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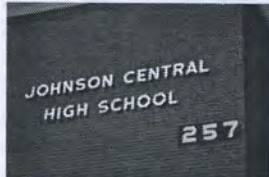
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The Wells Family Reunion will be September 2, 2007 at Johnson Central High School. . This year the doors will open up at 10:00 AM to get the tables set up and prepare for you. Since many people don't come until after church, the reunion may start a little later and last longer in the evening. Some were under the impression that we had to be out of the building soon after we eat, however this is not so. We have the building until 12:00 midnight. The reunion can continue until midnight if desired. **Since dinner will be**

served at 1:30 pm (later than previous reunions) – there will be snacks before dinner to eat. Some of you may choose to snack some before arriving, but there will be sandwiches, chips and sweets for those who wish to eat some to hold them over until dinner is served. Food will be left on the tables so you may go back and eat later if you would like. We hope that you will plan on coming to stay the whole afternoon and visit and **attend the special events.**



Auction: It was suggested that we bring items for the family auction such as Family History Items, Handmade items such as crafts etc. Some of you are good at sewing or doing hand work which will sell well so you are encouraged to prepare something nice to bring. If you make or bring an item, please suggest a price so they will have a minimum price to begin with for the auction. We don't want to sell the item for less than what you have in it.

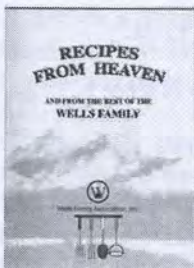


Dinner: Please bring your favorite dishes for the dinner and some drinks that your family will enjoy. Bring enough extra for those who are unable to bring something. We will have snack food for members while waiting for the dinner. We plan on having a cart out front to meet you and take your food into the kitchen while you register so we can get an accurate number that attend. Don't forget to register so you will have a chance to win the door prize. The paper products will be furnished by the organization.



The Scholarship Committee had received two applications by the day of the board meeting however since there were still a couple days left for application submissions the drawing will be held at the reunion. Those that submitted applications should try to be present if at all possible. Good luck to each of you!!!

THE WELLS FAMILY COOKBOOK



We still have cookbooks for sale and if you have not purchased yours yet you need to do so soon. You can order the cookbook by contacting some of the board members or contact Mary Walton, (859) 971-7748. You may also purchase one at the reunion and save the shipping. They are \$10.00 plus postage if mailed. Please make your checks paid to the Wells Family Association. Many of our people have purchased the cookbook to give as gifts to friends and love ones. If you have a gift to give remember they make great gifts.

THE WELLS FAMILY BOARD MEETS



Front Row: Marlene Jarvis, Karen Church, Delores Booth, Kelcee Adkins, Mary Walton, Kelly McIntosh, Eulah Villines, Anna Wilson. Back Row: Bobby Wells, Herbie Wells, Charlene Muncy, Karen Howard, Randy Wells, Jim Villines, Kim Howard. Missing is Kelly Wells who took the picture.

The Wells Family Board met on June 30th in Paintsville and made plans for the 2007 reunion. The group voted to begin putting the Wells Book together and Kelly (Collins) McIntosh accepted Official Editor of the book with the help of the historical committee. It was felt that the person doing it needed to be local so they can work with the historical committee as well as other local members. Kelly McIntosh, a family member, is a local teacher in the Johnson Central School System. They voted to use Family Tree Maker for the book's format and will purchase the software update. Bobby Wells asked to be replaced as Chairperson of the Historical Committee but would remain on the committee to help with the book. The new Chairperson, Marlene Jarvis, plans to meet with Mrs. McIntosh soon to begin the book. Please gather data on your family and bring it to the reunion. Try to obtain dates of births and deaths, plus marriage dates and who each married. This will be of great help since the current generations are the ones that we need to obtain, so no one will be left out of the book. This book is expected to be large and may have to be in two volumes. Please help so that we can get this book published. John B. Wells III told me he had the introduction to the book almost completed

NOTICE

The data below was provided by Kermit Collins on his grandmother Sarah Ann Wells who was the daughter of Lewis & Margaret Jane Hopson Wells; He would like to share his family lineage however, we were unable to print all of it due to the cost involved. You can contact Kermit for more information. He will be happy to share his family data. I am sure that many of you descend from the same line of Wells, Burchett's, and Collins and would like to know how you connect. E-mail Kermit at kclc@kconline.com, or write **Kermit Collins** at, 619 **Widaman, Warsaw, IN. 46 580-2235**. You would enjoy reading his data since it takes in several lines. The Historical Committee.

KERMIT COLLINS, WELLS HERITAGE LINE:

1. **Richard Wells** b.1541 Alveston, Eng. d.1567 m. Agnes Verley
2. **John Wells** b.1562 Stratford-Upon-Avon, Eng. d.1662 m. Catherine ?.
3. **John Wells** b.1559 Alveston, Eng. d. bef. 1662 m. Alicia Well(e)s.
4. **Richard Wells** b.1618 Warwickshire, Eng. d. bef. 1662 m. Eleanor Robinson.

5. **Zorobabel Wells** b. abt. 1650 York Co. Va. d. 1698 Talbot Co. Md. m. Catherine Davenport.
6. **Richard Wells Sr.** b. 1677 d. 1754 m. Catherine ?.
7. **Richard Wells Jr.** b. bef. 1708-1715 Queen Ann Co. Md. d. 1767 Kent Co. Del.
8. **Humphery Wells** b. abt. 1735 Queen Ann Co, Md. d. 1769 Kent Co. Md.
9. **Richard Wells** b. 1760 Phila, Pa. D. 1838 Floyd Co. Ky. m. Susannah Hutcinson.
10. **George E Wells** b. 3-22-1800 In Va. d. 12-14-1887 m. Three times 1st Sally Young 2nd Elizabeth Delong Gaines. 3rd Nancy Butcher, b. 5-18-1853. d. 1900.
11. **Lewis W. Wells** b. 3-14-1857 Johnson Co, Ky. d. 1-18-1934 Johnson Co, Ky. m. Margaret Jane Hopson, b. 1855. d. 1900.
12. **Sarah Ann Wells** b. 8-17-1882. d. 1-11-1972. m. William Armpster Burchett b. 4-9-1886. d. 12-9-1962.
13. **Fairy Bell Burchett**, b. 3-9-1914 d. 7-3-1992 m. William Sherman Collins, b. 12-4-1920 d. 7-3-1973
14. **Kermit Lee Collins**, b. 3-25-1936 m. 1st. Jeanne Burton, m. 2nd. Louise Stapleton, b. 8-5-1938

MILITARY SECTION

Articles in this newsletter on Wells family members (men & women) who are presently serving or have served in the military are going to be featured in future newsletters. In previous editions, there were articles on those who served in the Civil War, World War I and World War II. Many of our World War II veterans have gone and lets don't wait until all are passed on. We would love for you to write a summary of your war experience from any branch of service and wars (including the Iraq War). Richard Wells was a Revolutionary War Veteran. Hopefully there will be an article on him soon. Mary Walton is writing about two of her brothers and they descend from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



BENJAMIN (BENNIE) WELLS JR.

born 3-2-1918 at Odds, KY, in Johnson County to the late Benjamin & Anna Richmond Wells. Bennie volunteered for the army and entered on June 14, 1940 at Fort Knox, Ky. He was 5'7" tall and weighed 170 lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes. Cpl. Bennie Wells left the U.S. on

