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It has been a difficult time getting the newsletter out this time due to computer problems since I lost a lot of my data including my #46 newsletter so here I am starting it again. The technician was at least able to save my Family Tree Maker data. I did have to retype all my mailing list for the newsletter and it was lucky that I kept a hard copy of the list. If for some reason that you know of someone that does not get the newsletter and is suppose to, just let us know and we will send them one and add them to the list. These are some of the things that can happen to computer users and computers.

The Reunion is **Saturday September 3rd and Sunday September 4, 2005** and it is just couple of months away. If you have not made your reservation you need to do so soon for the rooms will be taken. I made my reservation yesterday 6/29 and there were rooms available. I am listing the phone numbers of local motels for your convenience.

Ramada Inn	Paintsville,	(606) 789-4242
Day's Inn	Paintsville,	(606) 789-3551
Starfire	Paintsville,	(606) 789-5341
Comfort Suite	Prestonsburg,	(606) 886-2555
Holiday Inn	Prestonsburg,	(606) 886-0001
Plantation	Prestonsburg,	(606) 886-2797
Super 8 Motel	Prestonsburg,	(606) 886-8855
Williams Motel	Prestonsburg,	(606) 886-3333
Super 8 Motel	Inez	(606) 298-7800
Super 8 Motel	Louisa	(606) 638-7888
Best Western	Louisa	(606) 638-9417

REUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday	September 3, 2005
3:00 PM.	School Doors will open (Family groups)
3:00 PM	Tour of the grave sites, if interested meet at Johnson Central High School
5:00 PM	Supper (bring a covered dish to share)
6:00 PM	Genealogical Workshop
Sunday	September 4, 2005
10:00 AM	School doors will open
11:00 AM	Welcome (make an effort to be prompt so activities can begin on time)
11:45 AM	Auction, (bring your items for he auction)
1:00 PM	Memorial Service (Grace will be given at the end of the service)
1:15 PM	Dinner served (please let those handicapped and older member in line first) (There will be an offering for reunion operational expenses.)

We encourage all to bring food to share so everyone can have something to eat. After dinner there will be a scholarship presented to the lucky young high school graduate. The election of new officers will follow and awards will be presented to the youngest, oldest, largest family, one traveling most miles and a door prize. Afterwards there will be a Genealogical Workshop with John B. Wells III leading the workshop with other historical committee members present. Please bring your items, pictures etc., to share with the group. John will give you up-to-date information on the Wells Family DNA test results and his recent trip to England to meet new cousins.

ANOTHER WELLS FAMILY COOKBOOK

When the Wells Board met in November 2004, they voted to do another family cookbook. Some of our people have already sent recipes for the book and we hope to have it ready for the 2006 reunion if not before. Please send your recipes to Mary Walton as soon as you can. Her address and email address is on the first page of this newsletter. We would like everyone to have at least one recipe in the book. You may want to submit a recipe for each category. You can even send old family recipes of your mother or grandmother that may have long gone on to heaven. Let's try and make this cookbook one of the best we have ever done.

THE ENGLAND TRIP

A group of our Wells Family members traveled to England again on June 7th and returned all excited about their experience meeting some cousins that they had not met before until the DNA proved that they were our cousins. I had an E-mail from John B. Wells, III and he said they visited the town of Thrussington which they had never seen before. They actually got to see the old Wells manor which was built in the 1200s and is still standing. The people of the village were wonderful and a newspaper did a story on their visit....complete with photos of the gang. They also found our Wells Coat of Arms! It was on a tombstone in the village church. John will send a photo soon as he gets them back. John was home less than 12 hours



A photo of the "Wells boys." Going left to right are Christopher Wells of Liverpool, England; John B. Wells III of Newnan, Georgia; Peter Wells of Cambridge, England; James Kelly Wells Sr. of Westerville, Ohio. All of our DNA matches 100%. Amazing! After 400 years of separation cousins are together again!

before leaving for Waycross, GA. for a week. He will be attending the Auxier Reunion July 1-4 at Paintsville and on July 3rd will be giving a PowerPoint slide show presentation. As soon as he can develop his photographs he will send me a photo of our Wells Coat-of-Arms that he found on a tombstone. This photo will be included in the next newsletter. Below, you will find the photo of our two new cousins with John III and cousin, James Kelly Wells.

NOTICE ABOUT JOHNNY DEPP

Paula Wells said that in the April issue of Time magazine it stated that Johnny Depp was one of 100 of the world's most influential people. "In life he's a shy soft-spoken man who, when he's not working lives quietly much of the year outside Paris. On screen, he has frequently played versions of himself — most notable as J.M. Barrie, in last year's Finding Neverland, for which he was Oscar nominated." The article goes on to discuss his other movies. I (Mary Walton) received a complimentary copy of Johnny Depp's new book "Johnny Depp A Kind of Illusion" by Denis Meikle. You should be able to find a copy at your local book store or check with the local Library if you are interested in reading this book. Johnny Depp descends from *Richard Wells* through the *Simon Peter Wells* line.

NOTICE

Louise McMonegal of Alexander, VA., retired in 1/2/2005 from the Navy. She worked in the DC. area for the last 20 years. Louise states that she was selling her townhouse and getting ready to move in the spring. She plans on making the journey a leisurely one across the US, stopping to visit friends and family along the way. She will be living temporarily in her Mom's house in northern California. Her mother has been in assistant living for the last couple of years. Her Mom's home is in the mountains in a small town called Quincy California. It's about 1.5 hours northwest of Reno. The country is very beautiful up there and which will take some time getting used to. Louise is not sure what future plans she has other than doing some volunteer work but is sure she wants to continue genealogy. Louise McMonegal's new address is:

**6 E. Jackson St. • Quincy, CA. 95971-9702
Phone (530) 283-2576.**

Louise has been very active with the Wells Family Association, serves on the Wells Board and has assisted with newsletter proofing and with the Historical Committee. We hope that she will be able to come back for the reunion often. Louise, we hope that you have a wonderful retirement and from my experience you will soon wonder when you had time to work. Louise descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *Moses Wells*.

GENEVA CLARK HARMON, the daughter of the late Elmon and Virgie Wells Clark has moved back to KY from Florida and is presently residing at Richmond Place in Lexington, Ky. Welcome back to Kentucky. Geneva descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* and the *Roseanna Wells Spears* line

CONGRATULATIONS

PATTI VOLOTA QUALLICH, of Parma, Ohio, employed with Case Western Reserve School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, has been promoted as an Assistant to the Clinical Curriculum Director in the Office of Curricular Affairs. She also works with the Associate Deans creating special web projects and eventually will be helping with the computerized exam systems. Patti is the daughter of the late Steve and Geneva Wells Volota and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines

CONGRATULATIONS (continued-)

JOHN AARON WELLS HOWARD, son of Kim Howard, graduated from Paintsville High School on May 27, 2005. He is employed at Mellinium Teleservices as a Manager Trainee.



On May 23rd, he was sworn in with the Kentucky National Guard as part of the team of Company C 206th EN BN in Prestonsburg, KY. He will attend basic training in Missouri, beginning August 30th. When not on

active duty, he plans to study for a degree in Law Enforcement, first at Prestonsburg Community College and then at Eastern Kentucky University. John Aaron descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* & the *Roseanna Wells Spears* line.



