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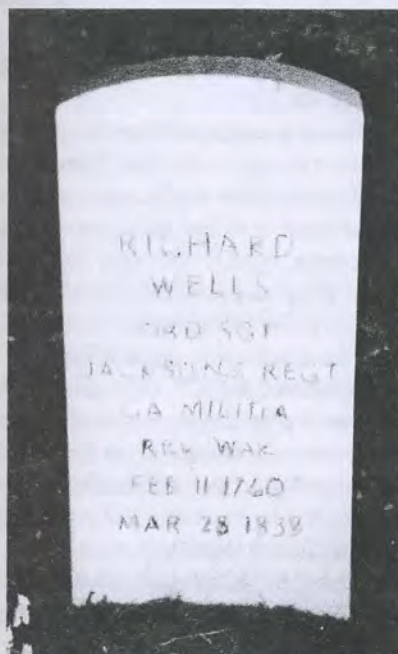
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Richard Wells, Ord. Sgt. Jackson's Regt. Ga.  
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FROM YOUR  
PRESIDENT'S DESK

Most of us who have been working on our family genealogy and history are aware that we have a famous cousin--*Loretta Webb Lynn*, but not many know the connection.

Loretta's father, Melvin Webb, was the son of *Alex and Amanda Butcher Webb*. Amanda was the daughter of *Simon P. Butcher*. Simon P. Butcher was the son of *William and Mary Wells Butcher*. This means that all descendants of *Richard Wells* are related to *Loretta* and all of Richard Wells' descendants who have a *Butcher* in their line (descendants of *William Green Wells and George E. Wells*) are double cousins to Loretta Webb Lynn.

Another recent discovery is the relationship of *June Carter Cash*, wife of singer *Johnny Cash*, to the *Butcher* lines of our family. Her mother, *Maybelle Addington Carter*, was the daughter of *Hugh Jackson Addington*. *Hugh Jackson Addington* was the son of *David J. and Louemma McConnell Addington*. *David J. Addington* was the son of *Charles Cromwell Addington and his second wife Sarah Butcher*. *Sarah Butcher* was the daughter of *Jacob and Hannah Beverly Butcher*. Therefore all descendants of *Jacob Butcher* are related to *June Carter Cash*.

Just thought you would like to know.

Bobby W. Wells, *President*

**The 2001 Main Fundraiser is a Quilt**

Names of our deceased members including Richard and Susannah Wells and present family members are embroidered in different colors on a white background. The quilt pieced together with Kentucky blue cloth will be queen size, but large enough to be used as a coverlet with a Dust Ruffle.

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**Wells Quilt** *Continued from page 1*

The Wells Board Members voted in April not to auction the quilt this year but to give everyone a chance to own this special quilt -- a donation of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 six tickets for \$5.00.

Family members that are unable to attend the reunion will be able to order their tickets by mail. Tickets by mail can be only ordered in batches of six tickets for \$5.00.

Send your check made out to the Wells Family Association, Inc. and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to *Mary Walton* at 124 Mt. Savage Dr., Ashland, KY 41101. Your ticket will be filled out with your name and address information and will be placed in the drawing box. Your ticket stub will be mailed back to you in the self-addressed stamped envelope. **ACT QUICKLY** for the reunion isn't that far away! Tickets will be accepted up to the week of the reunion. If your order does not arrive by the deadline, your check will be returned to you. At the reunion the drawing will be held at the end of the event when one of the children will be asked to draw the winning ticket.

Mary W. Walton, Pat W. Womack are making the quilt with the help of some others-- Nancy Walton, Patti Quallich, Pam Haynish, Glennah Womack and Tommie Cochran. Everyone's involvement no matter how much helped with the completion of the quilt. This big job has been worth the time involved.

Everyone will want to own this quilt, a family treasure that can be passed down from generation to generation.

**SEND YOUR \$5.00 CHECK NOW!  
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A  
BEAUTIFUL QUILT.**

**Reunion Weekend Schedule**

**SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:** The Wells-Richmond family mini-reunion will meet on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am.** This smaller family group descends from Richard Wells through his daughter *Agnes Wells Auxier*. Most from this group will be staying for the evening activities and the genealogical workshop. **Bring a favorite dish to share.** Lunch is at 12:00 noon. If you descend from Agnes Wells Auxier you may want to drop by and be with the family.

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**WELLS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Wells Family board voted to extend the deadline for the scholarship applicant **this year only** due to not receiving any applications before the deadline. The family is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a lucky student. Your applications must reach Dr. Randy Wells, 10337 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, KY 40223, no later than August 27, 2001. Only completed application forms, accompanied by the pedigree chart that ties you to Richard Wells, will be considered for the scholarship.

**YOU WILL FIND APPLICATION'S IN THE DEC. 2000 NEWSLETTER. IF YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR PEDIGREE CHART PLEASE CONTACT EITHER,** Bobby Wells, (606) 8862101, 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. Remember if you are in doubt call either of the listed above and they will be happy to assist you. If you are the winner of the \$500.00 scholarship it will be announced at the Wells Family Reunion on September 2, 2001. Good Luck!

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Each applicant must:

1. You must be a biological or legally adopted descendent of Richard and Susannah Hutchison Wells.
2. Be a graduating high school senior the spring of the year of applicant.
3. Have a letter of acceptance from the school in which you plan to enroll in the fall (This has been defined broadly to include any recognized institution such as a vocational or technical institute, junior or community college, regular four-year college, or university that grants a certificate, diploma, or degree based on a planned program of study.)
4. Complete the scholarship application form.
5. Have a minimum 2.0 ("C") GPA on a 4.00 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.

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### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:

**Grave Tour.** *The grave tour group should meet at the school at 2:45 pm for a 3:00 pm departure. Please bring snack food for the fellowship time after the grave tour.*

*Manford Walton and Herman Wells will lead the tour. They will first visit the grave of the Revolutionary War soldier Richard Wells, then the Old Log Church cemetery where Susanna Hutchison Wells, Roseanna Wells Spears, and many of the Wells Family ancestors are buried. The next stop will be the Auxier Relocation Cemetery to visit the graves of George E. Wells, Nancy Butcher Wells and literally hundreds of our Wells descendants. On the way back to Paintsville, they will stop at the grave of Samuel and Agnes Wells Auxier on old Rt. 23 near the airport and then in Paintsville to visit the Wells Cemetery on Depot Road, where William Green Wells and many of his family are buried. The Wells Buckingham cemetery is near this one where a couple of William Green Wells's sons and many descendants are buried. Finally they will head back to Johnson Central High School for refreshments and something cold to drink.*

**Genealogical Workshop at 6:00 p.m.** *will be lead by John B. Wells III and other members of the Historical Committee. If you plan on attending this workshop, bring your questions with you, plus any genealogical material that you may want to share with the committee.*

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES:

**9:00 a.m.** The school doors will open for visiting and getting acquainted before activities begin.

**10:00 a.m.** *Kathy W. Walker will begin organizing fun activities for our youngsters. We hope that some of our talented members will come to entertain us with their music, singing, skits etc. If at all possible, we hope that Seth Wells will be back with his bagpipers and play for us this year. It could be that Don Rambo will come and sing for us.*

**12:00 noon,** the auction will begin. Please bring nice items for the auction. If you would not use it yourself then others will not purchase it. We have a lot of talented members in this

family that could make something in their specialty. Many men do woodwork and make items like walking canes which would be great to auction. Ladies that sew, embroider, needlepoint, candle wicking, or even canning a jar of your favorite food would be appreciated. Please bring something! Let's make this the best auction that we have ever had. *Ann Porter, Randy Wells* and helpers will be there to greet you with your items.

**1:00 pm. Memorial Service.** Family members that have passed away this past year will be honored with a short service.

**1:15 p.m. Dinner.** Since we tried eating before the auction last year and it did not work, this year we are eating afterwards. **However, the board voted to prepare snacks, drinks, and coffee for members from about 11:00 am until time for the dinner meal. Therefore, if you are on medication and need to eat or if the children need something to eat there will be plenty of snack food for everyone.** Everyone is asked to bring his or her favorite dish for the dinner. If you are traveling from out of town there are several places in town to purchase food, drinks etc. **Remember that ice, paper products including plates, silverware, cups, and napkins are furnished.**

### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee has been at work in that four new grave markers's for our deceased relatives have been purchased and will be set hopefully before the reunion. The board has purchased the following markers.  
*Kenzie Wells, Hobert Wells, Minta Clark Butcher and Beulah Wells Keel.*

A Revolutionary War Solder stone for *George Washington Spears* is presently on order and soon as it comes in we will let you know. Photos of these stones will be placed in the fall newsletter.

The board voted to purchase two more markers for relatives with unmarked graves.

**IF ANY OF YOU KNOW OF DESCENDENTS OF RICHARD WELLS WITH UNMARKED GRAVES, PLEASE LET ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS KNOW AND A MARKER WILL BE PLACED ON THE GRAVE.**



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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**

*Lowe B. Wells (1864-1943) and  
Margaret Setser (1867-1944)*

**LOWE BRECKINRIDGE WELLS AND MARGARET SETSER WELLS.**

Their granddaughter Paula Wells provided the above photo of Lowe and Margaret *Wells*. They were married on 12/2/1885, in Johnson Co., Kentucky. Before moving from Johnson County to Greenup County, in 1913 they resided on the present day *Ben Wells* farm on Daniel's Creek.

Lowe was the son of *Henry C. Wells and Mary Polly E. Peery*. Margaret was the daughter of *John Setser and Mary Crider Setser*. This couple had nine children who lived to adulthood.

The children born to this couple are; *John P. Wells*, (1891-1915), *Roland Wells*, (1893-1930), *Herman Thomas Wells*, (1897-1971) *Henry Grover Wells*, (1899-1978), *Norma Wells*, (1901-1984), *Howard Wells*, (1903-1970), *Russell Wells*, (1903-1959), *Norsa Wells*, (1905-1971), and *Mary Wells*, (1908-1950).

Lowe descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses and Margaret Hillman Wells.

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**I received this thank you note from  
Mary Frances Moore.**

Dear Aunt Mary:

Please include this in the upcoming newsletter. I would really appreciate it.

On behalf of my family, I would like to send a Thank You to all the Wells Family board Members and Family Members. The Wells Family Association was very much a part of my mother's life and she looked forward every year to seeing each of you at the family reunion.

Whether you stopped by the church or sent flowers, or brought food or just kept us in your prayers, words cannot express how much it meant. Our family has had a rough time this year, as we have recently suffered another loss, my dad Franklin Keel. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers and we will see you all at the Wells Family reunion this year.

Fran

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**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

**AMANDA WELLS**, daughter of *Stephen and Shari Wells* of Ashland, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. She is a graduate of Paul Blazer High School in Ashland and her paternal grandparents were the late *John P. and Ruth Wells*.

Amanda descends from Richard Wells through *George E. and Nancy Butcher Wells*.

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**FELICIA A. RICHMOND**, daughter of *Samuel B. and Judy Cline Richmond* of Van Lear graduated with the 2001 Johnson Central High School Class.

*Felicia* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green Wells and Rosanna Wells Spears* lines. I am not sure which college *Felicia* will be attending.

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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**JULIA PAPANIKOLAS**, of Cumming, GA., the daughter of *George and Patricia Porter Papanikolas*. She is the granddaughter of *Lyman Porter's* late brother *Etheridge Porter*.

*Julia* has been studying ballet since she was 9 years old with the Sawnee Ballet Theater and has participated in the Festival Dance Camp at Clemson University, where she studied modern, jazz, character and pas de deux. She has performed in *Swan Lake*, *Don Quixote*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Paquita*, *La Bayuadere*, *Coppelia*, and *Giselle*. In the fall of 1999, she enrolled in NADA and danced with NADT. She was accepted into several summer programs. *Julia* attended the American Ballet Theater Summer intensive program, in Alabama. She is a very dedicated dancer and is pursuing dance as a career.

In January and February of the last three years, she has gone to the Atlanta Ballet School to audition for the summer intensive in big name companies. This year she auditioned for the Jeffery,

American Ballet Theater, Boston Ballet North Carolina Summer Dance Conservatory, and the Atlanta Ballet. *Julia* has the right body to be a dancer--she's 5' 2" and 103 lb., with flexible feet and good turnout.

The photo of *Julia* is of her first Pas De Deux--the "Nutcracker" She won the Sugar Plum Fairy. Michael Garrison, age 48, is her dance partner and he is the owner and director of her school the North Atlanta Dance Academy. *Julia* is on a full scholarship at the school.

*Julia* applied for the Wells Family Scholarship but being only 14 and home schooled her application did not meet the qualification for the scholarship in 1999. *Julia* descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells's line.

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**ERIN SUSANNAH MCCOART**, of Van Lear, the winner of our 1999 Wells Family Scholarship, has maintained the Dean's List since entering college. *Erin* has now won a scholarship offered by Eastern Kentucky University to students from Junior Colleges who have maintained a 3.5 and above GPA. Her scholarship will pay half of her tuition plus room and board for the remainder of her school.

*Erin* will be studying psychology at Eastern Kentucky University this fall. She said that a GPA of 2.5 has to be maintained in order to keep the scholarship. *Erin* stated, "If one can't do that they have no business being in college."

*Erin* is the daughter of *John and Vicky Adkins McCoart* of Van Lear and she descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* lines. The maternal grandparents are *James and Emma Wells Adkins* of Van Lear. *Erin* and her mother took a *Caribbean Cruise* in May and I understand they had a wonderful time.

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**ADAM CLAYTON COLLINS**, son of *Larry and Rita Griffith Collins* of Van Lear graduated from Johnson Central High School with the Class of 2001.

*Adam* received awards for excellent play during the Golden Eagles perfect 10-0 regular Season and has been picked for the all-star team. He had offers from several colleges, but choose not to play ball this fall. He plans to attend Morehead State University this fall.

*Adam's* paternal grandparents are *Polly Wells Collins* and the late *Carl Collins*. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier*.



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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**BEN WELLS**, son of *Susie Goble Wells* of Van Lear and the late *Alex Samuel Wells*. Ben has made the Honor Roll his junior year as he has all through his school years. Ben will be a senior at Johnson Central High School this fall. He plays baseball for Johnson Central.

Ben descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* line.

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**CYNTHIA MUNCY** graduated from Morehead State University in May 2001 with a Degree in Art. She has accepted a job with Disney World in Florida. Cindy maintained the Dean's List throughout college. She is the daughter of *Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy* of Williamsport, KY.

Cindy descends from *Richard Wells'* children *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier*. Her mother *Charlene* serves on the Wells Family Board.

If you are on the Internet you may want to look at *Cindy's* web page and view some of her drawings. Yerf.com and type in *Cindy Muncy*.

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**CATHERINE MUNCY**, daughter of *Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy* of Williamsport and a student at Morehead State University, has maintained the Dean's List for the year.

Cathy was the recipient of the Wells Family Scholarship in 2000 and has maintained Honor Roll all through her school years.

Cathy descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* lines. Her mother *Charlene* is a member of the Wells Family Board.

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**PHILLIP J. WELLS**, son of *Phillip Wells* of Van Lear graduated from Johnson Central High School with the Class of 2001.

*P.J.* is employed at this time however it is not known whether he is planning to attend college.

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

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**VINCE COCHRAN**, of Worthington and a student at Eastern Kentucky University has made the Dean List again. He has maintained the Honor Roll since entering school.

Vince is the son of *Robert and Tommie Cochran* of Worthington. He is studying Physical Therapy and will graduate in 2002. Vince descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Roseanne Wells Spears* line.

His mother is the Secretary and Assistant Editor of the *Wells Family Board*. His grandfather and step grandmother, *Arthur and Wanda Collins* both serve on the board.

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**GOLDIE ANN WELLS**, daughter of *Susie Wells* and the late *Alex Samuel Wells* graduated from Johnson Central High School with the Class of 2001.

She played basketball for Johnson Central High School and was one of the main players that helped take the team to The Sweet Sixteen Tournament in Bowling Green, KY. Unfortunately, they lost to Allen County-Scottsville.

Goldie plans to attend a college west of Chicago and wants to become an architect. She has maintained the Honor Roll throughout school.

She is the paternal granddaughter of the *Ben and Ann Richmond Wells*.

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



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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**ROBERT WELLS**, is one of 243 students who graduated on May 26, 2001 from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. *Robert* conducted and explained a scientific experiment during Transylvania's annual Science Day at the end of fall term.

Over 100 high school students from around the state participated in laboratory experiments, demonstrations and in discussions regarding career opportunities in the expanding science and computer fields. The day was designed to help increase high school students excitement and knowledge of science, math, and computers.

Transylvania is included in the selective publication Peterson's Top Colleges for Science, which recognizes colleges with "very strong track records in the sciences and mathematics."

Robert received a Bachelor of Arts diploma from Transylvania President Charles Shearer. He is a biology major with a double minor in chemistry and history. He graduated Summa Cum Laude and with Honors in biology. He demonstrated oscillation chemical reactions, explaining how the spinning chemical fluid changes color. He is the son of *Leland and Bonnie Wells* of West Van Lear. His paternal grandparents are the late *Woodrow Wells and Irene Wells* of West Van Lear.

Transylvania, founded in 1789, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country. Transylvania is the only Kentucky College ranked in *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine's recent list of 100 "most wired colleges."

*Robert* has maintained his position on the Dean's List since entering Transylvania University with a 4.0 grade point average. A GPA of 3.5 is the minimum requirement for this list.

*Robert* received the 1998 Wells Family Scholarship--we are proud of him and his accomplishments.

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

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**PAUL BURCHELL**, of Van Lear, Kentucky worked for the *Jones-Preston Funeral Home* for several years. *Paul* changed jobs a few years ago and became Director of the *Dunn Kelly-Prater & Dunn Funeral Home* in Salyersville, KY. **Since January 1, 2001 Paul has become the owner and operator of this funeral home.** It is now known as the *Magoffin County Funeral Home* and is located at 1114 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, Kentucky.

*Paul* is the son of *Diana DeLong Burchell* of Van Lear and the late *Mr. Paul V. Burchell*. The maternal grandparents are the late *Mitchell and Geneva Collins DeLong*. He descends from *Richard Wells* by way of the *George E. Wells and Moses Wells* lines.

*Paul* is married to *Melissa Burk Burchell* from Pike County, Kentucky and has three beautiful children, *Leighanna, Sarah, and Gabriel Burchell*.

*Paul* serves on the Wells Family Board Memorial Committee with *Manford Walton* and *Herman Wells*. They have marked several of the unmarked graves in the past and have four more, which are ready to be set as soon as the weather permits. We appreciate all that *Paul* does for the Wells family. If you are in the Magoffin area, stop in and say hello to *Paul*.

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**RONNIE G. WELLS**, of Daniel's Creek and son of *Herman Wells and the late Jeanette Wells*, was re-elected as Director of the 7<sup>th</sup> District Wildlife Federation at its quarterly meeting on June 3, at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club.

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

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**DR. MARK NORDIN**, Optometrist, of Paintsville, was installed as the Kentucky Optometry Associations' Eastern Trustee at its 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Congress. This congress was held April 26-29 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Louisville.

*Dr. Nordin* resides in Paintsville with his wife *Kimberly Wells Nordin, O.D.* Their office is located in Prestonsburg.

His wife *Kimberly* is the daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wells* of Paintsville and descends through *Richard Wells's* cousin, *Zacheria Wells*.



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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### **BROOKS WELLS GIVEN AWARD FOR 50-YEAR CAREER**

*Brooks Wells* of Ashland, Kentucky sits in a chestnut leather chair in his downtown office and smiles as he recounts stories from his 50-year career in real estate. The 83-year-old speaks in a slight Southern drawl. His eyes remain fixed upon the reporter asking him about his long career.

"Well, honey, to tell the truth, I have loved nearly every minute of it," said the Owingsville native, beaming a boy like grin. "I still get a real kick out of it (real estate) - It's almost like an addiction."

*The Kentucky Real Estate Commission recently honored Wells, owner of Century 21 Brooks Wells Enterprises, for reaching the half-century milestone.*

*Sherry Cameron*, public relations and marketing coordinator with the commission, said *Wells* is one of only 26 to ever receive that honor -- there are nearly 30,000 licensed realtors in the state. "It really is quite an honor," *Cameron* said. "There are few people that stay active in the business as long as *Mr. Wells* has."

"Not too much has changed in the real estate business over the last 50 years", *Wells* said. "The most noticeable differences", he said, "are in the architecture of the houses and the increase of relocations and layoffs in the region."

*Wells*, who is licensed in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Florida, is modest about his career, but is proud to say he has never had a reprimand or any other "black mark" on his license. He contributes his longevity in the business to fairness, honesty, and the thrill he gets from selling a home to first-time buyers. His wife, *Margaret*, a certified relocation professional for Century 21, has also been an important part of his success, *Wells* said. "She is always there right by my side," said *Wells*, who has about 36 employees. "I couldn't have done a lot of this without her." The couple lives on an 80-acre farm in Boyd County, Kentucky and has three dogs and fourteen horses.

*Judy Tussey*, vice president and CEO of *Brooks Wells's* enterprises, said *Wells* is the most knowledgeable broker she has ever known. "I don't think there's anyone who knows more about real estate than he does," *Tussey* said. "He's truly dedicated to his business and he cares a lot about people. She said *Wells* knows "a little bit about everything."

### **BROOKS WELLS (continued--)**

*Jo Ann Bell*, president of the Ashland Area Board of Realtors, described *Wells* as a "true gentleman." "He loves real estate and he loves people and it really shows in the work he has done - not only in the business, but outside of real estate, as well," *Bell* said.

*Wells*, who is an auctioneer and horse enthusiast outside the office, has worn many hats over the last eight decades. Before he became a real estate broker, he dabbled in a variety of careers, including serving as a Kentucky State Police trooper, prison guard, and harness racing jockey.

I don't think *Brook* descends from *Richard Wells*, but possibly he descended from a cousin of *Richard's*. All I can say about *Mr. Wells* is that he is a very handsome man and certainly does not look 83 years but more like a man in his 60s. He resembles some of our relatives that come down from the *Moses Wells* and *Margaret Hillman* line.

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**ERIC WELLS WALKER**, of Charleston, WV, the son of *Charles and Kathy Wells Walker*. *Eric* won an award through the West Side Optimist Club for citizenship skills in both the community and the school. *Eric* was the only second grader to win from Kanawha County. He was given a luncheon in his honor, along with a certificate and a \$100. Saving bond. *Eric* was competing against children his age.

*Eric* is the grandson of *Clarence and Ernestine Wells* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Moses Wells*. *Eric* is also attends all of the *Wells* board meeting's with his mother.

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**EUGENE MUNCY**, of Williamsport, KY. has a new job with *Liebherr Trucking Company* in Newport News, Va. He will be a Field Service Representative and will travel to many parts of the world including Indonesia, South Africa, South America, Spain, Germany, and Australia. His wife *Charlene* is hoping to do some traveling with him later on. *Eugene* just returned from a few weeks in Las Vegas and was getting ready to leave for Indonesia after a visit at home.

*Eugene's* wife *Charlene*, a *Wells Family* Board member, is the daughter of the late *Charlie and Lucille Wells Patton*. She descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier*.

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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**BOB HUTCHISON**, of Paintsville, KY earns an honor for being a friend to education.

Encouraging learning from kindergarten through college is the common mission of *Mr. Hutchison* and an eastern Kentucky communications company who have been selected as the 2001 recipients of the honor nicknamed "Kentucky's Nobel Prize for Education."

Mr. Hutchison of Paintsville was chosen to receive the 2001 KSBA Friend serving customers in Morgan, Bath, Elliott, Menifee and Wolfe counties. The presentations were made in Louisville 2/23/2001, at the association's 65<sup>th</sup> annual conference.

*Hutchison*, owner of a Paintsville based restaurant group, serves on the Johnson County Board of Regents. His personal and corporate contributions to area schools over the past 10 years ranging from T-shirts and trophies to on-the-job training and sponsorship of academic teams have exceeded \$50,000.

"In an effort to help the school system with positive reinforcement for good attendance and grades, *Mr. Hutchison* developed and funded his own incentive program for several area school systems," said Johnson County Schools' instructional supervisor *Monica Whitaker*. "Students with good grades present their report card carriers for verification, and are rewarded with free meals and treats."

Described as an avid fan of academic, drama and sports programs, *Hutchison* established a supplemental projects program for Johnson County's schools, which provide an estimated \$10,000 annually in support of the district's academic competition program. "Further evidence of his dedication to education includes donating his salary as a board member to a scholarship fund for deserving seniors," *Whitaker* said.

Since 1989, KSBA has awarded the Friend of Education honor to a company and an individual for their promotion of excellence in public education. Previous recipients include Toyota Motor manufacturing, Ashland Oil and Dollar General Corp., former Governor Bert Combs, former U.S. Rep. *William Natcher* and Murray State University President Kern Alexander.

Another past recipient, businessman *L. D. Gorman* of Hazard, dubbed the Friend of Education award "Kentucky's Nobel Prize for Education," a portrayal that captured the spirit of the honor.

*Bob Hutchison* descends from the *Jacob Warrick Hutchison* who was a cousin of our

*Susannah Hutchison* that married *Richard Wells*. He and his niece *Heather Hutchison* took the *Hutchison Heritage Tour* with us to Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, and Wales in 2000.

*Bob* has been a supporter of the Wells Family for several years now and we appreciate him.

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**LINTON WELLS JR.** with Capital Advisors Group has been named director of marketing and compliance for WWW Advisors Inc. at the Lexington money management firm.

*Linton* and his father *Linton Wells Sr.* were previously transferred to Lexington area from Ashland, where they had been with different brokerage companies.

*Linton* is a previous Wells's Family board member and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Moses Wells* lines.

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**ORVILLE L. HAMILTON** of Paintsville, KY was recognized as one who makes a difference in the Paintsville Herald on May 25, 2001.

Orville was one of the youngest county school superintendents in the state in 1973, and has since been recognized as one of the states's most outstanding public school administrators.

*Orville Lee Hamilton* was born November 8, 1941, the son of *Orville "Ham" Hamilton* and *Gladys Wells Hamilton* of Johnson County. He graduated from Paintsville High School in 1959, although he had attended four years of his middle school education in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. At Paintsville he played football and basketball and later attended Fork Union Military Academy's prep school course, prior to accepting a basketball scholarship at Eastern Kentucky University where he played under Coach *Paul McBrayer* for three years before suffering a knee injury in his junior year.

*Hamilton* returned to Johnson County to begin his teaching career at Flat Gap in the 1964-65 academic years. In 1965 Paintsville's Superintendent *Oran C. Teater* asked *Orville* to join the city's system as Director of its National Youth Corps program. He accepted and for the next five years, "I learned from Teater what educational administration is all about," *Hamilton* commented. "He was a great mentor and I will always be grateful for the things I learned from him."

Continuing to expand his administrative skills and educational knowledge, *Orville* became the Executive Secretary of the East Kentucky

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### ORVILLE L. HAMILTON

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Superintendent's Association in 1971. Directing this group of administrators from 42 school systems required extensive travel throughout Kentucky and the nation, lobbying for new programs and additional funding for the systems he represented.

He earned a Master's Degree and 30 hours beyond at Morehead, Eastern, and the University of Kentucky, which made him eligible for a Superintendent's Certificate or Rank I.

In 1973, *Hamilton* was named superintendent of Johnson County schools at the age of 32. He immediately set about rebuilding the county's system, a task that brought both challenge and controversy to the young administrator.

*Hamilton* was not pleased with the system he found. "People just weren't doing their jobs," he recalled, "and the school system was suffering because of it." In a brief period of time, he fired 75 people. His work in re-structuring the county schools brought him yet another distinction. He was chosen as the Outstanding Young Educator in Kentucky.

However, not everyone was pleased with what *Hamilton* was doing. The firings and other personnel changes, as well as dissension within the county school board, made him the target of opposing political factions in the late 1970s and early 80s. In 1982, after nine years as the county's top educator, Orville resigned to pursue several business interests.

For the next 11 years, coal mining and real estate occupied *Hamilton's* attention, but the lure of his earlier commitment to education was never far from his mind. In 1993 he accepted another contract with the Johnson County School Board and became, once again, the County's Superintendent.

During an interview last year, *Hamilton* said, "These last six years have been the most productive and gratifying of my career." Among those things of which *Hamilton* is most proud of are the new state-of-the-art facilities now dotting the county. A total of \$522 million was spent in the last six years on building, remodeling, and renovating every school in the county... all without a tax increase, *Hamilton* noted. In addition, the system's academic and athletic achievements in recent years have justified the hard work and occasional criticism. "Our system has a great bunch of administrators. They and our teachers work as a team and the results have been very rewarding."

*Orville L. Hamilton* has one more year to go on his present contract. He will be 60 years old in November, and, in recent years, has not been in the best of health.

However, if determination and courage were with all, and skill has a part to play, *Orville* will likely be around for several years to come. If so, will he continue to make a difference? *Orville descends from Richard Wells by way of William Green Wells, Marcus Lindsey King Wells, Marcus Lynn Wells and Gladys E. Wells, who married Orville A. Hamilton.*

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**CAPT. JEFF SPEARS**, 32, a native of Flatwoods, Kentucky has been named to a high-ranking position that turns over every two years at the Defense Department's Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Va., in June 2000. "The JAG Corps is difficult to get into, anyway," said *Spears*, who was in Flatwoods visiting family during Christmas.

The JAG School's primary mission is to train military attorneys. All attorneys who enter the service out of law school are sent there for advanced legal training. As post judge advocate, *Spears* is the principal legal adviser to the JAG School's commandant. He is also responsible for managing legal services, tort and personal property claims, and labor and administrative law functions.

*Spears*, a graduate of Russell High School, a 1990 graduate of Center College and 1993 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, also serves as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Prior to his current assignment, *Spears* was chief of criminal law at the Army combined Arms Support Command in Ft. Lee, VA. He was attracted to the position at the JAG School because his wife, *Michelle*, a Bellefonte native, is obstetrics and gynecology resident at the University of Virginia. The school is located on the UVA grounds.

He said he knew that the tenure of *Maj. Rick Martin*, also a native of Flatwoods, was coming to an end, "so I threw my hat in the ring." He had known *Martin* for about 20 years and *Martin's* father *Chuck*, was the leader of his Boy Scout troop. He considered it an honor to succeed *Rick Martin*... "He's a great attorney and a great officer." *Martin* has returned to the JAG School to study to become a Master of Legal Letters, which is standard procedure for officers in the JAG Corps. From there, he will be transferred to Germany.

*Jeff Spears* joined the service in 1989 and served with the Kentucky National Guard in Louisville, and as motor officer with the 261<sup>st</sup> Ordinance Co. of the U.S. Army Reserves in Cross Lanes, W.VA. *Jeff* is the son of *Lennon* and *Mary Alice Nolen Spears* of Flatwoods. He descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green Wells* and *Roseanne Wells Spears* lines.

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**(I received a Holiday Wishes from our cousin Laura B. Wells who is the sister of Lloyd Wells and Ron Wells who serve on our Wells board. I am using only excerpts from the letter)**

December 2000

Christmas Joy to y'all!

I feel a need to begin this annual epistle with a confession (after swallowing a healthy dose of chagrin!): This has not been "the year of the book" as I so adamantly proclaimed in my '99 Christmas letter (and probably in the '98 letter as well).

### NEW CHALLENGES

In the process of working myself out of several jobs, I was made aware of others needs, which kept intersecting, with my interest/ability to meet those needs. That, according to one of my college professors in the long ago, is the definition of a "calling". Recently, I have received several such "callings":

1. We have been blessed this year with the assignment of a church and community worker in the Asheville District. Having accepted the invitation to serve as a member of her advisory committee, I soon discovered I was expected to serve as chair (probably due to my age as well as my years of service as a CCW).
2. A Western NC Conference of the Methodist Federation for Social Action was begun this year. The MFSA is an effective organization for challenging and nurturing one's faith through action. I need that!
3. Another organization, in which I was destined to be involved, is the newly organized Western NC Chapter of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty (a mission to which I have been dedicated for years)

### JUST SAY NO!

"Just say no!" my well-meaning friends keep advising me; but

There are some "callings" to which one cannot say no and be worthy stewards of the gifts and graces with which one has been endowed. Priorities are sometimes easy to discern.

After this year, however, I will no longer be chairing two committees in which I have been very active: the Brooks-Howell Courtesy Committee (who organized the sponsorship of a family referred to in my '99 Christmas letter).

### TO BE CONTINUED...

Having been the primary contact with the CWU sponsored family, I continue to keep in touch and

visit the family. Our "son" is in college and "hanging in there" he reports. He appreciates (or so he says!) my newspaper clippings. That fuels my addiction! The four-year-old grandson (who has cerebral palsy) continues to enjoy life. He loves parties and checks with me regularly about plans for the next one.

I am also continuing my monthly visits and meal assistance in a transitional shelter for the homeless.

### A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

1. My three annual pilgrimages include:
  - visiting with family in KY;
  - spending a week with a friend in Martin, TN and making the rounds among friends and churches in my last assignment (WE CARE MINISTRIES 1989-94). This year I was privileged to speak to several United Methodist Women units.
  - Traveling to Western NC (yes, there is some "west" beyond Asheville) to visit with friends from my first assignment as a CCW (CLAY CO. GROUP MINISTRY 1958-64). I was also honored to be the guest speaker at a UMW meeting there.
2. Served as co-hostess at Fenton Deaconess Home in Chautauqua, NY for 4 weeks in July and August;
3. Assisted with a workshop on prison ministry at the National Association of Deaconesses and Missionaries Conference at Scarritt-Bennett Center (formerly Scarritt College, my alma mater);
4. Attended our first cousin reunion in Americus, GA (near Plains) coordinated by cousin *Kathi Sherman Elliott* (plans to visit *Rosalyn and Jimmy* did not work out);
5. A providential reunion with a member of a caravan team on which I served in 1954.

IT'S BEEN A VERY GOD YEAR! I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S MANIFOLD BLESSINGS, INCLUDING- - SOMEWHERE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

### THE YEAR OF THE BOOK?

Believe it or not (and I strongly suspect that some of you fall into the "not" category) this is the year of the book! I called *Diana Donovan* of Celov Valley Books recently to check on the possibility of getting the book printed by Christmas 2001. She informed me that I would have to get the manuscript to her by May or June (preferably March!). Quite an incentive! I plan to "hole up" in January. Please do not entice me with food or pleasure until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July or later!



### "LET IT BEGIN WITH ME"

A recent Christmas card from Southern Poverty Law Center included this provocative statement by Mother Teresa:

"If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten we belong to each other" and, I would add, "to God".

"Let each of (us) lead the life. . . to which God calls (US)".

(1 Corinthians 7:17a)

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace" (Romans 15:13)

With appreciation to and gratitude for all of you.

Laura

## WEDDING AND MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTHEA CAMILLE SPEARS & STEVEN MATTHEW ELLIOTT** were married Sunday, 6/24/2001 at 2:00 PM.

The wedding was at the Ashland Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ashland, Kentucky. Althea is the daughter of *George Lewis and Brenda Spears* of Ashland, Kentucky. Steven is the son of *Ronald and Roberta Elliott* of Anderson, Ind.

The bride elect is a graduate of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va. and Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. She completing a Master's Degree at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and is employed at Cross Street-Christian School Christian School in Anderson.

*Steven* is a graduate of Indiana Academy in Carmel and is employed by Hoosier Warehouse of Indiana in Indianapolis.

A reception immediately followed the ceremony at the A.E.P. Building, Ashland.

*Althea* ancestral line descends from *Richard Wells* through his two children *William Green Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears*.

**SHAWNA L. KEEL & JEFFERY A. HOWELL**, *Shawna*, the daughter of *Stanley and Judy Butcher Keel* of Van Lear and *Jeffery Howell* of Auxier, were married on 12/24/2000 at Rockhouse Bottom Church of Christ at 4:00 pm.

Her father, *Stanley Keel*, gave the bride in marriage.

*Shawna* descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green and Mary Butcher Wells*.

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**TODD KEITH ONEY & SUSAN EILEEN STUART**, was married 12/9/2000 in The Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville, TN., by Deacon *Mark Faulkner*

*Tony* is the son of *Eileen Wells Oney Martin* of Raceland, Kentucky and the late *Ishmael Oney*. *Susan Eileen* is the daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Stuart*, of Nashville.

The wedding party consisted of bridesmaid, *Sara Adele Rembert*; the best man, *Patrick Allen Salyer*; groomsmen, *Jason Wayne Oney*; ushers, *Greg David Stuart, Christopher Lee Hould*, and *Mark Steven Caze*. The organist was *Rebecca Horton* and guitarist, *John Pell*.

Scripture Genesis 24:28-51; 58-67 was read by the paternal mother *Eileen Martin*.

Reception followed the ceremony next door in St. Albert's Hall.

*Todd* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears*.

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**DANNY WELLS & ANDREA LEE WELLS**, of Grove City, Ohio were married on 7/3/2001 in Redondo Beach, California.

*Danny* is the son of *Woody & Norma Minkin Wells* of Grove City.

*Andrea* is the daughter of *Mark & Pam Lee* of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

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

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**JAMIE LEIGH GRAYSON AND JIMMY ELWOOD WELLS**, *Duane and Diane Grayson* of Greenup are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, *Jamie Leigh*, to *Jimmy Elwood Wells*, the son of *Barry Wells* of Wurtland and *Anita and Marvin Chaffins* of Greenup.

Wedding vows will be spoken at 3 p.m. on April 21 at the Load Christian Baptist Church.

*Miss Grayson* is a 2000 graduate of Greenup County High School and is employed by LIT at Wurtland.

*Mr. Wells* is a 1998 graduate of Greenup County High school and a 2000 graduate of Ashland Technical College. His is employed by AK Steel.

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## BIRTHS

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**RYAN HOUSTON WELLS** was born at a Lexington, Kentucky hospital on 12/30/2000. He was welcome by the proud parents *John and Trish Wells*.

The paternal grandparents are *Tommie and Jackie Wells* of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

Ryan descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells* and *Moses Wells* line.

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**CALEB NATHANIEL MOORE** was born at University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington on 2/2/2001, weighting 3 lb. 1 oz.

The proud parents are *Bobby and Mary Frances Keel Moore* of Auxier. *Caleb* was born two months early and was put in an incubator where he stayed until 2/9 when he was transferred to Pikeville hospital. He had to stay in the hospital until his weigh reaches over 5 lb. The mother did well although she had toxemia. Both she and the baby came thorough this well

The maternal grandparents are the late *Frank and Beulah Wells Keel* and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. *Bobby Moore* of Inez, Kentucky. *Caleb's* grandmother *Beulah* fought a hard battle from cancer but managed to hold on until this baby was born and home. It was her prayer to live for this baby.

The mother *Mary Frances* and her brother *Jimmy Nyberg* serve on the Wells Family Baord.

*Caleb* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells* and *William G. Wells* lines.

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**OLIVIA LYNN SANDIFUR**, was born 6/29/2001 at 2:08 am, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Mich., to *Randall and Kasey "James" Sandifur*. She weighted 7-lb 6-oz. and was 20 ¾ inches long. She was 35 weeks and had some trouble with her lungs and was given oxygen at first.

The paternal grandparents are *Steve and Sandy Sue "Collins" Sandifur* of Taylor, Mich. The maternal grandparents are *Bob Janes Cameron* and *Teerry "Sutherland" Priebe*.

The paternal grandmother is the daughter of *Columbus and Betty Vires Collins* of Taylor. *Olivia* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells* and *Roseanne Wells Spears*.

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**DERECK MATTHEW GIFFIN**, was born 1/19/2001 to the proud parents *Leon and Tammy Giffin* of Alabama. *Derrick* weighed 8 lb. 8 oz.

His parents and two siblings, *Melissa and Kyle Giffin*, welcomed him. The proud grandparents are *Roger and Janice Patton*.

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

## PRAYER LIST

*Jill Wells, Emma W. Adkins, Nevard Wells, Fay Dennison, Claude Dennison, Ann Porter, Arthur Collins, Rex Music, Eilleen Wells Martin, Donna Wells Rambo, Judi Tharp Wells, Emogene Wells Russell, Joe Music, Edd Wells and Georgia Richmond Hall*

## HOSPITALIZATION

**WOODRIDGE "WOODY" WELLS**, of Grove City, Ohio was in the hospital in July for a heart catherization. Due to irregular heartbeat they were shocking his heart back into rhythm when complications caused them to have to code blue him. They installed a temporary pacemaker and then went back in a few days later and put a permanent pacemaker in. According to his wife, *Norma*, he is doing well now. *Woody* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

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**KELLY GROSS EEK**, (pronounced ikk) of Charlotte, NC. Has been in a local hospital and is now being treated as an outpatient. She has been diagnosis with optical neuritis and the doctors are trying to rule out MS, since 80 % of patients having optical neuritis end up with MS. They presently have her on cortisone therapy. *Kelly* is the daughter of *Karen Mollete Kouns* of Ashland and the granddaughter of *Bill and Edith Wells Mollete* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William G. Wells's* line. Her grandmother and her Aunt *Rita Vest* both serve on the Wells board.

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**LLOYD WELLS**, of Auxier, KY. was a patient in Highland Regional Hospital in June, to have a pacemaker installed, due to recent problems. It is hoped that this will take care of the problem and he will back and fit as new. *Lloyd* has been caring for his dear wife *Jill* in the home for sometime. She is bedfast from severe diabetes. *Lloyd* serves on the Wells Family Board and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells* and *Moses Wells*.



**LEE ALVIS COLLINS**, of Ashland, Kentucky has been a patient in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland. *Alvis* is presently home and receiving special care from his daughter *Shannon* and his son's. *Alvis* is the son of the late *David* and *Nancy Porter Collins* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells's* line.

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**JOE MARSHALL**, of Flatwoods, Kentucky had surgery at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky on 2/21/2001. *Joe* has had problems since his surgery for aneurysm surgery at Cleveland Clinic last fall, where it left him with a surgical hernia. *Joe* has come through the surgery fine but it was a very serious surgery and he experienced much pain. He is now home recuperating with tender loving care from his wife *Janice*. *Joe* is the son of *Lois Clark Marshall* and the late *Oliver Marshall*. His maternal grandparents are the late *Elman* and *Virgie Wells Clark*. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears*.

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**POLLY WELLS COLLINS**, of Van Lear, was a patient in December at Highland Memorial Hospital, Prestonsburg. *Polly* had a bleeding ulcer and had to have four units of blood. She still is not doing very well and has to have blood work done often. *Polly* is the daughter of the late *Benjamin* and *Anna Richmond Wells* and the widow of the late *Carl Collins*. *Polly* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*, *William Green Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier*.

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**KENT MORGAN WALLACE**, the son of *Mark* and *Patricia Wallace* of Lexington, was home from the hospital the last time that I heard from *Patricia*. *Kent* was born with a heart defect and underwent heart surgery and spent sometime in the hospital. *Kent* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier*.

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**JAMES MUSIC**, of Frankfort, was a patient in the local hospital on 2/11/2001 where he underwent surgery to remove his big toe and part of his foot bone due to diabetic ulcers and bone deterioration. *James* is the son of *Dexter* and *Judith Music* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*.

**CORA LEE WELLS** of Anaheim, Calif. underwent carotid artery surgery in 1/2001. According to her sister, *Emogene Wells Russell*, she is coming along very well. *Cora* is the daughter of the late *Sherman* and *Lillie Collins Wells* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*.

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**WANDENA DENNISON YOUNG**, of Van Lear, underwent surgery in a Lexington Hospital in January for an aneurysm of the aorta. *Wandena* is presently home recuperating with special care from her family. *Wandena* is the daughter of the late *Leonard* and *Sylvia Collins Dennison* and she descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. and Elizabeth DeLong Wells*.

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**GENENE WELLS**, of Van Lear and the wife of *Nevard Wells* was in *Paul B. Hall* hospital where she underwent surgery after a fall. *Gene* feel and broke her ankle and tore the ligaments in her foot. It required putting a plate in her ankle and she will be laid up for sometime. She is presently recuperating at her home and receiving care from her family. *Gene* is the daughter of the late *Willie* and *Lutie Collins Wells* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Moses Wells*.

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**ROSEMARY WELLS HARMON**, of Brookpark, Ohio, was in a local hospital. She is presently home recuperating but still has to take it easy due to blood clots in her legs. *Rosemary* is the widow of the late *Dollie Harmon* and the daughter of the late *Elmer* and *Pearl Wells*. Her brother *Herman Wells* serves on the Wells Family Baord. *Rosemary* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears*.

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**DEXTER MUSIC**, of Hager Hill, KY, entered St. Joseph's hospital on 2/15/2001 for a heart catherization. Before the day was over, he was on the table undergoing a triple by-pass. *Dexter* had some complications but is recuperating with the special care from his wife *Judith*. I talked with *Dexter* on 6/23 and he looked well and seemed to be doing well. He could hardly wait to go fishing. *Dexter* is the son of the late *Frank* and *Dorothy Wells Music* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*.

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**JEFFERY WELLS**, of Nashville, Tenn., was a patient in a local hospital three times during the Christmas season suffering from kidney stones. He is presently home recuperating after going through lipotripsy surgery. *Jeffery* serves on the Wells Board and is the son of *Ron and Judi Wells* of Georgetown, KY who both also are members of the board.

He descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells and Moses Wells*.

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**ARBIE LYMAN PORTER**, of Waverly, Ohio has been in a Chillicothe, OH hospital where he underwent many tests. *Lyman* had surgery in October but has not been well since. He is presently home recuperating with special care from his wife Ann. *Lyman* is considering getting a second opinion soon. *Lyman* is in charge of registration at the Wells Reunion each year.

*Lyman* descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green Wells*. He and his wife serve on the Wells Family Board.

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**HOPE ALEXANDER WELLS** was in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY where she underwent surgery in February. *Hope* is the daughter of *Alex S. Wells Jr., and Missy Conley Wells* of Van Lear.

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

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**KAREN MOOLETTE KOUNS**, of Ashland, had surgery on 7/1/2001 for breast cancer. Good news according to her sister *Rita Vest*, that it had not spread into the lymph nodes. *Karen* will be receiving some preventive treatment. *Karen* descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *William Green Wells*. Her grandfather was the late *Uncle George Wells of Boons Camp* that we honored on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the reunion a few years ago.

*Karen* is the daughter of *Bill and Edith Wells Mollette* of Boons Camp, Kentucky. Her mother and sister *Rita* both serve on the Wells Family Board.

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**MELISSA "MISSY" CONLEY WELLS**, of Van Lear, was a patient in the Highland Regional Medical center where she underwent surgery in May.

*Missy* is the daughter of *Winfrey and Sharon Witten Conley* of Van Lear and she descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells and Elizabeth DeLong Gains Wells*.

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**BILL & EDITH MOLLETE**, of Boons Camp, Kentucky, has been in Highland Regional Hospital twice this last winter. While he was in there, his wife *Edith Wells Mollete* had pneumonia. They both are doing better now according to their daughter *Rita Vest*.

*Edith* is the daughter of the late *George and Angie Wells* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William G. Wells*. *Edith* and her daughter *Rita Vest* both serve on the Wells Family Board.

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**MICAH THOMAS HUGHES**, the son of *Karyn Garza and Edward T. Hughes* has been in and out of the hospital again. He was born nearly 3 months premature and is now 8 months old and small for his size. He weighs 16 pounds and is 23 inches long. *Micah* caught bronchitis and ended up in Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City where they treated him with antibiotics and oxygen.

He is back home as of March, using a portable oxygen tank. He was doing great the last time we heard from him. The maternal grandparents are *Paul Garza* and the late *Pauline Collins Garza*.

He descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Roseanne Wells Spears* line.

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**DAVE AUXIER**, of Memphis, Tenn., underwent surgery on 2/5/2001. *Dave* underwent 5-½ hours of neck surgery. *Dave* said that they drilled out all the spurs and arthritic bone buildup at C 5-6 and C 6-7. They removed both intervertebral disks, which were ossified. They followed that with a covering of cadaver bone and fused it.

The final step was placing a metal plate over the entire area and attaching it with screws. *Dave* has done wonderful and even took the trip to Germany and France with the Auxier group lead by *John B. Wells III*.

*Dave* descends from *Samuel Auxier*. He is the one that headed up the Auxier reunion and wrote the Auxier book.

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## DEATHS

**BEULAH MAY WELLS KEEL**, 66, of Auxier, KY. died 4/1/2001 in Pikeville Methodist Hospital after a battle with cancer. *Beulah* was born 5/14/1934 to *Malta Castle Watson and the late Rollen Wells*.



Left to right: *Mary Frances Moore* and her mother *Beulah May Wells Keel*, in 2000.

Survivors are her mother; her husband *Franklin Keel*, one daughter and son-in-law *Mary Frances Moore* and *Bobby Moore*, of Auxier, a son *James a Nyberg wife Lilia*, of West

Van Lear, one brother *James Wells* of Virginia and a step-brother *Elmer Lee Watson*, and two grandsons.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. The service was at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church with the Bro. *Bobby Joe Spencer*, Rev. *Clifford Austin* and *Calvin Setser* officiating. Burial followed the service at the *E.B. Auxier Cemetery*, Auxier, Kentucky.

*Beulah* worked as a dispatcher for the Floyd County Sheriffs Department. The Sheriff and deputies served as her pallbearers. There were approximately 16 of them in attendance. *Beulah* was very faithful to the Wells Family Association. You would always find her at the door, registering members with *Lyman Porter* each year.

*Beulah* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*.

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**DELMA RILEY CAMERON**, 85, of Winter Haven, FL., died 7/2/2001. He was born on 11/25/1915 in Statesberg, WV.

His wife *Mary Wells Cameron* preceded him in death 11/20/1998.

Surviving are a son *Robert Gene Cameron* and one daughter *Helen Louise Amburgy*; seven grandchildren.

*Delma* was buried in *New Port, Florida*. He descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *Moses Wells's* line.

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**ANNA GOLDA WELLS STEVENS**, 98, of Huntington, WV. Died on 12/20/2000 at her home. *Golda* was born on 2/17/1902 to the late *Moses & Minta Bevins Wells*. Her husband *Orville Emmitt Stevens*, a sister *Jetta Wells*, preceded her in death four brothers *Hobert Wells*, *Martin Wells*, *Elmon Clark* and *Landon Clark*.



She was a retired beautician and boarding house operator. At her funeral, a dear friend who was 89 said after *Golda* retired she went to the homes of her favorite customers and did their hair until she was 90 years old.

Survivors include one son, *Orville Eugene Stevens* of Huntington; two nieces, *Geneva Clark Harmon* of Sarasota, Fla., *Lois Clark Marshall* of Van Lear, KY, one nephew, *Jack Richmond Wells* of Alton, ILL. and many great nieces and nephews and other relatives who loved her. Her great niece *Nancy Marshall Hackworth* looked out for *Goldie*.

Graveside services were 1:00 pm., on Friday 12/22/2000 at Ridgelawn Memorial Park Abbey. Friends were able to call 30 minutes prior to services. Arrangements were under the direction of Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington. *Golda* was very faithful to the Wells Family and was her happiest when she could find someone with whom she could reminiscence. When *Golda* attended the reunion, she always won the oldest in attendance after her first cousin *Uncle George Wells* who died at 102. She told me that she wanted to live as long as *George*.

*Golda* was in such good health that she never even took an Aspirin. *Golda* was a person that loved life and everyone she came in contact with. She loved so much that she had three cats and it is felt that she may have went out to find one of her cats and never made it back and was found dead in her yard.

*Goldie's* death certificate lists the cause of death ASCVD. *Golda* lived alone, since her only son is in a resthome. *Golda* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green Wells*.

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**CHARLOTTE JAN BRISBIN WELLS**, 65, of Anderson County died 3/18/2001 at Hospice Care Center, Lexington. She was born 12/10/1935 in Glenfield, PA. and is the daughter of the late *Charles and Wilma Brisbin*. She was a homemaker, a member of Anderson Christian Church and attended Salt Springs Christian Church in Salt Springs, FLA.

She is survived by her husband of forty-six years, *Charles B. Wells Sr.*; three sons and their wives, *Charles B. (Chuck) Wells Jr.* and *Pam, William Leslie (Les) Wells* and *Karen, Gregory Allen (Greg) Wells* and *Jennifer*, all of Lawrenceburg; seven grandchildren, *Tamara Wells* of CA, *Sean Wells, Brian Wells, Aaron Wells, Jordyn Wells, Cheyenne and Dakota Wells*, all of Lawrenceburg; two sisters, *Betty Forsythia* and *Ellie Benedict* both of PA; three brothers, *Charles Brisbin*, TX, *Earl Brisbin*, PA, *Edward Brisbin*, OH. She was preceded in death by a grandson, *William Derrick Wells* and a sister, *Irene Carver*, PA.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ritchie-Peach-Todd Funeral Home in Lawrenceburg with Bro. *Roger Rankin* and Bro. *Vernon Huber* officiating. Burial was in Lawrenceburg Cemetery.

*Charlotte's* husband *Charles* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells* and *Moses Wells*. *Charlie's* two brothers *Lloyd* and *Ron Wells* both serve on the Wells Board.

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**JOHN KENDRICK "J.K." WELLS III**, 85, of Paintsville, died 3/1/2001 at his home at 113 Third Street, Paintsville. JK was born 12/15/1915, in Johnson County, a son of the late *Jimison Kendrick* and *Ruth Long Wells*. He was a lawyer with *Wells & Wells* where he practiced law for about 60 years, most of them in Paintsville. He was known for his expertise in mineral and school law and trial advocacy. He was counsel to the Johnson County Board of Education for years.

*Mr. Wells* was a Paintsville city attorney early in his career. His mother, *Ruth Long Wells*, and his father, *Jimison Kendrick Wells*, previously had held the post. *J.K.* also was a former member of the Paintsville school board and had served on the Paintsville City Council. He was Johnson County Democratic Party Chairman for several years.

*J.K.* attended what is now Morehead State University, and received a Law Degree from the University of Kentucky in 1938. He served in the Army during World War II. He had been a member of the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors and a Director of First National Bank of Paintsville.

He was instrumental in getting the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville built.

Surviving are his wife, *Margaret Jenkins Wells*; a son, *Kendrick Wells III* of Louisville; and two grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Prestons Funeral Home in Paintsville. The funeral was held on 3/2/2001 at the First Christian Church in Paintsville with *Bill Underwood* officiating. Burial was in the Wells-Buckingham Cemetery in Paintsville.

*J. K.* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green* and *Mary Butcher Wells*.

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**ALEX SAMUEL WELLS**, 63, of Van Lear, died 6/18/2001 in Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, KY. *Alex* was born 9/23/1937, in Johnson County, to the late *Benjamin Harrison* and *Susanna Richmond Wells*. He was a heavy equipment operator, and owned and operated a sawmill. He was also a farmer and independent businessman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, *Bennie Wells Jr.* and four sisters, *Jeanette Wells, Geneva Wells Volota, Betty Wells Brown* and *Minnie Sue Wells*.

He is survived by his wife, *Susie Goble Wells*; two sons, *Alex Sam Wells Jr.*, *Ben Wells*, both of Van Lear; five daughters, *Goldie Ann Wells* and *Vernita Lynn Wilcox* both of Van Lear, *Bernita Wells* of Germany and *Anita Wells* of Calvert City, KY, *Sherri Lynn Benette* of Lexington, NC; one brother *Nevard Wells* of Van Lear; three sisters, *Emma D. Adkins* and *Polly Collins* both of Van Lear and *Mary F. Walton* of Ashland; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home at Hager Hill with the funeral at the Old Log Church, Daniel's Creek. The Rev. *Ted Dawson* officiated with burial in the Wells Family cemetery, Van Lear.

*Alex* descended from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier*.

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**DARVIN SCOTTY GOBLE**, 42, of Cowcreek, died 3/22/2001 in Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, KY. *Darvin* was born 2/10/1959, in Floyd County, a son of *E. J. and Mary Alice Lewis Goble* of Cowcreek. He was a former laborer with East Kentucky Explosives.

Additional survivors include six brothers, *Larry Ronnie Goble* and *Joseph Edward Goble*, both of Cowcreek, *James Darrell Goble* of East Point, *Burnis Dean Goble* of Allen, *Bradis Jay Goble* of Harold and *Thomas Lee Goble* of Paintsville; two

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sisters, *Sally Ann Maynard* and *Rose Mary Stephens*, both of Cowcreek; and several nieces and nephews.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, KY, directed arrangements. *Bill Collins*, *Nathan Lafferty* and *Delmon Hayton* officiated with burial in *Willie Goble* Cemetery in Cowcreek.

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**MURL WELLS COLLINS**, 71, of West Van Lear, died 3/26/2001 in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. *Murl* was born 1/17/1930, a daughter of the late *Ali and Sadie Collins Wells*. Her husband, *Martin Dallas Collins*, also preceded her in death. Surviving are a daughter, *Dorothy Fannin* of Hagerhill; two brothers, *Sammie J. Wells* of Van Lear and *Ali Wells Jr.* of Paintsville; seven sisters, *Emma Jean Caudill* of Russell, *Eileen Martin* of Raceland, *Mary Rider* of Paintsville, *Cindy Morris* of Ashland, *Donna Rambo* of Worthington, *Doris Fannin* of Van Lear and *Lorraine Mollette* of Allen; two grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home with the funeral in the chapel. The Rev. *Garmon D. Preece* officiated with burial in the Wells family cemetery in Van Lear.

*Murl* descended from *Richard Wells* through his children *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears*.

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**RUBY MARIE SELVAGE WELLS**, 79, of Auxier, died 4/17/2001 in Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. *Ruby* was born 3/11/1922, in Floyd County, KY and a daughter of the late *Dennis and Celia Patrick Selvage*. She was a member of East Point Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, *Orville Wells* in 1980; and a son, *Larry Roger Wells* in 1977. Surviving are a son, *Randall Wells* of Auxier; three daughters, *Phyllis Jewell Goble*, *Diana Sue Goble* and *Tammy Lee King*, all of Auxier; a sister, *Maxine Beirman Childers* of Prestonsburg; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral home in Paintsville with *Davie Flanery* and *Gary Mitchell* officiating. Burial was in the Wells family cemetery in Auxier.

*Ruby's* late husband *Orville* descended from *Richard Wells* through his son *George E. Wells* and *George's* wife *Nancy Butcher Wells*.

**WILLIAM THOMAS "BILL" SAUNDERS**, 53, of Lexington, Kentucky died 5/28/2001 in Central Baptist Hospital. *Bill* was born in Mercer County on 6/10/1946 to *T.C. Sanders* and the late *Foley Pope Lingerfelt*. He was a pipe fitter and a member of the Clays Mills Baptist Church. He was a fisherman and enjoyed racecars. Other survivors include his wife, *Debbie Oney Saunders*, and his stepmother, *Geneva Sanders*; a son *Shannon Sanders*; a daughter *Christy Royce Blevins*; a stepdaughter *Robin Hold*; and three nieces.

Arrangements were under the direction of Alexander Royalty Funeral Home in Mercer County. The Rev. A. C. Tyra officiated with the burial in Burgin Memorial Gardens.

His wife *Debbie* descends from *Richard Wells* through his children *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears*.

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**THOMAS "TOMMIE" ALLEN WELLS**, 89, died 12/13/2000 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. *Tommy* was born 4/16/1911, in Floyd County, KY to the late *Winfield and Sally Burchett Wells*. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, *Thelma Hyden Wells* who passed away on August 8, 2000, and also 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and 1 grandchild. Surviving are one son, *Bobby Allen Wells* of Paintsville; four daughters, *Ruth Bowling* and *Glenda Kay Hill*, both of Hagerhill, *Doris Sue Robinson* of Summerville, Ohio, and *Wanda Fay Staniford* of Dayton, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, with *J. W. Holcomb* officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery at Staffordsville KY.

*Tommie* and his wife *Thelma* attended the reunion each year. He descends from *Richard Wells* by way of his son *George E. Wells*. His grandparents were *Allen & Angeline Collins Wells*.

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**JOHN BRITTON "J. B." WELLS JR**, 86, of Woodland Ave., Lexington, Kentucky, died on Sunday, May 20, 2001 at the Breckinridge, Lexington and was formerly from Paintsville. *J.B.* was born in Johnson County, KY 7/4/1914, to the late *John B. and Jennie Ward Wells*.

He attended Paintsville City Schools before graduating from Kentucky Military Institute in 1932. As a football player at Paintsville High School, he received the nickname "Gallop Ghost." As an active member of the oratorical team, he represented

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his school in area competitions and was an accomplished musician, playing in local dance bands.

After he completed his education as a Business Major at UK, where he was active in student government and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, he returned to Paintsville and entered the family business as an officer of Big Sandy Hardware Co., Inc. Although quite active in the family business, he found time to devote to public service.

His oratorical skills were put to good use in numerous speeches to local civic groups in preparation for a run for the Office of Paintsville Mayor, which he won in Nov. 1939. At that time he was the youngest mayor in the nation, being only twenty-five years old when inaugurated. Over the ensuing decades, he was re-elected six times. He proved to be one of the most effective and innovative leaders in the city's history and did much to give Paintsville the reputation as the most progressive city in southeastern KY.

His major accomplishments included the purchase of the city gas and water systems, the development of a city park and playground with an \$110,000 city swimming pool, the construction of affordable municipal housing, a \$300,000 water filtration plant, the initiation of garbage pick-up services, and an urban renewal program. During WWII, he was one of Paintsville's first military volunteers, joining the Army Air Corps. After his discharge from the service, he returned to Paintsville and resumed his duties as the city's "wartime" mayor.

After his father's death in 1958, he rose to the Presidency of Big Sandy Hardware, and readily expanded its distribution into parts of KY, WV, VA, and TN. The company soon became the largest wholesaler of its kind in the region. While increasing the business, he somehow found time for membership on various commissions and boards. He served as President of the Paintsville Kiwanis Club, VP of Citizens National Bank, started his own coal company, organized two garment factories and a loan company, coached a semi-pro basketball team, and assisted with the local chapter of the American Legion. In 1955, he entered state politics. After resigning as mayor and taking a leave of absence from Big Sandy Hardware, he was appointed as KY's Rural Highway Commissioner in the administration of Governor A.B. "Happy" Chandler. He also served Chandler as the Governor's official liaison to the KY General Assembly. In 1959, he

capped his state career by running for the Democratic Party's nomination for Lt. Governor. He finished second out of a field of seven candidates. Although unsuccessful in his bid for state office, his activism did not diminish. He returned to Paintsville and initiated three new businesses before re-entering Big Sandy Hardware as its Chief Executive Officer.

In 1980, after retiring from Big Sandy Hardware, he was asked by Paintsville's mayor to take over the reins of the city's ailing public housing authority. During his twenty-year tenure, he revitalized the agency, secured grants for new senior citizens high-rise apartment building, and in 1991 received recognition by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban development as the Manager of KY Housing Authority of the Year. In a most unusual move, he was asked by HUD to rescue Pikeville's housing authority from financial disaster, a task that he accomplished in short order.

In Dec. 1992, he retired a second time, but remained active in supervision of several rental properties in Johnson Co. and as a volunteer guide for the Mountain Homeplace Historical Park near Paintsville. He is survived by his wife *Martha Gess Hayman Wells*, Lexington; four daughters, *Jane Green* and husband, *Keith*, Winchester, *Mary Hammond* and husband, *Dean*, Lexington; *Martha Heil* and husband, *David*, Lexington, and *Jennie Scruggs* and husband, *Mike*, Knoxville, TN; son, *John B. III* and wife, *Terrie*, Paintsville; sister, *Irene Wells Kazee*, Paintsville; ten grandchildren, *Daniel Muncie, Jr.* and wife *Lisa*, Winchester, *John Muncie* and wife, *Beverly*, Winchester, *Laura*, *Catherine* and *Sarah Heil*, Lexington, *Tanner* and *Duncan Scaggs*, Knoxville, TN, *John Wells IV* and wife *Angie*, Kennesaw, GA, *Jacob Wells*, Atlanta, GA; *Joshua Wells*, Paintsville; three great grandchildren, *Chris* and *Sarah Muncie*, Winchester and *Andrew Muncie*, Winchester.

The Funeral was held at the Mayo United Methodist Church, Paintsville, with Rev. *Bruce Nettleton* officiating. Burial was in *J. B. Wells* Cemetery, Paintsville. The Paintsville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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**DARWIN PATTON**, 78, of Auxier, Kentucky died 2/20/2001 in the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. *Darwin* was born 8/8/1922, at Auxier, a son of the late *Alex L.* and *Mary Goble Patton*.

He was former manager of Floyd Federal Savings & Loan Association in Prestonsburg and former assistance cashier with First National Bank in Prestonsburg.

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Surviving are his wife *Christine Moran Patton*; a son, *Darewin Moran Patton* of Lyndon Station, Wis.; two daughters, *Ruth Ann Fairchild* of Auxier and *Mary Lee Colston* of Spring, Texas; a brother, *Donald Patton* of Langley; two sisters, *Margaret Beaven* of Rancho Cordova, Calif., and *Florence Hall* of Belleville, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg. The Rev. Dave Flanery officiated with burial in the Moran family cemetery at Auxier.

*Darwin* descends from *Richard Wells* through *Moses* and *Margaret Hillman Wells*.

*Bobby Wells* who is President of the Wells Family Association is a first cousin of *Darwin*.

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**ANNIS MAE "DOTTY" PERRY**, 83, of Auxier, died 7/1/2001, in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. *Dotty*, a daughter of the late *James* and *Florence Wells Goble*, was born 10/27/1917, in Floyd County, KY. Her husband *Herman Perry* preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, *James Herman Perry* of Lexington; two sisters, *Betty Lee* of Louisville and *Opal McKenzie* of Auxier; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great great grandchild.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville with *John Paul Salyer* officiating. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery in Auxier.

*Dotty* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Moses Wells*.

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**KENNETH WELLS**, 62, died 2/19/2001 in Florida. He was born on 11/13/1937 in Floyd County, KY to the late *George Wash Wells* and *Cora Bell Goble*.

His wife, *Victoria Center* in Florida, survives *Kenneth*. Other survivors are *Tina Lynn Wells*, *James Paul Wells* and *Joseph Lee Wells*; two brothers, *Bobby Wells* and *Herbert Wells* of Floyd County; one sister; *Glennora Montgomery*.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Floyd County Kentucky.

*Kenneth* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells* and *Moses Wells*.

His brother *Bobby Wells* is President of the Wells Family Association Board.

**LEVEDA RICE WELLS**, 77, of South Point, Ohio, died April 10, 2001 at the King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, KY. *Leveda* was born 6/19/1923, in Johnson County, Ky. the daughter of the late *Russell* and *Alpha Whitten Rice*. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ of South Point. One daughter, *Cheri Jean Wells*, one brother, *Darryl Riche* and one sister, *Gloria Swanson Rice*, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, *Henry Wells* of South Point, Ohio; two daughters and son-in-laws, *Connie Sue* and *William Lee Perkey*, *Joy* and *Ivan Ray Hanshaw*, and one son and daughter-in-law, *Michael* and *Rebecca Wells*, all of South Point, Ohio; four brothers, *Russell Rice* of Florida, *Jim Rice* of Kentucky *Randy Rice* of Pennsylvania and *Bob Rice* of Indiana; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was on Friday, April 13 at Schneider-Slack Funeral Home of Chesapeake, Ohio with Minister *Mark Tonkery* officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Gardens.

*Leveda's* husband *Henry* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of his son *Moses* and *Margaret Hillman Wells*.

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**FRANKLIN KEEL**, 64, of Auxier, KY, died July 5, 2001 in Martin County Convalescent Home where he had been a patient for sometime.

*Franklin* was born July 18, 1936, in Johnson County, a son of the late *Rufus* and *Lucy DeLong Walton Keel*.

His wife *Beulah Wells Keel* preceded him in death. Surviving are a son, *Gregory Allen Keel* of Wabash, IN.; a stepson, *James Nyberg* of West Van Lear; two daughters, *Jennifer Louise Keel Tyson* of Wabash and *Mary Frances Keel Moore* of Auxier; two brothers, *Stanley Keel* of Van Lear and *Manford Walton* of Ashland; two sisters, *Dean Hamilton* of Cleveland, Ohio, and *Loraine Hopson* of Van Lear; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home at Hager Hill. *Frank Osborne* officiated with burial in the Keel family cemetery in Van Lear.

*Frank* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of his son *William Green Wells's* line.

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**CONNIE S. CRUM**, 51, of Debord, KY died 5/14/2001 at Kings Daughters Hospital in Ashland, KY. *Connie* was born 8/11/1949 in Harresburg, VA, the daughter of the late *Paul and Louise E. Jenkins*. She worked for the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and BMW. She is survived by her mother, her husband *Chester Crum* of Debord, KY, one son *Donald R. Crum* of Hamilton, VA. One daughter *Tamatha Frece* of Reston, VA; two brothers *Rodney Jenkins* of Harper's Ferry, WV, *Larry Jenkins* of Stevens City, VA. and one grandchild.

Funeral arrangements were directed by the *Richmond Callahan Funeral home*, Inez, KY in the chapel on 5/16/2001 with *Quentin Crum* officiating. Interment was at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

*Connie's* husband descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Roseanna Wells Spears* and she is a sister in-law of *Wendell Stafford* who serves on the *Wells Family Board*.

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**JENNINGS GREENLEAF THARP**, 94, of Lexington died 2/27/2001 at a Lexington Hospital. *Mr. Tharp* was born on 4/3/1906 in Irvine, Kentucky. Surviving is one daughter *Mrs. Ron "Judi" Tharp Wells* of Georgetown, Ky. and one brother *Andrew Jackson Tharp* of Mayfield, KY. Arrangements were directed by *Warren F. Toler Funeral Home* Irvine, KY. with a long time friend *Rev. Rollan Bentrup* officiating. Interment was in the Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in Irvine.

His daughter *Judi* and her husband *Ron* both are members of the *Wells Family Association*. *Ron* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells and Moses Wells*.

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**LENA SPEARS DISSEPART**, 84, of Cleveland, Ohio, died 4/11/2001 in Beaver Hospital, Cleveland. *Lena* was the daughter of the late *Lester Spears* and *Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pierce*. Her husband, *Frank Dissepart*, preceded her in death. Surviving are two sisters, *Mrs. John H. Sexton* of Kissimmee, Fla., and *Mrs. Cecil Castle* of Flatwoods; and several nieces and nephews.

The *Corrigan Funeral Home* in Cleveland was in charge of arrangements. Interment was at the Holy Cross Cemetery, sect. 12 Lot 2436 Grave 1, Cleveland. *Lena* descends from *Richard Wells* through his children *William Green Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears*.

**DEWARD PLUMMER**, 77, of Sellersburg IN., died 3/30/2001 at Clark Memorial Hospital. *Deward* was born 2/1/1924 at Auxier, Kentucky to the late *Eddie Lee and Edith Mabel Williamson Plummer*. Survivors are his wife, *Betty Louise Whitt-Plummer*; a daughter, *Mary Striegel*; stepdaughters *Hattie Crafton, Betty Lou Holland, Rhonda Bizzill and Donna Kay Campbell*; a stepson, *Ronald Conlen*; brothers *Millard and Howard Plummer*; a sister *Glada Jarrell*; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was a former photoengraving supervisor for the old Standard-Gravure Corp. In Louisville; a former part-time employee at the old Home Quarters store in Clarksville; a former part-time mailroom employee for the Jeffersonville Evening News; an Army veteran of World War II; a former American Red Cross volunteer; a former Clark County Democratic prescient committeeman; and a member of American Legion Post 35.

Arrangements were under the direction of *E. M. Coots's Inc. Funeral Home*, Jeffersonville, Indiana. The *Rev. Daryl Banet* officiated with burial in the Walnut Ridge Cemetery, Jeffersonville.

*Deward* descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green Wells*.

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**HOMER COLLINS**, 86, of Johnson County died 2/8/1001 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. *Mr. Collins* was born 10/4/1914 to the late *Bailey and Margaret Louise Wells Collins*. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Surviving are four sons, *Jimmy Collins* of Paintsville, *Jerry Collins* of Lakeview, Oregon, *Wayne Collins* of Lillian, Texas, and *Dan Collins* of Morehead; two daughters, *Jane Perky* of Royal Oak, Michigan, and *Telie Ellis* of Wilmington, North Carolina; and 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

*Preston Funeral Home*, Paintsville, directed arrangements and his cremation. Memorial services were held at a later date.

*Homer* descended from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*.

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**HOWARD COLLINS**, 81, died 2/7/2001 in Ohio. *Howard* was born in Johnson County KY on 3/27/1920 to the late *Bailey and Margaret Louise Wells Collins*. *Howard* was a brother of *Homer Collins* who died 2/8/2001. Details of his funeral and survivors are not known since he was buried in the Springfield, Ohio area.

*Howard* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. & Elizabeth DeLong Wells*.



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**ALLEN BUTCHER**, 73, of Butcher Hollow, Van Lear died 11/27/2000 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville from cancer. *Allen* was born 3/15/1927 in Johnson County to the late *Melvin and Ida Bowling Butcher*. He was a retired coal miner for Eastern Coal Co. Surviving are 3 daughters, *Marlene Watson* and *Brenda Penix* both of Wabash, Ind.; *Garnett Smith* of Tenn.; six brothers, *Ira* of Sitka, *Elmer*, *Granville* and *Everett* all of Van Lear, *Hubert* of Wittensville and *Burnie* of Wabash, Ind.; three sisters, *Mamie Butcher* of Van Lear, *Maggie More* and *Virginia Triplett* both of Wabash.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, with the funeral in the chapel. *Terry Conley* and *Gary Butcher* officiated. Burial was in Butcher Family Cemetery at Van Lear.

*Allen* was an uncle of Mrs. *Danny Blevins* of Van Lear and he descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Mary Wells* who married *William Butcher*.

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**BETTY JANE WELLS PATTON**, 73, of Auxier, died 12/8/2000 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. *Betty* was born 8/19/1927, in Floyd County, KY, a daughter of the late *Bosier H. and Bessie Emily Burchett Wells*. She was employed in the family grocery store. Her husband, *Harold L. Patton*, died in 1975. Surviving are two daughters, *Suzanne Spencer* of Auxier and *Pamela Arnette* of Salyersville; a sister, *Audrey Josephine Nichols* of Waverly, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. Rev. Garfield officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery at the Auxier United Methodist Church.

*Betty* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*.

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**LUCILLE WELLS PATTON**, 82, of Auxier, died Saturday 1/20/2001, in Prestonsburg Health Care. *Lucille* was born 2/16/1918, in Floyd County, KY, a daughter of the late *Richard Marion and Fannie Lee Richmond Wells*. Her husband *Charlie H. Patton* preceded her in death in 1983. She was a retired assembly line worker for Irvin Airchute and a member of Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, *Roger Dean Patton* of Decatur, Ala.; two daughters, *Karen Lynn Howard* of Auxier and *Charlene P. Muncy* of Williamsport; two sisters, *Mildred Sturgill* and *Beatrice Childers*, both of Auxier; six grandchildren; five great-

grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at Auxier Freewill Baptist Church with *Bobby Spencer and Calvin Setser* officiating. Burial was in Auxier Relocation Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

*Lucille* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells, William Green Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier*. Her daughters *Charlene and Karen* are members of the Wells Family board. *Lucille* and all of her family have always been faithful attendees of the reunion

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**OPAL LEE GOBLE**, 87, of Auxier, 2/24/2001 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. *Mrs. Goble* was born 3/6/1913, in Auxier, a daughter of the late *Jerry and Nola Crider Goble*. Her husband *Fred C. Goble* and a daughter, *Cleda Eleanor Lawson*, preceded her in death. Surviving are a son, *Freddie L. Goble* of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, KY. The Rev. George Love officiated. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville, KY.

*Opal's* husband, the late *Fred C. Goble*, descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Moses and Margaret Hillman Wells*.

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**PAULINA JEWEL COLLINS GARZA**, 61, of Eldersburg, MD. died 6/9/2001 in Carroll County General Hospital due to a blood clot in her lungs. *Paulina* born 7/28/1939, in Ashland, a dau. of the late *Hansford and Jewel V. Paullins Collins*, was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. A son, *Paul Michael Garza*, also preceded her in death. Surviving are her husband *Paulino Garza*; three dau., *Karyn Camille Hughes* of Grantesville, Utah, *Lisebeth Anne Davis* of Lancaster, CA., and *Jennifer Lyne Garza* of Provo, Utah; two brothers, *Vernon E. Collins* of FLA and *Clive A. Collins* of Clayton, NC; and 11 grand-children.

Arrangements were under the direction of Zumbun Funeral Home in Eldersburg with the funeral at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ellicott City. Burial was in Plum Grove Cemetery off Ky Rt. 1, Greenup, under the direction of Carmons Funeral Home, Flatwoods, KY.

*Paulina* was a former member of the Wells Family Association for some years. She and her late sister *Virginia Edgel* traveled a long distance for board meetings and the reunion. She descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Roseanne Wells Spears*.

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**MARY KATHERYN WELLS SCHMITT, 76**, of Paintsville, died 5/4/2001 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY. Mary was born 3/30/1925, in Johnson County, KY to the late German C. "Gus" and Cora Blair Wells. She was a retired employee from Kentucky Department for Social Service where she was a social worker. Her husband, Joseph J. Schmitt, and a brother, Ed Wells, also preceded her in death. Surviving are one son, Michael J. Schmitt of Paintsville; two daughters, Nancy Kathryn Tackett of Sitka and Ruth Roberts of Prestonsburg; one brother, Frank Wells of Flat Gap; and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home with the funeral in the chapel. The Rev. Bruce Nettleton officiated with burial following in the Wells Family Cemetery at Williamsport.

Mary Kathryn descends from Richard Wells through his son William Green Wells.

**The deaths below are for your information.  
It is not known if they are descendants of  
Richard Wells.**

**PAUL WAYNE WELLS, 45**, Riverview Dr., Stanton, KY husband of Stephanie Hurst Wells, a businessman and civic leader died 2/18/1001 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington following a long illness with diabetes. Born in Winchester, the second child of Carl and Virginia Prewitt Wells. He graduated from Powell Co. High School, Eastern Kentucky University with a Degree in Business and Kentucky School of Mortuary Science. Paul had the privilege to spend his entire career working with his family serving as Powell Co. Deputy Coroner for twenty-one years.

