

## THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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I must apologize to you for not getting the Newsletter out before Christmas this year. I really have a good excuse and will attempt to tell you what has gone on with the Walton family during 2001.

Manford and I have talked about moving closer to one of our sons for several years. He wanted a farm or some land out in the rural area but I just did not think it was wise, as we were getting older. He finally agreed with me and we began looking last March.

Ron Wells's son, Chris, is a realtor with Caldwell Real Estate and was most helpful in helping us. Our son, Brad, and his wife, Katherine, also gave us a lot of their time, including Katherine taking care of the legal work for us.

We moved to 3273 Yellowstone Parkway, Lexington, Kentucky on October 27<sup>th</sup> after residing for 40 years at our Mt. Savage Drive home. Although, it was a big move for us we are very happy here in Lexington. We are close to stores, hospitals and doctor's etc.

Thanksgiving was a special time in our new home, for both our sons Brad and Tim, their wives, Katherine and Nancy, my niece, Patti Quallich and her daughter, Heather from Parma, Ohio celebrated the holiday with us.

To make it even nicer, after dinner my niece Pat Womack and her family – Kermit, Robert and her

mother-in-law, Glennah Womack from Greenup, came to visit.

Some of you know that Manford and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Well, wouldn't you know, our children planned a surprise anniversary party for us on December 22<sup>nd</sup>? We thought that we were going to a Christmas party at UK with Katherine and Brad, but when we walked into their home many of our friends and relatives were there. Pat Womack, Ron and Judi Wells were also in on the plans.

My sisters, Polly Collins and Emma Adkins, with whom I talk with daily never, said a word. The Wells family can keep a secret – this is one thing that I can testify to be fact. Surviving the shock of walking in and seeing our old friends and family, we all had a great time. Thanks to all of them especially Brad, Katherine, Tim and Nancy. *We love you!*

I enjoyed the following poem that was received from a friend by e-mail from New York and decided to share it. It really spoke to me and I wonder how many of you feel the same way.

### THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house  
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.  
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.  
When I got on the scales there arose such a number! When  
I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber). I'd  
remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,  
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."  
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with diet—  
I said to myself, as I only can  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So – away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished  
"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.  
I won't have a cookie-not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.  
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.  
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore –  
But isn't that what January is for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

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### JOHN B. WELLS III

Many of you had been asking about John and Terrie. Those at the reunion know that John came to the reunion although he had just gotten out of the hospital after having surgery for a detached retina. The day after the reunion, they moved to Georgia.

We could not believe that on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> after they moved, John had to have detached retina surgery on his other eye. I talked with *John* and he was really chopping the bits because he was unable to drive or get out. This delayed his looking for another job but I heard from him and his doctor released him and he was job hunting. He has had a rough time recuperating since he still sees double without his glasses and if he gets overly tired.

John is looking for a new career but presently teaching part-time, which he loves. He has taken a position teaching for now since a freeze is on hiring due to that terrible day of 9/11. Terri had a teaching job there before they moved and told me that she loves the school system and really enjoys teaching there. We know with John's talents, it will be a short time only before he finds just what he wants then he will be ready to retire again.

When I talked with the family I had the opportunity to chat with Josh for a while and he said he loved it down there. They live in a small community south of Atlanta.

Many things have happened in *John and Terrie's* family this past year, however, there is a bright side in that *John and Terrie* are going to be grandparents through a chosen one. Their son *John Britton IV* and his lovely wife are adopting a little boy named *Matthew "Matt"* who turned 2 years old on 12/13.

I am including the address of John and Terri for those who would like to send them a card or e-mail. I am sure that he would enjoy hearing from you. They are now living at:

216 Lake Ridge Dr., Newnan, GA. 30263.  
(678) 423-1247

John's e-mail address is  
[gafuture@hotmail.com](mailto:gafuture@hotmail.com).

John our prayers are for you and your family. We miss you here in KY. May God bless you.