April 7, 1942 and was in combat under General George Patton's Third Army. He was a Field Lineman 641 and a Pistol Sharpshooter. He fought in battles at Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland. Cpl. Wells earned Name Theater Ribbon w/3 Bronze-Stars per WD GO # 33/45 American Defense Service and Medals. After World War II was over he returned to U.S. on June 27, 1945 and was discharged from service on July 3, 1945 after serving 5 years 23 days. After returning home Bennie attended the Mayo State Vocational School, Paintsville, KY and married Juanita Goble on 2/15/1946 and four children were born to this marriage, Patricia, Jerry, Ray and Sandra Wells. Bennie was employed with Semet-Solvay Division of Allied Chemical, Ashland, KY and resided in Greenup, KY. He was killed in an auto accident on 1/15/1960 and was buried on the family farm Rt. 3 Van Lear, KY. After the death of his wife Juanita on 8/7/1994 their children had Bennie moved to Brick Union Cemetery where their mother was at Lloyd, KY. Information from this article was obtained by his sister, Mary Walton, and from the Department of Military Affairs, 1121 Louisville, Rd., Frankfort, Kentucky and personal knowledge.



NEVARD WELLS, born March 27, 1922 at Odds, KY, Johnson County to the late Benjamin and Anna Richmond Wells. At 22 years old when

he was drafted into the service, he was 5' 8-1/4" tall and weighed 167lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. Nevard was inducted into the Army on Nov. 19, 1942 at Huntington, W.Va. He went for basic training at Ft. Thomas then to Camp Roberts and then to Ft. Lewis Washington. He departed March 1, 1944 on the boat destination to APT and arrived March 25, 1944 and went to Melendez Bay, New Guinea; Luzon; Western Pacific, where he served under General Douglas MacArthur. Nevard was Sound ranging observer 586 with military qualification as a Sharpshooter Carbine. He was wounded 40 miles south of Manila and spent several weeks in the hospital before going back to camp. He was a Technician Fourth Grade (Sergeant). Sgt. Wells left by ship on Nov. 29, 1945 arriving in the USA on Dec. 17, 1945 to Camp Stoneman California before going to Fort Knox, KY where he was discharged January 3, 1946. Nevard earned Decorations and Citations, American Theater Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct Medal Bronze Star Medal, GO 39 Hq 11 Corps 3 June 43 World War II Victory Medal. Nevard returned home and attended Mayo State Vocational School. He married Genene Wells on Feb. 7, 1948 and two sons were born to this marriage, Garald Wendell Wells & the late Dwayne Wells. Nevard retired from Kentucky State Department of Reclamation where he was supervisor. Nevard purchased the farm of his great grandfather Samuel Clark, where he raised his family, Rt. 3 Van Lear, KY. He celebrated his 85th birthday on March 27 with several parties given by his family. Information for this article was obtained by his sister Mary Walton from the Department of Military Affairs, 1121 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky and from an interview with Nevard.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Paul Burchell and Manford Walton purchased markers for Frances Marion Wells, Manerva (Hanna) Wells and Regina Delight Wells. Frances and Manerva Wells stones were set at the Wells - Collins cemetery on Rt. 3, Van Lear, Ky. Regina Delight

Wells stone was set at the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, Auxier, KY. Below, you will find the photos of the markers that have been set.



Nancy Manerva Hanna Wells



Francis Marion Wells



Regina Delight Wells

CONGRATULATION'S

JEWELL (CLARK) MCMAHAN, Age 88, occupation; owner and direct or, Hattiesburg Convalescent Center. Family; Late husband Bryce McMahan sons; Lynn B. McMahan, Gary McMahan and Mike McMahan of Hattiesburg; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Volunteer; Co-founder, Mississippi Nursing Home Association. Nothing is too good for



Jewell McMahan's patients. "That's her No. 1 priority – how they look, how they dress, how they smell – everything just so," Sylvester Crosby, maintenance supervisor of the Hattiesburg Convalescent Center, said of the center's longtime owner and director. "She runs this place like she wants it to be run." Since the center began with a few patients in her house in 1954, McMahan has run the business with a punctilious, loving brand of leadership that extends from the thousands of people who have ended their lives comfortably under her care to the hundreds of dedicated employees she has championed for decades. Today, the center can accommodate up to 184 people. "She's been like a mother to me," said Crosby, who has worked with McMahan for more than 30 years. She has bought cars, underwritten legal defense, paid for funerals and more – and her son Michael McMahan said that since his mother shuns publicity and recognition for her generosity, he never would have known about these efforts if he hadn't regularly telephoned or stopped in stores by someone who says, "I just want to tell you what your momma has done for me." Age hasn't slowed McMahan down too much to face historic crises. When Hurricane Katrina swept through Hattiesburg in August 2005, the octogenarian McMahan set her own concerns aside and stayed with her nearly 150 patients for 12 days, refusing to leave and checking her charges by flashlight. Her commitment to East Hattiesburg has kept her on historic Bay Street while most of the medical community moved west. "She's had several opportunities to build homes in other parts of town, but she's elected to stay here," said Jack Cooley, who has worked with McMahan as an accountant and consultant for more than four decades. Providing quality health care to the elderly drives McMahan to continue coming to work nearly every day. "She still catches up with everybody," Crosby said. "She still runs the show." The center is McMahan's life, Cooley said. "She's an outstanding lady," he said. Jewell is the daughter of the late James Blaine Clark and Lutie DeLong Clark and descends from Richard Wells though his son William G. Wells. Her sister, Darlene Clark Burgess, is member of the Wells Family Board.

MICHAEL J. SCHMITT, of Paintsville, Kentucky was nationally honored recently by becoming a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Michael, a lawyer with 36 years of experience, was asked to join the "premier" legal association March 10. The induction ceremony took place before an audience of 810 people during the spring meeting of the organization in La Quinta, Calif. Schmitt, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, is a partner in the Porter, Schmitt, Banks and Baldwin law firm

located on Main Street in Paintsville. The American College of Trial Lawyers is composed of the "best of the trial bar" from the United States and Canada, according to a press release. Fellowship into the group is extended by invitation only, and only after careful investigation." To those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality," the press release said. Lawyers must have at least 15 years of trial experience before they can be considered for membership, according to the release. Membership in the college cannot exceed 1 percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,610 members in the United States and Canada. According to the press release, the college strives to "improve and elevate standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial professions, "Qualified lawyers are called to be a fellow of the college from all branches of trial practice." The release said. "They are carefully selected from among those who customarily represent plaintiffs in civil cases and those who prosecute accused of crime and those who defend them." Michael is the son of the late Joseph and Mary K. Wells Schmitt, and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells.

DR. RAYMOND WELLS, of Inez, KY, was chosen by the National Rural Health Association as Rural Health Practitioner of the year. Dr. Wells was nominated by Joanne K. Duncan, has been a medical practitioner for 40 years and has a private practice in Martin County. Not only has he met the healthcare needs of the community, he has provided leadership in the education of children and in community economic development. Dr. Wells came to Inez as a junior medical student to serve during a major effort to eradicate Tuberculosis in Martin County. He worked with four U.S. Public Health Service Physicians to treat 14 percent of the population for TB and to screen another 10,000 residents for the disease. After the completion of this pilot project, a new medical center was opened where Dr. Wells was appointed director just shortly after completing his residency. Dr. Wells has made a continuing effort to make lasting contributions to the health care system in his community. In addition to his practice, he worked one day per week as an active member of the University of Kentucky Office of Health Research and Development. Through his involvement there, he established an industrial medicine program for miners in Eastern Kentucky. Patients seen by a nurse practitioner at the mine site are linked via telemedicine to Dr. Wells office, and then, if need be, specialty consultants at the University of Kentucky

College of Medicine. Dr. Wells mentors high school and vocational school students who have an interest in medical professions. In addition to counseling, he provides hands-on experience for them in his practice, and stresses the need to return to Appalachia to help mentor future students and give back to the community. Dr. Wells is also involved extensively in his community and serves on various boards and committees, which includes the UK Medical Alumni Association of which he was one of the founders and first president. However, when asked what he was most proud of in his long and distinguished career, he responded enthusiastically, "Guiding young people into the medical field." Prior to Dr. Wells beginning his practice in Martin County, not a single person in the area had attended medical school. Today, Dr. Wells has three freshman at the University of Kentucky Medical School and can name seven others he mentored who are now doctors in rural areas. Dr. Wells is the son of Freda Helen Garrett Wells and the late Ernest Lee Wells. He descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells.

KATHERINE (MUNCY) BANKS, of Johnson Co., KY, daughter of Eugene & Charlene Muncy of Williamsport, KY graduated from Samuel Chase Law School May 12, 2007.



She was awarded honors of Magnier Cun Lauda and was second in her class. Katherine will set for the Bar in July. She is a graduate of Johnson Central High School and Morehead State Univ. She went one year to Appalachian Law School in Grundy,

VA., before transferring to Chase. She has accepted an August position with Glenn Hammond Law Office in Pikeville, Ky. She and her husband will reside with her parents until they find a home. Congratulations Katherine we are proud of you. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



**HONOR ROLL
ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our young people achieving honor roll or deans list or other special recognitions.

HOPE WELLS, Johnson County KY Middle School. Daughter of Alex & Melissa Conley Wells. She also had perfect attendance.

LAKIN WELLS, Porter Elementary School, Johnson County Ky. Member of the February, A-team cheerleaders, and won the Mountain Classic cheerleading competition in their division, the tumbling award and the spirit award. Lakin competed in the Girl Scout Olympics again this year and won 2 medals. She is the daughter of Alex and Melissa Conley Wells.

KELCEE PAIGE ADKINS, Powell County Junior High, Stanton, Ky. Straight A student, with the highest GPA in her class. Daughter of Amanda Wright and the late Jimmy Adkins. She is a member of the Wells Family Board.

HEATHER QUALLICH, Padua Franciscan High School, Parma, OH., daughter of Patti Volota Quallich & the late Douglas Anthony Quallich. She was on honor roll and has been throughout her school years.

MADISON MEADE, Paintsville Elementary School, Paintsville, Ky. Daughter of Todd and Lisa Meade, honor roll.

ABBEY MEADE, Paintsville Elementary School, Paintsville, Ky. Daughter of Todd and Lisa Meade has Perfect Attendants and honor roll.

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGE

LORA HYDEN & JASON BENEDICT, exchanged vows on Florida Isle. Lora Jane Hyden of Paintsville and Jason Robert Benedict of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., were married on the island of Siesta Key, Fla., on Sunday, March 18, 2007. Lora is the daughter of Otto and Kathy Holbrook Hyden, Hager Hill and is the owner and dance instructor of Pointe of Joy Performing Arts. Jason is the son of Bob and Pauline Benedict of Tampa, Fla., and is the president of Good Neighbors, Inc. After their sunset wedding, and the newlyweds honeymoon they will reside in Paintsville. The couple and their parents hosted a wedding celebration at the Country Music Highway Museum on March 24, 2007 at 5 p.m., which was opened to the public. The maternal grandparents are Harry & Fay Holbrook of Hager Hill and Harry was raised by great aunt Cora Wells Meade who descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells. For many years I thought that Harry was my cousin and today I call him Cuz. Mary

ASHLEY NICOLE WELLS & JOSEPH ANDREW BUCK, of Westerville, Ohio were married June 16, 2007. Ashley is the daughter of



James Kelly Wells II and Dianna (Justice) Wells. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly Wells of Westerville. Ashley descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Ashley's grandfather serves on the Wells Family board.

BIRTHS

LAUREN ALLISON COLLINS, born 12/20/06 the daughter of Adam Collins and Clara Lauffer. Her



picture was omitted in the last newsletter and I am sorry about that. We are including it in this one. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells,

William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier. The paternal grandparents are Larry & Rita Collins of Van Lear.



KENADIE ANN CASTLE, born 1-27-2007 weighing 7 lb. 7 oz. and 19 ¼ inch tall. The parents are Jerrod Castle and Goldie Wells Castle, of River, KY. She was welcome by her two year old brother

Connor Michael. The maternal grandparents are Susie Wells, Van Lear and the late Alex Samuel Wells. The paternal grandparents are Mike and Dottie Meade Castle of River. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.



GATELY JACK WELLS

Gately Jack Wells born 2-5-2007 at Northside Hospital, Atlanta, GA. Weighing 7 pound 8 oz. and 21 1/2 inches tall. He has blue eyes and brown hair. The proud parents are Jacob & Andria Wells. The paternal grandparents are John B. Wells III and Terri Wells of Newman, GA. John said "we now have a new Wells boy to carry on the Wells name." According to John, his son Jacob said "Gately" is Irish and means "Celtic warrior with ugly grandfather." I think I need to check that out! Jacob and Andria Wells are very excited about the new one and in an e-mail to his Dad he said "These past few days have been the most amazing in my life. They descend from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells. The grandparents, John & Terri are members of the Wells Family Board.

ERIN ELISABETH COPE MCMILLIN, born 4-5-2007 at 5:38 PM, weighing 6 lbs, and 18 inches long.



The proud parents are Todd and Lisa (Cope) McMillin who are both well and excited with the birth of their daughter.

According to the family she is a sweet and healthy

who smiles, coos and has started to roll over on her own at couple weeks old. The maternal grandparents are Larry and Waverly Wells Cope. Erin Elisabeth descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

KATHERINE NICOLE JARVIS, born 1-29-2007 weighing 6 lb. 4 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. The parents are Sheldon and Darla Wells Jarvis of Van Lear, KY. The maternal grandfather is the late Phillip Wells and the paternal grandparents are Doug and Marlene Sturgill Jarvis of Van Lear. Katherine descends from Richard Wells through the George E.

Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines. The grandmother Marlene is a member of the Wells Family Board.

AVA ELIZABETH BOYD, born 2/2007, at UK Hospital, Lexington, KY to the proud parents



Stephen & Courtney Boyd. She weighed 11 lbs. 4 oz. The paternal grandmother is Kim Alexander. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells & Moses Wells. The paternal great-grandparents are

Bud & Gwen Wells Alexander of Prestonsburg.

HAYDEN MICHAEL SCHUTZ, born 4-22-2007 at 8:30 PM. Weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz; he was 19" long and has black hair and dark eyes. He was born in Arizona hospital and the proud parents are Jarad and Suzy Schutz of Arizona. The paternal grandparents are Jerry and Brenda Harmon Schutz. Brenda descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lyman Porter, Geneva Clark Harmon, Roger Marshall, Joseph Marshall, Pat Womack, Georgia Hall, Emma Adkins, Genene Wells, Laura Wells, Maggie Penix, Frances Wells Brown, Ernestine Wells, Ron Wells, Lloyd Wells.

HOSPITAL AND OUT-PATIENTS

PAULA WELLS, of Greenup County is back in Hartland of Portsmouth Health Care. Paula was there last year after falling and then returned home for some months. Paula lives alone and felt she needed some assistance in her care and has re-entered the facility. You may write or call Paula at Hartland of Portsmouth, 20 Easter Dr., Portsmouth, Ohio. Her phone number is (740)353-3505. Paula is the daughter of the late Roland & Fay Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells.

ANN (TACKETT) PORTER, of Waverly, OH underwent a Heart Catherization on 3/19/07 at Riverside Hospital, Columbus, OH. She had blockage and had a stint inserted but was unable to correct all. She was suppose to return some weeks later for another Heart Catherization, after being in the hospital twice between the procedures. Ann is the wife of Lyman Porter who descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells. Both Lyman and Ann are members of the Wells Family Board.

NANCY (MARSHALL) HACKWORTH, of Lexington, KY. Underwent a Heart Cauterization on 3/13/07 in Lexington. Nancy has blockage and will undergo treatment. Nancy is the daughter of Lois Clark Marshall of Van Lear, KY and the late Orville Marshall. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

DOUG JARVIS, of Van Lear, Ky was diagnosed with cancer of the Lung and has undergone extensive radiation treatment five days each week in Prestonsburg, Ky. He has been tested since the treatment and shows improvement. His wife Marlene serves on the Wells Family Board and descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

JOYCE WELLS, of Mansfield, Oh. was rushed to a local hospital where she was diagnosed with Bronchitis and shortness of breath with Wheezing. She was given medication and is home doing very well now. Joyce is the daughter of the late Raymond & Esther Wells and descends from Richard Wells through Simon Peter Wells.

OVAL HALL, of Lexington, fell in May and was taken to the hospital which required several stitches on her head. She was pretty black and blue when I visited her the next day. Oval is the daughter of the late Claybourne & Margaret Lee (Wells) Bingham. She descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells. She will be 93 years old on 12/27/2007 and the widow of the late Palmer Hall.

JANE (PORTER) OVERTON, of New Mexico underwent Gall Bladder surgery in March. She was home recuperating. According to my e-mail on 3/21/07 she was readmitted to the hospital due to a stomach disorder and is doing well at present. She is the daughter of Estel Preston Porter and the late Hershel Porter. She descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells. Jane was so willing to help with the Wells family newsletter, she is now helping proof it and we are happy to have her aboard

ALBERT LEE HALL, of Brunswick, Ohio had Hernia surgery at Medina Hospital in March. He is home recuperating with activities restrictions. . Lee's wife, Georgia descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Roseanna Wells Spears. She is a previous member of the Wells Family board.

EARL WELLS, of Van Lear, Ky., underwent surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, KY on 6/12/07 for throat cancer. He is presently home and receiving treatment. Earl is the son of the late Joe Wells Jr. and Hilda Wells and descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

MANFORD WALTON, of Lexington, KY has been sick with respiratory problems for several months and was rushed to the emergency room by his wife Mary. He is scheduled for testing and to see a lung specialist. He is the son of the late Chester and Lucy DeLong Walton and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells. Manford and his wife Mary both serve on the Wells board.

GARRY ADAMS, of Lagrange, KY was rushed to the hospital while vacation in San Antonia, TX. in February 2007. It was found that Garry had heart blockage and had a stint inserted. He and his wife, Dee returned home for him to recuperate with therapy. Garry is the son of the late Johnny & Mabel Wells Adams. He descends from Richard Wells through his son Moses Wells. Garry serves on the Wells Family Board.

DOLORES "SIS" (WILLIAMS) BOOTH, of Van Lear, Ky., underwent surgery on both hands in January and March of 2007 at Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Ky. Sis is the daughter of the late Bernard & Alta Wells Williams and descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and George E. Wells. She and her husband Clifford both are members of the Wells Family Board.

KENT WALLACE, of Lexington, KY underwent eye surgery in February at a local hospital. He is home getting special care from his parents Mark & Pat Wells Wallace. Kent descends from Richard Wells through William G. Wells & Agnes Wells Auxier.

DEATHS



MALVA B. (Hall) CLINE, 77, of Bowersville, Ohio went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. She

was born April 7, 1929 in Auxier, Ky. the daughter of the late Perry and Opal Wells Hall. Preceded her in death were her parents, and two brothers, Clifford (Tipp) and Tommy Hall. She is survived by her husband Dale A. Cline. Malva and Dale enjoyed 58 years of marriage together. Malva was the loving mother of three children, Larry Cline of Jamestown, daughter Karen (Dale) Church of Jamestown, a son, Chris (Judy) Cline of Sabina. She dearly loved her grandchildren, Tammy Kincaid, Bobby Cline and Jim Church; great grandchildren, Marah Martindill, Marissa Kincaid and Robbie Cline. She is survived by two brothers, B. P. "Bud" (Florence) Hall of Belleville, Mich. and Truman Hall of Middleport, Ohio and sister-in-law, June Springer of Parkersburg, W. Va. and many nieces and nephews. Malva worked for the Greenview School District for 30 years serving as head cook for Greenview South for much of that time. She was also a member of the Bowersville Church of Christ and the Lumberton-Port William Senior Citizens, where she participated in the mobile meals program She was a member of The Wells Family Association Inc., where she served for many years on the board. Malva loved her extended Wells family as well as and supported it with her presents and finances. Malva for many years supported annually to a scholarship fund to help students of promise in the area of healthcare. The Malva Cline scholarship Fund for Greenview schools. If you are interested in making a donation to Malva Cline Scholarship fund mail it to Karen (Cline) Church at 5050 Waynesville Rd. Jamestown, Ohio 45335. A celebration service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Bowersville Church of Christ. Visitation was on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following interment in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Bowersville. Arrangements were under the direction of the Littleton Funeral Home in Sabina. Malva descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. & Elizabeth DeLong Wells.



MABEL WELLS ALLEN, 92 of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 30, 2007 at her home. Mabel was born 10-22-1914 to the late Prather and Rosy Wells Spears. She was a former teacher for Prestonsburg Elementary, and taught first grade for 25 years, and was a member of First United

Methodist Church for more than 60 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Wilson Allen in 1989. Surviving are two sons, William Edward Allen of Leander, Texas and Woodrow Wells (Woody) Allen of Largo, Fla.; and three grandsons. Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home with the funeral in the Chapel, Prestonsburg. The Dr. Harold Dorsey officiated with burial in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg. Mabel descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells. She was an honoree member of the Wells Family Board.

VIRGINIA "PAULINA" (WELLS) O'NEAL

Virginia "Pauline" Wells O'Neal, 81, of Charleston, WV. Formerly of Cabin Creek, passed away at home on 2-12-2007, with her loving children by her side. She was born on 7-26-1925, at Kayford to George and Lora Wells. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Archie; daughter, Kay; four sisters and three brothers. She was



retired from CAMC Pediatrics, which she loved with all her heart. Pauline was a loving, caring and compassionate wife, mother, grandparent and friend. She never met a stranger. She was a rock to her family and will remain in their hearts forever. She is survived by her daughter, Karen; sons, Steve (Kim) and Richard; brother, Haskel (Joyce) Wells, Melborn, Fl.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; three special sisters-in-law, Dorothy Wells, Maxine O'Neal and Betty Jo (Gene) Shepherd; and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Dr. T. Jagannath and his staff, Hospice staff, Kibby, Mary Lou and Samatha, her caregivers in Michigan, Quarry manor, her daycare from 1989 to 1992, and many friends and relatives from their love, support and compassion over the years. Arrangements were

under the directions of Pryor Funeral Home, East Bank with services there and the Rev. Pim Richards officiating. Burial was in the Montgomery Memorial Park, London. The family suggests donations to Hospice Care. Virginia descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Her nephew Dr. Randall Wells is on the Wells Family Board.

VIVIAN JEWELL (WELLS) CAUDILL, 77, of Hager Hill, Ky., died Tuesday; 6/12/2007 at St. Joseph Hospital East in Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Caudill was born 1/20/1930 in Floyd County, Ky., daughter of the late Caleb (Doc) and Nancy Wells. She was a homemaker. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Carl T. Caudill. Surviving are two sons, Jerry (Jennifer) Caudill of Paintsville, Ky., and Larry Caudill of Hager Hill; two sisters, Wilma (James) McClung of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Donna Blair of West Van Lear, Ky.; and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bobby Joe Spencer officiated, with burial in the Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, Ky. Arrangements under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville, Ky., with service in the Funeral Home Chapel. Vivian Jewell descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

BILL WELLS, 75, of Prestonsburg, KY, died 2/7/2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He was born 4/23/1931, in Glo, Floyd Co.; KY He was the son of the late Everett Wells and Bessie Whittaker Wells. He was a retired president and general manager of RECC, a former Floyd County judge/executive and a former magistrate of District No. 1. He was a member of the Spurlock Bible Church, and a member of Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was preceded I death by his first wife, Lottie Francis (Billie Jo) Fitzpatrick Wells, who died 10/12/1988. He is survived by his second wife, Pauline Sparks Wells of Prestonsburg. Other survivors include two sons; Kenneth Ray Wells (Jan) of Prestonsburg, and Michael Keith Wells (Heather) of Prestonsburg; two stepsons; William McGuire of Emma, and Worth McGuire of Richmond; two sisters; Betty Depp Palmer and Peggy Conley, both of Lexington; four; grand children; Zack Wells, Todd Wells, Kalan Wells and Cameron Wells; five great-grandchildren; Madison, Dakota, Zachary, Hunter, and Olivia; three step grandchildren and one step great-grandson. Funeral services was held 2/10/2007 at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jim Stephens and Rev. Steve Pescosolido officiating. Interment was in Richmond memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg. Masonic services were conducted on Friday, at 7 p.m. The family requested in lieu of flowers, contributions made to Spurlock Bible Chapel, Prestonsburg. Active pallbearers; Zack

Wells, Todd Wells, Wesley McGuire, Worth McGuire II, William McGuire, Dan Hitchcock and Cameron Wells. Honorary pallbearers; Frank Fitzpatrick, Richard Fitzpatrick, Dr. Charles Arnett, Dr. Larry Leslie, Dr. Chuck Tackett, Dr. Jack Kendrick, and Henry (Mutt) Harris Jr. Bill descends from Richard Wells through his son Simon Peter Wells. He was the uncle of Johnny Depp.

DENZIL WELLS, 84, of Roan, Tenn., died 6/16/2007, at Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tenn. Dentil was born Jan. 7, 1923, in Pike County, Ky., a son of the late John Colvin Wells and Tissue Burke Wells. He was an air conditioning tech with N.A. Rockwell and a U.S. Marine veteran. He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Gullet Wells. Survivors include two sons, James Warren Wells of Roan Mt., Tenn., and William Dentil Wells of Clarksville, Tenn.; a daughter, Doris Deana Wells Kirk of Westerville, Oh. three sisters, Racine Howard of Paintsville, Grandalene McFaddin of Prestonsburg, and Doris McFaddin of Seattle, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and several great grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home with service in the Chapel, Paintsville, Ky., on 6/20/07. James Kelly Caudill officiated with Military service by the Auxier Chapter 18 D.A.V. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Staffordsville, Ky. Denzil descended from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears.



REATHA LOU (WILLIAMSON) BLACKBURN, 74, of Paintsville, KY died 6/10/2007 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Reith was born 4/11/1933 in Johnson County, Ky., a daughter of the late Aud Williamson and Julia Music

Williamson. Surviving are one son, David Blackburn, Van Lear, Key.; two daughters, Karen Emerick of Birmingham, Ala., and Lou Ann Tibbs of Huntsville, Ala.; one brother Gerald Williamson of Paintsville; two sisters Betty Webb of Paintsville, and Gwendolyn Ward of Cuyahoga Falls, Oh.; four grandchildren; and six nephews and three nieces.



VANEDA (PORTER) DRIGGS, 78, of Elyria, Ohio died 3/9/07 after an extended illness. She was born 12/18/1928 in Van Lear, KY to the late Arbie & Judith Williamson Porter. Preceding her in death was her parents, and

husbands, Hubert Crum in 1971 and Charles Driggs in 2001; two sisters, Mildred Castle, Ivory Hensley, a brother Ethridge Porter; two half-sisters, Mildren and Ivory; one half-brother, Cecil and one stepbrother, Jeff. She is survived by two daughters, Karen New (Eddie); of Amherst, Joyce Gannon (Donnie) of Elyria; granddaughter, Judy Lutz (Doug) of Amherst; grandsons, Steven and Randy New of Amherst, Mike New (Carrie) of Wakeman; great-grandchildren, Lindsay, Madison and Brandon New of Wakeman; one brother Arbie Lyman Porter (Ann) of Waverly, Ohio; stepson, Dan Driggs (Ginny), Acworth, GA; stepdaughter, Portia Perine of Oberlin; for step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren. Vaneda's funeral was in Elyria on 3/10/07 at Dicken Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Peterson officiating. Arrangements in Paintsville, KY was under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home with graveside services on 3/12/07 at Highland Cemetery, Staffordsville, Ky. Vaneda's brother, Lyman, is a member of the Wells Family Board. She descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

ANDREA LYNN (CRUM) BLANTON, 61, of Johnson county, KY died 7-11-2007. She was born 5-17-1946 to the late Andrew and Elworth (Wells) Crum. Preceded her in death was her parents and two brothers, Gary E. and George Roy Crum. Survivors include her husband Payne Blanton, Jr.; one son Michael Blanton (Wendy); one daughter Dawn Hartman (Jason); brother, Charles K. Crum and sister Carol Ann DeRossett. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, KY with the service there on Friday 7-13-2007. Garfield Potter officiated with burial in Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, KY. Andrea descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells and Moses Wells. She is a niece of Bobby Wells who serves on the Wells board.

IRENE (WELLS) KAZEE, 86, of Paintsville, KY, died 4/19/2007 at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, KY. Mrs. Kazee was born 1/22/1921 in Johnson County, Ky., a daughter of the late John B. & Jenny Ward Wells Sr. She was a homemaker. Surviving are two sons, D.B. Kazee of Lexington, Ky., and David Michael Kazee of Crystal Lake, Fla.; one daughter, Suzanne Kazee Watkins of Staffordsville, Ky.; and eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville with Memorial services at the funeral home. The service was officiated by Bob Coppings, with burial in the Wells Cemetery in Paintsville. Irene descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells. Irene is the aunt of John B. Wells III who serves on the Wells Family board.

POLLY (WELLS) COLLINS, 80, of Van Lear, Ky., died May 30, 2007 at her home after a long illness. Polly was born Jan. 2, 1927 in Johnson County, Ky., daughter of the late Benjamin H. and Susannah Richmond Wells. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Carl



Collins. She was a member of the Philadelphia Church of Christ. Surviving are two sons, Mike Collins (Brenda) of Flat Gap, Ky., and Larry Collins (Rita) of Van Lear; one daughter, Benette Howard (Don) Okeechobee, FL.; one brother, Nevard Wells (Gene) of Van Lear; two sisters, Mary Frances Walton (Manford) of Lexington, Ky., and Emma Adkins (James) of Van Lear; and six grandchildren, Tonya, Adam, Kelly, Erin, Casandra and Cindy, and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, KY., with the funeral in the chapel. Jerry M. Scott and David Powers officiated with burial following in the Collins Family Cemetery at Rt. 3, Van Lear. Polly descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier.

HELEN (WELLS) PACK, 74, of Huber Heights, Ohio, died unexpectedly on 12/11/2006 at Miami Valley Hospital. Helen was born 5/12/1932 to the late Arlin and Willa Hyden Wells. Helen was a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother whose shopping sprees to Traders World were frequent and legendary. She loved to have a good time and always opened her door and heart to family and friends offering to share whatever she had to make them feel

at home. She retired from Electrosystems after 29 years and was a member of the Huber Heights Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Judy Margaret. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Virgil (Dunk) Pack; daughters, Mary Jane (Jeff) Whisler and Sandy "Gary) Back; son, Robert Pack; grandson, Scott Wicks; granddaughters, Amanda and Ashley Back; sisters, June Trimble, Thelma McCullough, Sue Hopson, Sharon Ann Wells; and two brothers Arlie and Franklin Wells. Arrangements were under the direction of Newcomer Funeral Home and Crematory, Dayton, OH. The Funeral was at the Newcomer Funeral Home with burial at Dayton National Cemetery. Helen descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

FLORENCE (PATTON) HALL, 77, died May 11, 2007, at her home in Sumpter Township, Michigan. She was born March 29, 1930, in Auxier, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Goble) Patton. She enjoyed classical music, crossword puzzles, and gardening. She was a wonderful cook and an inspiration to her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Billy Hall, of more than 55 years; a son, Robert (Linda) Hall Sr., of Sumpter Twp.; a daughter, Daphne (Gilbert) LeBlanc of Alba, Michigan; four grandchildren: Robert Hall Jr., Elizabeth Ann Hall, Heather Scheetz, and Mark LeBlanc; a brother, Donald Patton of Maytown, Ky; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister Margaret Bevins; and a brother, Darwin Patton. Arrangements were under the direction of David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

EDWIN D. "ED" WELLS, 56, of Cable, Ohio died 3/10/2007 with his family at his side. Ed was born 5/30/1950 in Urbana, the son of the late Edwin and Lucille (Stepp) Wells. Ed attended Triad High School. Immediately following high school, he served his country in the United States Army and was awarded three Bronze Stars during two combat tours in the Vietnam War. Ed was employed with Buckeye Boxed Inc., for the past 37 years as the plant manager. He managed their three locations, Columbus, Bellefontaine and Sandusky. Ed's wife of 36 years, his three children and his six grandchildren were his pride and joy. He



devoted his time to his family and community. Ed extended an open invitation to family and friends for a weekly campfire gathering to share food, fun and stories. He was a 4-H adviser for 27 years and spent the last six years helping his grandchildren and great nieces and nephews with their projects. He extended a helping hand to anyone in need and as proud that he could provide jobs to many family and friends who were willing to work hard. Ed and his wife, Christina, spent the last 12 years traveling the world with their best friends Jack and Debbie Graham. He supported his children and grandchildren in all their academic and athletic endeavors and traveled the state to watch and cheer for them. Ed was the best husband, father, Papaw, brother and friend one could ask for and he will be sorely missed by all. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years Christina (Dobbins) Wells of Cable; his daughter, Natasha Ann (Christina) Wells-Niklas, of Hudson, his sons, Cahokia Aaron (Alicia) Wells of Urbana, and Corey (Candice Scott) Wells of Woodstock, his six grandchildren, Sophia Niklas, Andrew Z., Kyleight Z, Alexander, Parker Edwin Wells and Danyel Bailey; his five sisters, Teddy Sawyer of Lakeview, Ila Jean (Roderick) Yocom of Woodstock, Ellen (Grant) Cordell of Urbana, Helen Combs of North Lewisburg and Ann (Dr. Douglas) Hostetler of Matheson, Mississippi; his step mother, Beulah Jane Wells of Woodstock, four step-brothers, Charles, David, Thomas and Maerk Crusie. Arrangements were under the directions of Freshwater McDonald and Vernon Funeral Home, North Lewisburg. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, 3/15/2007 at the Woodstock Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Grant Cordell and Rev. Donald Hix officiating. Ed descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells.

LOUISE DENNISON WELLS, 80, of Van Lear, KY (Daniels Creek), died in the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born April 12, 1926, in Parsons, W.Va. to the late James and Dixie Pinix Dennison. Louise is preceded in death by one son Ronald Dean Wells who died in 1993. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Wells; a son Rodney Wells of Nashville, TN.; two daughters, Wanda Wells Collins of Van Lear and Kaye Wells Tackett of Winchester, KY. Funeral services were at Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville with Ricky Kelly and Timmy Blankenship officiating. Louise's husband Herbert descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells.

JOHN P. WELLS, 88, of Prestonsburg died April 1, 2007, following an extended illness. He was born on Johns Creek, Floyd County, on September 2, 1918. He is survived by his wife, Donna Wells, and his son,

John Paul Wells Jr., both of Prestonsburg; his sister Woodsie Ellen Akers of Lexington; his brother, Melvin Wells Jr., of Prestonsburg; and many nieces and nephews, scattered across the nation. He was the son of the late Bulah and Melvin Wells of Prestonsburg. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Zena and Jettie; brothers Eugene and Ferman Wells; and twin sons, Ronnie and Roy Wells. John P. was well-liked and respected by all of those who knew him. He helped many people who were in need during his lifetime. He will be sorely missed by all of those who knew and loved him. He was a very devoted and loving husband and father. John P. was a well-known businessman, having operated John P. Wells Garage for more than 60 years in Prestonsburg. He was a very talented mechanic and engine builder for race cars, in his earlier years, and raced cars at the Old Allen Dirt Track, and raced motorcycles in the 1950's. He started out as a mechanic for the former Sparks Brothers Bus Company of Prestonsburg. During the 1957 NASCAR racing season, he was the lead mechanic, and engine builder for the Ranier Racing Team of Prestonsburg. He owned numerous airplanes, and was a licensed pilot for many years. He was a certified airplane mechanic, and worked on the airplanes owned by his many friends. He was a member of the Kentucky Civil Air Patrol, and received the "Commanders Commendation Award," for outstanding performance in 1984. He was a member of the Prestonsburg-Paintsville airport, and was the former manager of the now-closed Prestonsburg Branham Village Airport. He was one of the oldest pilots in the Prestonsburg area. John P. found time during this busy life to serve the Lord, and was a Deacon at the Faith Freewill Baptist Church of Prestonsburg. He was a 52-year Mason and member of Zebulon Lodge 273 of Prestonsburg; a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Lexington, a Shriner and member of Oleika Shrine of Lexington. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 1974. Viewing was Monday and Tuesday, April 2 and 3, at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Masonic services being conducted Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. Funeral services was conducted Wednesday, April 4, at 2 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home. Pallbearers were the Floyd-Johnson Counties Pilots Association. Burial was in the Gethsemane Memorial Gardens, Prestonsburg. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests charitable contributions in his memory to the Oleika Shrine Children's Transportation Fund, 326 Southland Drive, Lexington, KY 40503. John P., descends from Richard Wells through Moses Wells.

WILLIE "BILL" DELONG, 92, of Van Lear, KY died March 28, 2007 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, KY. Mr. Delong was born Jan. 30, 1915 in Johnson County, Ky., son of the late Benjamin and Sarah

Sammons Delong. He was a retired coal miner. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Virgie Adkins Delong; one son, Billy Delong; two daughters, Connie Jewell Delong and Donna Sue Greek; two brothers, Curt and Mitchell Delong; and three sisters, Nancy, Minzie and Ruby. Surviving are four sons, Darrell Delong of Baltimore, Md., and Larry David, Michael and Danny Delong, all of Van Lear; two daughters, Linda Ward of Van Lear and Brenda Brown of Lexington, Ky.; one sister, Audrey Dearfield of Cleveland, Ohio; and 30 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Paintsville, with services at the funeral home. Joe Hill officiated with burial following in the Delong Family Cemetery at Van Lear. Bill descends through the Auxier line.

MARGARET GOBLE RAMEY, 70, of West Van Lear, KY died April 30, 2007 in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky. She was born June 24, 1936, in Johnson County a daughter of the late Calhoun and Sara Conley Goble. She was a telephone operator. Survivors include her husband, Howard Bufford Ramey of West Van Lear; a son, Jason Ramey of Richmond; two daughters, Chis Ramey of Lowmansville, and Nicole Ramey of West Van Lear, Ky.; a brother, Paul Goble of Douglasville, GA.; and four grandchildren. Arrangements were under the directions of Jones-Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville, Ky, with service in the chapel. Father Beiting officiated with burial in Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville, Ky. Margaret's husband Bufford descends from Richard Wells though his son George E. Wells.

CARLOS RAY WELLS, 55, of Willard, Ky., died March 14, 2007, in King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, Ky. He was born July 13, 1951, in Webbville, Ky., a son of the late Harry Milton and Malissa Sparks Wells. He was a foreman with Carter County Road Maintenance, a two-term Carter County magistrate for District 3 and a former PVA of Lawrence County, Ky. Carlos was of the Christian faith and a graduate of Morehead State University. He was a member of Willard Lodge 626, F&AM, Laborers Local 1445 and the Eastern Kentucky Tobacco Warehouse. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Jean Wells, and a brother-in-law, Charlie Howard. His survivors include his wife, Carol Sue Pack Wells of Willard; a daughter, Malissa Wells of Willard; two sons, Scott (Jennifer) Harris of Elyria, Ohio, and Cowan (Regan) Kinney of Willard; six sisters, Virginia Howard of Willard, Phyllis (Bob) Harrell of Vermillion, Ohio, Linda (Earl) Thompson, Myrtle (Floyd) Gump, and Chloe

(Wade) Green, all of Webbville, and Sara (Jay) Sexton of Willard; three brothers, George Wells of Webbville and James "Shorty" (Carol) Wells and Thomas (Wanda) Wells, all of Vermillion; three granddaughters, Millie Sue Harris, Abigail Pearl Davidson and Emmah Rose Harris; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services was March 18, 2007, at Malone Funeral Home in Grayson, Ky., with David Boggs and Shannon Boggs officiating. Burial was in East Carter County Memory Gardens. I am not sure if or how Carlos descends from Richard Wells.

DELLA (WELLS) HALL, 79, of Grayson, Ky., died May 17, 2007, in Wurtland Nursing and Rehabilitation in Wurtland, Ky. She was born Oct. 14, 1927, in Carter County, Ky., a daughter of the late Allen and Madge Leadingham Wells. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert L. Hall, in 2003; a grandson, Lee "Eric" Glancy; a brother, Talmadge Wells; and two sisters, Geraldine Aynes and Hattie Kouns. She was a homemaker and member of Grayson Order of Eastern Star Chapter 10. Survivors include a son, Albert W. (Gwendolyn) Hall of Lexington; a daughter, Sheila (Walter Glancy of Anderson, Ind.; two brothers, Jake Wells of Grayson and Richard A. Wells of Indiana; a sister, Bernice "Bea" Kyle of South Bend, Ind.; three grandchildren, Allen and Robyn Hall of Richmond, Ky., Neal and Susan Hall of Lexington and Kelli and Matt Milburn of Westfield, Ind.; and five great-grandchildren, Hollyann Hall, Luke Hall, Sam Hall, Avery Milburn and Schuyler Glancy. Arrangements were under the direction of Malone Funeral Home in Grayson, service in the chapel with Lewis Davis, officiating. Burial was in the East Carter County Memory Gardens. I am not sure if or how Mrs. Hall came down Richard Wells.

REUNIONS

I am listing some local reunions that will be in the area and all of them are connected to the Wells Family but they also have their smaller individual private reunion. Many of them attend the Wells Family reunion also. This is for your information.

COLLINS-SPEARS REUNION:

The Collins-Spears cousins will be meeting on September 16th 2007 at Picnic Hollow shelter 4 at Jenny Wiley State Park. They will be meeting between 10 & 11 AM. Bring food for your family and extra to share. We will be visiting and reminiscing about the family ancestries. You are encouraged to bring data & pictures to share with your cousins. See you there. This was submitted by members of the Collins family reunion.

RICHARD & FANNY RICHMOND WELLS FAMILY

The family changed their reunion to Memorial weekend and met with approximately 50 in attendance at the Floyd County Senior citizens facility.

MEMORIALS

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF: POLLY (WELLS) COLLINS, DIED 5/30/07 AT HOME IN VAN LEAR, KY



(Polly descends from Richard Wells through George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier lines.)

ANONYMOUS, person gave \$20 in memory of Polly Collins. We thank her for the gift.

PATTI & HEATHER QUALLICH, of Parma, OH gave \$35.00 in memory of *Patti's aunt Polly Collins*. Patti serves on the Wells Board. To be used for the scholarship fund.

ANNA & JIM WILSON, of Paintsville, Ky., gave \$40.00 in memory of *Anna's aunt Polly Collins*. Anna & Jim serve on the Wells Family Board.

GEORGIA & LEE HALL, of Brunswick, OH, gave \$25.00 in memory of *Georgia's cousin Polly Collins*.

DARLENE (CLARK) BURGESS, of Dayton, OH, gave \$50.00 in memory of *Darlene's cousin Polly Collins*. Darlene and Haskell are members of the Wells Family Board.

EMMA & JAMES ADKINS, of Van Lear, Ky., gave \$25.00 in memory of *Emma's sister Polly Collins*. To be used for the scholarship fund.

MARY & MANFORD WALTON of Lexington, Ky., gave \$25.00 in memory of *Mary's sister Polly Collins*. To be used toward the scholarship fund. Mary and Manford both serve on the Wells Family Board.

PAT & KERMIT WOMACK, of Greenup, Ky., gave \$25.00 in memory of *Pat's Aunt Polly Collins*. To be used toward the scholarship fund. Pat serves on the Wells Family Board.

ARBIE LYMAN & ANN PORTER, of Waverly, OH., gave \$50.00 in memory of *Lyman's sister Veneda Crum Driggs* who died 3/9/2007. Lyman and Ann are members of the Wells Family Board and descend from Richard Wells through William G. Wells. Both Lyman and Ann are faithful contributors to the family

BARBARA (WELLS) SHEILS, of Huntington, WVA., gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family to be *used toward the publishing of the Newsletters*. Barbara states "I really enjoy it and look forward to receiving it" Barbara is the daughter of the late John Kelly & Dora Belle Anderson Wells. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Her brother Kelly Wells is a member of the Wells Family Board.

GEORGIA (RICHMOND) HALL of Brunswick, OH. given \$25.00 in memory of her cousins former Van Lear High School class mates, the late *Woodridge Williamson & Helen (Wells) Pack*. Georgia is the daughter of Bill & Myrtle Spears Richmond and descends from Richard through William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier and Roseanna Wells Spears. She has been a faithful contributor to the family.

LOIS (SHORT) LORCH, of San Antonio, TX. gave \$40.00 in memory of her late *Lois's mother Pearl (Wells) Short*. Lois is the daughter of the late Edward & Pearl Wells Short and descends from Richard through his son William G. Wells.



CARLOS WELLS, of Paintsville, KY., gave \$100.00 in memory of *Carlos's late husband Charles C. Wells (Hardware Charlie)*. Charles was a past member of the Wells Family board and he and Carlos were faithful supporters of the Wells Family. The money is to be used toward the general fund.

Charles descended from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

ELIZABETH A. (LIBBY) WELLS, Louisa, KY., gave \$50.00 to the Wells family to be *used where needed most*. Libby is the daughter of the late Bernard A. & Cora Blair Wells and descends from Richard through his son William G. Wells.

DORTHY STROBAL PAYNE, of Chloride, AZ., gave \$25.00 to the Wells Family to be *used where needed most*. Dorothy is a faithful contributor to the Association. Dorothy is the daughter of the late Dale & Susie Spears Ferguson and descended from Richard Wells through William G. Wells and Roseanna Wells Spears lines.

KAREN (HALL) HOUSER WILSON, of Manchester, TN., gave \$20.00 to the Wells Family stating she and her son John would like to receive the

newsletter. (We don't charge for the newsletter but operate on special donations from our members) I am therefore putting her gift in the treasure *to go toward the newsletter*. Karen is the daughter of Dewey Clifford (Tip) Hall and Betty Wells Hall Puckett. She descends from Richard Wells through his son George E. Wells. Karen is the niece of the later Malva Cline. We appreciate the donation from Karen and hope to see her at the reunion this year.

PATRICIA PAPANIKOLAS, of Cumming, GA., gave \$25.00 to the Association to be *used where needed most*. Patricia is the daughter of Estell (Preston) Porter and the late Etheridge Porter. She descends from Richard Wells through his son William G. Wells.

THIS ARTICLE WAS PROVIDED TO ME BY LYMAN PORTER. I am going to share the article for I think you will enjoy it as I did. The article was in the Paintsville Herald Wednesday, August 24, 1994. It was written by Clyde Pack.

Wells Addresses Confederate ancestors... in Brazil

There's nothing at all unusual about Paintsville's John B. Wells III making speeches to folks interested in the Civil War.

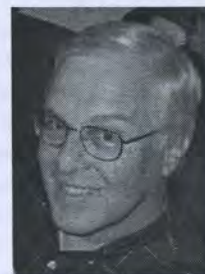
After all, Wells is the Genealogist-in-Chief for the 40,000-member national organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans – a non-political, hereditary organization of the descendants of the soldiers who fought for the Confederacy during the War Between the States – and few people around know more about the subject than he.

What is unusual, however, is that the group to which he spoke last month was in Brazil. That's right, Brazil...as in South America.

Wells, who spent six days there addressed a unique organization of Brazilians of American descent at the annual meeting of the "Franternidade Descendencia Americana (American Descendants Fraternity)".

Each year the group pays to have a speaker come from the South to talk about their heritage and the struggle to keep it alive. In the past, such dignitaries as former President Jimmy Carter have spoken to the group.

"These descendants are not simply of American ancestry, they are the descendants of Confederate soldiers who left the United States after the war between the States because they could not accept defeat and occupation by the Yankees," Wells explained.



According to Wells, Brazil was one of many destinations for the Southern patriots. Others settled in England, Canada, France, Mexico and other South American countries. However the Brazilian colony is the only one that prospered in the long run.

“To entice the Confederates – ‘Confederados’ in Portuguese – the Brazilian head of state offered them free land in the beautiful and rich tropical flatlands of Sao Paulo. Many of those who came were professional farmers and brought with them the most advanced farm equipment and skills. The first bull tongue plows, spinning wheels, and sewing machines were brought to Brazil by the Confederados,” Wells said.

Wells spoke to the Brazilians about the individual exploits of the soldiers who settled. “Most had served in the thick of the major events of the war, and their descendants are hungry for information,” Wells said.

He explained that these ex-patriots have held tightly to their American-Confederate heritage and have a great deal of pride. Their annual meetings are devoted to perpetuating their uniqueness and their American traditions. English is the preferred tongue at the meetings and southern accents abound although most of them have never been to the United States.

They have learned English from parents and grandparents. The result is a beautiful blend of accents from Kentucky, Alabama, Texas, and the Carolinas,” Wells explained.

“The food served at these gathering is always southern. From fried chicken to grits, to yams and greens, they work hard to copy old recipes brought from ‘home’,” he said. According to Wells, there were several families of Kentuckians who went to Brazil after the Civil War. The Ward family of East Kentucky and the Pyles family of Fleming County left for South America after serving with the famous Gen. John Hunt Morgan.

The annual reunion is held near Americana, Brazil, the seal of which is a Confederate battleflag flanked by two uniformed soldiers, one Brazilian and one American. The business meeting and church services are held in Portuguese.

“Amazing Grace’ in Portuguese is absolutely beautiful,” Wells said.

He had high praise for his hosts who provided him with food, entertainment and lodging.

“The trip was fascinating. It renewed my pride in my own Confederate heritage,” he said.

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