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If you did not make the 2000 Wells Family Reunion then you missed a wonderful time. It was another success with many special activities going on that we have not had in the past.

Family members met on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and some went on the grave tour, then returned to Johnson Central school for refreshments with others who had been busy setting up for Sunday's meeting.

Approximately 35 attended a genealogical workshop led by John B. Wells III later in the evening.

The Sunday activities began with several of our men dressed in Scottish attire with Seth Wells leading the group playing the bagpipes. John B. Wells III, Josh Wells, Manford Walton and Ron Wells all marching in behind Seth and many said it was the highlight of the day. Seth was so good on the bagpipes that many people wanted him to play for them and then have their picture taken with him.

Seth is the son of Ronald & Lynda Wells of Wilmington, NC, the grandson of Clarence & Ernestine Wells from Charleston, WV, who serves on the Wells Family Board.

It is my understanding that Seth has only been playing for a short period of time in a band made up with of three other pipers. The band

performed, October in South Carolina and you would know that Seth was so good that he took first place in the competition.

I think that all of you know John III, Josh, Manford and Ron as regular members of the Wells board. Josh is not a board member but attends occasionally.

These guys really had a great time wearing the kilts, but especially getting all the attention that you folks gave them. Josh even wore his kilt to church on Sunday morning before coming to the reunion. Seth really got the member's attention playing his bagpipes and everyone appreciated having him coming to play for us.

John Wells III gave a brief memorial service to remember the 54 members of the family that went home since last year. Seth played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes in their memory. John III then offered a prayer for those members and gave the grace for the dinner.

Thanks, Seth, John III, Josh, Ron & Manford we are proud of you. Members enjoyed the fellowship of a wonderful buffet together.

We as board members and workers are so busy that we don't always get a chance to talk with everyone as much as we would love it. We encourage each of you to try and introduce yourselves to others and get to know each other and just remember they are your family.

I usually go up and introduce myself to those that I don't know but I realize that some people don't feel as free as I do to do that. We try to have board members floating around making sure that you were greeted, but we are sure that some were missed.

I know some did not register at the door as they came in. Although, Lyman Porter & Beulah Keel tries hard to get everyone registered some enter through the other door or take their food to the kitchen and then don't come back and register. If you attended and did not sign in, please let me know so we can get an accurate count of those who attended.

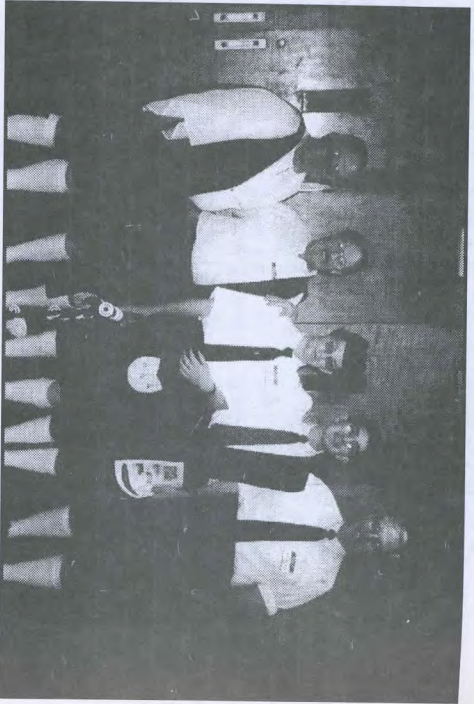
If you have any suggestion how we can get everyone to register please let us know for we are open for suggestions.

I will be listing the officers and board members for the year of 2000-2001 and members that attended for the first time.

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The memorial committee will be ordering monuments for the unmarked graves and would like for you to send them information on any descendants of Richard Wells that does not have a marker on their grave so

the board can consider marking the grave. We will be including some of the ones that have been marked by the board in this newsletter for you all to see what has been done up to this date.



Above you will find a picture of the men that wore kilts to the reunion. Left to right is Manford Walton, Ron Wells, Seth Wells, Josh Wells and John B. Wells III.

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### Officers and Board Members for 2000-2001

<b>President:</b>	Bobby Wells
<b>Vice President:</b>	Randy Wells
<b>Secretary:</b>	Tommie Cochran
<b>Asst. Secretary:</b>	Mary W. Walton
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<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Lloyd Wells
<b>Devotion:</b>	John B. Wells III
<b>Refreshments</b>	Dolores "Sis" Booth & Clifford Booth

**Memorial Committee:** Paul Burchell, Manford Walton & Herman Wells

**Greeters Committee:** Darlene Burgess, Haskell Burgess & Malva Cline

**Scholarship Committee:** Randy Wells, Bobby Wells, Ron Wells & Terri Wells

**Auction:** Ann Porter & Randy Wells, Judi Wells, Dolores Booth & Wanda Collins

**Auctioneer:** John B. Wells III

**Registration:** Lyman Porter & Beulah Wells Keel

**Board Members:** Edith Mollette, Margaret Berryman, Mary F. Moore, Janice, A. Dunseith, Malva Cline, Jim Nyberg, Drema Hunt, Charlene Muncy & William Wendell Stafford

**Historical Committee:** John B. Wells, III, Bobby Wells, Paula Wells, Charles C. Wells & William Wendell Stafford

**Willing to type on book:** Mary W. Walton, Patti Quallich & Charlene Muncy

**Recruitment Committee:** Arthur Collins, Wanda Collins, Clarence Wells & Ernestine Wells

**Members at Large:** Jeff Wells, Danny Blevins, Kathy W. Walker

**Nomination Committee:** Manford Walton, Ronald Wells & Karen P. Howard

**Honorary Members:** James T. Wells & Mabel W. Allen

**EX. Officio Members:** I. B. Wells III, Mary W. Walton, Bobby Wells & Ronald Wells  
(Past Presidents)

### Those attending the reunion for the first time are,

- Bill Sheils, Huntington, WV.
- Barbara Sheils, Huntington, WV.
- Denise R. Perry, Louisa, KY
- James B. Goble, Prestonsburg, Ky
- Louise Witten Samuel, Van Lear, KY
- Ronald Eric Wells, Wilmington, NC
- Seth Wells, Wilmington, NC
- Holly Lafferty, Prestonsburg, KY
- Paula Lafferty, Prestonsburg, KY

Brian Ann Wells Arnett, Versailles, KY  
 Joni Marie Miller, Ypsilanti, MI  
 Dyllon Lafferty, Urbana, OH  
 Karlyn Lafferty, Urbana, OH  
 David Eugene Music, Ypsilanti, MI.  
 Jamey Nicole Lynn, Wayne, MI.  
 Daniel William Wells, Grove City, OH  
 Zachary Glen Wells, Grove City, OH  
 Melissa J. Mills, H. Heights, OH.  
 Woody Wells, Grove City, OH.  
 Norma Wells, Grove City, OH.  
 Otis Wells, Winfield, WV.  
 Arlene Wells, Winfield, WV.  
 Roger Lee Wells, Winfield, WV.  
 Luther Widders, Nippa, KY.  
 Deborah Lynn Cleavinger, Pinckney, MI.  
 Paul E. Adkins, Euclid, OH.  
 Nancy Wells Rippetoe, Dunbar, WV.  
 Dorothy Louise Deering Wells, Dunbar, WV.  
 Joanie Lea Wells, Pratt, WV.  
 Pauline Hyden Sparks, Prestonsburg, KY.  
 Irene Marnell, Edison, NJ.  
 Bob Rice, Aberdeen, OH.  
 Linda Rice, Aberdeen, OH.  
 Kallie Jo Short, Ripley, OH.  
 Willard Dean Rice, Aberdeen, OH.  
 Kenny Rice, East Point, KY.  
 Peggy Mayo Rice, East Point, KY.  
 Kenny Rice, East Point, KY.

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Awards were presented to the oldest, youngest, largest family represented and the family that traveled the furthest distant.

**MAITLAND ABBEY MEADE**, born 9/11/1999 of Paintsville, Kentucky, was the youngest in attendance at the reunion. Maitland is the daughter of Todd & Lisa Cox Meade. Her sister Madison Haley age 3 attended the

reunion with the family. The paternal grandparents are Harold Meade of Paintsville and Anna & Jim Wilson of Westerville, Ohio. Maitland descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier. I was unable to get a picture of Maitland but if the family will send one I will be happy to put it in the next newsletter.