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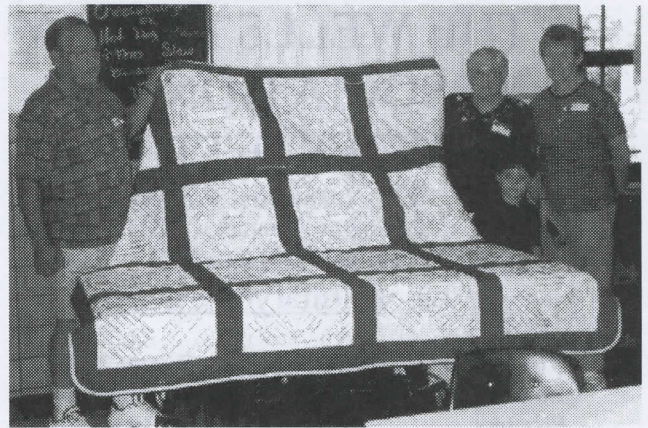
**The 2001 Wells Family Reunion was another success with over two hundred in attendance.**

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The biggest attraction at the 2001 Reunion was the quilt made by *Mary W. Walton and Pat Womack* with help from *Tom Cochran, Glennah Womack, Nancy Walton, Pam Haynish and Patti Quallich*. The quilt had the names of those who attended the reunion in the past plus those that have deceased. The names

were embroidered on the quilt and it was nice watching members at the reunion searching for their names on the quilt as well as their love ones.

**RONALD R. WELLS**, of Georgetown, was the winner of the quilt. The winning ticket #023745 was drawn from the drum by five-year-old *Cody Walker* from Charleston, WV. *Ron* was so excited about winning this quilt that it was hard holding him down. Many of us would have liked to have won it but luck seemed to have gone *Ron's* way this time. The photo with the quilt shows (left to right) *Ron Wells, Mary Walton and Pat Womack and Cody Walker*.



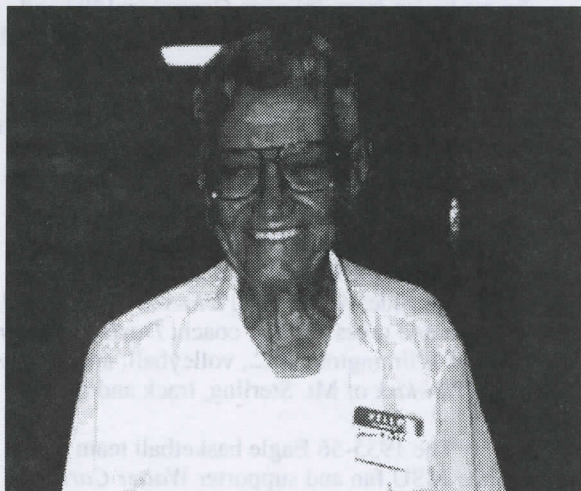
**Bobby Wells, president, presented awards to the following persons. Photos of each winner appear below their names.**

**CALEB NATHANIEL MOORE** was the youngest baby in attendance at the 2001 Reunion. Caleb is son of *Bobby and Mary Frances Keel Moore* of Auxier, Kentucky. Caleb was born 2/2/2001 and was seven months old. Caleb descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green Wells* and *George E. Wells* lines. He is the maternal grandson of the late *Franklin and Beulah Wells Keel*. His mother, *Mary Frances*, is a member of the Wells Family Board. The photo below is of *Caleb* and his mother, *Mary Frances*.





**JAMES B. GOBLE**, the oldest in attendance at the 2001 Reunion (see photo below), is 86 years young and is from Prestonsburg, KY. He is the husband of *Virginia Spears Goble*, who descends from *Richard Wells* through *Roseanna Wells Spears* line.



**RON EASTON**, of St. Petersburg, Florida was the winner for traveling the most miles to attend the 2001 Reunion by driving approximately 903 miles. *Ron and his wife, Emmalou* faithfully attend each year. *Ron* descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *George E. Wells's* line. The photo shows *Ron* receiving his prize.

**RICHARD & FANNIE RICHMOND WELLS FAMILY** won the prize for having the largest number of family members in attendance at the 2001 Reunion. There were 23 total in attendance. This family descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines. Their individual names are not listed since we don't know some of the grandchildren's name.



The winner of the door prize is not known. If anyone knows who won please send Mary Walton the name and a photo if possible. We will run it in the spring newsletter.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



**ERIC WALKER & MOTHER KATHY WALKER**, of Charleston, WV. I apologize that your photo was not included in the last newsletter. Eric won an award through the West Side Optimist Club for citizenship skills in both the community and the school. He was given a luncheon in his honor, along with a certificate and a \$100.00 saving bond.

Kathy, vice president of the Wells Family Association, serves on the Wells board. Eric and Kathy descend from *Richard Wells* through *Moses Wells's* line.

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**CLAYTON WELLS**, of Inez, Kentucky graduated from Sanford University School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, Alabama on May 26<sup>th</sup> with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.

*Clayton*, the son of *Clay and Carol Wells* of Inez, has been an honor student throughout school. U.S. News and World Report ranks Sanford fifth in the south among regional universities.

While attending Sanford, *Clayton* served as Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Learning Team. He was also a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, National Community Pharmacist Association and KAPIA PSI Pharmaceutical Fraternity. *Clayton* has returned to his hometown of Inez to work for Rite-Aid Corp.

*Clayton* is the twin brother of *Angela Dawn Wells Coffey*. Their father *Clay* is a former member of the Wells Family Board.

*Clayton* descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *William Green Wells*.

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## Special Recognitions

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**MISSY MILLS**, of Dayton, Ohio, granddaughter of *Eulah Wells Villines* was honored with the Excellent Artist Achievement Award from her school. Two of her four pieces of art was sent for judging by a well-known artist in Chicago.

*Missy* took top honors and her winning piece is permanently displayed in her school's art gallery.

*Missy* descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *Moses Wells*.

**(One of the talents of the Wells family is that they have artistic skills - Mary.)**

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**MIKE COLLINS**, of Flat Gap, Kentucky entered the MSW Hall of Fame on Friday October 26, 2001. For a person who does not like to speak in front of a crowd, *Mike* might have to make a second career by going on the speaking circuit.

*Mike* gave his second induction speech Friday night as he was enshrined into the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame. *Mike* was elected to the Kentucky High School Baseball Association Hall of Fame in 1999.

"I really didn't know a lot about it (MSW Hall of Fame) when they first contacted me, said Collins. "But to look at the list of people who are in this, just to be considered it is an honor."

*Mike* signed with Morehead State after his days at Van Lear High School. During his senior season for the Bank Mules, he batted .600. Not bad since Van Lear didn't have a home field and had to play its games either at Paintsville when the Tigers weren't playing or play on the road.

At MSU, Collins was a four-time letterman and was a three-time All Ohio Valley Conference catcher, where he had a career batting average of .350 with 17 home runs. After his career with MSU was over, *Mike* signed and played professionally with the New York Met's and Philadelphia Phillies organizations.

*Mike* said "When I made the Coaches Hall of Fame that's more of a team award, because the players that we have had here had a lot to do with the honor. But this (MSU Hall) is an individual accomplishment when I was a player." Said Collins. "You don't ever get use to this type of thing, but it is very nice."

*Mike* returned to Johnson County and was hired by the Johnson County Board of Education, where he has served as teacher and administrator until he retired at the end of the 2000-2001 school year. He is currently working on a part-time basis for Johnson County Schools.

In Johnson Central's early days, *Mike* assisted *John Sam VanHoose* at Johnson Central. After being away from the Golden Eagle program for a number of years, he was named baseball coach at

Johnson Central in 1981. Since that time, he has won 450 games and four 15<sup>th</sup> Region Championships. He has had many players further their education by playing college baseball, which included a few at Morehead State. The most popular is *Willie Blair*, who graduated from Johnson Central in 1983 and played at MSU three seasons before being drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays.

In 1990, Blair became the first player to make it to the Major Leagues from Collins' program. Another pitcher, *Heath Castle*, a sophomore left hander at St. Catherine', has an excellent chance of signing a pro contract in the upcoming year as his fastball has been clocked in the low 90's.

Other 2001 MSU Athletic Hall of Fame honorees include; *A.L. (Buck) Dawson* of Lakeland, Fla., track and cross country coach; *Dayle Hamontree Harms* of Wilmington, N.C., volleyball; and *Hopey Caudill Newkirk* of Mt. Sterling, track and cross country.

The 1955-56 Eagle basketball team and longtime MSU fan and supporter *Walter Carr* of Morehead will receive special recognition. The 1955-56 Eagles went to the NCAA tournament as Ohio Valley Conference champs and made it to the elite eight and Eagle player *Dan Swartz* was named an All American.

*Mike* stated that both MSU baseball coaches *John "Sonny" Allen* (1985) and *Rex Chaney* (2000) - were also in the Hall, along with former teammates *Denny Doyle* (1989) and *Leston Steward* (1990).

One of his favorite teams at MSU was the 1964 squad. *Collins*, a freshmen, saw five of eight every day players and a couple of pitchers play professionally. "The old saying about good people makes you a better person goes with the team because those good players made me a better player. It was a very good team. We won the Eastern Division (of the Ohio Valley Conference) but lost in the playoffs.

The Alumni Association hosted a welcome Reception form 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Morehead for *Mike*. Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonies started at 7:30 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The MSU Eagles football team hosted Austin Peay State University at 2 p.m. in Jayne Stadium. The Homecoming King and Queen were crowned during half-time ceremonies.

Last year, Sheldon Clark girl's basketball coach *Robin Harmon Newsome* was inducted in the Hall of Fame.

*Mike* is the son of the late *Carl Collins* and *Polly Wells Collins* of Van Lear. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

The Wells Family Association appreciates *Mike*, helping in any way that he can and by his assistance in opening the school for us. Thanks *Mike* we are proud of you.



## Special Recognitions

*Continued -*

**MICHELE RENEE COLLINS SNYDER**, of Spokane, WA, graduated in June 2001 from Eastern Washington University with a BA in Education.

She is now a certified elementary teacher and will do substitute teaching this school year.

Michele resides in Spokane and is married with two young children, Melissa and Bryan.

Michele is the daughter of Jesse Charles Collins of Van Lear and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* lines.

*Submitted by Don Collins.*

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**DANNY BLEVINS** of Van Lear, Kentucky was awarded a grant by a non-profit educational group. *Danny*, a local educator at Highland Elementary School, is one of 97 teachers awarded a grant by the Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF). He applied for the grant and received a \$250 Grant "to incorporate more aerospace activities into the curriculum at Highland." He also serves as one of two solar system ambassadors in Kentucky as part of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's outreach program, which helps to inform the public on the JPL projects.

The AEF Educator Grant is designed to promote aerospace education activities in kindergarten through twelfth grade and also encourages establishing an active relationship between the school and the local Air Force Association. *Danny* is very active in not only his education endeavors but in the Van Lear Historical Committee and the Wells Family Association.

He serves on the Wells Family board and is the son of *Danny E. and Phyllis Wells Blevins* of Van Lear. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells's* line.

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**VINCENT BRYAN COCHRAN**, son of *Robert and Tommie Collins Cochran*, grandson of the late *Doreen Linkous Collins* and *Arthur and Wanda Cook Collins*, graduated cum laude from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Occupational Therapy on Saturday, December 15, 2001.

*Vincent* will continue his education by serving three months clinical in Morehead, Kentucky and at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio respectively.

*Vincent* has been an honor student throughout his secondary education and on the Dean's List through his college years.

*Vincent* descends from *Richard Wells* through *Roseanna Wells Spears* line.

*Vincent's* mother *Tommie* is the Wells Family board secretary and assistant editor of this Newsletter. His grandparents *Arthur and Wanda Collins* both serve as recruitment on the Wells Board.

**STACIE MCDANIEL**, of Westerville, Ohio graduated from Cedarville University in 1999 and we did not get it in the newsletter. *Stacie* is the daughter of *Denise Wells McDaniel* and the granddaughter of *Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly Wells* of Westerville, Ohio. She is presently working in Columbus but plans to continue her schooling in the Christian Education Field in the near future. *Stacie's* brother *Mark* is a freshman at Cedarville University at this time. *Stacie and Mark* descend from *Richard Wells* by way of *George E. Wells's* line through his son *Allen Wells*.

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**MARLENE STURGILL JARVIS**, of Van Lear, KY sent a poem that her late grandmother *Fannie Richmond Wells* wrote. *Fannie's* recipes will appear in the newsletters until all have been used. You can add them to your Wells Cookbook. *Marlene* wrote.

*My grandmother, Fannie Wells of Auxier Kentucky, wrote this poem. She has been gone for sometime now and I wanted to do something in her honor. I loved her very much and was never able to help her as much as I would like to. She was a wonderful person and so much more than just my grandmother was for she was a very good cook and loved to bake. I was lucky enough to get some of her recipes and decided to put them in a small book along with her poem.*

*One of my very favorites is the old fashion prune cake and every year I would ask my dad, James Sturgill, what he wanted for Christmas, he would always say, "make me some peanut butter fudge and a prune cake". Every time I make either one of these I always think of my dad and my grandmother. I hope you will enjoy the cakes and goodies as much as I have.*

### "DEAR JESUS"

Dear Jesus I am lonely, sad and blue  
For my loved ones that won't accept you  
I have been praying so long and I have been true  
I am praying dear Jesus that they will soon accept you.

I have loved ones that have gone on before and I am praying that I will meet them on the golden shore

I've friends and neighbors that once trusted you but now they have turned their back on you  
I'm praying that they will come back to you and praying that it will soon come true  
They once enjoyed shouting and praying to you but they now enjoy the things that are not true.

I know dear Jesus your heartaches for them  
But maybe some day they will come in  
I have temptation and burdens that are so hard to bear  
But I just think of Jesus and start praying to meet them up there

There will be no tears and burdens to bear  
We just keep on praying until we get there



## "Dear Jesus"

*Continued -*

We should be like Job; he was tormented and  
tempted to sin  
But he just kept on praying that He would enter in

They took his cattle, sheep and everything he had  
He didn't once loose faith in what he had  
There came another while Job was reading and said  
Job, your sons and daughters that was eating and  
drinking wine  
They are all dead and Job didn't once blame God for  
what happened to him  
He just kept right on praying that he would make it in  
Now Dear Jesus, I will bid you good night and I am  
praying they all will get right

**I am going to use parts of a letter that I received  
from Don Collins who resides in Wenatchee,  
Washington. Don, son of Jesse Charles Collins of  
Daniels Creek, Van Lear, Kentucky, is an art  
teacher. He sent me some news for the newsletter  
about some of the family that you can read in  
other sections of the newsletter.**

Hello Mary,

I hope you are doing well, Sounds like  
your part of the country has been pretty well soaked  
with rain.

Believe it or not, you have been on my list  
to email a message off to for some time now.

I wanted to first say thanks for the last issue  
of the Wells Family newsletter. It looks so official  
now. I enjoyed reading it cover to cover.

This summer has been a busy one for me. I  
am chairing a state conference for art educator here in  
Wenatchee this October. I've been planning it for  
almost two years so most of my summer break from  
school has been focused on the conference. I'm  
excited about it though. I've learned so much, too.

I recently was elected co-president-elect of  
the Washington Art Education Association and so  
this responsibility comes with the territory of  
leadership. I won't be president for another year but  
that will come soon enough I'm sure.

We did manage to squeeze a one-week  
vacation into the summer. We traveled down to Estes  
Park, Colorado. It is beautiful country down there.  
And the elevations were enough to take your breath  
away, literally. We were up as high 12,000 + feet  
above sea level. The views were awesome. Up above  
the tree line there is only tundra and rocks and lots of  
elk. We also did some horseback riding, which was a  
kick. I haven't done that in years.

We left our daughter, Marissa, now 13, with  
her grandparents who met us there in Colorado and  
she went home with them to Topeka, KS until this  
next week. So we are kidless. That's kind of nice.

Our son, Jacob, now 20, will begin his 3<sup>rd</sup>  
year of college at Worchester PolyTech Institute in  
Worchester, MA. He loves it back there. He wants to

continue on to a PH.D. in biochemistry eventually.  
Over the summer he was commuting to Boston to  
work for a pharmaceutical outfit.

My wife, Heidi, turned the BIG 40 this past  
week. We celebrated in North Idaho at an amusement  
park called Silverwood. We enjoyed the huge  
wooden roller coasters there. It was fun just the two  
of us. This October she will be traveling down to  
Guatemala on a medical mission through our church,  
First United Methodist. She's gone the same week  
that I host the art conference. Lucky her.

Another nephew of mine, Bobby Drake,  
brother of Terry, returned this summer to the US.  
Bobby and his wife Marina have been living in  
Southern France since they were married two years  
ago. They will be moving to Seattle this month as  
they both have taken jobs there. Bobby's sister,  
Shannon Marie Drake, has returned to Spokane after  
living two years in Clarksville, TN.

And yet another nephew, Jason Moan, son  
of my oldest sister, Linda Moan, is heading back to  
the University of Idaho where he will start his senior  
year. He is in the forestry program there. He spent his  
junior year attending the University of Maine on an  
exchange program. This summer he traveled to  
Louisiana to work for the Forest Service. Jason's  
brother, Christopher will begin his sophomore year at  
Eastern Washington University.

Seems like a pretty busy bunch of people. I  
guess it is.

I was wondering about the book of the Wells  
family. Have I submitted to you the family sheet for  
Glady Wells and Conard Collins or family sheets for  
their children? I know in one book that was put out  
years ago my dad, Jesse Charles Collins, was left off  
the list of children for Glady and Conard. Anyway I  
was curious.

Well, Mary, I think I have pretty much said  
all I know and then some.

I am envious of all those gathering for the  
Wells Reunion. I only wish the distance wasn't so far  
and the timing weren't just as the school begins. I'm  
sure everyone will have a great time.

Take care and keep in touch.

*Don Collins.*

**Laura Wells of Asheville, NC is a daughter of the  
late Leonard and Carrie Music Wells and a sister  
of Lloyd and Ronald Wells who serves on the  
Wells Board. Below are portions of her letter.**

Dear Family and Friends! Christmas and New Years  
Blessings,

"Wherever we are, God is!" and affirmation  
(Unity School of Christianity) to which I have given  
much thought since the 9/11 tragedy. Yes, God is  
actively here, there, everywhere working around the  
through all kinds of disasters to create peace,  
community, reconciliation, evidenced by the  
outpouring of generosity – both monetary and  
compassionate "hands on" projects.



### Letter from Laura Wells

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#### FAMILY HAPPENINGS

There have been several tragedies that have taken an emotional toll on the family this year:

Charlotte, a sister-in-law (Charlie's spouse), died of cancer in January. I spent some time with the family following her death.

Jill, a sister-in-law (Lloyd's spouse), has been seriously ill with diabetes - necessitating an amputation. Lloyd had a pacemaker implant. I spent a couple of weeks with them.

Our second "Cuzin' Music Reunion" was held in KY this year. Approximately 64 persons attended a sizable increase from our first reunion in Americus, GA in 2000.

#### THE BROOKS-HOWELL COMMUNITY

We are "bursting at the seams"! There are 113 residents and more on the waiting list. Two apartments and a chapel are presently under construction.

#### ABOUT THE BOOK

From the enclosed order form, you will know that progress on THE BOOK has been made. (HEAVEN FORBIDS THAT YOU THINK THIS ORDER FORM A MANDATE TO BUY THE BOOK!)

It is PRAYERFULLY HOPED that the manuscript will be delivered to the printers early in the year 2002. Diana Donavon, who is responsible for the publication, predicts it will be printed (if all goes well) by April 2002.

I have spent much time trying to tie loose ends, twisting arms to get pictures and contributions from some of the writers. I have made several trips to Nashville to work with my friend, Verna, on the book. She is preparing the manuscript (via computer) for the publisher.

Muchas gracias to y'all - contributors, encouragers, constructive criticizers, probers, et al!"For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say:

'PEACE BE WITHIN YOU'.

For the sake of the house of the Lord, our

God,

I WILL SEEK YOUR GOOD."

Grace!

Laura

Sharing stories of our beloved Mother shortly before her death (in 1994) contributed to the healing balm of tears and laughter for the family.

Charlotte, a sister-in-law, expressed regret that future generations would not have the opportunity to hear the revealing stories of this noble ancestor.

Charlotte's sentiment initiated this written account of our Mother's life of love, devotion, strength and perseverance; her (and our) 8-year

struggle with AD (Alzheimer's Disease); and the many loving memories of and tributes to this grand old matriarch.

Forty-eight (48!) persons have authored this book: children, grand and great-grandchildren, brothers, sister, nieces, nephews, daughters-in-law, caregivers and others related in some way to Carrie Music Wells.

I was fortunate to have been the one chosen to compile and edit this legacy of and tribute to our Mother. It has been a labor of love off and on for the past 7 years.

I am grateful to all that have made this book possible, above all, THANKS BE TO GOD!