AMANDA JILL SOTO of Lexington, KY graduated from Tates Creek High School 5/24/2005. Amanda is the daughter of Patricia Wells Wallace & Mark Wallace of Lexington & Richard Soto of Texas. Amanda will be attending Church of

Christ College in Tampa, Florida this fall. Amanda descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green Wells* & *Agnes Wells Auxier*.

WANDA WELLS, of Ashland received her **BSW** in are proud of her since she served on the Wells Family Board for many years. She has just completed her Social Work degree in December 2004. Plans are to return to school this fall to complete her Master's Degree under the Darwin program for those over 65. Her late husband Phillip Wells descended from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* line.



HEATHER ANNE QUALLICH, of Parma, Ohio was on the Honor Roll the 1st quarter & on the Merit Roll the 2nd & 3rd quarters at St. Francis de Sales School. She was nominated by her teacher to be a "Great Lakes Scholar"

— an honor for children in grades 3 through 8 who excel in the classroom. Her name and photo will be published in a book. She also received "The President's Award for Educational Achievement" in recognition of Outstanding Academic Achievement signed by President Bush & with a letter from him. *Heather* is the daughter of *Patti Volota Quallich* and the late *Douglas A. Quallich*. She descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* & *Agnes Wells Auxier*.



ROBERT WOMACK, Greenup, KY, graduated from Greenup County High School and is going to attend the Kentucky State Vocational College in Ashland, KY. He is the son of Kermit & Patricia Wells Womack. He is presently employed with Lowes. He descends from

Richard Wells through *George E. Wells*, *William Green Wells* & *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

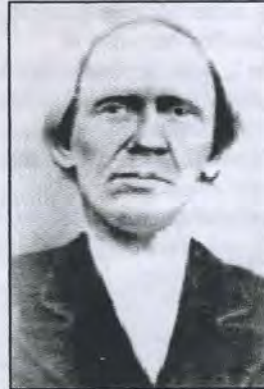
CYNTHIA MUNCY RAMEY, Hager Hill, KY graduated from Morehead State University with a Graphic Designer degree. She has already illustrated two children's books — "The Three Little Piggy Bears" and "Where have all the Fairies gone". Cynthia is presently employed with Salyersville Independent Newspaper and previously was with Floyd County Times. She is the daughter of Eugene & Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier*. Cynthia and her husband, Jeff, reside at Hager Hill, KY.

JAMES "JIMMY" CLINE, of Sabina, Ohio graduated Dec. 18, 2004 with Mechanical Engineering degree. He is employed with Twist Manufactory in Jamestown, OH. He is the son of Dale & Karen Cline Church & the grandson of Dale & Malva Hall Cline of Sabina, OH. He

descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *George E. Wells* line. Jimmy's grandmother Malva serves on the Wells Family Board. Malva and her husband, Dale, are always faithful in their support of the Wells Association.

MILITARY RECORD

WILLIAM GREEN WELLS



Richard and Susannah (Hutchison) Wells had eleven children, all born in Virginia. William Green Wells, the youngest son, was born at Dungannon, in Scott County, Virginia, in 1818. He was given the middle name of "Green" in

honor of Susannah Hutchison's mother, Nancy (Green) Hutchison, who was the daughter of Lewis Green, Sr.

William lived with his parents in their little cabin on Daniel's Creek until his father's death. At that point he took over his father's small farm and a trading business the two had established just before Richard's death. On January 15, 1839, William married Mary Butcher, the daughter of Jacob Butcher, also of Scott County, Virginia. Since Jacob Butcher did not move to Kentucky until the mid 1840's it is likely that Wells traveled back to Virginia in search of a bride.

William Green Wells quickly developed a reputation as a hard worker and shrewd businessman. On November 2, 1842, he mortgaged all of his possessions including "One Bay Horse about seven years old, One Bay Mare with one eye, 1 two year old filley, 2 Cows and Calves, 40 head of hogs and the land on which I live containing about One Hundred Fifty Acres" to J. P. Martin & Co. for \$144.59 in order to purchase merchandise for his store. As the only store on Daniel's Creek, the risk paid off. By 1846, his holdings had increased to 800 acres of farmland and one lot in the town of Paintsville, an estate valued for taxes at \$905.00. Beginning in 1855, he took advantage of the Kentucky state grants program to acquire thousands of acres of "vacant" land in what are now Johnson, Floyd, and Martin counties. By 1857, he controlled 6,050 acres on the waters of Daniel's Creek, Greasy Creek, and Rockcastle Creek. For unknown reasons, in 1857 he traded his lands on Daniel's Creek for additional acreage on

the right fork of Greasy Creek and moved his family across the mountain to what is now the community of Boonscamp. Wells built a new two-story log house at the junction of "middle fork" and "main Greasy" and located his store nearby. The farm of William Green Wells quickly became the focal point of the Greasy Creek area.

In addition to being a merchant and farmer, Wells became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, a lieutenant in the local militia, and a country doctor. He performed over one hundred marriages between 1852 and 1875. Kozee's "Early Families of Eastern and Southern Kentucky" noted that "religion and service in the name of Christ was the passion of his life. The home of Dr. Wells and the generous hospitality of his wife were the boon and comfort of the traveling Methodist ministry of those early days." *The Big Sandy Valley*, published by William Ely in 1887, described him as "a prominent man in the ministry, and ... also [as] a physician. He is well known in the Upper Valley, and his talent is highly appreciated, both at home and abroad." About 1855, Wells and two of his sons began a successful mule trading business. At least twice per year, large numbers of young mules were driven to Newnan in Coweta County, Georgia, where they were sold to cotton planters. In 1858, the Newnan newspaper announced the formation of a partnership "Dent & Wells Co. - Mule Traders, offering the finest old Kentucky stock."

Politically, Dr. Wells was a staunch Democrat and was a vocal supporter of the Southern Democrat John C. Breckinridge in the Presidential election of 1860. Undoubtedly, he had much to do with Breckinridge's overwhelming victory in Johnson County and that his Republican opponent Abraham Lincoln did not receive a single vote.

During the War Between the States, he cast his lot with the Confederate States of America. Traveling to Cedar Bluff, Virginia, he enlisted on November 21, 1861, as a private in Company E of the 54th Virginia Infantry. Wells later affiliated with Co. E of the 5th Kentucky Infantry and fought in the Battle of Middle Creek, but was captured in Morgan County, Kentucky, on November 7, 1862. He was taken by his captors to Camp Chase at Columbus, Ohio, where he was held as a prisoner of war until exchanged on November 3, 1863. Upon his return to Johnson County, he formed his own "partisan ranger" company called the Greasy Creek Guards. During the summer of 1864, this company was transferred to Col. William S.

Smith's Battalion of Virginia Cavalry and Wells was commissioned as a captain. Although attached to Smith's command, the company continued to act as an independent command carrying out raids against Unionists in Johnson, Floyd and Lawrence counties. One raid during the fall of 1864 resulted in a postwar lawsuit. John Howes of Paintsville claimed that Captain Wells "whilst in the company of a military body ... in arms against the Government of the United States did take four head of horses and other property."

