oil Spring UMC  | Doug Lawson        |         |    |                            |
| Lemaster, Sue                                 | Married | Billy              | 8/26/90  | CT | Oil Spring UMC  | Doug Lawson        |         |    |                            |



## 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 4.0 scale (This is to be verified by the signature of a high school administrator or counselor on the application form.)
- 6 submit a Pedigree Chart 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



# 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 (606) 473-9257



PEDIGREE CHART

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number 1 on this chart is the same as no. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart no. \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and address of submitter: