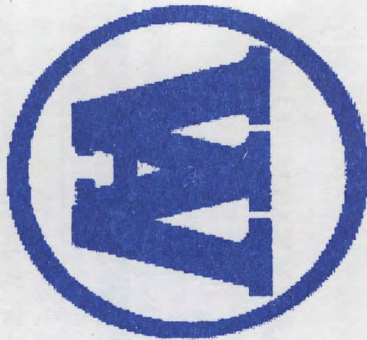


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The 2000 reunion will be here soon and if you have not made your reservations as of yet, do so soon. Remember, there are a lot of activities going on in the Paintsville area during the Labor Day weekend. The Race Track brings many people to the area and if you don't get your reservation early you may not be able to get lodging. There are several motels in the area and I will list the names and phone numbers for your convenience.

Super 8 Motel, Inez, KY	1-(606)298-7000
Inez Motel, Inez, KY	1-(606)298-7711
Carriage House, Paintsville, KY	1-(606)789-4242
Days Inn, Paintsville, KY	1-(606)789-3551
Starfire Motel, Paintsville, KY	1-(606)789-5341
Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, KY	1-(606)886-0001
Blue Sky Motel, Prestonsburg, KY	1-(606)886-2797
Super 8 Motel, Prestonsburg, KY	1-(606)886-3355

Please, don't forget to prepare your food for the Sunday dinner. If you are traveling the cooks at the school said you may prepare and freeze the food since they have means of thawing it. The paper products and silver

ware will be provided but you will need to bring Meats, Vegetables, Salads, desserts and drinks. It seems that we run short of Vegetables and Meats each year but have plenty of deserts. If you will be attending the Saturday evening activities it is fine to bring your food since the school has means to keep things cool if you want to bring your food on Saturday evening. Happy eating to all!!!!

CHILDREN: *If you want to paint a T-shirt bring a white one of your choice and Kathy Walker & Charlene Muncy will be helping you paint your shirt. This will be done at the reunion on Sunday!!!*

If you have any good board games that young people would enjoy please bring since they may use them.

An appeal is going out for all teenagers to come out to help Kathy Walker and Charlene Muncy with the games for the children.

Kathy and Charlene would like for you to bring pictures of your family or of past reunions to display for others to view.

This newsletter is the last until after the reunion. Bring any news for the fall newsletter plus any data for the Historical Committee's Wells Family book to the reunion – please give it to Mary Wells Walton or you can give any information for the book to any one of the Historical Committee.

We need to get your family information in if it is to be included in the book. If you have already submitted your data and you have had deaths, births, marriage or any other changes since submitting it please update it and bring this information. The Historical Committee will include, Bobby Wells, John B. Wells III, Paula Wells, Charles C. Wells or Mary Walton. We appreciate your assisting us in gathering this information.

Saturday September 2nd

ACTIVITIES:

3:00 p.m. Meet at the Johnson Central High School parking lot for the grave tours of Richard Wells grave site plus several of the other cemeteries where some of his children and grandchildren are buried. **BE SURE TO WEAR COMFORT WALKING SHOES.**

4:00 p.m. *School doors will open for those not taking the grave tour.* Kathy Walker & Charlene Muncy have plenty activities planned for the young and old that aren't taking the grave tours. For both Saturday and Sunday, they need some young adults to assist with the small children's activities. Help would be appreciated.

Lyman Porter & Bentah Keel will be at the door to register you and gather information. Lyman ask that each of you please cut the form out at the end of the newsletter and bring it to the reunion or mail it in. This will save time at the door and will assist them in getting all information correctly.

6:00 p.m. Bring light refreshments. Previously, we had sandwiches, barbecues, and hot dogs, fruit, chips, drinks and sweets, etc. Several grocery stores and take-out restaurants are nearby.

6:30 p.m. Genealogical Workshop, led by the Historical Committee, John B. Wells III, Bobby Wells, Charles C. Wells, Paula Wells & Mary Walton. A xerox machine will be available for making copies. The committee asks that you bring your genealogy and old pictures that you want included in the book. The meeting will last as long as families want to stay, visit and exchange information. Bring suggestions with you.

Sunday September 3rd

ACTIVITIES:

10:00 a.m. Doors will open socializing, getting acquainted and exchanging information.

11:00 a.m. **WELCOME** – by Bobby Wells, President.

11:30 a.m. **ANNUAL AUCTION** – Please give your auction items to Ann Porter and Randy Wells. Get your craft items together for the best auction ever! Originally money raised from this auction was for grave stones of unmarked family graves, but due to increased reunion expenses and newsletter mailing costs, the board voted to use some for the general fund. **REMEMBER IF YOU DESIGNATE YOUR GIFTS FOR**

A SPECIFIC PROJECT, YOUR DONATION WILL BE USED ACCORDING TO YOUR REQUESTS.
Designated funds can only be used for the specific project designated by the donating family member.

The board voted to purchase some stones with some of the funds designated for that purpose, but the stones have not been received yet. If you know of any unmarked family graves, please let the board know so they can vote to purchase markers for them. We appreciate the hard work that has gone into making the auction a success -- Ann Porter, Randy Wells, their helpers, and all who donate auction items.

You may not believe it but you may see some young men dressed in Scottish and Irish attire greeting you this year, (*some may be wearing kilts*). Kathy Walker and Charlene Muncy will also have Sunday activities. This reunion looks like it will prove to be very exciting!

1:00 p.m. There will be a short Memorial Service for those love ones that have passed away since the last reunion.

1:15 p.m. Dinner will be served. Please allow the disabled and those that are 80 years and older the honor of getting in line first.

OFFERING LIFTED, remember it goes for a good cause!!!

2:30 p.m. Nomination of 2000-2001 Officers and Board Members by the Nomination Committee -- Charlene Muncy, Manford Walton and Ron Wells.

3:00 p.m. until ? Family Members visit. Kathy Walker & Charlene Muncy will provided entertainment.

There will be some small reunions this year but only one that we were provided information on is listed below.

THE UNOKA CLARK RICHMOND REUNION

UNOKA CLARK RICHMOND had three children: Fanny, who married Richard "Dick" Wells and Anna, who married Benjamin "Ben" Wells and Bill Richmond who married Myrtle Spears. The descendants of these three children will be meeting at 10:00 a.m., - 3:00 p.m. **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT THE PAINTSVILLE RECREATION CENTER ON PRESTON STREET, PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY.**

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 40 EAST through Paintsville, when you get to where the Old Paintsville Hospital used to be, just past it you will see on the left, Preston Street -- make a LEFT TURN toward the hill and the Paintsville Recreation Center will be on the RIGHT. There is parking for everyone in front.

Family members are asked to bring a light lunch like sandwich's, chips, pop and dessert items. Bring enough for your family plus some extra for those that can't bring. Efforts are made to not do a lot of cooking so family has time to visit. There will be a full meal at the Sunday reunion. Looking forward to seeing you there. Local relatives please all come -- there are many of your first cousins coming a long distance to visit with you. It has been a long time since this family has gotten together. **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

(My daughter -in-law, Kathy Adams-Walton, sent me this by e-mail and I felt you genealogical researchers would really enjoy it)

A LITTLE GENEALOGICAL HUMOR:

The following conversation was overheard at a party attended by high society people: "My ancestry goes all the way back to Alexander the Great," said one lady. She then turned to a second lady and asked, "And how far does your family go back?" "I don't know," was the reply, "All of our records were lost in the Flood."

Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.
Can a first cousin, once remove, return?
Searching for lost relatives? Win the lottery!
Do I ever WANT ancestors?

Every family tree has some sap in it.
Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.
Genealogists never die, they just lose their roots.
Genealogy: A haystack full of needles. It's the threads I need.
Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.
Hereditry: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom.
Life is lived forwards, but understood backwards.
Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related.

I received this card from Don Collins and his family Heidi, Jacob and Marissa. Don lives in Washington state and teaches Art at a local High School. Talent runs in the Wells Family.
Dear Family and Friends,

We regret to inform you that our traditional holiday card is not yet Y2K compliant. As a direct result of a "creative glitch" our annual greeting has been deleted.

We hope to reassure you that the Bah Hum Bugs will not crash your festive spirits as you celebrate this very special holiday season.

Wishing you and your family a healthy, prosperous, and "bug-free" Y2K.

The Collins Family Don, Heidi, Jacob, & Marissa

The card is dedicated in loving memory to three very special people:

Pearl Hamilton Wells Delbert Elwin Bunch
Kurt Erich Miltenberger (Opal)

Mary,

Hope your Christmas was wonderful. Thanks for all you do for the Wells Family Assoc. This family member greatly appreciates you. Hope your New Year is super & all your dreams come true.

Best Wishes, Don Collins & Family

Don is the son of Jesse Collins of Daniels Creek, Van Lear and his grandparents were the late Connard Collins and Gladly Wells Collins. He descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells and his daughter, Roseanna Wells Spears. You would have to see the card to appreciate it. Don and his oldest sister, Linda, are flying in to visit their dad, Jesse, the first week of April. They will fly in to Nashville and rent a car and driving on to Van Lear. Don has not seen his Dad since 2/1997.

I got this letter from one of our regular supporters of the Wells Reunion, Mary Mae Kozee. I felt it was so special that I should share it with you.

5/2/2000, Paintsville, Ky 41240

Mary,

I am looking forward to a brand new member Brianna Wells Arnett of Lexington who has spent 2 days with me -- one rainy day we spent on Greasy Creek -- Located the old Home spot of the Dr. Wm. Green Wells place --which I have a picture & will bring to the next reunion. Brianna is a grad-daughter of attorney Wm. "G" Wells who died at age 90 and was known as "G" Wells because there were 3 men named (Wm. Green Wells)

The late Charles C. Wells who you recall lived on 5th St. till almost 103 years. His father was Wm. G., but known as Willie Wells, father of George C. Wells, Pikeville Ky. George of Pikeville isn't too well after stroke but does walk again.

We Johnson County folks are really enjoying Ronnie Wells cooking shows & really good foods. Hope to bring his much liked fresh Rhubarb cake and you would be surprised how many unusual things he comes up with, like Papaw

Pies -- Seems Nevard has Papaws by the bushel. Wish Mary and Manfred lived closer to see & hear & see that Ronnie on TV our Home Town Channel -Fishing & doing all the rest. Who ever thought of Ronnie anything but sports?

Thanks for all the hard work you all put in to keep this Wells Clan together & I'm trying to get new & younger folks interested for I've had too many birthdays, but thankful to have 4 great grandchildren cry for me. It's what they find in my refrigerator.

Thanks again & again to one & all
Love always, Mary Mae Kazee

I had a letter from Jim Doug & Doris Wells who live in Ft. McCoy, Florida in May. He was coming to Kentucky in May to visit but still expecting to come back for this years reunion. I will print his letter for you to read.

Dear Manfred & Mary,

A message from one of your cousins who went South (& stayed),
A fellow here in Florida that I know has an Aunt & Uncle who are Wells' thought maybe you could send her a notice of the Wells Family Reunion for 2000. (Maybe add them to the newsletter list.)

As of now we plan to be at the Reunion. We are coming to Maysville and Morehead, Ky the last of May for our granddaughter Lori Lundergon's H.S. graduation & most likely stay during the month of June. Our son (Jim) is moving to Calif, around July 1st. so we want to spend some time with them. His company he was working for was bought out by another company so he had to find another job - Calif, offered the best possibility. They lived out there 10-12 years ago.

They will be going back to the same area (Riverside, Calif.), same church & many of their friends are still there.
Hope to see you this fall, Jim & Doris Wells

(I got this letter from Laura Wells which is her yearly one. Laura is a retired deaconess and lives in their retirement home in Asheville, NC. She is the sister of Lloyd and Ron Wells who serves on the Wells Family board).

December 1999

TO: All of You who have influenced my life for the good sometime, some where, some way, some how!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy an peace," (Romans 15:13)
What an appropriate benediction (and greeting) for this special season.

Want to hear the highlights of my year? Did I hear a few enthusiastic "yesses"? That's encouraging (not that I needed it to continue!) And I do believe I heard a few mumbles "well, if I must". Nevertheless

"THE BOOK"

Dare I mention" The Year of the Book" again? Each year I feel more

strongly that this is the year. This IS the year! Or maybe next.

MY friend, Jewell Castle, came from Lexington, KY, to this "neck of the woods" for an Elder Hostel this year an spent several days working with me on THE BOOK. We made a good beginning but as time sped by with little progress I became painfully aware that I needed more help within "hollering" distance. At the insistent advice of my long - time friend, Tillie Brooks, I finally went with her (with fear and trepidation) to consult with her editor, Deana Donovan, the editor, was so novice-friendly and thorough in describing the services the Celio Book Production Service provided and the expenses involved - I decided then and there that this was the direction out of my quagmire.

So, again, I am encouraged and challenged to begin a new year anticipating a more committed effort to completing this mission.

*** "Call to Prayer" ***

Some of you have been involved in the United Methodist Women's "Call to Prayer" program this year. The program was written by a Brooks-Howell resident and included one of my stories relating to prison ministry. As a result of this program, several Brooks-Howell residents have been involved in a number of speaking engagements and have received many letters of appreciation from UMW throughout the nation. I felt a need to respond to these 100 plus letters with an expression of deep gratitude for UMW for their consistent and generous support during my years of service as a Church and Community Worker and in retirement.

*** Brooks-Howell ***

One of the major happenings at BHH this year was the gala celebration and dedication of the new Village and Therapy Pool (which I missed!) I was involved in the National Church and Community Workers' biennial meeting at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, MS. (which I couldn't miss!).

*** Family Tragedies ***

There deaths in the family this year have been painful reminders of our mortality - an aunt, a cousin, and a grand-nephew. None of these deaths can be considered more painful than the others for the families involved; however, the grand-nephew, a 17-year-old who was killed in a car accident, was particularly traumatic.

*** Church and Community ***

1. Assisted "my" pastor in a course on "Spiritual Gifts".
2. Participated in "Building Bridges", a 9-week small group experience in race relations working toward understanding, respect and affirmation of diversity; and Am coordinating Church Women United's "Adopt-a-Family" project. This program ("Families First"), a cooperative effort of the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry and the Department of social Services, is an effort to provide a support community for families moving from welfare to work.

*** Other Activities of Note ***

1. Made my usual annual visits with friends and former co-workers in Clay Co., NC (my first assignment as a Church & Community Worker) and in Martin, TN (my last assignment prior to retirement Stopped in Nashville, of course, along the way!)
2. Spent two weeks in Chautauqua (NY) - one week as a guest, one week as a co-hostess at the Fenton Deaconess House. I will be serving as co-hostess at Fenton for 4 weeks this summer.
3. Participated in a Deaconess Retreat at Lake Junaluska.
4. Attended the biennial CCW meeting at Gullside Assembly.
5. Was privileged to be involved in a United Methodist Seminar on National and International Affairs conducted in New York and Washington, DC (a very intense and provocative challenge and preparation for involvement in "Acts of Mercy and .. Justice).

*** Family Affairs ***

My sister, Jean, and I made our annual trek to KY visiting siblings, other family members, and friends. Following the UM Seminar, I spent a week with Jean in Maryland. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received," I Peter 4:10

May you anticipate and be receptive to the joy of Christmas and to God's blessings in the new year - and be thankful!

Nell Mohney in "A Calendar of Devotions 1999" reminds us that "a gift is not a gift until you receive it".

Shalom!

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ACADEMICS

LORI LUNDERGAN, of Morehead, Kentucky graduated in May from Morehead High School. She is the daughter of Eddie and Kim Wells Lundergan and granddaughter of James "Jim" & Doris Connors Wells of Florida.

Lori descends from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

Lori and her sister Stacy performed for the Wells Family a few years ago and her grandfather is a previous Wells board member.

I am not sure where Lori will attend college but assume she will be attending at Morehead where her sister attends and her father is employed.

CHRISTOPHER ALLEN MOAN, son of Edward A. and Linda Sue Collins Moan of Spokane, Washington graduated from West Valley High School.

Christopher plans to attend Eastern Washington University and study Physical Therapy. His mother Linda is the eldest daughter of Jesse Charles Collins of Van Lear, Kentucky.

Christopher is a descendant of Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and Roseanne Wells Spears lines.

VINCE COCHRAN, of Worthington, Kentucky and a student at Eastern Kentucky University. He was on the deans list and has maintained the honor roll throughout his school years.

Vince is in the Physical Therapy program and has maintained the honor roll all through his school years. He will start his Level - I Clinical this fall semester.

Vince is the son of Robert & Tommie Collins Cochran and descends from Richard Wells by way of Roseanna Wells Spears line.

His mother Tommie, grandfather Arthur Collins and step-grandmother Wanda all are members of the Wells Family Board.

KELLY COLLINS, of Flatgap, Kentucky graduated from Morehead State University in May with a bachelors degree in Arts. Kelly did her student teaching in Floyd County school system.

Kelly is the daughter of Michael & Brenda Bailey Collins of Flatgap. She is following in her parents profession since both of them are teachers.

Kelly descend from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

ERIN SUSANNA MCCOART, of Van Lear and the 1999 Wells Family Association Scholarship Recipient has successfully completed her year with the Prestonsburg Community College and made the Dean's List.

Students had to earn at least a 3.5-4.0 to make the Dean's List. Erin is the daughter of John & Vicky Adkins McCoart and her maternal grandparents are James & Emma Wells Adkins.

Erin descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Erin, a hard worker, attends school full time, works part time for a local Doctor and part time for her cousin in a local store.

ERIN COLLINS, a student at Prestonsburg Community College has made the deans list again. Erin has maintained the honor roll all through her school years.

She is the daughter of Michael & Brenda Bailey Collins of Flatgap, Kentucky.

She descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

DARLA S. WELLS, of Van Lear, Kentucky graduated from Johnson Central High School May of 2000. Darla is the daughter of Phillip Wells.

I am not sure what Darla plans are for furthering her education.

Darla descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

DANIEL K. WELLS, of Van Lear, Kentucky graduated from Johnson Central High School with the class of 2000.

I do not know what plans Daniel has for continuing his education.

Daniel is the son of Bryan and Diana Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells.

SHAWNNA LASHAY KEEL, of Van Lear, Kentucky graduated with the Year 2000 Johnson Central High School Class. Shawwna is the daughter of Stanley & Judy Butcher Keel.

I do not know what Shawwna's future plans are nor what school she plans on attending.

Shawwna had knee surgery at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg in July. She is home recuperating.

Shawwna descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells (her father's line) and she descends from Jacob Butcher (her mother's line).

LAURA WELLS, 10th Grader, at Johnson Central High School was a member of the *State Champs of the 1999-2000 Johnson Central High School Academic Team*. Laura is the daughter of George and Teresa Wells of Paintsville. She descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

AMANDA WELLS, daughter of Steven & Shari Wells of Ashland, has been awarded a *Pastor Recommendation Scholarship* from Cumberland College in Williamsburg. Amanda attends First Baptist Church in Ashland, and Rev. Bill Messer, was pastor at the time she received the scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have an above average academic record, possess strong Christian commitment and demonstrate active church-membership. It is renewable up to four years. Amanda descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells. She is a niece of the late Phillip Wells who served many years on the Wells Board.

CHRIS WELLS and KEVIN WELLS, were members of the *Regional Champs for Johnson County Middle School Academic Team*. They are siblings of Laura who was a State Champ. They are the children of George and Teresa Wells of Paintsville. They descend from Richard Wells through his son, Moses Wells.

CARRIE WELLS, was a member of the *Regional Champs of Johnson County Middle School Academic Team*. Carrie is the daughter of James and Katherine Wells.

CYNTHIA MARIAH MUNCY, the daughter of Eugene & Charlene Patton Muncy will be a senior at Morehead University the fall of 2000. She has maintained a 3.8 G.P.A. throughout her schooling and made the Dean's List throughout college.

She is a member of the *Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society* and was invited to become a member of the *Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi* at Morehead. She was nominated for *Who's Who Among American College*

Students: Cynthia hopes to complete her education by applying for the teacher education program next fall so she can obtain a teaching certificate in Art K-12.

Cynthia is the sister of Katherine Michelle Muncy of Williamsport, Kentucky. They both will be attending Morehead this fall. Cynthia descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

MARY FRANCES KEEL MOORE, graduated from Highlands Regional Medical Center's third Paramedic Class. The graduation ceremonies was held November 17, 1999. Eleven students representing Floyd, Johnson, and Martin counties, graduated from the intense 18 month program with nine of the group completing and passing their State Board Certification Exams.

Dena Patton, RN, MSN, *Clinical Manager*, of Highlands Emergency Department & Clinical Director of the paramedic program, welcomed graduates, family members and guests to the ceremony. Eastern Kentucky can feel a little safer just knowing that these certified paramedics are there to ensure that they have access to advanced life support emergency medical services. Highland began the paramedic program in keeping with its mission to look after the health, wellness, and medical needs of community and to provide services in the places that best meet their needs.

Paul Britzendine, M.D., *Medical Director*, of Highlands Emergency Services and of the Paramedic Program, said, "Since Highlands began the paramedic program in 1995, we have seen great improvements in the way patients are well cared for, expertly treated in the field and gotten into the hospital here is no doubt this expert emergency pre-hospital care in the field improves the overall outcome for patients."

Mary Frances is one of Eastern Kentucky's people trained and dedicated--providing advance emergency service when called upon day or night to the community.

Mary Frances is the daughter of Frank & Beulah Wells Keel of Auxier. She is married to Bobby Moore and resides in Auxier. Mary Frances and her mother both serve on the Wells Family Board.

She descends from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

MARRIAGES

JEREMY HORN & MELISSA SPENCE, of Martin County were married June 17th at Inez, Kentucky. The wedding was a beautiful outdoor wedding at the home of Craig and April Preece.

Melissa is the daughter of the late Garfield Spence and granddaughter of Garland and Eloise Spence. She is a 2000 graduate of Morehead State University with a Bachelor in Business and Accounting. She is employed as Assistant Manager at Family Dollar in Grove City, Ohio.

Jeremy is in his 4th year of Pharmacy School at Ohio State University and employed at Columbus Big Bear as a Pharmacy Tech. The newly married couple are residing at Grove City, Ohio. Jeremy is the son of Edward and JoAnn Horn of Inez.

The wedding party consisted of Jessica Horn and Miranda Carby as bridesmaids, Edward Horn as best man and Chad Marcum as usher. Cara Preece was flower girl and Madison Goble ring bearer. Ronnie Goble, minister of the Davella Church of Christ, performed the ceremony.

Jeremy descends from Richard Wells through, George E. Wells.

ANGELA KAY WELLS & DAVID LEE COBURN, were married April 15, 2000 at Greenup Kentucky Christian Church.

Angela, the daughter of Bob and Ricca Wells of Greenup and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, is employed in the marketing and planning department of Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital.

David is the son of Gary and Karen Coburn, both of Ironton, Ohio. He graduated from Ironton High School, Marshall University and Shawnee State University and is employed with Ironton's Physical Therapy.

Angela descends from Richard Wells through the Moses Wells, Henry C. Wells, and Lowe B. Wells lines.

STACIA ELIZABETH HOWARD & RON SLONE, of Prestonsburg Ky., were married on May 14, 2000. Stacia, the daughter of Timothy & Karen Patton Howard of Auxier, was honored with a Household Shower on April 29th at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Stacia and Ron are residing in Greenville, South Carolina where Ron is employed at an engineering firm.

Stacia descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

JONATHAN C. PLUMMER & CHRYSYAL L. ROSE, were married on September 8, 1999. Jonathan is the youngest son of Millard & Kim Plummer of Fort Gay, WV.

Jonathan & Chrystal both are employed with Three River Medical Center in Louisa, Ky. They reside at Rt. 1, Fort Gay, WV. Jonathan descends from Richard Wells through his son, William Green Wells.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

DANNY K. BLEVINS, is a co-host of a cable television program dealing with astronomy. The show is entitled "Starguide" and features Blevins and his co-host, Mr. Mike Burchett. Blevins and Burchett are both science instructors in the Johnson County School System and both are NASA -- "NEW" educators. The two received their NASA training at NASA Langley Research Center. Both also work extensively with Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus as observational astronomers at Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University during the summers.

The show airs at various times in the cities of Paintsville and Prestonsburg. And may be viewed on Wednesday nights on the Big Sandy TV Cable that serves Van Lear, Auxier and several other communities. This television program is directed and produced by Ronnie Wells, who also has a televised cooking show. Ronnie is the son of Herman Wells and the late Jeanette Wells.

Danny K. Blevins and Ronnie Wells both descend from Richard through his son, George E. Wells. Danny and Herman Wells, Ronnie's father, serve on the Wells Family Board.

DR. RANDALL "RANDY" WELLS, who is a Professor with the University of Louisville has been chosen by his Dean and the Faculty to serve as the Acting Chair of the newly-formed Department of Teaching and Learning for the coming year. Three departments were merged to create this new department.

Randy will have over thirty full-time professors and about the same number of part-time professors reporting to him. He will conduct a national search for a permanent Chair during the year. Randy will fulfill this position above his regular position.

Randy is *Vice President* of the Wells Family Board, *Chairperson* of the Scholarship Committee and assists Ann Porter with the auction. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

BOB & TOM HUTCHISON, of Johnson County have been chosen for superior performance. Bob and Tom Hutchison own and manage nine McDonald's Restaurants in Eastern Kentucky. Since opening the first McDonald's Restaurant, the Hutchison's have given individuals with disabilities opportunities to train and work.

The Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, in all of the counties where the McDonald's stores are located, have an excellent working relationship with the Hutchison's. This cooperation greatly benefits individuals with the most severe disabilities.

Ernie Pennington, vocational rehabilitation counselor in Paintsville, sums it up best when he states, "The Hutchison's truly remarkable and longstanding commitment to hiring Eastern Kentuckian's with disabilities is invaluable to both department staff and Vocational Rehabilitation customers. The Hutchison's sincerely believe what we believe - all individuals can work when given the opportunity."

Nominated by Jack Cline, Pennington and the Paintsville/West Liberty Area Department of Vocational Rehabilitation staff for special recognition from the department, Hutchison's McDonald's was one of 12 Kentucky employers chosen for superior performance in providing people with disabilities and opportunity to work and earn wages in the community.

Carolyn Cochran, supervisor of three of the McDonald's Restaurant's, accepted the award at an employer recognition dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Lexington on June 11 from Sam Serraglio, department commissioner.

Bob and Tom do not descend from Richard Wells but descend from Richard's wife Susannah Hutchison. She was the daughter of Peter & Nancy Green Hutchison.

Bob and his niece, Heather Hutchison, went on the Scotland-Ireland trip with us. We had the privilege to attend church at Ochiltree, Scotland the home of our Hutchison cousins. Bob and his niece, Heather, looked so much like the Hutchison's from Scotland -- being with them was one of the highlights of our trip. The Scotland Hutchison's were so nice -- they prepared lunch and gave us the opportunity to visit and take pictures.

ROGER MOLLETTE, who retired from teaching at Johnson Central High School on June 30, 2000. Roger reached a historic milestone when he became the first JCHS graduate to retire from the school's teaching ranks. He was a 1969 JCHS graduate, a member of the school's first graduating class, and he taught agriculture at JCHS for 21 years.

The school honored him with a plaque, a watch and a rocking chair. Roger is the son of William an Edith Wells Mollette of Boons Camp. Roger descends from Richard Wells by way of William G. Wells and his twin sister Rita Smith and his mother Edith both serve on the Wells Family board.

DR. JERRY DOUGLAS FRAMM, one of Johnson County's most esteemed physicians has officially retired from medical practice and from his position on the medical staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Dr. Framm's distinguished career in medicine spanned the past forty years, and throughout he was noted by his patients and colleagues for his dedication, compassion and attention to detail in patient care.

Dr. Framm was born in Weeksbury. He moved to Paintsville in 1932 and graduated from Paintsville High School in 1949. Dr. Framm served in the military from 1951 to 1955. In 1956 he married Mary Elizabeth Preston and they had two sons Carl Douglas and Elliott Preston. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in physiology and received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1962. He returned to Paintsville in 1963, opened his office on Euclid Avenue, and joined the medical staff of the Paintsville Hospital. In January 1974, he joined the medical staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center, where he practiced exclusively until his retirement.

Many notable events occurred during Dr. Framm's career in medicine, including some that were firsts for the Big Sandy region. In 1973, he was the first physician in eastern Kentucky to terminate excessive ventricular contractions in a patient having an acute Myocardial Infarction (heart attack) by using intravenous Lidocaine.

It was Dr. Framm, who in 1974, made the suggestion to then Highlands administrator, Chalmer Frazier, that the hospital develop a coronary care unit. Dr. Framm along with three other physicians and two nurses, made up the coronary care committee that developed the unity protocol. After the eight member nursing staff completed training in critical care, Highlands opened the four bed coronary care unit in December of 1974, the first of its kind in Eastern Kentucky. (Today the coronary care unit has expanded to nine beds.) In 1984, Dr. Framm was the

first physician at Highlands to use the clot dissolving drug, Streptokinase, on a patient having a Myocardial Infarction. (Protocol for use of Streptokinase had previously been developed by the coronary care committee.) The patient was later transferred to St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington where a cardiac catheterization revealed the vessel was indeed open and blood flow restored. That particular patient is still living and in relatively good health today.

Dr. Framm noted that in the 25 years he has been on staff at Highlands Regional he has served on every medical committee, serving 14 years as *Secretary* of the Medical Executive Committee, and 17 years as *Chairman* of the Quality Assurance Committee.

When asked what he thought were the most significant changes in the field of medicine since he began practicing, Dr. Framm mentioned three in particular.

First was the advent of diagnostic modalities such as CT and MRI scans, sonograms such as CT and MRI scans, sonograms, and mammograms which were in Dr. Framm's words "undreamed of when he graduated from medical school."

Second was the availability of a number of new categories of medication for treating disease processes, and the development of coronary care units for managing patients in acute Myocardial Infarction or unstable angina.

Last was the improvement in communication with tertiary care levels of medicine and the implementation of more rapid medical transportation, when justified, such as appropriately equipped helicopters for patient transport.

Dr. Framm stated, "When I opened my practice there were eight doctors in Paintsville and around four in Prestonsburg, a very limited number. Now we have a significant number of medical and surgical trained specialists and we have immeasurably better facilities for treating medical/surgical problems. In addition, I specifically recall that at the time I opened my practice, it was rare to see students with good teeth. After the Paintsville water system introduced fluoridated water, it is now just as rare to see students with bad teeth."

When asked how he felt about managed care and its effects on the delivery of health care. Dr. Framm spoke frankly saying, "I believe managed care is an entity created by the insurance companies to make as much money as possible as quickly as possible at the expense of the patient. I believe we should go back to private enterprise and get government out of health care."

Without doubt, Dr. Jerry Framm has made a significant contribution to the practice of medicine in Johnson County and in Eastern Kentucky. His knowledge and work has helped raise the quality of medical

care available to patients in Eastern Kentucky. His career depicts the achievement of a lifetime dedicated to the service of others by providing high quality health care. Dr. Fraim, although retired, will remain an honored and revered member of the eastern Kentucky medical community. Dr. Fraim's wife Mary Elizabeth Preston Fraim descends from Richard Wells by way of Agnes Wells Auxier line.

SPECIAL ARTICLES BY MEMBERS!!

*This article was written by **Patti Quallich** for the Ohio Chapter, of the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, a support group, sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. This disease, not as rare as once believed, affecting mostly children, is being found in more and more adults. Average hospitals are not aware of this disease yet but within five years it is expected to be a household word. If one relative could be helped from suffering from this disease then this article is worth printing.*

Douglas Anthony Quallich
born May 17, 1949, died September 20,
1998 of Mitochondrial Disease
Carnitine Palmitate Transferase II Deficiency (CPT
II Deficiency & Electron Transport Failure)

Memories of Doug make me smile when I think of things we did together over the years as friends and then as my spouse. I will always value the time I spent with him. Doug was very optimistic, confident, talkative, wise, smart, comfortable with whom he was, liked to make you laugh, and a lot of fun.



Doug & Heather Quallich 1994

He was also a co-owner of a tool and die and machine shop. However, it will always hurt that the time we had together ended prematurely. That wasn't in our plans and I will always have a sad tug to my heart. He taught me an awful lot about life and I'm glad I have a lot of happy memories. How many people can say that after so many years of marriage? He passed away 4 days before our 10th wedding anniversary. Despite his long hours at work, Doug always had time for us and was an unusual father. He would sit down and play with Heather, born in 1990,

giving her a lot of attention. Our daughter was very much a daddy's girl—I had heard that little girls are close to their dads and as they grow older they become closer to moms, but I have a very tough act to follow. Heather and I are becoming closer since we both share the same pain.

Doug also was creative in dealing with people. My father, who lived with us for a year, had Parkinson's Disease and Dementia and thought the Adult Day Care he attended was a job and sometimes didn't want to get out of bed, telling us that he was laid off. Doug's solution was to walk over to his parent's home, behind us on the next street, call my dad pretending he was the supervisor and telling him to report to work for they needed him right away. My dad would then get dressed and go. He died 5 months before Doug got sick in September 1997.

In September 1997, Doug experienced his first noticeable symptoms of Mitochondrial Disease. While having a discussion suddenly, he couldn't finish his sentence, looked at me and laughed nervously. We had no idea what had happened. I watched for that to happen again for this could be a stroke symptom but it never happened again. Also later we found out that the weight gain he had experienced was also another symptom. Towards the end of September, he had hand tremors, nausea, killer headaches and trouble with his energy levels. Outpatient treatment was begun with a neurologist who began testing for sleep apnea, respiratory and neurological problems. Before a diagnosis was made, on November 10th, Doug had his first seizure-like episode at work. The doctors thought he exhibited stroke symptoms for he had difficulty communicating, but began testing for other things as well. They gave him an IV of dextrose and oxygen, while waiting for test results and were amazed the next day—he had a complete recovery. Completely stumped since testing other than respiratory problems showed nothing—they were going to send him home. That was when our family decided to transfer him to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

After the neurological team diagnosed him with Complex Migraines, etc., Dr. Russ Sarneto began to suspect Mitochondrial Disease. Doug began to see Dr. Bruce Cohen and the diagnosis of Mitochondrial Disease, CPT II and Electron Transport Failure was made in January 1998 with a secondary diagnosis of Sleep Apnea. Treatment began with Carnitine, Oxygen, CoEnzyme Q10, Vitamin B Complex, a low fat diet and inhalers, Azmacort and Ventolin for respiratory problems. He also had orders not to fast which was something he had done for years eating only at supper.

When he was discharged from the hospital for the first time, I took a medical leave of absence from my job as a Computer Design Artist to care for him but went back after 6 weeks for he seemed to be doing well. We began to count his good days, but by March he was having problems again. He was able to predict when a seizure-like episode was going to happen and it seemed that sometimes body movement would cause the seizure to begin. I began to use agencies that supplied sitters that would

stay with him and prepare his meals for I worried that he would have problems while I was at work. I finally found someone that helped not only him but me as well. She also helped me out by doing laundry and clearing. It was an emotional rollercoaster for both my daughter and I for he was in and out of the hospital quite a few times.

On April 1st 1998, Doug was given a feeding tube for his body was not processing enough energy to thrive, after no caloric intake during the night. The feeding recipe consisted of MCT Oil, Safflower Oil, Criticare HN, and Moducal Powder. After awakening during the first couple of hours, he would sometimes have seizure-like episodes or feel really bad for his blood sugar would drop. We began record keeping of his blood sugar levels. From April to August 20th, Doug seemed to be doing much better. Through all that happened that last year of his life, one remarkable characteristic of Doug was that he never once complained and maintained his sense of humor, love of family and life.

Another problem that confronted us was trying to get disability from the government for Doug. This proved to be very frustrating for the government would deny him since they had never heard of the disease and since it wasn't on their list of approved diseases. About 3 weeks after his death, they denied him disability again since his brain scan showed no evidence of seizures despite that the doctor had written that these episodes were a result of the metabolic condition. They only gave me 30 days to get a lawyer and go to court. Since grief and the tasks ahead of me were too overwhelming, besides my job and responsibilities as a mother, I decided not to pursue his case. However, I think this is something that needs to be addressed in for the future for other patients.

By Patricia Volota Quallich

SICKNESS & SHUT IN'S

Delores "Sis" Booth, Paulina Collins Garza, Janet Wells Cordle, Gail Kimbler, Georgia R. Hall, Emma Adkins, Tommy Wells, Thelma "Hyden" Wells, Thelma "Thompson" Wells, Terri Music, Calbert Collins, Clifford Booth, Samuel J. Wells, Nancy Hackworth, Judy Keel, Annie Brown Wilson, Columbus Collins, Verdie Collins Mollette, Harry Holbrook, Eugene Stevens, Tommie Cochran, Joe Marshall, Charlie Ford, Shawna L. Keel, Geraldine Wells McCrokey.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

LOUISE MCMONEGAL, of Alexander, Virginia, was a patient in a Virginia hospital for two weeks in May where she suffered from an Aneurysm.

Louise had an operation where the doctors put what's called a coil in her blood vein to "plug up" the hole in it. This process is similar to repairing a sweater that has been frayed --you just stitch around the frayed part until you close the hole up. The coil is made of platinum.

She is presently home recuperating with her mother Virginia came from California to be with her. I am told that Virginia will stay with Louise until after the Wells reunion.

Louise descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells line. She serves on the Wells Board as proofer for the newsletter.

SUSIE WELLS MAYO, of Pikeville, Kentucky underwent surgery in June at a Pikeville hospital. She is presently home recuperating with care from her family.

Susan is the daughter of Dortha Carter Wells and the late Jack Frost Wells. Susie is the wife of Royce Mayo, and she descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

GEORGIA RICHMOND HALL, of Brunswick, Ohio has been in the hospital where she underwent surgery. She is presently home recuperating with care from her husband Lee.

Georgia is he daughter of the late Bill & Myrtle Richmond and descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears lines. She previously served on the Wells board.

EUGENE MUNCY, of Williamsport, Ky was a patient in the Paul B. Hall Hospital in December. According to Eugene's wife, Charlene, he was very sick, had no energy and could hardly get his breath. He had ulcer surgery some years ago where part of his stomach was removed. This time he had lost a large amount of blood and his Hemoglobin was only 5.4 that meant he had to have four pints of blood. Eugene is now home and back to work.

His wife, Charlene, descends from Richard Wells through his children George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. She serves on the Wells Family Board.

CLOTEEN CLARK RICE, According to the Paintsville Herald, Cloteen was in an auto accident and was transported to the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center where she was treated for head injuries.

Cloteen had a bad head injury and is lucky to be alive according to her daughter inlaw Peggy. She is recuperating at her home with special care from Peggy, son Ken and grandson Kenny.

Cloteen is the daughter of the late Logan "Cooge" & Maggie Wells Clark and descends from Richard Wells through his sons, George E. Wells and William Green Wells.

CLYDE & OLA MAY HYDEN COLLINS, of Van Lear have both been under the weather. Ola May had a cough that she could not shake and found out that she had lung cancer. She had surgery at a Lexington hospital and while recuperating her husband, Clyde, ended up having to go back to a local doctor for treatment for cancer. They both are at their home at Van Lear recuperating, with special care from their family.

Clyde is the son of the late McKinley & Callie Daniels Collins. He descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

CHESTER WEBB, of Van Lear went to a doctor in Lexington and was diagnosed with cancer. He is receiving treatment and is getting that special care from his wife, Geraldine.

Chester is the son of the late Bill and Bertha Clark Webb. He does not descend from Richard Wells but through the Clark & Webb line.

ROBERT "BUTCH" COCHRAN, of Worthington, Kentucky was in a local hospital in June where he underwent gallbladder surgery. He is being given TLC by his wife, Tommie. He presently has returned to work..

His wife, Tommie, descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Roseanna Wells Spears. She serves on the Wells Family Board

as Secretary and Co-Editor of the newspaper. Her father, Arthur Collins, and step-mother, Wanda Collins, both serve on the board. All of them are valuable to the family in its work and we appreciate all three of them.

BEULAH WELLS KEEL, of Auxier had surgery again at Highland Medical Center on 12/6/99. Beulah had completed her radiation and chemo in the summer of 99, but her cancer returned and she has been going through the treatments again.

Beulah is back in the hospital again and her husband Frank is in failing health and in a facility in Martin County.

Her children have great responsibility in trying to care for both parents and they all need our prayers.

Beulah descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and is the daughter of Malta Watson and the late Rolland Wells. She and her daughter Mary Frances Moore both serve on the Wells Family Board.

MANFORD WALTON, of Ashland was a patient in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. He had the flu that went into Bronchitis. Manford is presently home recuperating and the husband of Mary Walton. He descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells line. He is a member of the Wells Family Board.

ALEX SAMUEL WELLS, of Van Lear suffered a heart attack on 12/9/99 and spend a week in Highland Memorial Medical center. He is presently home recuperating and will be going to the rehabilitation center.

Alex is the Son of the late Ben & Anna Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his children George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier. Alex is a brother of Mary Walton who serves on the Wells Family Board.

STEVE WELLS, of Ashland has been a patient in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Fall of 99 where he had a heart catheterization. In the spring of 2000, he fell from a ladder while working on the house roof and broke his leg and is presently in a cast. The doctor's have told him that it will be a long time before he will be able to use the leg again. He descends from

Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells & his wife, Nancy Butcher.

GRACE PRESTON QUEEN, of Ashland has been a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital and was treated for a broken hip on 12/10/1999. Grace is presently in her home recuperating from surgery of a hip replacement. Grace is the daughter of the late Watt & Lula Richmond Preston and descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Agnes Wells Auxier.

BRENDA ROSS SPEARS, of Cannonsburg has been a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital. Brenda, a former employee of the hospital, but retired due to Lou Gehrig's disease. Brenda is receiving total care in her home in rural Ashland.

Brenda is the wife of George Lewis Spears who descends from Richard Wells through his children William Green Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.

CLYDE QUEEN, of Ashland, is a patient in Oakmont Manor rest home in Flatwoods, KY. He fell and broke his hip on 1/14/2000 and spent time in the Kings Daughters Hospital. He is the husband of Grace Queen (see above) who also suffered from a broken hip in December. Clyde is presently back at Oakmont recuperating. His wife Grace descends from Richard Wells daughter, Agnes Wells Auxier.

DANIEL TREVOR BLEVINS, was a patient in Highland Regional Medical Center in January suffering from a severe bout of asthma. He is home recuperating with the care from his parents. Daniel Trevor descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and his wife, Mary Wells Butcher. His father Daniel Blevins is a member of the Wells Family Board.

FRANCES WELLS BROWN, of Erlanger, Kentucky had surgery and while going through chemotherapy had to return to the hospital since her white blood cells dropped so low. Frances is presently doing very well and is a person with great faith. Her husband, Chub, has been giving her that

special care. Frances and Chub went with us to England in 1998--we will miss them on the Scotland tour.

Frances is the daughter of Vernon Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son Peter Wells.

MARY MARGARET WELLS RYDER, was in Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, Ky., as a patient on 12/25/99. I talked with her sister Donna Rambo and she said Mary had pneumonia and was very sick. Mary is the daughter of Ali & Sadie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. & Elizabeth DeLong Gains and through the Spencer & Rosanna Wells Spears lines.

BILL SAUNDERS of Lexington, Ky., is a patient at Boston Hospital suffering from Liver cancer. The doctor would not operate in the area and sent him there to see a specialist who may be of help to him. He is the husband of Debbie Oney Saunders. Debbie descends from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells & the Rosanna Wells Spears lines.

KENNY WELLS, South Shore, Ky., has been a patient in the Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland.

Kenny is suffering from a lung problem. His doctor is sending him to Vanderbilt University to see if he is eligible for a lung transplant. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Nancy Butcher Wells line.

DARLENE CLARK BURGESS, of Dayton, Ohio had cataracts on both eyes removed. Her sister's son Lynn did the surgery in Mississippi. Darlene spent two weeks at her sisters while recuperating and enjoyed herself very much. She states that the car lights look round instead of all shapes to her and had no problem with the surgery. She and Haskell were back in Dayton to enjoy Christmas with their grandson.

Darlene is the daughter of the late Blaine & Lutie DeLong Clark and descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells. She and her husband Haskell both are members of the Wells Family Board.

HERMAN WELLS, of Van Lear, had hernia surgery at Highland Regional Medical Center in January. He is presently at his home recuperating. Herman is the son of the late Elmer and Pearl Hamilton Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his children George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears. He is a member of the Wells Family Board.

CLARENCE E. WELLS, of Charleston, W.V., was a patient in a local hospital in May. He recuperated very fast and was ready to take the trip to Scotland with the family.

Clarence is the son of the late Charles Jefferson & Stella Ethel Burke Wells and descends from Richard Wells by way of Moses Wells line. Clarence and his daughter Kathy Walker both serve on the Wells Family Board.

JILL WELLS, of Auxier was a patient at Central Baptist and Highland Regional Medical Center both in the last few months. Jill has been having health problems for sometime and we pray that they will be able to diagnose her problem and that she will be well soon. She has had uncontrollable blood pressure and is a diabetic.

Jill spend sometime in Highland Regional Medical Center and is presently at home and receiving special care from her husband Loyd. Her husband Loyd serves on the Wells Family Board.

Lloyd descends from Richard Wells through his sons George E. Wells & Moses Wells.

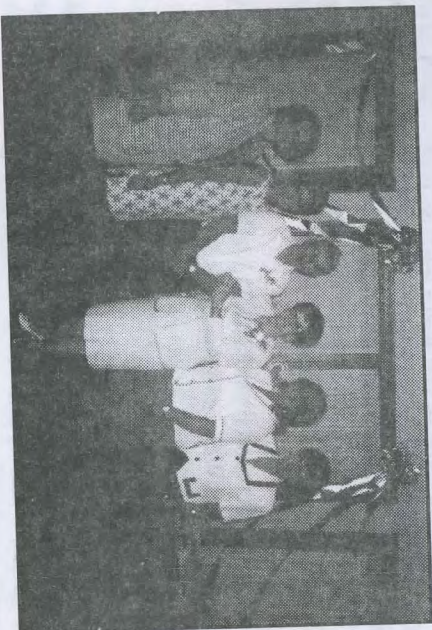
RONALD WELLS AND JUDI WELLS, of Georgetown, Ky. both had gallbladder surgery. Ronald had surgery in March and had just recovered when his wife, Judi had the surgery. Last I talked with them, Judi was giving Ron that TLC and then it was Ronald's time for him to take care of her.

Ron and Judi both are members of the Wells Family Board. Ron has served as president for three years. Manford and I were honored to have them as our house guest in March and in June. I must say it was a joy to have them for they are fun people to be with.

Ron is the son of the late Leonard & Carrie Music Wells of Auxier and descends from Richard Wells through his sons George E. Wells and Moses Wells.

ANNIVERSARIES

RALPH E. & MAGGIE WELLS MARKLEY,



Celebrated their 50th anniversary. They were married on 5/29/1949 and have four daughters, Debbie, Christy, Pam and Donna. Maggie is the daughter of the late Sherman & Lillie Collins Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. She is a former member of the Wells Board.

BIRTHS

CLAYTON ALEXANDER & MATTHEW GREGORY HORN, identical twins, born to Gregory & Tonya Rena Collins Horn on 7/7/2000 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky.

Matthew Gregory was born 8:15 am. Weighing 6 lb. 4 oz., and 18 1/2 inches long. Clayton Alexander was born 8:17 am. Weighing 5 lb. 14 oz., and being 17 1/2 inches long. Tonya was able to carry the



twins 37 1/2 weeks and both mother and babies are doing great. She has received private nursing care from her husband Greg since he is a nurse at Charter Ridge hospital and will be taking maternity leave.

The only problem they are having is that grandmother Rita wants to hold them all the time and wants to take them home with her. The proud father will be taking the mother and babies home on Monday but Rita will be there for a few weeks to help with their care.

The maternal grandparents are Larry & Rita Griffith Collins and the late Otis and Margaret Powers Griffith. The great grandparents are Polly Wells Collins and the late Carl Collins.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Harold Horn of Paintsville and great grandparents are Ida Harvey and the late Steve Harvey.

The twins descend from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

ASHLEY MORGAN WELLS, born June 5, 2000 in Woodbridge, Virginia. Ashley was born in Potomac Hospital of Woodbridge. She weighed 8 pound, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Ashley was welcomed by her parents Jarrod J. and Stephanie Johnson Wells and a sister Karitlyn.

The maternal grandparents are Larry and Debbie Johnson of Auxier, Kentucky. The paternal grandparents are Mary Lou Chandler of Paintsville and Ronnie and Diana Wells, also of Paintsville.

Ashley descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Roseanna Wells Spears.

MICAH HUGHES, born 7/5/2000 at 12:30 am. More than two months early. According to his grandmother, his mother Karyn Garza Hughes entered the hospital a week before his birth and thought she might just beat the whole thing and carry the baby for another several weeks but evidently Micah has other plans.

Micah weighted 3 lb. 3 oz., and was 16 1/2 inches long. He scores well on the Apgar scale and is breathing mostly on his own. He is being treated for infection, a common event in premature births and has a feeding tube.

The proud parents are Edward Thomas & Karyn Camille Garza Hughes, Jr. Micah will be greeted by six brothers and sisters. The maternal grandparents are Paul & Paulina Collins Garza.

Micah descends from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears line. His grandmother Paulina serves on the Wells Family board.

KARLI SUE QUEEN, was born 8/12/1999 at an Ashland hospital to the proud parents Robert "Bob" & Kathi Queen of Ashland, KY. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz., and was 20" long.

She is welcomed by a half brother Daniel Queen. The paternal grandparents are Clyde and Grace Preston Queen of Ashland and the maternal grandmother, Sue Moore of Pittsburg, PA.

Karli descends from Richard Wells through Agnes Wells Auxier.

JACOB RAY MOLLETTE, born 3/20/2000 weighing 8 Lbs. 15 Oz. And 21 Inches long. The proud parents are Roger and Dianna Blair Mollette of Johnson county.

The maternal grandparents are Darius Blair Jr. and Peggy Ratliff Blair. The paternal grandparents are William & Edith Wells Mollette of Boons Camp, Kentucky.

He descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells line. His grandmother Edit Mollette and his aunt Rita Smith both are a member of the Wells Family board.

MATTHEW EDWARD ADKINS, born 3/24/2000 weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz., to the proud parents Paul Dwayne and Chris Adkins of Euclid, Ohio. The paternal grandparents are Paul Adkins and the late Janice Wells Adkins. Matthew descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.

MATTHEW DEAN DEWITT JAMES, born 2/15/1999 and the grandparents are Larry & Sheila Prestwood James.

The grandparents are Roger & Janice Morgan Prestwood Patton. The maternal grandparents are Matthew & Louise Morgan. The paternal step-grandparents are Lucille Wells Patton of Prestonsburg and the late Charles Patton.

Matthew's step-grandfather Roger Patton descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

KYLE ROBERT GIFFIN, born 8/5/1999 to the proud parents Leon Robert & Tammy Lynn Patton Giffin.

The maternal grandparents are Roger & Janice Morgan Prestwood Patton. The paternal grandparents are Leon & Evelyn Giffin.

Kyle descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Janice said this makes them seven grandchildren now. We hope to see all of them at the reunion this year.

DANNI MORGAN BLEVINS, was born 12/28/1999 at Highland Regional Medical Center. She was 6 lb 6 oz. And was 20" long.

The proud parents are Danny Keith & Ida "Trudy" Blevins of Van Lear. Danni Morgan was welcomed by her siblings: Tracy Danielle Blevins, age 5 and Daniel Trevor Blevins, age 2.

Danni Morgan descends from Richard Wells through her father by way of George E. Wells and by her mother by way of Mary "Wells" Butcher line. Her father Danny is a member of the Wells Family Board.

"LOVE TO LIVE"

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's much I haven't done. I hope, dear lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do, Would you please let me stay a while until I'm 82? So many places I want to go, so very much to see.

Do you think that I could manage to make it to 83? The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store. I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.

And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 85! More planes will be in the air, so I would like to stick And see what happens to the world when I turn 86.

I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask (and it must be nice in Heaven), But I'd really like to stay here until I'm 87. I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late, But it would be so pleasant to be here at 88.

I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time, So I'm sure that I'd be willing to leave when I'm 89.

Just one more thing I'd like to say: Dear Lord, I thank You kindly, But if it's okay with You, I'd love to live past 90!

Author Unknown

DEATHS

Four of our Wells Board members have died since November 1999.

Opal Wells Hall Derosssett Wells died 11/12/1999, **Virginia Collins Edgel** died 12/26/1999, **Patricia "Pat" Williams** died 3/3/2000, **Phillip Edward Wells** died 4/24/2000. Opal, Virginia, Pat and Phillip all served for many years on the Wells board and will be missed by all, especially us who served with them on the board. Opal's obituary was included in the last newsletter with a photo.

VIRGINIA COLLINS EDGEL, 75, of Flatwoods, died 12/26/1999 at her home. She was born 8/8/1924, in Lackey, a daughter of the late Hansford and Pearl Currnutte Collins.

Her husband, Lewis George Edgel Sr., preceded her in death in 1997. She was a member of the Church 1998, of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day 1999. Saints in Russell, Ky.

Surviving her are four sons: John F. Edgel II, of Acton, Calif.; Lynn Eric Edgel, of Republic, Wash.; Lewis G. Edgel Jr., of Stockholm, Sweden;

and Kelly W. Edgel, of Bonita Springs, Fla.; three daughters: Ginny Beckes of Montesano, Wash.; Robin Temple of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Suzanne Ferreira of Klamath Falls, Ore.; two brothers: Vernon Collins of Huletts Landing, N.Y.; and Clive Collins of Clayton, N.C.; a sister, Paulina Collins Garza of Eldersburg, Md.; 27 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Russell by Bishop Robert Flannery. Burial was in the Collins-Plum Grove Cemetery in Greenup.

Virginia descends from Richard Wells through the Roseanna Wells Spears and Spencer Spears line. She has served on the Wells Family Association Board for many years. She and her sister Paulina Garza are usually at the reunion and selling t-shirts. She will be missed by us all.



Pictured above is Virginia

PATRICIA "PAT" ANN ROBINSON WILLIAMS, of Paintsville died March 3, 2000 at her home. Pat was born in Martin County to the late Claget F. and Evolena Mills Robinson. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Sue Porter, in 1991.

Surviving are *her husband*, James Allen "Jim" Williams; *three sons*, Bobby and Billy both of Paintsville, and Kenny Williams of Warsaw, Indiana; *two brothers*, Billy and Clifford Lee Robinson, both of Inez; *two sisters*, Betty Endicott of Inez and Pamela Fisher of Pickerington, Ohio, and *two grand-children*.

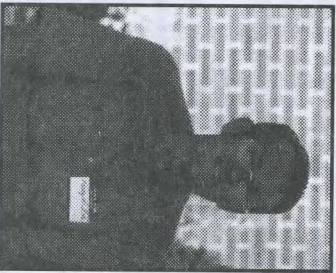
Funeral services were held March 5th at Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Harry Neal Frisby officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial park at Staffordsville, Ky.

Pat's husband Jim descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and William Green Wells lines. Pat served on the Wells Family Association Board where she served as past President and several other positions throughout the years.



Pat is pictured above

PHILLIP EDWARD WELLS, 62, of Ashland, died 4/24/2000 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. Phillip was born 7/15/1937, in Ashland, a son of the late John P. and Ruth Madryne Justice Wells. He was retired from Armco Steel and was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Ordained Melchizedek Priesthood-H.P. Surviving are his wife Wanda Faye Young Wells; *two daughters*: Milynda Desirae Stone and Denise Michele Wells, both of Ashland; *two brothers*: Stephen Keith Wells and Jack Hillard, both of Ashland; *three sisters*: Janet Sue Cordial of Fairborn, Ohio, Gail Kimbler of Dayton Plains, Mich., and Carol Skages of Louisville; and five grandchildren.



Above is a picture of Phillip

The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Marshall Sreen Funeral Home with the funeral at the Rose Hill Burial Park Mausoleum. President Gale Beaman and Bishop Robert "Randy" Flannery officiated with burial in the Rose Hill Burial park Mausoleum.

Phillip has served on the Wells Family Board since the 1980's where he served in several capacities. He was presently an Honorary Member of the Board. Phillip suffered from cancer for ten years with special care from his wife Wanda. His wife, Wanda served on the board as Treasurer for many years.

DONNA JO FORBES COLLINS, 62, of Clayton, N. C. died of a massive heart attack in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on 6/12/2000 while she and her husband Clive Allan Collins were visiting her 94 year old mother.

Donna was born on 10/24/1937 in Iowa, a chosen one through adoption by her parents, Donald and Mable Austin Forbes. She married Clive Allen Collins on 2/28/1958 in Denver, Colorado.

She is survived by *her husband*, a son, Allan Collins and his wife Mary Jane Connor Collins, of Clayton, N.C.; *a daughter* and *son-in-law* Alicia and Gregory Bates of Knoxville, TN.; and *a daughter*, Marcia Jane Collins of Clayton, N.C. She was buried in the Forbes Cemetery in Kasequa, Iowa on 6/15/2000, a memorial service was held at the Clayton United Methodist Church of Clayton, N.C. on 6/22/2000.

Her husband Clive Allen descends from Richard Wells by way of Rosanna Wells Spears line. His sister Paulina Garza serves on the Wells Family Board.

MYRTLE IRENE BEACOM, 82, died 4/9/2000 and the funeral was held in Alexandria, LA. on April 12, 2000.

She was born 10/29/1917, in Greennup, Ky., daughter of the late Alex H. Webb and Pearl Hopson Webb. She was a former day care center teacher at Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria and a member of United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Beacom Sr., and is *survived by her son*, William A. Beacom Jr., *daughter-in-law* Pam Beacom and *two grandchildren*, Brady and Jonathan G. Beacom, all of Baton Rouge, LA.

Myrtle descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells through his daughter Martha who married Alexander Webb.

ESTHER M. WARD, 85, of Prestonsburg, KY., died 4/26/2000 in Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg. She was born 5/8/1914 in Greenup Co. Ky, a daughter of the late Alex and Pearl Hopson Webb.

Esther was owner of Esther's Beauty Shop and a member of Community United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

Her husband, Norman Ward, and a son preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Carol Ward, who looked after her and a grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was 4/29th at Floyd Funeral Home in Prestonsburg with burial at Richmond Cemetery.

Esther descends from Richard Wells through his son, George E. Wells by way of Margaret who married Alexander Webb. She was a sister of Myrtle Irene Beacom and they died within 2 ½ weeks of each other.

FRIEDA PLUMMER DAVIS, 77, of Lake Charles, La., former longtime Montrose resident and World War II veteran, died 9/4/1999, in her daughter's home at Lake Charles.

Frieda was the third of 11 children, was born on 2/18, 1922, in Johnson County, KY., the daughter of Eddie Lee Plummer and Edith Mabel (Williams) Plummer. In 1941, Frieda graduated from Eastern State Teachers College. She also had an Associate Degree from Pikeville Junior College.

During World War II, Frieda served her country in Women's Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. She married Melvin Davis on 10/24/1943 in Smyrna, Tenn. Their marriage was the first all active duty Air Force Military wedding.

After the war, Frieda continued to pursue her career in education and became a Kindergarten and pre-school teacher. Melvin continued his military career and Frieda operated pre-school in Phoenix, Ariz. From 1954 to 1968.

After Melvin retired from military service, the couple moved to Forsyth, MO., where Frieda wrote a column called "Comments and Things" for the Taney County Republican and the Ozark Headliner. She also continued her interest in pre-school education. Melvin preceded her in death on 12/29/1979, in Montrose.

Frieda continued to make her home in Montrose until 1996 when she moved to Lake Charles, LA., due to health reasons to be close to her family. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Montrose, and belonged to the Montrose Women's Club. From 1976 to 1995, serving

as President of the organization. She served as a member of the AARP Board of Directors from 1982 until 1996 and was also a member of the International Poets Society and the Montrose Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Besides education, she was interested in music, creative writing, arts & crafts, and greatly enjoyed outdoors in her garden. She remained active and creative, and was always interested in others -- especially her family.

Survivors include *one son*, Stephen E. Davis, of Tucson, Ariz.; *two daughters*: Edith Thibodeaux, of Lake Charles, La.; Judith G. Massegale, of Arlington, Texas; *eight grandchildren*; and *two great-grandchildren*.

Other family survivors include *four brothers*: Millard Plummer, of Fort Gay, W. Va.; Howard Plummer, of Huntington, W. Va.; Deward Plummer, of Jeffersonville, Ind.; Bradford Plummer, of Inez, KY.; and *two sisters*: Lydia Webb, of Fort Gay, W. Va.; and Glada Jarrell, of Inez, KY. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Montrose Valley Funeral Home with the funeral in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Montrose. Pastor Paul Parsons, and Wayne Dartez officiated.

Mary Lou Luttrell accompanied soloist Bonnie Anders for the selected hymns, "Whispering Hope" and "In The Garden." The congregation sang the hymn "Amazing Grace."

Pallbearers included her son, son-in-law, and grandchildren; Stephen E. Davis, Derek Davis, Charles Thibodeaux, and Joe Saunders. Interment was in the Grand View Cemetery west of Montrose. Frieda descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

JOYCE WELLS O'CONNORS, 65, of Marysville, Ohio died Monday March 27th, at Memorial Hospital of Union County, Marysville. Joyce was born 1/24/1935 in Paintsville, to the late Eugene and Alma (Wells) Wells. She was a retired control tester from AT&T in Columbus, Ohio, attended Marysville Freewill Baptist Church, was a member of Delaware, Ohio, Eagles Lodge Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by a sister, Gayle Wells Pfeiffer.

Surviving are *two sons*: Brian O'Connors of Sunbury, Ohio, and Chris O'Connors of Marysville; *one daughter*: Nikki O'Connors of Findlay, Ohio, *one brother*: Ralph Wells of Prestonsburg; *three sisters*: Gwen Alexander of Prestonsburg, Evelyn "Susie" Wells of Lexington and Elaine Andrusia of Charlotte, North Carolina; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were March 30th, at Underwood funeral Home of Marysville, with Clarence Newman officiating. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery, Galloway, Ohio.

Joyce descends from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears lines.

FERMAN WELLS, 75, of Prestonsburg, died March 2, 2000 in University of Kentucky Medical Center at Lexington.

Mr. Wells was born 6/17/1924, at Lancer, a son of the late Melvin and Beulah Roberts Wells. His wife, Grace Clay Wells, also preceded him in death.

He was a self-employed automobile mechanic, and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Surviving are *two sons*: Ted Wells and Eddie Wells, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; *three daughters*: Donna Reed and Dorothy Upslaw, both of Houston, Texas, and Debbie Hanson of Phoenix, Ariz.; *two brothers*:

John P. Wells and Melvin Wells Jr., both of Prestonsburg; *two sisters*: Jettie Sparks of Emma, and Woodsie Akers of Lexington; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hall's Funeral Home at Martin with Rev. Buddy Jones officiating. Burial was in the Wells-Goble Cemetery at Prestonsburg.

Mr. Wells descended through Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells.

MARY LOUISE HONEYCUTT HALL, 74, of Auxier died 11/99 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Mary was born 5/27/1925, in Floyd County, a daughter of the late Burns and Emma Baldridge Honeycutt. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Hall in 1974; and a daughter, Janet Morrison.

Surviving are *four sons*: James Hall of Lowmansville, Roger Hall of Ashland, Ernie Hall of Prestonsburg and Phillip Hall of Paintsville; *two brothers*: Hansford Honeycutt of Auxier and Charles Honeycutt of Florida; *two sisters*: Hazel Sergeant of Florida and Helen Annato of Omaha, Neb.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with Calvin Setser officiating. Burial was in the Auxier family cemetery. Mary's late husband James Hall was a grandson

of Noah & Louise Butcher Wells. He descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

RUSSELL JACKSON WARD, 56, of Boons Camp, died 8/21/1999 at Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. Ward was born 11/2/1942, at Boons Camp, a son of the late Russell and Willa Mae Wells Ward.

He was a self-employed independent contractor, and attended Wells Chapel Methodist Church.

Surviving are *a son*, Brian Ward of Nicholasville; *a daughter*, Elizabeth Ward of Lexington; *four sisters*: Lorraine Ward of Paintsville, Ky.; Bonnie Castle of Marton, Ohio, Linda Watkins of Florence, S. C., and Wanda Parrott of Sunman, Ind.; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. Burial was in the Zip Wells Cemetery at Boons Camp.

Russell descended from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

IRENE "CRUM" FRALEY PETZER, 75, died 6/13/2000 from cancer. She was born on 1/30/1925 to the late Esbill & Rosie Collins Crum. Irene and her second husband John Petzer had no children.

Survived are her first husband Emmitt Fraley and six children, *three girls*: Nadean, Virginia, and Roseanna; *three sons*: Emmett Jr., Paul Gordon and Steven Fraley. *Three brothers*: Chester Crum of Martin County, Ky., Frank Crum, and Bill "Wendell" Stafford of Ironton, Ohio; *one sister*: Betty "Stafford" Elkins of Haverhill, Ohio. She has 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Irene was the daughter of the late descends from Richard through Roseanna Wells Spears.

TRUMAN WELLS, 95, of Rush, Ky., died 4/7/2000 at his home. He was born 11/8/1904, at Dewey, Ky., a son of the late Wallace Winfield and Sarah Jane Burchett Wells. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice Bradley Wells; *three sons*: Reginald Wells, Truman Wells, and Andrew Wells; and *a daughter*: Edith Wells. He was a retired coal miner, a former mail carrier, a member of the Church of Christ, and a Kentucky Colonel.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma Lee Thompson Wells; two sons, Lyle "Corky" Wells of Rush, and Leland Wells of Land of Lakes, Fl.; two daughters: Aloma Wilburn and Adele Wells Holley, both of Rush; a brother: Tom Wells of Van Lear; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday 4/10 at Malone Funeral Home at Grayson by Johnny Little and Medley Thompson, ministers. Burial was in the Thompson family cemetery at Rush.

Truman was the oldest man in our Wells Family Association. He loved the family and attending the annual reunion each year. His daughter Aloma is a past member of the Wells Family Board. His niece Janet Allene Wells Dunseith and I visited him on his 95th birthday and he was so happy to see us. He and his wife Thelma were both bed fast, but he was coherent with a very positive outlook on life. Truman was a very special person and to know him was to love him.

Truman descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. Allen Wells was his grandfather.

CARL COLLINS, 77, died 3/2/2000 at his home in Van Lear, Kentucky. Carl was born 12/26/1922, in Johnson County, a son of the late William McKinley and Callie Daniels Collins. He was a retired miner.

Surviving are his wife, Polly Wells Collins; two sons: Mike Collins of Flat Gap and Larry Collins of Van Lear; a daughter: Bennette Ford of Okeechobee, Fla.; two brothers: Clyde Collins of Van Lear and Raymond Collins of Frankfort; three sisters: Maggie Penix and Lois May, both of Van Lear and Mary Ferguson of Lexington; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville by Rev. Greg Nichols and Jerry M. Scott. Burial was in the Collins Cemetery on the family farm, Van Lear. Carl descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

This poem was written by Carl's granddaughter Cassandra Camden from Florida read by the minister at the funeral.

To Papa Carl

I thought of you with love today, for that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday, and days before that too.
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.
All I have now are memories, and your picture in a frame.
Your memories is my keepsake, which I will never part.
God now has you in his keeping, but I still have you in my heart.
A thousand times I have cried.
If our love could only have saved you.
You never would have gone.
In our time I loved you dearly.
In your time I love you still.
In our hearts you have a place, no one else could ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For a part of us went with you the day you left alone.

By: Cassie Camden

GLADYS WELLS BERRYMAN, 96, a resident of Surry, Va., died Monday, 3/20/2000, at Waverly Health Care Center, Waverly.

She was Presbyterian. Her husband of 56 years was the late Joseph Shepherd Berryman. She was born 10/4/1903, in Jefferson County, Iowa, the daughter of the late Floyd Alverson Wells and Ada Parrett Wells.

Mrs. Berryman's family moved to Claremont, Va., in 1912. As a young girl, she tended the U.S. Coast Guard range light off Dancing Point Ranger in the James River, and served as a plane spotter during World War II. She was the last surviving member of the graduating class of 1923, Claremont High School. She attended Kee Business College in Norfolk and received nursing training at the Blue Ridge Sanatorium in Charlottesville. She was a past member of the Alliance Home Demonstration Club and Bacons Castle Baptist Missionary Society.

She is survived by two sons: Joseph Wells Berryman of Surry and Ben R. Berryman, and his wife, Sandra, of Richmond; a daughter: Margaret S. Berryman, and her husband, Joseph S. Perkinson, of Surry; two granddaughters: Anne Elizabeth Berryman and Susan White Berryman, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Paul R. Harfst held a graveside funeral service in Old Brick Church Cemetery, Bacons Castle, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22. Arrangements were under the direction of Purviance Funeral Home,

Wakefield. Friends called at the funeral home from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and at other times at the residence of Margaret Berryman, 864 Chestnut Farm Circle, Surry, VA.

The family suggested that memorial donations be made to the Residence Council Fund, Waverly Health Care Center, P.O. Box 641, Waverly, Va. 23890.

Glady's daughter Margaret is a member of the Wells Family Board and attended the reunion until her health prevented her from doing so. She was one of our very oldest members of the Wells Family only following Golda Wells Stevens by two years. She descended from Richard Wells through his son Andrew Wells. Margaret said in her letter that her "Mother died peacefully in her sleep. We have so much to be thankful for as she never lost her memory or her mental faculties and her last years were happy at the nursing home where she played bingo or dominos with her friends daily".

ALTON WELLS, 84, of Martin, died 2/7/2000 at his home. He was born 5/21/1915, in Auxier, a son of the late Ellsworth "Bunk" Wells and Pearl Literal Wells.

He was a retired coal miner, a World War II veteran and a member of Central Baptist United Church in Logan, W. Va.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Kelley Wells.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky. The Rev. Chester Lucas and Allen Chaffins officiated. Burial was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Peck Mills, W. Va.

Alton descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

GEORGINA MAXINE TRIMBLE WELLS, 66, of Van Lear, died 1/26, 2000 in Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa, Ky. She was born March 30, 1933, in Johnson County to the late James and Ruth Murphy Trimble. Her husband Howard Wells, died in 1983.

Surviving are a son, James Wells of Inez; *two brothers*: James Carl Trimble of Marion, Oh., and Donnie Earl Trimble of Galliton, Oh.; *two sisters*: Betty Trimble Ramey and Elizabeth Ann Trimble both of Van Lear, and two stepgrandchildren.

Arrangements were under the directions of Phelps & Son Funeral Home in Inez. The funeral was conducted at the Freewill Baptist church by Manford Fannin and Roger Hill with burial in the Highland Memorial

Park in Staffordsville. Maxine's husband Howard descended from Richard through George E. Wells.

JESSIE BUTCHER, 78, of Van Lear, died 1/18/2000 in Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Mr. Butcher was born 11/20/1921, in Johnson County, a son of the late Thomas H. and Pearl Bowling Butcher. He was a retired coal miner.

Surviving are *three brothers*: Frank Butcher, Hershell Butcher and Thomas Butcher all of Wabash, Ind.; and *three sisters*: Dorothy Burke and Joann Music, both of Wabash, and Thelma Hash of Florida.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Prestons Funeral Home in Paintsville with Charles Roy Banks and Venny Vanhoose officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville. Jessie descends from Richard Wells through his daughter Mary Wells Butcher who married William Butcher.

KERMIT WELLS, 93, of Johnson County, died 12/19/1999 at his home. Kermit was born 1/13/1906, in Martin County, a son of the late Marlon and Alice Burke Wells. He was a former miner.

Surviving are *his wife*, Alka Wells; *a son*: George Cleo Wells; *a daughter*: Carol Bush; *two sisters*: Garnetta Rucker and Imogene Sammons; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral home in Paintsville with the Rev. B. Joe Hill officiating. Burial was in the Wells Family cemetery in Meally.

Kermit descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Elizabeth Delong Gains Wells.

NORMAN STURGILL, of Pikeville, died on 4/2/2000. Norman was born 12/24/1915 in Pike County to Edgar K. and Grace Brainard Sturgill.

According to the information that I received from Paulina Garza he was in the hospital for couple weeks before his death. Apparently Norman had heart problems but none of us were aware of it since he was always so pleasant. He and his lovely wife Carma Honeycutt Sturgill have always been faithful supporters of the Wells Family.

Surviving are *his wife* Carma and *a daughter* Rose Anne Sturgill Akers of Pottsville, PA. Carma is living in Pottsville PA., with her

daughter and her address is 459 Nichols, Pottsville, PA. 17901 in case any of you would like to write Carma.

Carma descends from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears lines.

PAUL EDWARD CAUDILL, 65, of Russell, Kentucky died in King's Daughters Medical Center 5/1/2000.

Paul was born 2/17/1935, in Greenup County, a son of the late Hobert and Grace Oliver Caudill.

He was a retired maintenance worker with Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital and a member of 13th Street Baptist Church, Ashland.

Surviving are *his wife*, Emma Jean Wells Young Caudill; *four sons*: Paul D. Caudill of Dearborn, Mich., Ralph Young Jr. and Jack G. Young, both of Ashland and Jerry M. Young of Houston, Texas; *two sisters*: Juanita Stewart and Wanda Harris, both of Flatwoods; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Evans Funeral Home in Raceland, Kentucky. A graveside service was held on May 4th. At Oldfield Cemetery by the Rev. Russell Griffith.

His wife Emma Jean descends from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears lines.