He was a member and Deacon of Stanton Christian Church, and served on the MEPCO Home Health Advisory council for many years. He was the past Master of Stanton Masonic Lodge F&AM #352.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie Hurst Wells, Stanton; daughters, Heather and Rebecca Wells, Stanton; brother, Carl Wells, Jr., Stanton; nephew, Josh Wells and niece, Megan Wells, both of Stanton; two sisters-in-law Gwen Hurst and Sandy Wells both of Stanton; father and mother-in-law, Harold M. and Bertha Hurst, also Stanton; step niece, Callie Hagen Bishop, Stanton; step nephews, John Hagen, Clay City and Josh Hagen, Somerset and a special friend, Mark Reed, Stanton.

Funeral services were at Stanton Christian Church with Rev. David Rule and Rev. David Bowden officiating, with interment in Stanton Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mark Reed, Tim Dudley, Sam Dudley, Maynard McGeever, Doug Collins, James Ed Dennis, Josh Wells and Carl Wells, Jr.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wells Funeral Home.

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**WILLIAM ROBERT "BOB" HILLMAN, 78**, of Ashland, died 1/30/2001 in King's Daughters Medical Center. Mr. Hillman was born 7/9/1922, in Ashland, a son of the late William Sherman and Lillian Pence Hillman. His wife, Geneva Inez Hillman, died in 1996. He was a World War II Army veteran, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10017, Poage Masonic Lodge 325 and El Hasa Shrine. Surviving are two sons, Charles F. Hillman of Charlotte, N. C., and Keith Hillman of Ironton, Ohio; two daughters, Bobbie Sue Brooks of Ashland and Ginny Hillman of Orlando, Fla.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Glenn Gasser and Delmar Stockwell held the funeral at Steen Funeral Home-Ashland Chapel. Burial was in the Rose Hill Burial Park, Ashland.

I think Bob descends from John and Elizabeth Wells Hillman but have not heard from my contact Frank Hillman to know for sure. If Frank e-mails me to confirm this I will let you know.

## MEMORIALS

**MABEL WELLS ADAMS**, of Heuryville Ind., gave \$200.00 to the Wells Family Association with \$100 going to the general fund and \$100 going to the memorial fund. Mabel is a faithful contributor to the Wells Family Association and we do appreciate her, for it is people like her that keep this organization working. Mabel is the daughter of the late George Moses and Cora Honeycutt Wells and her only living brother is Henry Wells who lives in South Point, Ohio. Mabel is a world traveler and has taken the trip to England in 1998, to Scotland and Ireland in 2000 and will be going on the trip in June 2001 to Germany and France.

Mabel descends from Richard Wells by way of Moses Wells. We do appreciate her continued support.

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**DORTHA STROBEL PAYNE**, of Chloride, AZ., gave \$30.00 to the Wells family to be used where needed most. *Dortha* is a faithful contributor to the family and we appreciate her support. *Dortha* has only been able to attend one reunion but has been there in spirit and is very much interested in her heritage. She is the daughter of the late *Dale and Susie Spears Ferguson*.

*Dortha* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green Wells & Roseanne Wells Spears* lines. Thanks again *Dortha*.

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**BETTY SHIPMAN & HARRY CASPER**, from Huntsville, AL gave \$15.00 in memory of *Lucille Wells Patton*. *Lucille* died 1/20/2001 and is the mother of *Roger Patton* of AL., *Charlene Patton* of Williamsport, and *Karen Howard* of Auxier, KY. I assume that *Betty and Harry* are connected to *Roger's* wife *Judy*. And we appreciate the donation and the family will be notified donation. We thank *Betty and Harry* for this donation.

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**MILLARD & KRIMHILDE PLUMMER**, from Fort Gay, West VA. gave \$25.00 to the general fund. The *Plumbers* have been very faithful contributors to the Wells Family Association and we appreciate them. *Millard* is the son of the late *Eddie Lee and Edith M. Williamson*.

*Millard* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green Wells*.

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**ANONYMOUS GIVER** gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. This person is a faithful contributor to the family and we appreciate her. Thanks again.

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**BILL & HELEN BLACKBURN**, of Mason, Ohio, gave \$20.00 to the Wells Family Association. It will be put in the general fund for expenses of newsletter, reunion etc. This is the note that I got from her.

*Please change my address as printed out. Now that I am closer, I am going to try to come to the Labor Day weekend reunion. I really enjoy getting the newsletter, and I find I know more of the*

*people mentioned than I expected.*

Thank You, *Helen Blackburn*

*Helen* did live in Florida and we are pleased to have her back closer so she and her family can attend the reunion.

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**KENNETH & ELLINOR K. WELLS**, of Hot Springs, NC. gave \$50.00 toward the Scholarship Fund. *Kenneth* is the brother of *Paula Wells* who serves on the Wells Family Board. *Kenneth* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Moses Wells*. Thanks *Kenneth and Ellinor* for your continued support.

Dear *Mary*:

Enclosed you will please find our contribution to *The Wells Family Association, Inc.*

Our preference is that this money be used in the scholarship fund, however, if you feel there is a greater need for another purpose, please feel free to use the funds where most needed by the association.

We hope to make it to the reunion this coming year. We've only been to one reunion, which we enjoyed very much, but finding the time and energy to get up and go seems to be increasingly difficult with each passing year.

Best Wishes!

*Kenneth & Ellinor*

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**ANONYMOUS GIVER** gave \$50.00 to the scholarship fund in memory of her mother & father, grandparents and in honor of her two brothers. This person is a faithful contributor to the Wells family and we do appreciate her. Thanks again.

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**ANONYMUS GIVER** gave \$200.00 to the Memorial Fund of the Wells Family Association. This person is a faithful contributor since beginning to receive our newsletter. We do appreciate him and his generous contribution. Thanks again.

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**PATRICIA "PATTI" & HEATHER ANNE QUALLICH**, of Parma, Ohio, gave \$50.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of her uncle, *Alex Samuel Wells*, who died 6/18/2001. *Patti* is a faithful contributor to the family and we appreciate her support.

*Alex Samuel* descended from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells, William G. Wells, & Agnes Wells Auxier*.

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**EULAH W. VILLINES**, of Dayton, Ohio gave \$50.00 to the Scholarship Fund. *Eulah* is the sister of *Clay Wells* of Inez, who previously served on the Wells Family Board. *Eulah* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *William Green Wells*. I received this letter from *Eulah* and want to share it with you. Thanks *Eulah*.

Dear *Mary & Manford*,

*I had great intentions of writing this note as soon as I returned from the reunion in September, but due to circumstances, am just now getting around to it.*

*Thank you for the great hospitality. It was good to be at the reunion. I especially enjoyed the trip to the graves and the genealogy meeting. Charles Wells shared information that cleared up questions for me, and now I'm working on some information to send to him.*

*Mary, it is great that you, and others, put so much effort into the family and in keeping the reunions going. When my niece was about eight years old she looked at me and said, "I'm sure glad I'm a Wells". I wonder how it would impact our nation if every child had such a sense of belonging and pride in his/her family. I think what you are doing is important*

*I'm enclosing \$50.00 for the scholarship fund. If it's needed more for the newsletter mailings, then apply it there.*

Sincerely, *Eulah Wells Villines*

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**MANFORD & MARY WALTON**, of Ashland, KY gave \$25.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of *Mary's* brother *Alex Samuel Wells*.

**BRAD & KATHY WALTON**, of Lexington, KY and **TIM & NANCY WALTON** of Morgantown, KY gave \$20.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of their uncle, *Alex Samuel Wells*.

*Alex* died 6/18/2001. He descended from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* & *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

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**MANFORD & MARY WALTON**, of Ashland, KY gave \$25.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of *Manford's* brother *Franklin Keel*.

**BRAD & KATHY WALTON**, of Lexington, KY and **TIM & NANCY WALTON** of Morgantown, KY gave \$20.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of their uncle *Franklin Keel*.

*Franklin* died 6/5/2001. He descends from *Richard Wells* by way of the *William G. Wells* line. He died 7/5/2001.

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**KERMIT, PAT & ROBERT WOMACK**, of Greenup gave \$20.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of *Pat's* uncle, *Alex Samuel Wells* who died 6/18/2001.

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

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**MARK, MARCELLA & MATTHEW CRAWFORD**, of Russell, Kentucky gave \$20.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of *Alex Samuel Wells* who died 6/18/2001.

The *Crawford* family are friends of *Mary Walton* and *Tommie Cochran*. We appreciate their expression of sympathy.

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**GLENDA WELLS HILL**, of Hagerhill, Kentucky gave \$25.00 in memory of her father *Tommy Allen Wells* who died 12/13/2000.

The fall newsletter had the death of *Tommy's* wife *Thelma* who died 8/8/2000 and we are aware that it is difficult to give up both parents so close together. *Tommy and Thelma* had been married for 65 years. I had the privilege to visit *Tommy and Thelma* the fall of 99 with their niece *Allene Dunseith* and enjoyed our visit very much.

*Glenda*, we appreciate your continue support of the Wells Family Association. *Tommy* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Winfield Wells*, *Allen Wells* & *George E. Wells*.



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**GEORGIA & LEE HALL**, of Brunswick, OH gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family in memory of their cousin Alex Samuel Wells.

*Alex died 6/18/2001. He descended from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier lines.*

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## RECIPES

### BROCCOLI SALAD

8 slices of bacon, plus an additional slice for garnish if desired.

- 1 medium bunch broccoli
- ½ small red onion
- ½ cup finely chopped celery
- ½ cup raisins (or more)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sugar (if diabetic use artificial sugar)
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar.

Cook the bacon (crisply), drain it, and crumble into small pieces. Using only the florets and the most tender stems sections of the broccoli (you may save the rest of the stems for soup or just discard it), chop the broccoli into very tiny pieces. Peel the red onion, and chop it very finely as well. In a bowl, combine the broccoli, onion, celery, and raisins.

In a smaller bowl, mix together the remaining ingredients. Pour this dressing over the salad and toss. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour.

Garnish with additional bacon pieces if you like. Serves 6 to 8 and is delicious. (I got this at my homemakers.)  
*Mary W. Walton*

### EGG & SAUSAGE CASSEROLE

- 1 - pound of sausage or ham browned.
- 8 - slices of bread (cubed)
- 6 - eggs
- 2-½ cups milk
- ¾ teaspoon seasoning salt
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 can cream mushroom soup
- ½ can milk measured in soup can.

Place cubed breadcrumbs in 9 x 13 casserole sprayed with Pam. Drain meat well & spread over crumbs. Beat eggs, milk & seasoning salt, mixing well. Pour over meat topped with the cheese and refrigerator over nigh. Next morning, combine the mushroom soup and ½ can milk and stir well. Pour over the sausage and egg mixture and bake at 350 degree for 45 minutes.

(This is an excellent casserole and we use it at my church for brunches, served with anything else that will go with a breakfast.)

*Mary W. Walton*

*This broccoli slaw recipe below is excellent for I had the opportunity to try it at the Wells Reunion in WV on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. I also made it and my family loved it. I must say that Ron Wells is a good cook with a little help from his wife Judi.*

### BROCCOLI SLAW

- 1 pkg. Mann's broccoli slaw
- 1 bunch of green onions
- 1 ½ cups sunflower seeds
- 1-½ cups slivered almonds
- 2 pkg. Beef flavored Ramen noodles, break up. (Save flavoring packs for dressing.)

### DRESSING FOR THE SLAW

- 2 pkg. beef flavoring from Ramen noodles
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- Mix above ingredients and pour over slaw and mix well.

I found the Mann's broccoli slaw at Krogers in the section with the ready-made salads.

*Ron Wells  
Georgetown, KY*



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

Please type or print.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Parent (or guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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



PEDIGREE CHART

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