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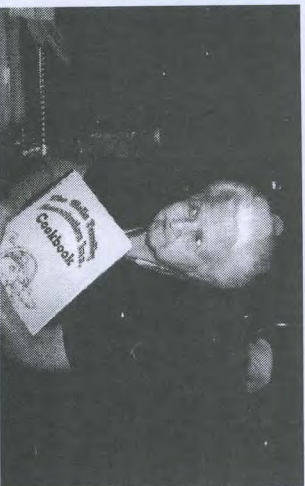
**GOLDA WELLS STEVENS**, 98, born 2/17/1902 won the oldest in attendance at the 2000 reunion. Golda is the daughter of the late Moses & Minta Bevins Wells and the great-granddaughter of Richard Wells and granddaughter of the late William Green & Mary Butcher Wells. Golda resides alone in Huntington, WV. Her only son is in a Huntington rest home. Golda is a retired cosmetologist and worked in Huntington West Virginia.

Golda told me that she had a brother Hobert Wells a sister Jetta and three half siblings Elmon Clark, Landon Clark and Martin Wells.

Her great niece Nancy Marshall Hackworth looks out for Golda and has been brining her to the reunion the last few years. Golda is in very good health except she has some hearing difficult.

Golda calls me occasionally and she and I enjoy the stories she tell me about when she was a young woman and always went to the Old Log Church with her Papa. She told me that her mother always stayed home to cook dinner because the preacher would always come home with her Papa for dinner each week. She is a very special young lady and it is a pleasure to know her.

Below a picture taken at the 2000 reunion.



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**RICHARD "DICK" & FANNIE RICHMOND WELLS**, were the winners of having most family members in attendance with 26 members. Those of the family that attended were: Drema Cornelison Hunt, Kaye Hunt, Leah Hunt, Tharen Kershner, James Kershner, Missy Kershner, Emma Joyce Music, Rossana Music, Sam Henry Music, Corrny Joyce Music, Sam Thomas Music, Karen Patton Howard, Marlene Sturgill Jarvis, Mandy Rose Music, Deborah Lynn Cleavinger, Ryan Joseph Henry Music, Milford Eugene Music, Joni Marie Miller, David Eugene Music, Katherine Muncy, Sheldon E. Sturgill, Zack Wells, Woodridge Wells, Norma Wells, Danny Wells, Roger Patton, Janice Morgan Patton, The Unoka Clark Richmond family reunion had their family reunion on Saturday and this family had approximately 40 people in attendance.

This family descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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**VIRGINIA WELLS MCMONEGAL**, of California traveled the most miles to attend the Wells Family reunion in Virginia is the daughter of the late William E. & Lora Hillman Wells. Her late husband was Daniel J. McMonegal Jr. She is the mother of Louise McMonegal who is a member of the Wells family Board. Picture below of President, Bobby Wells presenting Virginia with a gift for traveling the most miles to the reunion.



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**KATHERINE MUNCY**, was the winner of the \$500.00 scholarship for 2000 reunion. The picture below shows Dr. Randy Wells, chairperson of the Scholarship fund making the presentation. Kathy is attending Morehead State University and is the daughter of Eugene & Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport, KY. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.



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## NOTICE

Pat Wornack and Mary Walton made a quilt for the 2000 auction that was purchased by the highest bidder Ronnie Wells for \$450.00. Plans are in the making to do another quilt for the 2001 auction. This one will have names embroidered of the Wells Family members on it. If you did not sign your name at the reunion please do so and send it to the above address if you would like to be included on the quilt. Please write the name a little larger so we can transfer it to the quilt easier.

The Board will decide at their board meeting if the quilt will be auctioned or offer tickets for a donation. Some members have suggested this to give everyone the opportunity to win the quilt. We will let you know in the next newsletter. If you want to have a chance but unable to attend the reunion you may be able to do so by mailing your donation and a ticket will be put in for you. We will then mail your section back to you if you send a stamped envelope with your money. I will include in the next newsletter information on what the board votes to do.

Please send your name and members of your family soon if you want your name on the quilt. Thanks.

Below you will find a picture of the quilt and Ronnie and Diana Wells bought at the Wells Family Auction for \$460.00.



## ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGE

**KELLY AMANDA COLLINS & JASON RAY MCINTOSH**, were married on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Staffordsville. Kelly is a graduate of Johnson Central High School and Morehead State University.

Kelly is the daughter of Michael & Brenda Bailey Collins of Flat Gap, Kentucky. The paternal grandparents are Polly Wells Collins of Van Lear and the late Carl Collins.

The maternal grandparents are Prudence Bailey of Flat Gap and the late Arville Bailey.

Jason is a graduate of Breathitt County High School and Hazard Technical College. He is the son of Bobby and Connie McIntosh of Jackson.

The couple reside in New Tazewell, Tennessee where Kelly is employed as a Spanish teacher for Claiborne County High School. Jason is a welder for Clayton Mobile Homes. Kelly descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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## BURL WELLS "BEAU" SPURLOCK II AND SUSAN LESLIE ROSE

announce their forth coming marriage.

Rose, the daughter of Darrell and Bonita Rose of Pikeville, received a doctor of pharmacy in 1997 from the University of Kentucky and is a 1990 graduate of Pikeville High School. She is a clinical pharmacist at JFK Medical Center in Atlanta Florida.

She is the granddaughter of Bill Rose of Pikeville.

Spurlock, the son of Burl Wells and Jeanne Spurlock of Prestonsburg, received a Bachelor of Science in landscape architecture in 1998 from the University of Kentucky and in a 1992 graduate of Paintsville High School. He is a landscape architect with Kilday & Associates of West Palm Beach, Florida.

He is the grandson of Davis and Lorraine Stapleton of Paintsville and Jack C. Castle of Flat Gap.

The open church wedding was held on Sunday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, with Wayne A. Sayre officiating. A reception was held at the Paintsville Country Club.

Burl Wells II descends from Richard Wells through his son of William Green Wells line.

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**RANDALL STEVEN SANDIFUR & KASEY ANN JANES FRIDAY,** of Taylor Michigan were married 11/3/2000 at 6:00 pm at Heritage Church in Taylor. The reception followed immediately at Crystal Park Hall.

Randall is the son of Steven & Sandra Collins Sandifur of Taylor, MI. The paternal grandparents are Columbus & Betty Vires Collins of Taylor, MI.

Randall descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears lines.

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**JOHN SHERMAN WELLS & MICHELLE LEE WADE,** were married on May 13 2000 at Saint Peter Catholic Church in Lexington. The Rev. Walter Bado officiated the ceremony.

The bride in the daughter of Robert and Cora Wade of Lexington. She is a graduate of Henry Clay High School.

The groom is the son of James R. and Ivanell Wells of Paintsville. He is a graduate of Paintsville High School.

Maids of honor were Darlene Jones and Tamara Haney, sister's of the bride. The bridesmaids were Anne Lenamount and Gina Nicholetti, friends of the bride.

Serving as best man was Matthew Burchett, nephew of the groom. Groomsmen were Ronald Wells and Warren Wells, brothers of the groom, and Kevin Wade, brother of the bride.

The couple resides in Lexington.

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**ASA VEST & RITA MOLLETTE SMITH,** were married on 9/5/2000 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Rita is the daughter of William & Edith Wells Mollette of Boons Camp, Kentucky.

The newlyweds spent two weeks in Anchorage and from what I hear they had a wonderful time.

Asa is a Morgan County man and he and Rita now reside on Vest Ct., West Liberty, Ky. Asa is retired and loves to travel and they left for Florida in November and therefore Rita was unable to attend the Wells Board so we could all meet the new husband.

Rita is still employed with the State of Kentucky but transferred to the Morgan County office.

Rita descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line. She and her mother both serve on the Wells Family board. We are happy for you Rita.

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**JAMES CRAIG MEAD & BRIGETT HARMON,** were married at a lawn wedding at his home in Paintsville on 9/1/2000.

Craig is the son of Harold Meade of Paintsville, and Anna Lois Wilson & Jim Wilson of Westerville, Ohio. He is the grandson of the late Eyvand & Betty Wells Brown.

Craig descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

The young couple enjoyed a wedding trip on a cruise and will be residing in Johnson county.

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## **BIRTHS**

**KENT MORGAN WALLACE,** was born 11/9/2000 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, KY. Kent weighted 8 lb., & 10 oz. and 20 1/2 inch long. Kent have some problems and may have to under go heart surgery within 6 to 8 months. He has heart defect (Atria Septal Defect and Ventricular Septal Defect) which is basically holes in the walls of both upper and lower chambers.

His parents Mark & Patricia Wells Wallace and his sisters  
Amanda and Diana welcomed Kent.

The paternal grandparents are John and Verna Wallace. The  
maternal grandparents are Jack and Joann Wells an Wilma (Simmons)  
Hovis.

Kent descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green  
Wells line.

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**REBECCA RENE BADGETT**, was born 10/27/2000 at St. Mary's  
Hospital, Huntington, WV. Becky (which she will go by) weighed 7 lb. 7  
½ oz. and was 20 inches long.

The proud parents are Kevin & Gloria Renee Ann Sallie Badgett  
of Rush, Kentucky.

The maternal grandparents are Bill & Gloria G. Spears Sallie of  
Summit. The paternal grandparents are Chester & Mary Badgett.

Becky descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells  
and Rosanna Wells Spears line. Her grandmother Gloria is a member of  
the Wells Family Board.

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**THOMAS HENRY WELLINGTON LENTIZ**, was born 8/19/2000 in  
Wilmington, NC. The proud parents are Holly Wells Lentiz and David  
Lentiz.

The maternal grandparents are Ronald and Lynda Wells  
Wilmington, NC. The great-grandparents are Clarence & Ernestine Wells  
of Charleston, WV. He was born one day before his great-grandmothers  
birthday.

Thomas descends from Richard Wells by way of Moses &  
Margaret Hillman Wells line.

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**LUKE CHRISTOPHER PARTIN WELLS**, born 11/14/2000 at 4:11  
pm., weighing in at 6 lb. 12 oz. and 19-¾ inches long. Luke was

welcomed by his brother Kyle and his proud parents Christopher & Lisa  
Partin Wells of Lexington, Ky.

The maternal grandparents are William & Velma Powell Partin of  
Lexington. The paternal grandparents are Ronald & Judith Tharp Wells of  
Georgetown, Ky. Ronald & Judith both are on the Wells Family board. ( I  
hear that Ron & Judi are doing well now that they have two grandsons &  
two granddaughters.)

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

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**GRAYDON KENNETH BOOTH**, born 10/23/2000 in Galt, California.  
The proud parents are Martin and Heidi Wells Booth. He is the  
grand nephew of Paula Wells who is a member of the Wells family board.  
Graydon descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells line.

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**BENJAMIN KEITH HALBERT**, born 7/23/2000 to Brian & Jennifer  
Horn Hulbert of Fairborn, Ohio.

Benjamin was welcomed by his brother, Brandon Hulbert age 4.  
Benjamin's mother Jennifer is the grand-daughter of Clifford & Dolores  
Williams Booth of Van Lear.

Clifford and Dolores both serve on the Wells Board and descend  
from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & William Green Wells  
lines.

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## ACADEMICS

**BEN WELLS**, of Van Lear and a Junior at Johnson Central High School  
made the honor roll making between 3.0 to 3.99 GPA. Ben is the son of  
Alex & Susie Goble Wells and descends from Richard Wells by way of  
George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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**SAVANNAH C. KEEL**, of Van Lear and a Sophomore at Johnson Central  
School, made the honor roll making between 3.0 to 3.99 GPA. Savannah is



the daughter of Stanley & Judy Butcher Keel and descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line.

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VINCE COCHRAN, of Worthington and a student at Eastern Kentucky University has made the deans list again. Vince has maintained the honor from the time he entered school.

Vince is the son of Robert & Tommie Collins Cochran and descends from Richard Wells by way of Rosanna Wells Spears line. His mother Tommie serves on the Wells Family Association Board.

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TRAVIS AUXIER has earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Auxier, a graduate of Johnson Central High, is the son of Leroy and Janie Auxier of Hager Hill.

"Our graduates are valued worldwide for their clinical training and hands-on experience prior to graduation," said Timothy Bossinger, dean of the college. "We are proud of the class of 2000 and we look forward to their future success as they begin their careers as veterinarians."

The veterinary program at Auburn University is the oldest in the south and has been a continuous program since 1892. More than 5,200 doctors of veterinary medicine have graduated since the first degrees were officially awarded in 1909.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION LETTER'S FROM COUSINS

JOHN B. WELLS III, of Paintsville, Kentucky is selected to state academic team hall of fame.

More than 15 years ago John B. Wells III agreed to serve as a moderator for an academic competition without even knowing the rules. Today, he's among an elite group of individuals in the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition (KAAC) Hall of Fame.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Wells was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame during the KAAC Conference in Louisville.

Wells, the immediate past president of the KAAC Board of Directors, has also served as the governor's office board representative. "As president, Wells was instrumental in bringing financial stability to KAAC, and brought about the first-ever long-range play for the organization," KAAC executive director John Bennett said.

Bennett also noted that Wells is responsible for the KAAC'S new vision and direction.

In his introduction of Wells, Bennett noted that the inductee was not selected because of an allegiance to a particular school, "but because he believes in academic competition and the positive effect it can have on today's youth."

Wells recalled Thursday his first involvement with academic competitions about 17 years ago when local coaches asked him to moderate a district competition.

"I walked into it cold," Wells said. "I didn't know the rules, but I've been an official ever since."

As for assisting the organization with its current financial stability, Wells noted he was the first businessman on the board, and that he used that perspective to get the KAAC out of debt.

"I came at it from a different perspective," Wells said. "I came onto the board with a deeper concern for the financial side." He also noted that the KAAC was about \$80,000 in debt when he was named the board's president two years ago, but the KAAC is currently about \$40,000 in the black.

Wells' involvement with the KAAC's long-range plan included expanding competitions to target the involvement of students who don't typically compete academically.

"We want to be able to approach every child with some type of "academic" competition," he said, noting that plans are underway to involve computers in meets and having competitions in the performing arts and for special education students.

Wells noted that more than 30,000 students in Kentucky are currently participating in academic competitions.

"That makes me even more proud of our local kids," he added, referring to the "thrill" of watching Paintsville and Johnson County Middle School students win state championships during his involvement with the competitions.

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GOLDIE A. WELLS, of Van Lear and a senior at Johnson Central High School was picked as Senior Princess for the 2000 Johnson Central High School Homecoming Court. Goldie is active on the schools Basketball team plus she has maintained the honor roll throughout her school years.

Goldie is the daughter of Alex & Susie Goble Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

I want to share with you the letter that I received from Tammy Blevins Eady. I will be passing the data for the book onto the Historical committee.

Tammy's mother was Rosemary Wells, b. 1/1/1935 on Daniels Creek, died 8/4/1997 in Milwaukee, WI. Rosemary was the daughter of James Garfield Wells & Mary Magdelene Honeycutt, daughter of Nathan & Amanda Hitchcock Honeycutt.

James Garfield Wells was the son of Lafayette Wells and Arminta Elizabeth Wells and Lafayette Wells was the son of James W. & Emarita Collins Wells. Arminta Elizabeth Wells was the daughter of William Green & Mary A. Cary Wells and Wm. Green was the son of Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells.

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9/13/2000

The Wells Family Association, Inc.  
Attention: Mary Walton

Dear Mary and members of the Wells Family Association.

Enclosed please find family information that I would like for you to include in your upcoming Wells Family book. Because of the distance and timing, we have only been able to attend two reunions through the years but have always cherished the memories we brought back with us. My Mother passed away quite suddenly and unexpectedly three years ago. She was the last surviving member of her family as you can see by the enclosed Family Group sheet. Mom would have been thrilled to know that

our branch of the Wells family would be included in your book. It is a way of keeping their memory alive.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my family by sharing a little bit about us. In 1982, I graduated from the University of Michigan with two Bachelor of Arts degrees, one in Political Science and one in Sociology. My minor was in History.

Brian and I met in college and were married four years after graduation. Two days after we were married, I left with him on the road trip to my new home in San Diego. Brian had lived there since graduation. I was a newcomer. It was quite an experience for someone who had never been any further West than Indiana. I was only there a short time though when Brian was offered a new engineering position for a company in Pennsylvania.

We moved to Downingtown, a small town half-way between Philadelphia and Lancaster. Breanne was born two years later in Chester County Hospital on George Washington's Birthday. We received a letter from one of our state senators congratulating us on our patriotic baby. It was during this time that my interest in our family heritage was renewed. We've always thought it was kind of neat that Breanne was born so close to the birth date of our Revolutionary War ancestor, Richard Wells and so close to Philadelphia where he was born some 228 years earlier. She has always felt a special connection with the Wells family even though she has not had the opportunity to spend a great deal of time with them.

The majority of my research had been done in college but, there was something about having my own child to carry on that heritage and the atmosphere of a community so rich in history that sparked a renewed interest. I did some research on my husband's family during this time. His father's family came over from County Cork Ireland in the 1870's through New York eventually settling in Detroit, Michigan. The Eady family was under the protectorate of the Gordon clan. Brian's paternal grandmother's family was of German heritage coming to the states in the late 1800's as well settling in Southeastern Michigan.

His Mother's family came to America in the early 1900's from Quebec, Canada, settling in Northern Michigan. She would always tell me about how her Mother and Father would speak in French wherever there was a topic they did not want the children to hear. Mrs. Eady always regretted that she did not know French. When her family came to America there was a lot of prejudice against people who spoke a foreign language.

Her parents did not want their children to be marked for ridicule so they never encouraged them to learn French.

It's been great teaching Breanne about American History through actual family members. From the experience of America's first settlers in the 1600's to the immigration stories of the early 1900's, there is someone in our family to identify with. It has made history come alive for her.

My papers were in order and I had a sponsor for membership in the Daughter's of the American Revolution when Brian received word that he had been transferred to his company's home office in Chicago.

Chicago and its suburbs were so congested that we decided to look further North for a home. We settled in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The community is small and it reminded us of our homes back in Michigan.

We found a house just a couple of blocks from Lake Michigan. Being an avid outdoorsman - fishing, hunting, an skiing, Brian loved it immediately. Our house is an older home within the historical district of town. Breanne adjusted very quickly. Within a couple of days of starting school, the house was filled with kids from the neighborhood!

We have been in Kenosha since 1995. Breanne is now 12 and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She is attending a private Lutheran school close to our home. She enjoys reading, creative writing (I am enclosing a copy of a report she wrote for school about our family), basketball, cheerleading, music (clarinet & piano), dancing (ballet), and ice skating.

For the past three years, Bre has been skating with a local synchronized ice skating team. This year, she will have the opportunity to skate cross country as a member of the state synchronized skating team. She also has participated in individual ice skating competitions as a soloist. As you can tell, we are quite proud of her.

I have two part-time jobs. I had the opportunity to work full-time but, I like the flexibility of part-time although it sounds slightly crazy.

Currently, I am the Director of Community Outreach for Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, a large eldercare corporation in a neighboring community. I am also Outreach Director for the Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Between the two jobs and Bre's schedule, I stay pretty busy.

In my spare time, I serve as a board member for the local Salvation Army and tutor at a neighborhood school. Whenever I have the opportunity for some "Me" time, I like to work on crafts, paint, draw, write, watch old movies, and listen to classical, jazz, or contemporary music.

Brian has changed companies since we moved here five years ago. In his previous job he had the opportunity to do a great deal of international travel including a number of trips to Asia. It was quite exciting for me even though I kept the home fires burning. I always looked forward to him coming home and sharing stories of far away places. The travel eventually took its toll though and now his office is in our home. Occasionally, he will be called out on short trips but, they are usually within a days journey of Kenosha.

My Dad, Bob Blevins, still lives in Michigan where he pastors a small Free Will Baptist Church. He stays quite busy but always finds time to stop by for a quick visit now and again. He graduated from Wheelwright High in 1955 and is planning to attend their 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion next month. I am quite excited for him and am looking forward to hearing about the event.

Well, I better close and now. Thank you for including our branch of the family in your book. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling (262) 657-3438 or, you can E-mail me at [bkeady@acronet.net](mailto:bkeady@acronet.net).

Sincerely, Tammy (Blevins) Eady

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Dear Mrs. Walton,

My name is Glenda Wells Hill and we met at the funeral of my Uncle Truman as you know my parents when they were young. I really enjoyed our conversation.

Well I want to inform you of the death of my Mother and I'm sending you an obituary as you may want to publish it in the newsletter.

My Dad is still in Mountain Manor of Paintsville and not doing well at all. He may need surgery soon and we just pray for his recovery.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Wells Family Newsletter you sent me and I am looking forward to the next one.

I am sending \$25.00 in Memory of my mother (Thelma Hyden Wells) to use as you see fit.

I hope to meet you again, maybe under better circumstances.

Sincerely,

Glenda Wells Hill

## SICKNESS & HOSPITALIZATION

### PRAYER LIST:

Emma Wells Adkins, Samuel Richmond, Tommy Wells, , Judy Richmond, Donna Wells Rambo, Paulina Collins Garza, Diana Stone Wells, Ronald Wells, Murl Wells Collins, Donna Wells Rambo, Emma Jean Wells Caudill, Pam Haynish, Drema Hunt, B. A. Bernard Wells Jr. Judy Keel, Rhonda Wells, Harry Holbrook, Ann Porter, Joe Wells Jr., Nancy Hackworth, Lois Marshall, Eugene Stevens, Mildred W. Sturgill, Ernestine Wells, Lucille W. Patton, Claude Dennison, Manford Walton.

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### KATHY YOUNG OWENS HER HUSBAND ANTHONY AND

DAUGHER EMILY COLLIER. These three cousins were in an auto accident in September. Kathy and Emily were taken to Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Kentucky and Anthony was airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, WV, where he had punctured lung, broken ribs & collarbone.

Kathy, Anthony and Emily are all home recuperating although Kathy got her cast off and is still using crutches but making progress. Emily is doing great but it will be sometime before Kathy and Anthony are completely recovered.

I talked with Kathy's mother Emma Jean Caudill and she said they were lucky but was coming along real good.

Kathy is the daughter of Jack & Patty Young. Jack is the grandson of the late Ali & Sadie Collins Wells. They descend from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells & Rosanna Wells Spears

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EDWIN "EDD" WELLS, of Woodstock, Ohio underwent surgery on June 19, 2000 when he lost 2/3 of his lung. He then suffered a blood clod on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Edd has suffered from heart problems in the past but has sprung back pretty good for I talked with him the day before the reunion.

I understand that his wife Beulah has been giving his that special care and that he is now back on his feet. I heard that he make a trip to Ky in October with his two sisters.

Edd is the son of the late Sherrman and Lillie Collins Wells and descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line.

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JILL WELLS, of Auxier, Kentucky has been a patient in the Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg several times in the last few months. I am told that Jill spend a time in a local convalescence home and is now home and receiving that special care from her husband Lloyd.

Her husband Lloyd descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines. Lloyd serves on the Wells Family Board.

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CHARLOTTE WELLS, of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky has been a patient in a local hospital. She began her chemo in October.

Charlotte is the wife of Charles Wells who descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells lines.

Charlotte's brother-in-law Ron Wells and Lloyd Wells both serve on the Wells Family board.

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QUINTEN SPEARS, of Wurtland, Kentucky suffered a heart attack on July 7<sup>th</sup> and then had a triple bi-pass on July 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington WV. Quinten also suffers from a genetic defect that causes him to have periodic hemorrhages.

According to his wife Wanda he is home and has recuperated well. Quinton is the son of the late Arnold and Loraine Burk Spears and he descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears lines.

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CARMEL SPEARS POWELL, previously of Danville, Ky and presently residing with her sister Alice Spears Cornette of Flatwoods, Ky. Alice is the caretaker of her sister who has been in failing health for sometime.

I was able to visit Alice and Carmel on November 11<sup>th</sup> with their first cousin Clarence Wells and his family from Charleston, WV. It was such a privilege to visit with this special couple. I promised myself that I will go back and visit them again soon.

Carmel and Alice descend from Richard Wells through William Green Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears line.

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GEORGIA ANN RICHMOND HALL, of Brunswick, Ohio has been in the hospital several times since the last newsletter. Georgia has undergone surgery a couple times and will be having surgery again in a few weeks. She is presently home receiving special care from her husband Lee Hall. Georgia has Lupus and has a lot of complications caused by it plus she has other health problems.

Georgia is the daughter of the late Bill & Myrtle Spears Richmond and descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells, Rosanna Wells Spears and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

She is a former member of the Wells Family board.

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CAROL BROWN RAY BURCHETT, of Prestonsburg underwent surgery at a local Prestonsburg hospital in July 2000.

Carol is the daughter of the late Eyvand & Betty Wells Brown and she is receiving special care from her husband Charles Ray Burchett.

She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

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GENE PAYNE, of Chloride, AZ., had a hip replacement at a local hospital in October.

Gene is the husband of Dortha Strobel Payne who descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears

lines. Dortha's grandparents were John T. & Leona Clark Spears who moved to CA., when their children were young and never returned to their roots of Kentucky.

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POLLY WELLS COLLINS, of Van Lear, spent several days in the Highland Memorial Hospital, Prestonsburg.

Polly still has health problems and we need to remember her in our prayers. She is the daughter of the late Ben & Ann Richmond Wells and widow of the late Carl Collins.

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

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LYMAN PORTER, of Waverly, Ohio has been a patient at Adena, Chillicothe, Ohio hospital. Lyman has been having some problems the last month and underwent surgery on 11/7. He had to have couple pints of blood and is presently home receiving special attention from his wife Ann. I talked with Ann and she told me that Lyman went to his doctor on 11/16 and received a good report. She said that he is feeling much better.

Lyman and Buelah Keel registers guest at the reunion each year and his wife Ann is over the auction. He and Ann both are very faithful to the Wells family and both serve on the Wells Family Board.

Lyman descends from Richard Wells through William Green Wells line.

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TOMMIE COLLINS COCHRAN, of Worthington, Kentucky/Dublin, Ohio was in Columbus Ohio Riverview Hospital where she underwent surgery on 9/28/2000. Things did not go quite as expected because Tommie suffered a set back and was a very sick person for some days.

Tommie is presently back to work although it was a tough time for her. She looks great but will be taking it easy for a time. She surely gave her family and us cousins a scare and we are very thankful that she is fine now.

Tomnie is the daughter of Arthur Collins who serves on the Wells board. Tommie is the Wells family secretary and co-editor and we really appreciate all the hard work that she does.

Tomnie descends from Richard Wells through Rosanna Wells Spears line.

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COLUMBUS COLLINS, & BETTY VIRES COLLINS, of Taylor, Michigan both have been sick. Columbus had cataract replacement in one of his eyes and will have the other one done within a month.

Columbus wife Betty has been very sick and spent several weeks in the hospital. According to her daughter Sandra she may possibly be going through surgery for Diverticulitis after seeing the doctor in January.

Columbus is the son of the late Conard and Gladys Wells Collins, and he descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears. Our prayers are for this family for they seem to be hit all at once.

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WILLADEAN HONEYCUTT WELLS, of Van Lear and the wife of Samuel J. Wells underwent a triple bi-pass at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland in September. She is home recuperating and doing well.

Willadean's husband descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells & Roseanna Wells Spears line.

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ALVERTA "VERDIE" COLLINS MULLETTE, of Taylor, MI, was a patient in a local hospital in September.

Verdie is the wife of the late Marion Bobby Mollette and the daughter of the late Conard & Gladys Wells Collins of Johnson County.

Verdie had heart blockage and according to her niece Sandy they bi-passed a blockage of an artery that goes to the heart. Sandy said that she was home and doing well.

Verdie descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears.

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BETSY DEMENT, of Portsmouth, Ohio has been in the hospital a couple of times this last year. Betsy had a broken left leg and ankle plus had gallbladder surgery. Betsy descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells line. She went on the trip to England with the Wells Family. I had the following letter from Betsy in August.  
Hi Mary.

I am sorry that I missed the trip, but it sounds like everyone had a great time. Between my broken lower left leg and ankle and my gallbladder surgery this year, I wouldn't have been able to keep up. I received my Wells newsletter recently and read about the trip.

I won't be able to make the reunion, but would be very interested in anything that is for sale. If there is any research on the Hutchisons and Green's, please let me know. I would like to buy one. Please keep me posted on any upcoming events too. Has anything been done to restore the Wells Chapel? Let me know, I would like to send a donation. Thanks. My new address is 2916 Willow Way - Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. On top of everything else, David and I bought a new house this year. Tell everyone I said hi and that I am thinking about them. Betsy

(Betsy, the Wells Chapel closed and the church was sold. I don't know if another church bought the church or not. I will let you know if I hear anything. Mary)

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NEVARD WELLS, of Van Lear, suffered a stroke in August and spent several days in the Highland Regional Hospital, Prestonsburg.

Nevard is presently at home recuperating and determined that he is going to throw the walker and cane away soon. In his efforts to do this he has taken several spills but always seem to prevail although the last fall he ended up with a sprained ankle.

Nevard is a real fighter and told me he was going to try and live to 100 and I must say I admire the fight and pray he will continue to keep that attitude.

Nevard is the son of the late Ben & Anna Richmond Wells and descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William Green

Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. He is the brother of your editor, Mary W. Walton.

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PAUL GARZA, of Eldersburg, Md., was in the hospital in September in a local hospital in Maryland. He only made it out of the hospital in time to attend the Collins/Spears reunion with encouragement from his wife Paulina. Paul is back to work and doing very well according to Paulina. Paulina serves on the Wells Family board and descends from Richard Wells through Roseanna Wells Spears line. She has been faithful to attend the Wells reunion down through the years.

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LESLIE ANN "HORN" WILSON, underwent surgery in Fairborn, Ohio, on October 24, 2000.

Leslie is presently home recuperating and doing fine according to her grandparents Clifford and Dolores Williams Booth.

Dolores descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and William Green Wells lines. Clifford & Dolores both serve on the Wells Board.

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ENOCH MCGINNIS, of Grayson had surgery in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Kentucky on November 1, 2000.

Enoch is the husband of Eula May Williams McGinnis and the son of the late John McGinnis. He is presently home receiving special attention from his wife Eula May.

Enoch's wife descend from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and William Green Wells lines. Eula May is the sister of Dolores Booth who serves on the Wells Board.

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GOLDA WELLS HORN, of Stone, Kentucky has been sick for sometime but is doing better at this time.

Her son Ernil Bratcher took her home to Michigan with him so he and his family can give her the care she needs.

Golda is the daughter of the late Sammie J. and Cynthia Wells and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line. She is an Aunt of Dolores Williams Booth who serves on the Wells board.

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ERSEL "BUNKY" MAY, had difficulty with his heart and had a pacemaker installed in October. Ersel also inherent diabetic's that many of the Wells descendants have.

Ersel is presently home doing fine. He is the son of the late Wash & Tisha Wells May and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

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RITA SUE MAY, of Stone, Kentucky is sick. She is the daughter of Marvin & Alene May of Stone and grand-daughter of the late Tisha Wells May.

She descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells line.

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NEVA SUE WELLS BAKER, of Willoughby, Ohio underwent surgery in an Ohio Hospital in October.

Neva Sue is the daughter of the late Elmer & Pearl Hamilton Wells and widow of the late Lex Baker. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Rosa Wells Spears lines.

Her brother Herman Wells serves on the Wells Family Board.

### DEATHS

MAXINE BOYD DANIELS, 76 of Van Lear, Kentucky, died 11/11/2000 in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Maxine was born 9/18/1924 in Johnson County a daughter of the late Jess and Alka Adkins Boyd. Her husband Paul Daniels died in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Vencil Daniels of Danville and Jimmy Daniels of Oil Springs; a daughter Pat Coleman of Paintsville; a sister Josephine Napier of Thelma, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. The funeral was held at the Church Freedom Worship Center of Hager Hill by Steve Rose & Paul Daniels Coleman. Burial was in the Pine Hill Cemetery at Thelma.

Maxine descends through Richard Wells through George E. Wells line.

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ETHA MAE VIRES WELLS, 80, of Taplin, WV, died 8/31/2000 while vacation at Jenny Wiley State Park in Floyd County Kentucky.

Etha was born 5/25/1920 to the late Alex Vires and Addie Honeycutt Vires.

Her husband Wilbur Wells preceded her in death. Survivors include several children and grandchildren. (We do not have the names of the children but if someone will send me the list I will be happy to run it in the next newsletter).

The funeral was at Taplin Free Will Baptist Church, Taplin, WV. On 9/3/2000 with the Rev. Treaby Scaggs, Rev. Lacy Cox, Sr., and Rev. George Leese, Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Gardens in Godby, WV.

Etha Mae's husband Wilbur was the son of late Walker & Mary Branham Wells and descended from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells line.

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THELMA HYDEN WELLS, 83, of Van Lear, Kentucky, died 8/8/2000 in Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

Thelma was born June 12, 1917, in Johnson County, to the late William and Margaret Hopson Hyden.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Surviving are her husband, Tommy Wells of Paintsville; one son, Bobby Allen Wells of Paintsville; four daughters, Ruth Bowling of Paintsville, Doris Sue Robinson and Glenda Kay Hill, both of Hager Hill, and Wanda Faye Staniford of Summerville, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 10, at Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, with J. W. Holcomb officiating. Burial followed in Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville.

Thelma's husband Tommy descends from Richard Wells by George E. Wells & Elizabeth DeLong Wells, Allen Wells & Angelina Collins Wells.

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CHARLES HOMER WELLS, 80, of Boons Camp, died 9/16/2000 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky.

Homer was born 9/22/1919, in Johnson County a son of the late Herbert and Ella Davis Wells.

He was retired as an instructor at Mayo State Vocational School, Paintsville, and a U. S. Army veteran who served during World War II.

Surviving are two brothers, Robert Wells of Cincinnati and Dennis Wells of Boons Camp, and a sister, Dorothy Wells of Paintsville.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home. Services was held at the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Dick Van Hoose officiating. Burial was in the Fields Cemetery at Boons Camp.

Homer descended from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells line. Homer and his brother Dennis were always faithful to attend the Wells Family Reunion and he will be missed.

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THOMAS ROGER WELLS, 57, died July 24, 2000 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Thomas was born March 27, 1943, in Johnson County, to the late Curtis and Vern Phipps Wells. He was a mechanic.

Surviving is one brother, Morris Wells of Van Lear.



Jones-Preston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements and a graveside services were held July 25<sup>th</sup> at Highland memorial Park with B. Joe Hill officiating.

Thomas descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells line.

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**JOSEPHINE ELLIS HOWARD**, 84, of Prestonsburg, died 8/28/2000 in Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Mrs. Howard was born 10/4/1915, in Water Gap, a daughter of the late Parmer Tilden and Laura Belle Lafferty Ellis.

Her husband, Ray Howard, died in 1968.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg, where she served as a former deacon and elder, and a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Ann Howard Carter; three sons, O. R. "Pete" Howard and Jim Howard both of Prestonsburg and Tim Howard of Auxier; two sisters, June Gearheart and Isabell Spotte, both of Prestonsburg; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the First Presbyterian Church by the Rev. George Love. Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Howard's son Tim is married to Karen Patton who descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Karen serves on the Wells Family board.

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**HAROLD E. "HANK" HILLMAN**, 78, of Ashland, died 11/23/2000 in King's Daughters Medical Center.

Hank was born 4/15/1922, in Wise County, Va., a son of the late Roy and Sarah Sloas Hillman.

He was former manager with Lincoln Life Insurance Co., a member, deacon and usher of Rose Hill Baptist Church and founder of the Ashland Tomcat Booster Club.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Mae Rogers Hillman, a son, Tom Hillman of Richmond; two daughters, Judith Ann Hillman and Sheila Kay Webb, both of Ashland; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Rose Hill Baptist Church by Dr. Michael Routt and Dr. Charles Stewart. Burial was in Vernon Furnace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Marshall Steen Funeral Home,

Hank descended from Richard Wells by way of his daughter Elizabeth Wells Hillman who married John Hillman.

According to Frank Hillman descends from Elizabeth, through her son William Martin Hillman, his son Houston Hillman and then Roy Hillman. Hank looks enough like Frank Hillman to be his brother.

I do appreciate Frank for giving me the information on Hank and how he descended through Richard Wells. My husband Manford has known Hank for the last 45 years but did not know that he was a relative. My brother Nevard also worked with Hank and I am sure he did not know they were relatives.

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**EDGER WELLS JR.**, 43, of Boons Camp, died 8/13/2000 at his home.

Mr. Wells was born 10/25/1956, in Paintsville, a son of the late Edgar and Rebecca Preston Wells.

Surviving are five brothers, Larry Wells of Murphy, N. C., Zip Wells of Tomahawk, Garry M. Wells of Sitka, Jimmie R. Wells of Boons Camp and Herbert Ray Wells Brookville, Ohio; and three sisters, Jewell dean Fritch of New York, Christine Hall of Meally and Darlene Blair of Murphy.

The funeral was at the Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville by Willie Goble. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery in Boons Camp.

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**THELMA HYDEN MUSIC**, 72, of Prestonsburg, died 9/4/2000 at Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Mrs. Music was born 8/10/1928, in Auxier, a daughter of the late Harry and Lucy Hall Hyden.

She was a member of Horn chapel in Auxier.

Surviving are her husband James R. Music, a daughter, Peggy Nelson of Prestonsburg; three brothers, Billy Ray Hyden of Warsaw, Ind., and Cecil Hyden and Randall Hyden, both of Prestonsburg; and two sisters, Barbara Sturgill of Louisville and Christine Huff of Winchester.

The funeral was held at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Rev. Roger Music officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park in Paintsville.

Thelma's sister Barbara Sturgill's husband Buddy descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

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**NANCY MARGARET WILLIAMS WELLS**, 59, died 8/9/2000 at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland.

Mrs. Wells was born May 4, 1941, in Johnson County, to the late Houston E. and Thelma Picklesimer Williams Wells. She was retired from American Standard.

Her husband, Billy Gerald Wells proceeded her in death on December 4, 1970.

Surviving are two sons, Billy G. Wells II of Salyersville and Kevin Lee Wells of Orangevale, California, one brother, D.B. Williams of Columbus, Georgia, four sisters, Ruth Stambough of West Van Lear, Glenna Music of Van Lear, Retha Fox of Zephyrhills, Florida, and Phyllis Murphy of Dryden, Michigan, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 12, at St. Michael Church, with Father Terence E. Hopenjans officiating.

Burial was in Highland Memorial Park of Staffordsville.

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**NORMA SPEARS STEPP**, 92, of Prestonsburg, died 10/15/2000 in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Mrs. Stepp was born 3/6/1908, in Johns Creek, a daughter of the late John Walker and Nina McGuire Spears.

Her husband, Jonah G. "J.G." Stepp, died in 1992.

She was a former teacher in the Floyd County schools, a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, John Graham Chapter and

Miriam Rebekah Lodge 31 in Prestonsburg and a charter member of Floyd County Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are a sister, Virginia S. Goble of Prestonsburg; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg with the Rev. George Love, officiating. Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel.

Norma descends from Richard Wells by way of Roseanna Wells Spears line. She attended the Wells reunion until failing health prevented her from attending the last couple years. My sister Polly and I had a very pleasant visit with Norma in Oct. 1999.

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**MARIA ARZOLA GAARZA**, 85, of San Antonio, Texas died on 9/12/2000 following a long illness.

She was born 7/21/1915 to the late Leonardo and Cleofas Ramirez Arzola. She is preceded in death by husband Jose Garza, a son; Alfred Garza and a daughter, Juanita Garza.

Survivors are four daughters; Virginia Ballew of Tacoma, WA. Mary Jane Juarez, Irene Placke and Caroline Salazar of San Antonio. Three sons; Paul Garza of Eldersburg, MD., Pedro Garza of San Antonio, and Joseph Arzola of Huston, TX.

Paul Garza's wife Paulina is a previous member of the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells by way of Rosanna Wells Spears line.

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**JUANITA WELLS KERSHNER**, 76, of Flatwoods, Kentucky died 9/26/2000, in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital.

Juanita was born 10/28/1923, in Kenova, W. Va., a daughter of the late John P. and Arminia McCloud Wells.

Her husband William D. Kershner, died in 1989.

She was owner of Christy's Flowers, a Kentucky colonel and a member of Kenwood Missionary Baptist Church in Russell and Order of Eastern Star Mistletoe Chapter 144 of Flatwoods.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Jachimczuk of Russell and Anthony Lee Kershner of Flatwoods; two daughters, Christy Stevenson of Russell and Sheila J. Campbell of Flatwoods; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carman Funeral Home with the funeral held in the chapel. The Rev. James Pridemore and the Rev. Clyde Newman officiating with burial in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods.

Juanita descended Richard Wells by way of George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells.