GLENN E. GRAHAM, 60, died 11/21/1999 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Mr. Graham was born 12/27/1938 in Logan County, WV, to the late Curtis F. and Ora L. Lucas Graham.

Surviving are *his wife*, Karen "Kay" Graham; *two sons*: Mark Graham of Georgetown and Seth Myers of Thelma; *one daughter*: Glenna Sexton of Prestonsburg; and four grandchildren. Paintsville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements with the Rev. Paul White officiating. The funeral was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Pecks Mill, WV. His son Seth Myers is married to Kelly Keel who descends from Richard Wells through the William Green Wells line.

HOWARD MAYO FERGUSON, 89, of Auxier, died 11/22/1999, at Highland Regional Medical Center. He was born 8/15/1910 in Laynesville, Floyd County, the son of the late Josh Ferguson and Rosanna Skeens. He

was a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, and Auxier Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by *his wife*, Eula May Spurgeon Ferguson. Others survivors include *two daughters*: Renee Wells of Van Lear, Nancy Stone of Prestonsburg; *one brother*: Elmer Ferguson of Wheelwright; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home with the Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial was in the Davidson Memorial gardens, Ivel. His daughter Renee is married to Matthew Wells who is the son of Abner Wells and descends from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells line.

NOT SURE HOW OR IF THESE CAME DOWN OUR RICHARD WELLS BUT WILL PRINT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

WILLIAM H. LANNING, 70, died 12/31/1999 in Columbus, Ohio. He was born 4/12/1929 to Fred and Edna Mae Colegrove Horn.

The funeral was under the arrangements of Boyd Funeral Home 1/5/2000 with Pastor Dale Baker officiating.
William was a brother of Virginia E. Hall of Columbus, Ohio.

ROBERT EDGAR WELLS, 79, Fort S., Corbin, passed away June 5, 2000 at Baptist Hospital Regional Medical Center. He was born 10/1/1920 in Whitley Co., Ky to the late Henry and Susan Frances Miller Wells. He served in the US Army during WWII and was retired from the L & N Railroad as a carman. He belonged to First Baptist Church.

Survivors include *his wife*, Lydia Faye Wells, Corbin; a son, Edward Burnett Wells, Georgetown; *three brothers*: Charlie W. Wells, Corbin, Arvil Chester Wells, Fairborn, Ohio and Joe Wells, and a *sister*: Icie Harp, both of Corbin.

Funeral services were at the O'Neil Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Barry Howard officiating. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery at Gausdale.

BERTIE LOU MORRIS WELLS, 88, of West Liberty, died 5/31/2000 in Mariner Health Care of Tuskawilla at Winter Springs, Florida.

Mrs. Wells was born 12/25/1911, at Stacy Fork, a daughter of the late W. Henry and Cushie Ratliff Morris.

Her husband, Edger Wells, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are *a son*, Eddie Wells of Dayton, Ohio, *four daughters*: Reva Ann Parrott of Winter park, Joyce Wells and Nadine Click, both of Dayton, Ohio, and Laura Jean Lewis of West Liberty; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Potter Funeral Home at West Liberty by the Rev. Carl Mullins and the Rev. Mike Lindon. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery at West Liberty.

MAE MCCLAVE WELLS, 76, of Louisville, formerly of Olive Hill, died 5/15/2000 in St. Matthews Manor in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Wells was born 9/9/1920, in Olive Hill, a daughter of the late Russell and Sophia Newman McClave.

Her husband, Eugene B. Wells, died in 1977. She was a former employee of South Central Bell and a member of Telephone Pioneers.

Surviving are *several nieces and nephews*.

The funeral was held at Globe Funeral Chapel in Olive Hill with Mike Blankenship officiating. Burial was in the Olive Hill Memorial Gardens.

RANDALL C. WELLS, 76, of Morehead, died 2/20/2000 in Ridgeway Manor Nursing Home in Owingsville.

Mr. Wells was born 10/31/1923, in Morgan County, a son of the late Walter S. and Cleffie Prater Wells. His first wife, Jean Chrity Wells, preceded him in death. He was retired from the Morehead Post Office. He was a member of Morehead Lions Club, Order of Eastern Star, Morehead Masonic Lodge 654, and National Association of Letter Carriers. He was past chairman of the Library Board, a graduate of Breckinridge Training School and an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are *his wife*, Jo Ann Whitaker Starnes Wells; *two daughters*: Margaret Wardlaw of Crawford, Colo., and Dana Starnes of Morehead; *a sister*, Margaret DeMuth of Ann Arbor, Mich.; *four grandchildren*; *four step-grandchildren*; and *four step-great-grandchildren*.

The funeral was at Morehead First Christian Church by the Rev. Harold Tackett. Burial was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home in Morehead.

RUSSELL E. WELLS SR., 78, of Wurtland, died 3/31/2000 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. Mr. Wells was born 12/12/1921, in Greenup County, a son of the late William S. and Minnie Adkins Wells.

He was a retired welder on the snap line for AK Steel, a member of Coal Branch Free Pentecostal Church in Greenup and a World War II veteran.

Surviving are *his wife*, Deloris White Wells; *five sons*: Rev. James E. Wells of Buckley, Wash., Russell E. Wells Jr. of Lloyd, Rev. Ralph E. Wells of Shelton, Wash., Roy C. Wells of Richmond and Ronnie E. Wells of Clay City; *two daughters*: O'Donna Day and Brenda Hurt, both of Richmond;

five brothers: Harry Wells of California, Robert Wells, Donald Wells and Larry Wells, all of South Shore and William Wells of Portsmouth, Ohio; *three sisters*: Eva Rhoden of Wheelersburg, Ohio, Stacy Hamilton of Wanachee, Wash., and Clara Stephens of Greenup; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Coal Branch Free Pentecostal Church in Greenup by the Rev. Eugene Pierce and the Rev. Mike Sargent. Burial was in Brick Union Cemetery in Greenup with military rites by James L. Flannery American Legion Post 276 of South Shore.

CHARLOTTE WELLS, 85, of Raceland, died 12/20/1999 in Wurtland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She was born 4/16/1914, in Greenup county, a daughter of the late Oren Sr., and Elsie Keeton Willis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul E. Wells, in 1992; and a son Glen Wells. She was a member of Flatwoods Church of Christ.

Surviving are *a son*, Harold Wells of Gettysburg, Pa.; a daughter, Donna Faye Potter of Raceland; *two sisters*, Thelma Daniels of Flatwoods and Mondane Dotson of Raceland; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the Carman Funeral Home in Flatwoods. John Brown officiated with burial in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens of Flatwoods.

ALKA MEEK WELLS, 88, of South Shore, died 4/24/2000 at her home. Mrs. Wells was born 5/19/1911, in Johnson County, a daughter of the late Shadrick and Stella Daniel Meek. She was a Baptist.

Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis O'Connors of South Shore; 11 grandchildren, including Rick Vansickle of South Shore, whom she raised; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ballard Wells; a daughter, Lovey Vansickle; and a son, Ronald Wells.

The funeral at Roberson Funeral Home in South Shore who was in charge of arrangements. The Rev. Jim Foster officiated with burial in the Collier Memorial Gardens Cemetery in South Portsmouth.

SPECIAL GIFTS, MEMORIAL & HONORS

OPAL WELLS DEROSSETT, VIRGINIA COLLINS EDGEL,

PATRICIA WILLIAMS & PHILLIP WELLS, four Wells board members who have given many years to the Wells Family by serving on the board, died in the last ten months.

The Wells Board expressed their appreciation at the April board meeting by taking up a special offering which was given to the Scholarship Fund in memory of them.

The service these persons have contributed to the family will always be remembered and appreciated by all. We will miss each one on them and their faithfulness to this great family. May their memory always be with each of us is our prayer.

MABLE WELLS ADAMS, of Henryville, Ind., gave \$100.00 which will go to the general fund for newsletter expenses. We appreciate Mabel's continued support of the Wells Family Association. Mabel loves her family and has been a regular supporter through the years. Mabel is the daughter of the late George Moses & Cora Honeycutt Wells and she descends from Richard Wells through Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells. Mabel, her son Garry Adams and his wife Dee Adams took the Scotland & Ireland trip in June.

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EMMA WELLS ADKINS & MARY W. WALTON gave \$25.00 in memory of their double first cousin Delight Wells Hall who died on 11/21/1999 in Louisville, KY. Delight is the daughter of the late Richard & Fannie Richmond Wells. She

descends from Richard Wells through his children George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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MILLARD & KIM PLUMMER gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family which will be use toward newsletter expenses, etc. The Plummer's are faithful supporters of the Wells Family Association and we appreciate them. Millard descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells.

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POLLY WELLS COLLINS, gave \$50.00 in memory of her late husband Carl Collins who died 2/23/2000 at Van Lear, Ky. Carl descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. Polly is a sister of Mary W. Walton who is your editor.

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LEE & GEORGIA HALL, of Brunswick, Ohio gave \$50.00 in Memory of her cousins, Betty Clark Farley who died 4/3/99 in Chino, California and Delight Wells Hall who died 11/2/99 in Louisville, Ky. Both Betty and Delight descended from Richard Wells through the William G. Wells and George E. Wells lines.

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PAMELA VOLOTA HAYNISH, gave \$30.00 in memory of her uncle Carl Collins who died 2/23/2000 at Van Lear, KY. Pam is the daughter of Steve and Geneva Wells Volota. Carl descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

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KERMIT & PAT WOMACK & MANFORD & MARY WALTON, gave \$50.00 in memory of Carl Collins, who died on 2/23/2000 from cancer at his home in Van Lear, Ky. and in memory of Ray Dwayne Collins who died 11/1/1999 in an auto accident. Carl descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. Ray Dwayne Collins descended from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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PATTI VOLOTA OVALICCH, of Parma, Ohio gave \$100.00 in memory of Carl Collins, her uncle who died from cancer on 2/23/2000, Ray Dwayne Collins, her first cousin's son who was killed in an auto accident 11/1/1999 and Pat Williams, who died from cancer on 3/3/2000. Carl, Ray and Pat's husband Jim all descend from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Patti is the daughter of the late Geneva Wells Volota and a twin sister to Pamela Volota Haynish.

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BERNARD "BERNIE" & IRENE WELLS, of Springfield, VA, gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family Association to be used where its needed most. Bernie and Irene are faithful contributors to the family and we appreciate them and their continued support. Bernie descends from Richard Wells through the William G. Wells line. We are looking forward to seeing them again at the reunion this year.

ANONYMOUS GIVER, gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. This person is a faithful contributor to the family. We do appreciate her and her continued support.

ANONYMOUS GIVER, gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family to be used for the Scholarship fund. This person is a regular contributor to the family and is always there to assist in anyway that she can at the board and the reunion.

We really appreciate this person for she knows who she is.

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RONALD R. & JUDITH A. WELLS, gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family to be used for the Scholarship fund. Ron & Judi reside in Georgetown, Kentucky and are regular contributors to the family and both serve on the Wells board.

Ron descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells & Moses Wells lines.

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JACK RAY HALL, gave \$100.00 in memory of his late wife Delight Wells Hall. Delight died 11/2/1999 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jack's daughter Regina, stated in her letter that they appreciated us letting them know all that has been donated in Delight's memory.

Delight was the daughter of the late Richard & Fanny Richmond Wells and descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Delight is a double cousin of Mary Walton.

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VIRGINIA E. HALL, gave \$25.00 to the Memorial Fund for unmarked graves. Virginia resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Virginia's grandmother was Elizabeth Wells Colegrove. Virginia said her great grandmother came through the Wells family. Her mother Edna Mae Horn, and her mother had the following siblings, Rosa, Josephine Theodore, Perry and Ernie. Her mother was Edna Mae Horn, daughter of Elizabeth Colegrove Horn.

I do not know how Virginia comes down Richard Wells but they all plan on attending the reunion this year and maybe I will be able to find out.

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MANFORD & MARY WELLS WALTON, gave \$25 in memory of Joyce Wells O'Conner's who died 4/2000 in Merysville, Ohio from cancer. Joyce descends from Richard Wells through the George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears lines. Mary is a cousin of Joyce.

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ANONYMOUS GIVER, gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family Scholarship fund and \$50.00 to the General Fund.

He also gave \$50.00 to the fund in memory of the four deceased Wells Family board members (especially Phillip Wells whom he knew well) that died this last year.

This person is a regular contributor not only with his money but with his time and service at the reunion and board meetings. We do appreciate him for his continue support.

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2001

Dr. Randall Wells chairperson of the Scholarship Fund received five applicants for the 2000 scholarship this year. All applicants were very deserving descendants of Richard Wells.