By October 1864, Wells and his men were a part of Colonel Edwin Trimble's 10th Kentucky Cavalry, C.S.A.. Captain Wells commanded a company of the 10th until January 1865 when his men were transferred to the 13th Georgia Cavalry. Taking command of Company K of the 13th Georgia, Wells and some of his men were detached for duty in Georgia in February 1865. For two weeks in February, Capt. Wells was a patient in a Confederate hospital at Newnan, Georgia, suffering from "diarrhea." He returned to duty late in February and led his command back to Virginia. He remained with the Georgia regiment until the unit disbanded near Christiansburg, Virginia, on April 12, 1865. Upon his return to Kentucky his men were forced from their homes by occupying Union soldiers. They returned to the field until forced to surrender at Charleston, West Virginia, on June 12, 1865, over two months after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

The war exacted a terrific toll on Wells and his family. His store was closed by occupying Union troops and much of his property was either sold in order to supply his men or was confiscated by the enemy. In 1866, his property included less than 1700 acres of land, one hog, and 10 cattle. In spite of these setbacks, Wells reopened the store and continued the practice of medicine and the "propagation of the gospel." He also re-established his mule business in Georgia, although postwar conditions in that state made trading far less lucrative than in the years before the War. However, his passion for the issues surrounding the war did not diminish. A Union sympathizer from nearby Cassville, West Virginia, reported that "on March 19h [1866] Capt. Willie Wells of Johnson co." confronted him "hurrahing for Jeff Davis, defying everybody" and "abused me as a d___d Abolitionist."

His views did not alter his respected position in the community. In 1872, he was appointed as one of three commissioners to select a county

seat for the new county of Martin. It was his suggestion that placed the seat at its current location of Inez, Kentucky.

In 1870, he reorganized his mule trading company along with a group of wartime friends from Coweta County, Georgia. During Reconstruction, the Deep South suffered from a severe shortage of farm animals, a need Capt. Wells was all too happy to fulfill. For almost ten years, Wells drove hundreds of Kentucky mules to market at Newnan, Moreland and Senoia, Georgia. Capt. Wells became so prominent that the main street in the Coweta County town of Senoia was renamed "Wells Street."

As his age advanced and health problems increased, William Green Wells moved to the town of Paintsville, Kentucky. On April 17, 1883, he purchased "a house and lot on the southeast corner of Cross and Back streets leading from the Methodist Church to the tanyard." This spot is now the location of the World War I memorial at the corner of Court and Second streets. While in Paintsville he assisted in the organization of the Johnson County Battalion of the East Kentucky Confederate Veterans Society and served as an officer until his death. Possibly sensing his end, Wells sold his Paintsville home to his son John P. Wells on April 30, 1886, and moved back to the farm on Greasy Creek where he died less than a year later. Initially, he was buried in the old Ward Cemetery at Offutt, Kentucky, but later the grave was moved to the J.B. Wells Cemetery on Depot Road in Paintsville. Just after his death, a new Methodist Church organized on Greasy Creek and was named "Wells Chapel Methodist Church" in his honor. The first minister was his son, Rev. Aaron Wells.

William Green and Mary(Butcher) Wells had thirteen children. Of their eight sons, four served in the Confederate Army and one for the Union, four were farmers, two were lawyers, one owned a general merchandise store, one became a teacher, two served as elected county officials, one served in the Kentucky General Assembly, and four became postmasters.



ROLAND WELLS

(1893-1930) was born at Odds, Ky., Johnson Co. and he was in the military service twice. He joined the peacetime Army when he was 18. He was sent to Fort Still, Lawton, Oklahoma and was there from December 1912 to April 1915 in the newly established

Field Artillery School. He was in B. Battery, 5th Field Artillery. Fort Still was founded in 1869 to control the Apache Indian tribe. The U.S. entered the war with Germany in April 1917. Roland reported to his draft board in Greenup, KY on Feb. 24, 1918, giving his address as Mackoy, KY (Greenup Co.). He was in Headquarters Co., 326 Artillery Reg't, 159 F.A Artillery Brigade. This was part of the 84th Division. After 6 months training in the U.S. he sailed with his company on a troop transport on Sept. 9, 1918. The ship landed at Glasgow, Scotland. They went by rail to Southampton, England, by boat to Cherbourg, France, and by rail to Camp de Souge in s.w. France. Roland was stricken by the influenza epidemic. In France, the Army hospital was so crowded that Roland and others were placed outside in tents. This influenza left him with a heart condition from which he never recovered. After he was able to be up and about, he did light duty office work and was too weak to drill or march. "I never fired a shot in the war" he said, I have heard rumors that he was in a mustard gas attack, but it is not mentioned in his VA papers. He returned to the U.S on Feb. 15, 1919, and on March 6th. He was discharged at Camp Zachary Taylor. He immediately began getting disability payments from the Veterans Administration and received them the rest of his life. He managed to hold a Civil Service job with the interruptions to spend months at a time in VA hospitals because of his heart condition. He is the father of four children, Paula Wells, Kenneth Wells, Marian May & the late Eugene Wells. Roland died Oct. 20, 1930 of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart) at Stephenson Hospital (now an apartment building) in Ashland, Ky. He was aged 36. Sources: Veterans Administration papers, Civil Service papers, Army discharge).

Submitted by Paula Wells.

NOTE: For information on World War I Veterans, write to; National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO. 63132.

MARRIAGES & WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATHERINE MICHELLE MUNCY & JOSHUA WAYNE BANKS, of Johnson County, KY were united in marriage on 5/28/2005. The wedding was at 5:30 PM at the Van Lear Freewill Baptist Church, Route 302, and Van Lear, KY. The Rev. Dennis Chapman performed the wedding and there were three attendances including her sister Cynthia Ramey as her matron of honor. She is a graduate of Johnson Central High School, Morehead State University College and second year student at Appalachian School of Law, Grundy, Virginia where she has a 3/6 GPA and on the Dean's list. Katherine will be doing Externship with Judge Larry Thompson, Pikeville, KY. She is the daughter of Katherine is the daughter of Eugene & Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport, KY. Joshua's best man was Jeremy Ramey of Hager Hill, KY. He is a graduate of Morehead State University with a degree in Robotics and is employed with Sylvania, Winchester, KY. Joshua is the son of Darrel & Karen Lafferty Banks. Katherine descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells, William Green Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier* lines. Her mother is a member of the Wells Family Board.

AMY FRANCES GUMER AND JON THOMAS WELLS,

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce J. Gumer of Louisville are pleased to announce the engagement & upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Frances Gumer to Jon Thomas Wells, son of Ellen M. Wells & Dr. Randall L. Wells of Louisville. She is a graduate of Grier School in Tyronne, Pa, and Pine Manor College in Boston, Massachusetts. She is currently employed with Gumer and Company Jewelers and is enrolled in the Gemological Institute of America. Jon is the grandson of Esclene Moore & the late Alvert Moore of Madison, West Va., & Dorothy Wells and the late Ebbie Wells of East Bank, West Va. He is a graduate of Eastern High School, the University of Florida, and Jefferson Community College Radiologic Technology School. He is employed with Norton Audubon Hospital as an X-Ray/CT Tech and is enrolled in the Radiation Therapy School at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center. The wedding is being planned for August 28, 2005, at the Olmstead in Louisville. Jon Thomas's father Dr. Randall L. Wells is the president of the Wells Family Association and descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* line.

DAVID LEE HALL & GEISELLA SUE RODELBAUCH married June 25, 2005 at the Old Log Church, Van Lear, KY. Geisellsa of Prestonsburg is the daughter of the late John & Wanda Rodelbaugh. She is a graduate of Prestonsburg Community College. David is the son of Albert Lee Hall & Georgia Richmond Hall, residents of Brunswick, OH. The couple will reside in Van Lear, KY. David descends from *Richard Wells*, through *William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier & Rosanne Wells Spears*.

BIRTHS



LEANNAH GRACE WELLS, of Van Lear, KY was born at Highland Regional Medical Center, on 12/28/2004 at 1:41 PM. She weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. The proud parents are *Wendell Lee & Kathy*

Richardson Wells of Van Lear, KY. The paternal grandparents are *Garold Wendell and Carol Hall Wells* of Van Lear. She descends from *Richard Wells* through the *William G. Wells, George E. Wells, Moses Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

PARKER LEE SANDIFUR, of Taylor, MI., was born at Oakwood hospital in Dearborn, Mich., on 12/29/2004. He weighed in at 10 lb. 11 oz. and 21-½ inches long. The proud parents are *Randall & Kasey Sandifur*. The maternal grandparents are *Steven & Sandra Collins Sandifur* of Taylor Mich. *Parker Lee* descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells & Rosanna Wells Spears* lines.

LINDSAY ALEXANDER RAYA was born 2/23/2005 at 9:45 PM., weighing 7lb. 6oz.'s & 18.75 in. long. She is the daughter of Francisco Samuel Raya & Cassandra Dawn Camden of Port Saint Lucie, FLA. She is the granddaughter of Harold Camden and Benette Collins Ford. She descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier*.

JASON HUNTER JARVIS was born 11/4/2004 at Highland Regional Medical Center. The proud parents are *Sheldon & Darling M. Wells Jarvis* of Hager Hill, KY. The maternal grandparents are *Phillip Wells* of Van Lear, KY. and *Vicky Chaffins* and the paternal grandparents are *Douglas & Marlene Sturgill Jarvis* of Van Lear, KY.

LOGAN ANTHONY DEAN RICE was born 12/20/2004 in Aberdeen, Ohio. The proud parents are of Willard & Jennifer Rice of Aberdeen. The paternal grandparents are Robert Logan & Linda Curtis Rice of Aberdeen. Logan descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* and *William G. Wells'* lines.

KRISTIAN SCOTT EEK, of Charlotte, N.C., was born 12/22/2004. The proud parents are Thomas & Kelly Gross Eek. The maternal grandparents are Scott Gross of Russell, KY and Karen Mollette Kouns of Ashland, Ky. Kristian descends from *Richard Wells* through the *William Green Wells* line.

ZACHARY JAMES MCCOART, of Van Lear, KY., was born 07/06/05 at Highland Regional Medical Center. The proud parents are Aric McCoart and Rebecca Witten McCoart. The paternal grandparents are John McCoart & Vicky Adkins McCoart, a Wells Family Board Member. The maternal grandparents are Kathy Wells & Donnie Witten. Zachary descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells*, *Agnes Wells Auxier* & *William G. Wells* lines.



Aric McCoart and his newborn son, Zachary.

SICKNESS

Charlene Muncy, Emma Adkins, Polly Collins, Genene Wells, Kermit Wells, Ernestine Wells, Pat Womack, Annie Wilson, Tommie Cochran, Butch Cochran, Nevard Wells, Ronald Wells, Mary Walton, Shantel Ray Castle, John Thomas Wells, Marlene Sturgill Jarvis, Chris Wells, Paula Wells, Georgia Hall, Donna Wells Rambo, Kathy Walker, Hager McCallester, Patty McCallester, Darrel D. McCallester, Everett Booth, Chester Webb.

HOSPITALIZATION & OUTPATIENTS

FRANCES WELLS BROWN & CHUB BROWN, both have been under the weather for a couple of years. Both have suffered through treatment for cancer and did very well. Now Frances had a pacemaker installed to regulate her heart beat on 5/30 and was in the hospital on 6/28 for surgery and they reset the lead in the heart. Frances spent the night in the hospital but is presently home and things seem to be working fine. Frances is the daughter of the late Vernon P. & Helen F. Cox Wells and she descends from *Richard Wells* through the *Peter Wells* line.

LYMAN & ANN TACKETT PORTER, of Waverly, Ohio both have spent time in Chillicothe Hospital. Lyman was in a couple days earlier in the year and then just when he was getting on his feet again, his wife Ann ended up in the hospital too. She has been in several times this past year but is presently home doing very well. Ann & her husband Lyman, both serve on the Wells Family Board. Lyman descends from *Richard Wells* through the *William G. Wells* line.

WANDA WELLS, of Ashland, KY underwent knee surgery at OLOB Hospital on 1/05/05. She is presently doing great and attending therapy. Wanda and her late husband Phillip Wells both previously served on the Wells Board. Phillip descended from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* line.

EDITH WELLS MOLLETE, of Boons camp, KY had shingles eight months ago and still is having complications. She is in such pain that the children are taking turns coming home to help her. Edith has been attending a Pain Clinic in Lexington for sometime. Edith is the daughter of the late George & Angie Sammons Wells. She descends from *Richard Wells* through the *William G. Wells* line. She and her daughter Rita Vest are members of the Wells Family Board.

GLADA PLUMMER JARRELL, of Martin County suffered from cancer a few years ago and underwent chemo. She presently has to go through chemo again. Glada has always been a great supporter of the Wells Family Association and has never missed the reunion until her health problems. Please keep Glada in your prayers. She is the daughter of the late Eddie & Edith Williamson Plummer and descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green Wells*.

VIOLA DELONG WILLIAMS, of Daytona Beach, Florida underwent surgery in November for hip replacement, was in rehab, but made it home for Christmas. Her sister, Margaret, from California, spent several weeks with Viola while she was recuperating. Viola is moving back to Springfield, Ohio and was there looking for a house when she caught the flu and ended up in Springfield Memorial hospital with double pneumonia. She was home only one week when she went back in the hospital again. When I talked with her on 6/5 she was still in the hospital and not feeling well. Viola is the daughter of the late Marion and Dora Felty DeLong and descends from George DeLong & Mary Auxier line.

LOUISE COLLINS, the wife of Kermit Collins has been in the hospital several times after undergoing six months of Chemo Therapy in February. The tumor mass that she had on her lung was starting to grow and her Oncologist decided to start treatment as soon as possible. Her husband Kermit descends from *Richard Wells* through

MICHAEL COLLINS of Flat Gap, KY was a patient in Highland Regional Medical Center. Mike is receiving special care from his wife, Brenda, and other family members. Mike was very sick but when I talked with him recently he was feeling much better. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William Green Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

WINFRED CONLEY, of Van Lear, KY. had surgery in March at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, but had complications requiring further surgery at KDH in Ashland. He is presently home and doing well with care from his family. Winfred's wife, Sharon, descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*.

TODD MEADE, of Paintsville, KY underwent surgery on 4/21/05 at the Highland Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Todd is home now doing very well with special care from his wife, Lisa. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

SUSIE GOBLE WELLS, of Van Lear, KY was a patient in Highland Regional Hospital in May. She is presently home recuperating and doing very well. She is the widow of the late Alex Samuel Wells who descended from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

DALE CLINE, of Sabine, Ohio underwent emergency heart surgery on 5/3/2005 after suffering from a heart attack at Springfield Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Ohio. Dale is presently at home recuperating with special care from his wife Malva. Dale and his wife Malva are faithful supporters of the Wells Family and Malva serves on the Wells Family Board. Dale's wife, Malva, is the daughter of the late Opal Wells Hall Derosette and descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* line.

JAMES T. WELLS, Jim suffered a heart attack and underwent a four bypass surgery on 6/23/05. James is presently a patient at St. Elizabeth South Hospital in Edgewood, KY. and is recovering. James is a retired Methodist minister and resides with his wife Maxine at Augusta, KY. Jim is the son of the late Oliver Clarence & Emma Thornsbury Wells. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *Simon Peter & Mary Porter Wells*. He is an honoree member of the Wells Family Association Board.

VICKY ANN ADKINS MCCOART, of Van Lear, KY underwent emergency surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital in March. Vicky is presently doing well. She is the daughter of James & Emma Wells Adkins and descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier* lines. Vicky is a member of the Wells Family Board.

EMMA JOYCE STURGILL MUSIC, of Oil Springs, KY underwent emergency surgery for appendicitis 1/9/2005 at Paul B. Hall Hospital, Paintsville, KY. Emma Joyce is receiving special care from her husband Sam and is doing very well. She is the daughter of the late James & Mildred Wells Sturgill and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

JAMES "JIM" WILLIAMS, of Paintsville, KY underwent a heart catheterization on 6/30/2005. He will be having a three bypass heart surgery as soon as it is scheduled. Jim is the son of the late Bernard & Alta Wells Williams. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells & William G. Wells*. His sister Delores "Sis" Booth serves on the Wells Family Board.

DEATHS

LARRY VANDERPOOL, 55, died 12/13/2004 at Mount Carmel East, hospital. Columbus, Ohio. He was born 6/15/1949 in Weeksbury, KY to *Dorothy Wells Vanderpool* and the late *Sage Edwin Vanderpool*. He is survived by his mother; his wife Linda and two sons; *Travis* and *Kyle Vanderpool* of NC.; one daughter *Lindsay Vanderpool* of NC.; two brothers *Edd (Robin)* and *Terry of Ohio*. Funeral services were held 12/16/2004 at 1:00 PM with Arrangements under direction of Schoedinger East Chapel, Columbus, Ohio. The *Rev. David E. Bolles* officiated with Interment at Glen Rest Memorial Estate, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The maternal grandfather was the late *Samuel Jefferson Wells*.

ERNESTINE WELLS, 80, of Auxier, KY, died 1/18/2005 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville, KY. She was born 11/8/1924, at Auxier the daughter of the late *Ernest "Yankee" and Zella Webb Wells*. She was a former Food City employee. She was preceded in death by her husband *Chester Wells* in 1961. Survivors include two daughters, *Hattie Branham (Bill)* and *Sherry Tucker (Phillip)* both of Prestonsburg; a son *Ernest Richard Wells*; a sister *Billie Joyce Walters* of Erlanger; a brother *Paul Dean Wells* of Prestonsburg; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services was 1/21/at Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg with *Rev. Jim Sherman and Steve Pescosolido* officiating. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery, Auxier under the direction of Carter Funeral Home. *Ernestine* descends from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells* line.



CLAY WELLS, 75, of Saltwell, Martin County, KY died 11/8/2004. Clay owned and operated Western Auto for over 50 years in Inez. He was one of the county's highest decorated war veterans. There were not many

people who did not know Clay Wells. He always greeted everyone with a smile and a kind word whether it was on the street, in his store or just passing. Well liked by everyone, he loved passing the time by talking about politics, sports or anything anyone wanted to talk about. He joined the United States Marine Corp Sept. 6, 1946 and went to boot camp I Paris Island, S.C.

After boot camp he was assigned to NMD Yorktown, VA. Camp Lejuene, Camp Pendleton, Norfolk, VA., the Naval Gun Factory in Washington D. C. Korean and Bethesda, MD. While serving during the Korean War in 1951, Wells was wounded in battle and left hanging upside down in a tree presumed dead. He was recovered and sent to the National Naval Medical Center to recover. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal, United Nations National Defense President Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart. He was a life member of the 1st. Division Association and a past commander of the Marine Corps League and MOH. He was placed on the retired list in January 1954. After retiring from the service, he returned home to Martin County and decided to begin a business. He started the Western Auto in Inez and turned it into one of the county's most successful businesses. Due to his success in business, county judge executive Kelly Callahan appointed Wells to the first Martin Economic Development Authority. He was also appointed to the Roy F. Collier Community Center Board. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Shriner. Wells was very instrumental in getting the annual Veterans Day Ceremony started at Sheldon Clark High School. A member of Am Vets Post 99, he has an award named in his honor at the annual Am Vets wrestling tournament, the Clay Wells fastest pins award. Clay was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Jannie Wells, a brother, *Carlie Ward*; and sisters, *Olive Beach*, *Thelma Schwerman*, *Goldia Jump* & *Arizona Wade*. He is survived by his wife, *Carol Ann Ward Wells*; son, *Clayton Wells (Leigh Ann)* of Inez, daughters, *Angela Wells (Jagger) Coffey*, of Richmond, & *Annette Ray (Arnold) Williams* of Georgetown; sons, *Paul Alvin Ray* & *Gary (Kim) Meade* of Paintsville, grandchildren, *Gary Michael Meade* of CA., *Kyle Meade* of Paintsville, *Jack Ray*, *Jessi Ray*, *Brad Ray*, & *Aver Ray* all of Pilgrim, *Megan Sims* of Georgetown & *Samuel Coffey* & *Nathan Coffey* of Richmond, & one great-grandchild *Paris Meade* of CA., brother *Eugene Ward* of Inez & three sisters, *Modell Sinning* of Highlands Heights, KY, *Oretha Kinman* of Florence, KY., & *Eulah Villines* of Centerville, OH. He descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *William G. Wells* line.

PEGGY WELLS LOONEY, 68, died 2/12/2005 after a valiant and courageous ten year battle with breast cancer. *Peg* was a special person in that she brightened up a room with her warm personality and radiant smile. *Peg* was compassionate and caring for those who were experiencing any difficulty or crisis. She kept in touch with her many friends by telephone and by sending cards. Hallmark and AT&T loved her because she was one of their best customers! She simply loved people and those who knew her were touched by her kindness and caring. *Peg* was an active and involved member of the Fairfax United Methodist since 1982. *Peg* was the only daughter of the late *Charlotte Daniels* at Seco, KY., and *John C. Wells* of Auxier, KY. She is survived by her husband *Arthur Herm Looney* of Fairfax and three half brothers, *John C. Wells*, (Charissa) of Reston, Virginia; *Joseph Wells* (Dee) of Hainesport, New Jersey and *Jimmy Wells* of Los Angeles, California; one niece Taylor Wells and one nephew Joey Wells of Hainesport, New Jersey. Services were at the Fairfax United Methodist with Rev. Steve Bray officiating. *Peg* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Moses Wells*' lines. The following poem was part of *Peg*'s funeral and I want to share it with you.

Do not look forward to
 What may happen tomorrow;
 The same everlasting Father who cares for you today
 Will take care of you
 Today and everyday.
 Either He will shield you from suffering,
 Or He will give you
 Unfailing strength to bear it.
 Be at peace, then,
 Put aside all anxious thoughts
 And imaginations, and say continually:
 "The Lord is my strength and shield;
 my heart has trusted in Him
 and I am helped.
 He is not only with me
 But in me and I in Him."

ROBERTA JANE COLLINS, 64, of Urbana, Ohio died 3/11/2005 at her residence. *Roberta* is an aunt of *Clara Wells Preston*. *Clara* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* line. Arrangements were under the direction of *Vernon Funeral Home*, Urbana with service at the Funeral home. Burial was in the *Oak Dale Cemetery*, Urbana.



JAMES EDWARD (JIMMY) ADKINS, 46, died 3/21/2005 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Floyd County, Prestonsburg, KY, after a long illness. *Jimmy* was born 9/22/1968 in Johnson County, son of *James N. & Emma Delores Wells Adkins*.

Surviving are one daughter, *Kelcee Paige Adkins* of Stanton, KY.; one sister, *Vicky McCoart* of Van Lear, one nephew *Aric McCoart* (*Rebecca*); one niece *Erin Susannah McCoart* both of Van Lear. Arrangements were under the direction of *Phelps & Son Funeral Home*, Paintsville with services at the funeral home. The Rev. *David Wells* officiated with burial in the *Highland Memorial Park* at *Staffordville, Ky.*

Jimmy descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

PAULINE ROBINSON, 82, died 5/11/2005. *Pauline Wells Robinson* of Ashland, died 5/11/2005, at *King's Daughters Medical Center* in Ashland. *Mrs. Robinson* was born 3/12/1923, in *Carter County* a daughter of the late *Cecil and Altie Williams Wells*. She was also preceded in death by her husband, *Beecher E. Robinson*; one son, *Danny E. Robinson*, one brother, *Pat Wells* and one sister, *Kathleen Conley*.

FORREST HACKWORTH, 66, of Raceland, KY, died 5/30/2005, in Ashland, KY. *Forrest* was born 8/8/1938, in *Prestonsburg, KY.*, a son of the late *Jerry Hackworth* and *Mae Johnson Hackworth*. He was a crane operator with *AK Steel* in Ashland and a member of *Raceland Christian Church*, where he was a member of the *Fellowship Class*. He was a member of *United Steelworkers*. Surviving are his wife, *Nancy Marshall Hackworth* of Raceland; two sons, *Jerry M. Hackworth* of Louisville, KY.; and *Robert F. Hackworth* of Lexington, KY.; a granddaughter, *Haley M. Hackworth*; a brother, *Joe Hackworth* of High Point, N.C.; and a sister, *Diana H. Hunsucker* of Prestonsburg. Arrangements were under the direction of *Carman Funeral Home* in Flatwoods with the funeral at *Raceland Christian Church*. The Rev. *Jim Matthew* officiated with burial in the *Johnson Family Cemetery* in Floyd County, KY. *Forrest's* wife *Nancy* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*' line.

THEODORE EDWIN "BUD" WELLS, 76, of Flatwoods, KY died 2/5/2005 at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Russell, KY. *Ted* was born 1/7/1929 in Boyd County, a son of the late *Theodore* and *Emma McCloud Wells*. *Ted* was a minister and retired from the Shipping Department of Armco Inc., and a member of the White Oak Chapel Church, Flatwoods, He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in World War II and Korea. He was a member of the United Steelworkers Local 1865 of Ashland, KY. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by five brothers and a sister. His survivors include his wife, *Mary Price Wells* of Flatwoods; three sons, the *Rev. Rick Wells (Sheila)* of Ashland, the *Rev. Gregory Dean Wells (Mary)* of Wurtland, KY., and *Mark Wells (Brenda)* of Chester, S.C.; two daughters, *Marsha Schroder (Bryan)* of Owensboro, KY and *Kathy Price* of Huntington, W. VA. / 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister *Elizabeth Ferguson* of Green Cove Springs, Fla. Arrangements were under the direction of Carman Funeral Home in Flatwoods with service at the funeral home. *The Rev. Leonard Grizzle, the Rev. Ted Hill and the Rev. Delbert Dixon Jr.* officiated. Burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens, Flatwoods. Casket bearers were *Jason Dean Wells, Ricky Salley, Ricky Wells, Tony Wells, Aaron Wells, Jonathan Naples and Thomas McCormick*. *Ted* descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *George E. Wells* line.

GARY MORRIS WELLS, 43, of Lake City, Fla., formerly of West Van Lear, Ky., died 4/29/05 at his residents. He was born 10/4/1961 in Johnson County, Ky., son of Morris Wells and Mary Edith May Moore. Surviving in addition to his parents are two sons, Brandon Wells of Lexington, KY., and Justin Wells of Johnson County, Ky.; on daughter, Ashley Wells of Lake City, Fla.; one sister Peggy Wells of Lake City, Fla.; and one grandchild. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY., with service in the chapel. Tommy Howard and Donald Ray Caudill officiated with burial in the Bayes Cemetery at Riceville, Ky.

FORREST HACKWORTH, 66, of Raceland, KY, died 5/30/2005, in Ashland, KY. Forrest was born 8/8/1938, in Prestonsburg, KY., a son of the late Jerry Hackworth and Mae Johnson Hackworth. He was a crane operator with AK Steel in Ashland and a member of Raceland Christian Church, where he was a member of the Fellowship Class. He was a member of United Steelworkers. Surviving are his wife, Nancy

Marshall Hackworth of Raceland; two sons, Jerry M. Hackworth of Louisville, KY.; and Robert F. Hackworth of Lexington, KY.; a granddaughter, Haley M. Hackworth; a brother, Joe Hackworth of High Point, N.C.; and a sister; Diana H. Hunsucker of Prestonsburg. Arrangements were under the direction of Carman Funeral Home in Flatwoods with the funeral at Raceland Christian Church. The Rev. Jim Matthew officiated with burial in the Johnson Family Cemetery in Floyd County, KY. Forrest's wife Nancy descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*' line.

LILLIAN RUSSELL WELLS RIGSBY, 89, of Ashland, KY died 3/23/2005, at Community Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. She was born 1/30/1915, at Louisa, a daughter of the late Louis Wetzel and Annie Miller Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon R. Rigsby, in 1976, one grandson, Randy Blanton, four brothers and two sisters. Lillian was a retired seamstress at Steckler's Clothing Store and attended the South Ashland United Methodist Church. Surviving are one son, Harry S. Rigsby of Westwood; two daughters, Betty Rice and Ernestine Blanton both of Ashland; one brother, Shirley Wells of Brilliant, Ohio, seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Private services were conducted at Lazear Funeral Home, in Ashland, with Rev. Lance Campbell officiating. Burial was in the East Ashland Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home. If anyone knows how Lillian descends from Richard Wells please let us know. We have no documentation for this.

KATHLEEN PRESTON NETHERCUTT, 79, died 12/14/2004 in Community Hospice Care Center, Ashland, KY. *Kathleen* was born 10/14/1925, at Offutt, KY., a daughter of the late *Walter S. and Lula J. Richmond Preston*. She was also preceded in death, in addition to her parents, by her husband, *William H. Nethercutt*, who died on 9/10/1987; two brothers, *Claude and James Preston*; and a sister *Wylodine Wilson*. She retired after 40 plus years at General Telephone Co., in Ashland, attended Fairview Baptist Church and was a member of American Legion Clarence Fields Post 76, Elks Club and VFW, all of Ashland. Survivors include a sister, Grace Queen of Catlettsburg, KY.; two nephews, *Keith P. and Linda Queen and Robert C. and Kathi Queen*, all of Ashland; and a niece, *Karen and Clarence Gill* of Huston. Arrangements were under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home Chapel in Ashland by *Pastor Mike Rice*.

Entombment was in the Rose Hill burial Park Mausoleum. *Katherline* descends from *Richard Wells* through his daughter *Agnes Wells Auxier*.

WOODRIDGE WELLS, 75, of Auxier, KY died 4/22/05. He was born 2/24/1930 in Johnson County, KY to the late *Hiram Brownlow & Goldie Butcher Wells*. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother *Harm Brownlow Wells, Jr.* Survivors are his wife *Patsy* and four brothers; *Seabert Wells, Jackie Wells, Darvin Wells*; three sisters, *Bufford, Willa Dean* and *Sola*. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones - Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY. Woodridge descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *George E. Wells* line.

Surviving are two sons, James B. and Maggie Robinson of Blaine and Donald and Ida Robinson of Morehead; two daughters; Mary Joe and Tom Jacobs of Ashland and Linda and Randy Dietrich of Urbana, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Globe Funeral Home with the funeral in the chapel. The Rev. Gayle Price officiated and burial was in the Manning Chapel Cemetery in Olive Hill, KY. Pallbearers were; Tommy Pennington, Roger Robinson, Jeffrey Jordan, Brian Jordan, Scott Jordan, Jeremy Kiser, Michael Robinson and Roger Osborne. Do not know if Paulina descends from our Richard Wells.

EMMA JEAN WELLS YOUNG CAUDILL, 78, of Russell, KY died May 10, 2005 at her residence. Emma Jean is the daughter of the late Ali & Sadie Collins Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul E. Caudill, and her former husband, Ralph Young, Sr.; a sister, Meryl Collins, and two brothers, Samuel J. Wells and Frank Wells. Surviving are three sons, Ralph Young and Jack Young, both of Ashland, and Jerry Young of Houston, six sisters, Eileen Oney Martin, Mary Ryder, Cindy Morris, Lorraine Mullett, Donna Rambo and Doris Fanning; a brother, Ali Wells Jr.; seven grandchildren, Bobby Young, Kathy Young, Jason Young, Caitlyn Young, Megan Young, Taylor Young, Ethan Young, Haley Young, Gregory Mays and Tiffany Mays. Graveside services were conducted on May 13, at Oldfield Cemetery at Argillite, by the Rev. Phillip Stephens. Arrangements were under the direction of Evans Funeral Home in Raceland. Emma Jean descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* lines.

CHARLES C. WELLS
"HARDWARE CHARLIE", 70, died 6/28/2005 at his home in Paintsville, KY. Charles was born 8/18/1934 to the late Charles J. and Elizabeth Rice Wells, and Grandson to John B. and Jenny Ward Wells.



Charles is survived by his wife, Carlos Horn Wells of Paintsville, his son and daughter-in-law Charles B. Wells and Sheila Price Wells of Georgetown, KY. Charles graduated from Millersburg Military Academy and attended Washington and Lee University and Transylvania University.

Charles was owner and operator of Hardware Charlie Gas Company, Paintsville from 1955 to his retirement in May 1996. He served as president of the Kentucky L.P. Gas Association from 1972 - 1973. In 1981, Charles was elected to the Board of Directors of Citizens National Bank and served on that board for 23 years. He was elected as the board's chairman in April 1966. He was the first chairman of the Board of the Southern College of Osteopathic Medicine from 1994-1996. He was the first president of the Jaycees. Charles enjoyed golfing, fishing, traveling and family research.

He authored and published three genealogical reference books; *Annals of Floyd county Kentucky 1843-1926*, *Vital Statistics of Johnson County Kentucky 1843-1904* and *Records from Johnson County 1850*. From the last paragraph of his forward in *Annals of Floyd County, KY 1800-1826*: "This book is not intended to be a history of Floyd County. It is an effort on my part to preserve these early records before they become extinct with age and handling and by doing so will not only fill in a large void for the searcher but will enrich the lives of Eastern Kentuckians now and or generations yet to come."

Charles was a businessman and civic leader and a member and served on the board of the Wells Family Association Inc., Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville was in charge of arrangements with the funeral on Friday July 1, at 11:00 AM at Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery in Paintsville. Charles descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *William G. Wells*.

EDWIN "ED" WELLS, 85, of Woodstock, Ohio died 5/8/2005. Ed was born in Johnson County, KY on 9/23/1919 to the late John Sherman & Lillian Collins Wells. Ed was preceded in death by his parents

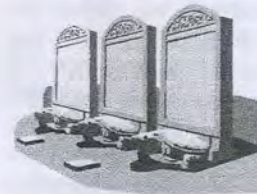


and his first wife Lucille Stepp Wells; five brothers; Gus Wells, John S. Wells, Douglas Wells, Thomas J. Wells and Walter A. Wells; one sister: Emma Jean Russell. Surviving are his wife Beulah Jane Jenkins Wells of Woodstock and his children: Ida Jean Yocum (Roderick), Elsie Sawyer (Donald), Ellen Cordell (Grant), Hellen Combs (William), Edwin D. Jr. (Christina) and Lillian Ann Hostettler (Douglas) and six sisters; Willa Dean Russell, Clara Fay Preston, Wavelean Cope, Magdaline Markly, Cora L. Lincoln and Sophia L. Stevens. Arrangements were under the direction of the Freswater-McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home, North Lewisburg, Ohio the funeral at the Freewill Baptist Woodstock Church, Woodstock, Ohio. Special service was conducted by the Old Timers Club of Clifton, Ohio. Burial was in the Jenkins Chapel Cemetery on the Urban – Woodstock Pike with Donnie Hicks and Grant Cordell officiating. Ed descends from *Richard Wells* through his son, *George E. Wells*. He was a member of the Wells Family Association and he and his wife Jane faithfully attended the reunion.

BRENDA LYNNETTE ROSS SPEARS, 57, of Cannonsburg, KY, died 12/19/2004 in St. John's Anderson Hospital in Anderson, Ind. *Brenda* was born 5/3/1947 a daughter of *Ella Mae Crisp Ross Rice* and the late *George Everett Ross*, reared by her stepfather, the late *Martin Luther Rice*. She is a graduate of Catlettsburg High School, was Valedictorian of her class in 1966. She attended Morehead State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and math. *Brenda* began her work at Kings Daughters Medical Center Pharmacy in 1971, later transferring to Intensive Care working as a ward clerk/EKGA. She worked in this capacity in every hospital department except the Emergency Room. She met and married her husband *George Lewis Spears*, a nurse and Respiratory therapist employed at KDMC. In 1983, *Brenda* began work as a Cardiovascular Technician. She began an independent study and acquired her Registry for Adult and Pediatric

Cardiac Sonography and her Registry for Vascular Technology. She worked in the Cardiology department at KDMC until 1999, after being forced into retirement due to her illness known as Lou Gehrig's disease. In addition to her husband, *George Spears*, and her mother *Ella Mae Rice*, *Brenda* is also survived by three children; a daughter, *Althea Camille Elliott (Steve Elliott)* of Anderson, Ind.; a son, *Aaron Vencil Spears* and a daughter *Andrei Lynnette Spears*, both of Ashland; a granddaughter, *Ann Marie Elliott* of Anderson; two sisters, *Yvonne Bell (Bobby Bell)* of Ashland, and *Sylvia Negrete* of Crestview Hills, Ky. Arrangements were under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home, Ashland, with Pastor *Randy Brehms* officiating. Interment was in the Rose Hill Burial Park, Ashland, *Brenda's* husband *George Spears* descends from *Richard Wells* through *William G. Wells* and *Roseanne Wells Spears* lines.

MEMORIALS



TOMMIE COCHRAN, of Powell, Ohio gave \$10.00, in memory of the late *James "Jimmy" Adkins* from Van Lear, KY, who died 3/21/05. Jimmy

descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* line. Tommie descends from *Richard Wells* through *Roseanne Wells Spears* line. Tommie is the secretary of the Wells Family Board where she has served many years.

EMMA ADKINS, POLLY COLLINS & MARY WALTON, gave \$25.00 in memory of their cousin *Edwin Wells* who died 5/8/2005. Ed was the son of the late John Sherman & Lillie Collins Wells and descended from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*.

EMMA ADKINS, POLLY COLLINS & MARY WALTON, gave \$25.00 in memory of their cousin *Ernestine Wells* who died 1/18/05. Ernestine descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* line.

ANONYMOUS PERSON, Gave \$1,000 to the Wells Family Association to be used where needed most. We really appreciate this person and her support although she has never been able to attend the reunion but supports preserving the family history. Thanks, and may God Bless You.

ANONYMOUS PERSON, Gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family Association to be used where needed most. We really appreciate this person and her support of the family. This person is a regular supporter of the Association even though she had never been able to attend the reunion. We appreciate you and your continued support. May God Bless You.

MILLARD & KIM PLUMMER, of Fort Gay, West Virginia gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. The Plummer's have not been able to attend the reunion but have faithfully support it many years by their donations. Millard is the son of the late Eddie Lee & Edith Williamson Plummer. He descends from *Richard Wells* through the *William Green Wells* line.

SURE-JELL Easy 3-Step Strawberry Jam

2 cups crushed strawberries
(Buy 1 quart fully ripe strawberries)

4 cups sugar

1 box SURE-JELL FRUIT PECTIN

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup water

1. MIX strawberries and sugar thoroughly. Set aside 10 minutes.
2. STIR – Sure-Jell Fruit Pectin with water in saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute.
3. Remove fro heat.
4. STIR mixtures together until sugar is completely dissolved and no longer grainy, about 3 minutes.
5. Pour into plastic containers; cover. Let stand at room temperature for 24 hours,
6. Jam is now ready to use. Store in refrigerator or freeze extra containers.



Thaw in refrigerator.

Makes about 4 (1 cup) containers.

IMPORTANT:

Measure sugar and fruit exactly; do not change amounts or jam will not set properly. A potato masher works best for crushing strawberries.

MEMORIALS

Who is my

One means by which individuals, if they desire, could assure that their interest and support for the Wells Family Association Inc. A memorial contribution is also an appropriate tribute to deceased. Through a memorial contribution, the loved one lives on and on through the Wells Family Association for every memorial, a notice of the gift will be placed in the next newsletter. Donors may request that their names not are used and the board will respect such request.

Please accept _____ as memorial contribution in honor/memory of

State relationship, _____

Use toward stones for unmarked graves.

Use toward the general fund.

The College Scholarship fund.

If one of the above is not checked the fund will go to the general fund for expensed of the newsletter and putting on the reunion.

We thank you very much for your support

Sour Cream Pound Cake

Submitted by

Francis Brown of Erlanger, KY.



- 1 c. butter, softened
- 3 c. sugar
- 6 eggs, separated
- ¼ tsp. baking soda
- 3 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 8 oz. carton of sour cream
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract

1. In a large mixing bowl cream together butter and sugar, beat until light and fluffy.
2. Add egg yolks and beat well.
3. Combine soda & flour.
4. Add flour mixture and sour cream alternately.
5. Add vanilla and beat well.
6. Beat egg whites until stiff, fold into batter with a rubber spatula using a circular hand motion.
7. Pour this stiff batter into a greased and floured tube or bunt pan.
8. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes.



Test with a wooden pick for doneness. When inserted into the center of cake it should come out clean when cake is done.

Let cake cool in pan for 10 minutes then go around edges with a knife and turn onto a cake plate.

Serves 12 or more.

Chicken & Stuffing Skillet

Submitted by

Gwen & Bud Wells Alexander
of Prestonsburg, KY.



- 1 T. butter
- 4 skinless chicken breasts
- 1 box (6 oz.) Pepperidge Farm One-Step Stuffing Mix
- 1 can Campbells Cream of Mushroom Soup (or Cream of Chicken Soup)
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup shredded cheese

1. Heat butter in skillet.
2. Add chicken and cook 12 to 15 min. or until done.
3. Remove chicken.
4. Prepare stuffing according to package directions to skillet, except let stand 2 min.
5. Return chicken to skillet.
6. Mix soup and milk.
7. Pour over chicken, sprinkle with cheese.
8. Cover and heat through.

Family Stories to Share?

Everyone has amusing, happy stories they like sharing with family and friends. A lot of these memories will be lost if they are not written down. Help preserve these family memories.

If you would like to ensure that these memories are not lost by having them printed in the family newsletter, submit them to Mary Wells Walton at 3273 Yellowstone Parkway, Lexington, KY 40517 or by email: wltmry66@wmconnect.com