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**I DO NOT KNOW IF THESE PERSONS DESCENDS  
FROM RICHARD WELLS OR NOT - FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION.**

**MARTHA ARLEE DICKEN WELLS**, died of cancer on 10/4/200. She resided at Rt. 3, was a practical nurse, and the wife of John L. Wells. The services was at Talbot Funeral Home.

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**CONRAD CLAY "TINY" WELLS**, 69, of Seabrook, died October 2, 2000 in Webster. He was born 5/7/1931 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Tiny was a professional firefighter for 42 years, starting in Lexington and retiring from Houston Port Authority-Marine Fire Division. He is survived by his wife, Anne Wells, Seabrook; sons, George Russell Wells and wife, Maryellen, League City, TX, Daniel Clay Wells and wife, Joanne, League City; grandchildren, Stephanie Tanet, Matthew Wells, Mark Wells and Carly Wells.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jack Rowe Funeral Home. The funeral was at First Baptist Church, Seabrook, with Pastor Robert Purdy officiating.

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**MEMORIAL'S**

**GLEND A WELLS HILL**, of Hager Hill, Kentucky gave \$25.00 in memory of her mother *TheIna Hyden Wells*, who was born 6/12/1917 and died 8/8/2000 at Mountain Manor nursing home in Paintsville, Glenda descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells line. Thanks, Glenda.

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**ANONYMOUS GIVER**, gave \$50.00 to the Scholarship Fund. This person called me and was very impressed with our Wells Family Association and that we were providing a scholarship for one of our Wells young people that she wanted to donate. We do appreciate this donation.

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**BUDDY STURGILL**, of Louisville, Kentucky gave \$50.00 in memory of his father the Rev. *James Sturgill* and in honor of his mother *Mildred Wells Sturgill* who is in a convalescence facility in Floyd County. Buddy descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. Thanks, Buddy.

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**R. C. & ELIZABETH "LIBBY" WELLS**, of Louisa, Kentucky gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. Libby descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells line. Thanks, R. C. & Libby.

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**PAUL ADKINS**, of Euclid, Ohio, gave \$20.00 to the Wells Family in memory of his late wife *Janice W. Adkins*. Paul descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells line. Thanks, Paul.

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ANONYMOUS GIVER, gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. This person is a regular supporter of the family as well as a great researcher. We thank you as always.

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SUSAN MARNELL WEAVER, gave \$10.00 in memory of *John L. & Thea Long Wells* who was the son of *William Allen Wells*. They descend from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells line. Thanks, Susan.

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CLIFFORD & DOLORES "SIS" BOOTH, of Van Lear, Kentucky gave \$100.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed. Clifford and Sis are members of the Wells Board and are faithful supporters of the family down through the years. Sis descend from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells and William Green Wells. We appreciate Clifford & Sis for their continued support.

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MARY MAY KOZEE, of Paintsville, Kentucky gave \$50.00 to be used in the general fund. Mary May has been a continued supporter of the Wells Family. She descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells line. Mary we appreciate your continued support.

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ALOMA WELLS WILBURN, of Rush, Kentucky gave \$20.00 in memory of her late father *Truman Wells*. to be used where needed most. The late Truman Wells extended family has been a great supporter of the family and all attended the reunion each year. Aloma is a previous member of the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells line. Thanks, Aloma.

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JOHN & TERRI WELLS III, of Paintsville, Kentucky gave a gift of \$25.00 to Mary Walton for her help in making John's Kilt that he wore at

the reunion. Mary gave the money to the Wells treasure in honor of *John* and his family for all they do in making the Wells Family Reunion a success. Thanks, *John & Terri*.

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EMMA D. WELLS ADKINS, gave to the Wells Family Scholarship fund \$25.00 in memory of her parents the late *Ben & Anna Richmond Wells*. Emma descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier lines.

Emma's granddaughter, Erin McCoart was the recipient of the 1999 Wells Scholarship and attends Prestonsburg Community College where she has maintained the deans list. I understand that Erin is planning on going into the medical field. We wish her the very best and know that she will be able to achieve what ever she puts her mind to do.

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ANONYMOUS GIVER, gave to the Wells Family \$25.00 to go to the Scholarship fund. This person is a regular supporter financially and attending the board meetings and reunion. We really appreciate this person.

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PAULA WELLS, of Greenup gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family to be used where it is need most. Paula is a regular supporter of the family. Paula is the daughter of the late Rolland Wells and descends from Richard Wells by way of Moses & Margaret Hillman Wells line.

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TIM & MARGARET NAPIER, of Flat Gap, Kentucky gave a gift of \$50.00 to the Wells Family to be used in the general fund. Tim is the son of Josephine Napier and descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells line. I worked with Margaret and have to say she is a wonderful person and since her reunion is the same day as ours she only has come to the Wells reunion a couple times. Thanks to Tim & Margaret.

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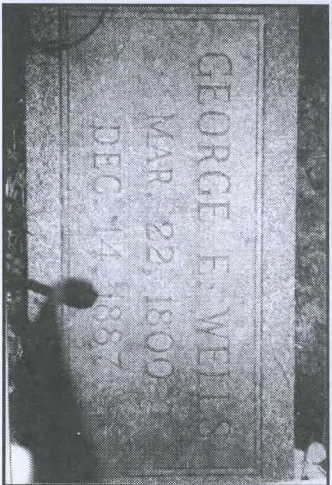
## MEMORIALS

One means by which individuals, if they desire, could assure that their interest and support for the Wells Family Association Inc. is continued, would be to make a bequest to the Association. A memorial contribution is also an appropriate tribute to the deceased. Through a memorial contribution, the loved one lives on and 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 each request. Please accept \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a memorial contribution in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_ who is my \_\_\_\_\_ state relationship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Use toward stones for unmarked graves \_\_\_\_\_
2. Use toward the general fund \_\_\_\_\_
3. Use toward the College Scholarship fund \_\_\_\_\_
4. If one of the above is not checked the memorial or honor the funds will go to the general fund for expensed of the newsletter, etc.

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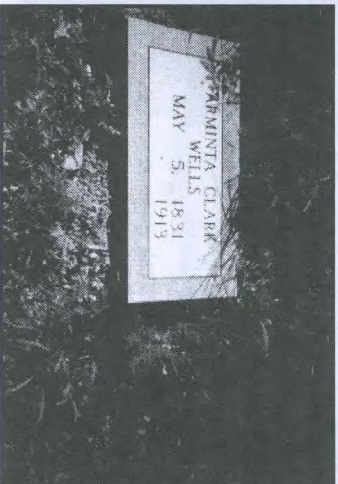
It has been suggested that we include pictures of monuments that the Wells Family previously purchased and had set. I will try and include some each newsletter and today will include the following.



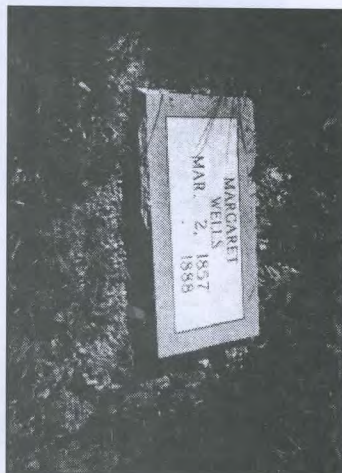
George E. Wells  
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George Wash Wells



Arminia Clark Wells  
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Margaret Wells  
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Matilda Clark Spears  
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Andrew Wells

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Note: If you would like to take the Auxier Tour that John B. Wells will be leading on June 13 -- June 22, 2001. Please call John at 1-800-377-7283 (Office) 606-789-1940 (Home) e-mail: [doredad@foothills.net](mailto:doredad@foothills.net) and John will inform you of all the details of the trip. Many of us descend through the Auxier line through Richard Wells daughter Agnes Wells who married Samuel Auxier. This will be a fantastic trip. I don't have space in this newsletter to give you the tentative itinerary or application but contact John and he will send you that information.

Mary

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"AUXIER HERITAGE TOUR 2001"

% John B. Wells III  
733 Court Street

Dear cousin & world traveler:

Are you ready? Well, let's go to France and Germany!

Enclosed find a tentative itinerary for our "once-in-a-lifetime" visit to the homeland of our ancestors! I have planned the trip very carefully to guarantee an experience filled with family history, fun, food and good Painsville, Kentucky 41240

old fashioned sightseeing! The greatest part of it all is that we're going as a family. My wife, son and I are looking forward to getting to know our cousins from all over North America for the first time. I'm very excited.