We would love to be able to awarded all of them with a scholarship which was not possible at this time. It is hoped in years to come that enough family members will take advantage of the opportunity to support the Scholarship Fund and make it possible to award at least two each year.

This is one way that we can support our young people and help this family move forward through assisting our deserving young people in obtaining an education. Our young people are very intelligent and can become anything they want if only they have the resources to do so.

It is my desire that some of you that can afford to invest in one of our own would give some thought to supporting the scholarship fund before the year of 2001.

The five applicants that was submitted were **Emily Lauren Johnson, Morgan Nichole Litteral, James Church, Lori Beth Lundergan and Kathy Michelle Muncy**.

Six year old Eric Walker who attended the board meeting with his mother Kathy on July 15th, was asked by Randy Wells to draw a name from the five. **Eric drew out Kathy Michelle Muncy's name as the winner of the 2000 scholarship.** Information about Kathy is listed below.

KATHERINE MICHELLE MUNCY,

the 18 year old daughter of Eugene & Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport, graduated with honors May 20th. From Johnson Central High School. Katherine has been accepted at Morehead State University on a Morehead Regional Honors Scholarship, REA Scholarship and an Alumni Scholarship to major in History. She will also minor in Government and then pursue a Law career.



Picture of Katy above

Over the past two years she has been nominated for many awards by her teachers and counselors -- the All American Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Leadership Merit and Service Awards and the U.S. National Mathematics Award. Katherine has been awarded the *Regional Honors Scholarship, the Alumni Award* and the *K.E.E.S. Award* for planning to attend Morehead University. These awards will be continued each year while attending Morehead.

Katherine was one of 17 students who received *Suma Cum Laude* and was honored with a purple stole and a plaque for having a 4.0 GPA. She had to maintain a 3.5-4.0 GPA and attended at least 10 honor courses to be a member of the *Suma Cum Laude*.

Katherine and her boy friend, Josh Banks, were chosen by their Senior class as King and Queen for Johnson Central High School, year 2000. They were also chosen Mr. & Mrs. Senior Eagle by the High School Senior class.

Katherine is the granddaughter of Lucille Wells Patton and the late Charlie Patton. She is the great-granddaughter of Richard "Dick" & Fanny Richmond Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his children, George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier. Her mother, Charlene, a member of the Wells Family Board, took the 1998 England trip and went on the June Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales trip.

NEW EDITION OF THE AUXIER BOOK

by: Dr. Dave Auxier

Dr. Dave Auxier, a native of Johnson County and a descendant of Samuel Auxier II and Rebecca Phillips, has completed his second edition of *The*

AUXIER FAMILY genealogy book and it will be available after July 1, 2000. This very large volume contains 39,058 names in 12 generations, back to Michael Auxier (Oxer), born about 1685 in Auxerre, France.

This book is fully indexed and contains not only the genealogical lineage, but a fair amount of historical information and approximately 425 photos. It is bound in library grade cloth, and printed on acid-free paper. The cost of the 986 page book is \$120.00 per copy plus \$7.00 shipping. Mail orders to Dr. Dave Auxier, 2034 Elvis Presley Blvd, Memphis, TN 38106. Dave's telephone is (901) 396-4979 and his e-mail is memphisdave@earthlink.net

The book is great and I really enjoy mine.

**"HUTCHISON/WELLS"
FAMILY HISTORY TOUR
OF SCOTLAND, IRELAND & WALES
JUNE 2000**

JUNE 9th, There were 24 Hutchinson/Wells family members that left for the Scotland, Ireland & Wales Tour. Sixteen members took the Northwest Airlines Flight from Cincinnati Greater Airport to Detroit where we had several hours layover. Our cousins—Columbus and Betty Vires Collins (his wife) and their daughter, Sandra and her husband, Steve to the airport and visited with us until time for departure. We enjoyed visiting with them since I grew up with Columbus and Betty Vires Collins descends from Richard Wells through two of his children's lines, George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears.

JUNE 10th, The entire group arrived in Glasgow on 4 different flights that day. Our tour Manager/Guide, Joan Robertson was there to greet us. It was great to see the entire group arrive safely. We departed by coach from the Glasgow Airport for Edinburgh with the same driver we had on the 98 England trip. The drive through Edinburgh and the main sights were just beautiful for everything was green, looked as if had just been mowed with sheep everywhere.

We arrived at our hotel for a three night stay at the King's Manor Hotel with just enough time to freshen up before dinner.

JUNE 11th, After a good night rest and having breakfast, we were ready to depart from Edinburgh and arrived at Ochiltree 10:45 am -- east of Ayr for a visit at the old churchyard. We attended church service there and pursued genealogical connections.

At church service, each of us was presented with a prayer book by the pastor. Lunch prepared by the worshippers provided us with a chance for fellowship with our Hutchison cousins. This chance to visit them was great--we felt like we knew them all our life. The social interaction and picture taking were enjoyed by everyone and made it difficult to depart from such wonderful hospitality. I really was astonished at the striking resemblance of Bob & Heather Hutchison to the Hutchison cousins in Scotland. I considered this privilege as one of the many highlights of our trip.

On our return journey to Edinburgh that afternoon, we headed for a visit to Loch Lomond. On Sunday evening, we had a delicious dinner at the hotel.

JUNE 12th, After breakfast we departed for the Scottish Highlands. Our day included a guided tour of Blair Castle, home of the Murray, Duncan and Robertson clan's, and a visit to Clan Donnachaidh Museum.

According to John B. Wells III, we are members of the **Clan Donnachaidh** by virtue of our descent from Martha Duncan, *wife of James Hutchison of Ochiltree* and are members of the **Murray Clan** through descent from Ann Murray, *the mother of James Hutchison*.

We had lunch at Blair Castle and did some shopping in the gift shop, before heading back to Edinburgh for a short rest before getting dressed for the a Scottish Banquet held at the King James Thistle Hotel in Edinburgh. The banquet was great and we were able to try haggis--except two of our men that would not even taste it (I won't reveal any names since they were such an embarrassment.) I think most of us found haggis, very good which was served with yellow turnips and creamed potatoes.

JUNE 13th, This morning we departed to visit Edinburgh Castle and for some personal sightseeing and shopping in Edinburgh. On our way to catch the ferry at Stranraer with the destination of Larne in Northern Ireland, we stopped at Robert Burn's birthplace. After 1-1/2 hours, we arrived in Belfast and continued our journey to Larne and Carnlough on the Antrim coast, spending two nights at the Londonderry Arms.

JUNE 14th, The day proved to be another busy one since we visited Ballymoney, the Bushmill Distillery which is the oldest in the world. We then went to one of the Seven Wonders of the World -- the Giant's Causeway. I must say it was an awesome site. We returned on the

spectacular Antrim Coast Road to Carnlough and then to our hotel for a very good dinner.

JUNE 15th, After breakfast, we departed for drive through Larne in the direction of Carrickfergus meeting with Rosemary Connolly, our tour guide for the day. She took us to the Andrew Jackson/Hutchison Homestead Park and Carrickfergus Castle and then for a panoramic tour and overview of Belfast. We checked into the Malone Lodge Hotel where we spent two nights.

JUNE 16th, We departed that morning for a beautiful and an interesting tour of City Hall. We then departed for the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, a living history museum of life in Northern Ireland. Group members went their own way for the evening with some choosing to relax while others choosing to attend the Royal Ballet or the concert at Waterfront Hall.

JUNE 17th, Departing southwest on our way to Dublin, we stopped to visit the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland. We visited the 1690 Battle of the Boyne where our ancestor William Green fought under William of Orange. After arriving in Dublin, we had a brief orientation tour by coach before checking into the Grafton Plaza Hotel for two nights. Some of the group took the Jameson Dublin Literary Pub Crawl while others either relaxed or just enjoyed the sites of Dublin.

JUNE 18th, On this Sunday members were free for the morning to attend church if they so desired. Several of us attended St. Patrick's Cathedral which was one of the most beautiful places that I have ever worshipped and had communion at. The afternoon was a busy one with travels to the beautiful Wicklow Hills and visit the impressive Powerscourt Estate and Gardens. We continued our motor tour of the area before returning to the hotel for our last night in Dublin.

JUNE 19th, We departed the hotel and Dublin for Dun Laoghaire to cross the Irish Sea for Holyhead in North Wales for a four hour trip on the ferry. Arriving in Holyhead we toured the dramatic Snowdonia National Park and included a visit to Caernarfon Castle. We checked into the Rutlin Castle Hotel where we attended a traditional Welsh Medieval Banquet at the castle. The grounds were beautiful but I must say that the beautiful Peacocks in the court yards proved to be a great surprise in that they squawked all night long. One in our group was praying that we would have Peacock pie for breakfast since they kept him awake.

JUNE 20th, The trip was swiftly coming to an end and we left by coach for Manchester (England) International Airport for our return trip to the U.S.A. The trip was wonderful until we were delayed due to problems with the plane in Amsterdam which caused us to miss our connecting flight in Detroit. We had to lay over until the next day before we could fly to

Cincinnati. We were all really tired but I think everyone was glad that they went and were talking about taking another trip.

John B. Wells III did a beautiful job in planning the trip and worked overtime in doing so. It is my understanding that there are already about 14 wanting to go to England again in 2001 plus some wanting to take a trip to French in 2002. As you can see John III has his job cut out for him.

Our Hutchinson cousins from Scotland, also, want to visit Kentucky to renew acquaintances and get to know our family better. I hope if they can come that they will make the Wells Family Reunion. We would love for you all to meet these wonderful people.

We are going to share the **HUTCHINSON Coat of Arms** of George Hutchinson below. The background are in blue with the stars, animals and lines are gold on the blue background. The two sections where the arrows are in white with the arrows in blue. I wish that I could give it to you in color but it is not possible. I will have a copy at the reunion for you to see and it may be that copies may be available at the reunion.

RECIPES

Mary's Special Fried Rice.

by: Mary W. Walton

1/2 cup fine diced carrots	1/2 cup finely chopped onions
2 chopped whole scallions	1/2 cup frozen peas
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms (1 small can)	1 egg
1 minced clove of garlic	1 Tablespoon Olive oil
5 cups cooked rice (I use instant rice)	

Scramble egg into small pieces, set aside.
In a hot wok or large skillet, add olive oil and garlic, stir. Next add carrots, onion and scallion and stir fry. Add peas, mushrooms and stir together until hot. Add rice and eggs, stir everything together.

Serve with garlic bread. Add soy sauce and pepper to taste. Option. Use diced ham, chicken or shrimp. This is a great recipe and Manfred & I eat it often.

While in Ireland some of our group tried Irish Coffee and thought we would share the recipe with you just in case you wanted to try it.

IRISH COFFEE

1 large measure Irish whiskey	2 tsps. Brown sugar
strong hot coffee	lightly whipped cream

Heat 6 oz stemmed glass Half filled with very hot, strong coffee. (Place a teaspoon in the glass before adding the coffee to prevent cracking) Add the sugar and stir until dissolved. Pour in whiskey and fill with coffee to within 1/2 inch of the top of the glass. Spoon on lightly whipped cream and serve.

Another recipe for coffee with Old Bushmills Irish Whiskey

IRISH COFFEE

1 measure Old Bushmills Irish Whiskey
1 cup hot strong coffee
1 tsp. raw sugar
1 heaped dessertspoon lightly whipped cream

Warm a tall stemmed glass and pour in the Old Bushmills Irish Whiskey. Add the sugar and stir in the coffee. Float the whipped cream on top. Do not stir but sip the coffee through the cream.

SPANISH CORNBREAD PUFF

by: Patti Volara Quallich

1 Box (10 1/2 oz.) chopped frozen spinach (thawed & squeezed)
1-7 oz. Box cornbread mix
4 eggs, beaten
6 Tablespoon butter melted
1 medium onion chopped
8 oz. Cottage cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine spinach & rest of ingredients. Stir just until moistened. Pour into greased 9 inch pie plate. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes or until lightly browned.

MEMORIALS

One means by which individuals, if they desire, could assure that their interest and support for the Wells Family Association Inc. 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.

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Pictured above is two daughters of Aaron Wells, left to right: Allie Wells married Lafe Walters & Emma Wells, married Alden Williamson. This picture was provided by Lyman Porter.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE WELLS REUNION ON
SEPTEMBER 2ND AND 3RD AT JOHNSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.
DINNER!!!!!!!**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!
MARY, TOM, LOUISE, RITA AND PATTI**

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