I have included a detailed summary of some new family research with this letter, some of which will be surprising to you. When I begin planning this trip I vowed that I would not take you to ANY family site unless genealogical research documents that it is connected to our Auxier family. The resulting discoveries have been astonishing! Any of you who have accomplished family research knows that genealogical investigation is a long and difficult process. However, cousin Judith Need generously provided me with her extensive genealogical files and, as a result, the job has been much easier. Although the "Axer/Auxier" family appears to originated in France at a very early date, much of our heritage is located in what is today southwestern Germany. Our plans include a visit to Auxerre, the "traditional" home of the family, but we will also visit several German sites that recent research has uncovered as ancestral homes of our Auxier ancestors.

The trip will begin in Chicago, Illinois, and the price is based on double occupancy. It includes airfare from Chicago to Europe and return, all accommodations, all travel in France and Germany, the Rhine cruise, two banquets, our own personal tour guide, our own personal air conditioned bus and professional driver, tour admission fees, wine tasting, meetings with family members, taxes, special church services, transfer fees, all breakfasts and all but two dinners.

The trip cost is \$2,695.00 per person based on double occupancy. If you want, a single room, please add \$375.00 extra per person. All I need now is a deposit of \$100.00 PER PERSON to hold the air reservations. The deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days before departure. I must have your deposit in hand no later than November 30, 2000 or I cannot guarantee the price or availability of air transportation. I will also be happy to arrange additional air reservations from your local airport to Chicago or suggest a professional travel agent to assist you directly.

Originally, the trip was planned to depart from Cincinnati, Ohio, but because so many of you will be traveling from so far away to join the trip, Chicago has much better airline's connections than Cincinnati.

However, if it is going to be difficult for you to get to Chicago I will assist you with arrangements from your local airport providing that we can arrange flights that will arrive in Paris at the same time as the main group.

REMEMBER, Please complete the enclosed reservation form and return it to me NO LATER THAN November 30, 2000, along with a \$100. Deposit per person! Please make your check payable to "John Wells -- Trip." Note that the deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days before the trip.

SPECIAL NOTE: THERE ARE ONLY FORTY-FIVE SPACES

AVAILABLE ON THE TRIP SO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON A "FIRST COME -- FIRST SERVED" BASIS. PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION TODAY TO INSURE YOUR SEAT!

LET'S GO TO EUROPE AND DISCOVER OUR SPECIAL AUXIER HERITAGE TOGETHER!!!

Sincerely,

John B. Wells III

tour leader and

great -great-great-great

grandson of Michael Auxier

### "CHRISTMAS GIFTS!"

*Who says it first  
Before the light  
of Christmas morning  
the friends who hear  
will bear*

*The joy, the pretty gifts  
The real one, and only,*

*After the light  
of Christmas Day*

*When There is truly*

*In the white rose of quietness the*

*of Mary's faith*

*in the red rose the seed and blush of joy*

*of Mary's boy*

by: Dr. Woodridge Spears  
Georgetown, Ky

The late Dr. Woodridge Spears sent me this poem in a letter that he wrote me some years ago. I shared it in the newsletter years ago and felt it worth running again.

If you were like me it was a tradition on Christmas morning to get family members "Christmas Gifts." If you were lucky enough to awake first and get family members "Christmas Gifts" first then you would be rewarded with a gift of candy from them. When I received this from my first cousin once removed Dr. Spears it brought back many memories of my childhood.

I am still reluctant to answer my telephone on Christmas morning without answering "Christmas Gifts" since through the years, if my siblings, Nevard, Polly or Emma call they are ready to get mine but I usually answer the phone with "Christmas Gifts" I then say "I got yours first but I must say occasionally they get mine. If it happens to be someone calling that don't know the tradition then they wonder what I am talking about. If you should call me on Christmas don't be surprised if I answer with "Christmas Gifts."

**HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON  
TO EACH  
OF YOU FROM  
MARY & TOMMY,**

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2001**

If you are a senior in high school, you need to get your application in for the 2001 scholarship. I am going to run the necessary information for you to apply for the scholarship in this newsletter. Your application is due in by July 1, 2001 and we won't have another newsletter going out until the spring of 2001. The \$500.00 scholarship will be a great help toward expenses of your first year of school. You will not win unless you apply, so begin to gather your information now.

**THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC.  
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM**

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

**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT**

The Wells Family Association, Inc. Board has established a fund for one scholarship to be awarded annually in the amount of \$500.00. We are

giving you the information needed to apply for the scholarship early, since we will only be sending out two newsletters before the next reunion. If you graduate in the spring of 2001, please complete this application for the scholarship and you may be receiving the 2001 scholarship of \$500.00. This will make the sixth year the family has given a scholarship. Previous scholarships were won by Jacob B. Wells in 1995; Amanda L. McKenzie, 1996; Robert Wells, 1997; Stacy Lundergan, 1998. There were tow \$250.00 scholarships given in 1998 and went to Peter Cook and Andrea D. Griffith; 1999 Erin Susanna McCoart and the 2000 scholarship went to Katherine Muncy. The board voted to stay with the original guidelines and give only one scholarship each year.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Each applicant must:

1. Be a biological or legally adopted descendant of Richard & Susannah Hutcheson Wells.
2. Be a graduating high school senior the spring of the year of application
3. Have a letter of acceptance from the school in which you plan to enroll in the fall (This has been defined broadly to include any recognized institution such as a vocational or technical institute, junior or community college, regular four-year college, or university that grants a certificate, diploma, or degree based on a planned program of study.)
4. Complete the scholarship application form.
5. Have a minimumum 2.0 ("C") GPA on a 4.00 scale. This is to be verified by the signature of a high school administrator or counselor on the application form. Submit a pedigree chart of family line, using the format provided by the historical committee.
6. Agree to use the scholarship money during the first academic year for which it is given or return the amount to the Wells Association Board Treasurer.
7. Agree to send a copy of your first year semester/quarter grades to the President of the Wells Family Association, Inc. Board.



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

The completed scholarship application form and pedigree chart must be postmarked by July 2, 2001, Mail to: Dr. Randall L. Wells, 10337 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, KY 40223. **Only completed application forms, accompanied by the pedigree chart that ties you to Richard Wells, will be considered for the scholarship.**

## SCHOLARSHIP DECISION

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

**Anyone receiving the scholarship for 2001, will be required to have attended at least one Wells Family Reunion prior to submission of the application for the scholarship.**

All scholarship applicants will receive a letter from the board president announcing the recipient. A check for \$500.00 will be presented at the Wells Family Reunion to the recipient. The recipient will be recognized both at the Wells Family Association, Inc. Reunion and in the Association Newsletter.

All material submitted becomes the sole property of the Wells Family Association, Inc. board for use in naming a scholarship recipient and in updating Wells family genealogy records.

**If any applicant should need help in doing their pedigree chart, please phone Bobby Wells, (606) 886-2101, John B. Wells III, (606) 789-1940, Charles C. Wells, (606) 789-1688, Paula Wells, (606) 473-9957, or Mary W. Walton, (606) 325-4314. If in doubt if you have completed the chart correctly please call any of the about and they will be happy to assist you. Remember if you don't get it correct it could result in you not being considered for the scholarship. **GOOD LUCK!!!****

## THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC. SCHOLARSHIP

### APPLICATION

**Please type or print**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

HIGH SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
OVERALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE IS \_\_\_\_\_  
ON A 4.0 SCALE \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL SIGNATURE (PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR) \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please complete the form below and bring to the reunion or mail in to Mary Walton, 124 Mt. Savage Dr., Ashland, Kentucky 41101. If we do not have the correct mailing address you will not receive the newsletter. The post office will not forward bulk mail. Please be sure that we have the correct address. Lyman & Beulah try but sometime members fail to register or make sure that we have the correct mailing address. If you have moved then you need to give us the old address so we will have the correct person.

If there are more than one person receiving a newsletter in your household please let us know. We do not want duplicate newsletters going to the same address for it will save dollars for the organization.

**COMPLETE AND**

**MARY W. WALTON.**

**MAIL TO**

(If you need more space, please use an extra sheet of paper)

**2000 WELLS FAMILY REUNION**

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently receiving the newsletter at the above address? Yes  No

If No, what was your previous address \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first reunion? Yes  No

Name of your Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

List Grandparents: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list others living in your household including spouse, children or relatives, \_\_\_\_\_