Laura B. Wells

(Note: This book is about Carrie Music Wells the wife of the late Leonard Wells who descends from Richard Wells by way of George E. Wells & Moses Wells lines, Mary)

#### BOOK ORDER FORM

To order the book, "CARRIE: HER WORKS PRAISE HER", complete the following form and mail \$12.95 plus \$2.00 (postage and handling) per copy to: **Laura B. Wells**, 266 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28801-1218.

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#### MARRIAGE'S

**AMBER NICHOLE WELLS & MICHAEL VINSON MCCIEESE**, Rev. Jack McCleese married Amber Nichole and Michael Vinson, at 6:30 pm 8/18/2001 at Oldsteam Baptist Church in Wurtland.

Amber is the daughter of Anthony and Sherry Wells Tharp of Argillite. Michael is a son of Vinson and Kathy Allen McCleese of Bellefonte Rd. Raceland, Kentucky.

The bride is a graduate of Greenup County High School. The groom is a graduate of Russell High School and Ashland Technical College and is employed at Greenup County Board of Education.

I do not know if or how Amber descends from Richard Wells



## Marriages

Continued-

**TERRENCE RYAN DRAKE & AMY RENEE RICHARDSON** were married on 7/14/2001 in Spokane, WA. The Paternal grandparents are *Robert and Anita Collins Drake*. The young couple will reside in Spokane, WA.

Terry is the oldest grandson of *Jesse Charles Collins* of Daniel's Creek, and Van Lear, Kentucky. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* lines. Submitted by *Don Collins*.

**STUART BROWN & ASHLEY MCDAVID** were married in Las Vegas on 11/11/2001.

*Stuart* is the son of *Elbert "Chub" and Frances Wells Brown* of Erlanger, Ky. *Ashley* is from Grayson, Kentucky. *Stuart and Ashley* work at the same Law firm in the Cincinnati, Ohio area.

*Stuart* descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *Peter Wells's* line.

## NEW BIRTHS

**SAMUEL ETHAN COFFEY** was born 3/2/2001 to the proud parents *Angela Dawn Wells and Jagger Coffey* of Richmond, Kentucky. The marriage of *Angel and Jagger* was not reported since the information was not received until the 2001 reunion. They were married on 2/6/2000. *Angel* is the daughter of *Clay and Carol Wells* of Inez, Kentucky. *Clay* is a former member of the Wells Family Association board.

*Clay and Carol*, you need to keep us informed of happenings in your family.

**CORA RENA FRALEY**, b. 8/7/2001 at Bixby Hospital, Adrien, MI, time 11:32 pm, 21" long and birth weight 6 lb. 6 oz. The proud mother is *Tricia Raeann Fraley* and the grandparents are *Jim and Pat Fraley*. *Cora* was welcome by her Aunt and Uncle *Tonya and Mike Coecture* and Uncle *Jamie (Bobby) Fraley*. The great grandmother is *Verdie Wells Mollette*.

*Cora* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* lines.

## ANNIVERSARY'S

**JAMES THONSBURY & MAXINE SUE ROBBINS WELLS.**

The *Rev. James Wells* and his wife *Maxine* celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary on July 28, 2001. According to his niece, *Frances Wells Brown*, the family helped them celebrate with a picnic.

*Rev. Wells* is the son of the late *Oliver Clarence and Emma A. Thonsbury* from Ashland, KY. He descended from *Richard Wells* through his son *Simon Peter Wells*.

*Jim* is an honorary member of the Wells Family Board. The Wells Family congratulates you on your special day of 50 years of marriage.

## SICKNESS

**OLA MAY COLLINS, BERNITA WELLS, JILL WELLS, MILDRED STURGILL, BEATRICE CHILDRES, SUSIE WELLS, ARTHUR COLLINS, POLLY COLLINS, LOIS MARSHALL EMMA ADKINS, MANFORD WALTON, LYMAN PORTER, ANN PORTER, HERMAN WELLS, PATTI QUALLICH, NEVA SUE BAKER, PAULA WELLS, B. A. WELLS, LLOYD WELLS AND WOODY WELLS.**

## HOSPITAL

**JAMES "JIM" WILLIAMS**, of Paintsville had surgery on 10/10/2001 at St. Joseph hospital, Lexington, KY. *Jim* had an aneurysm surgery of the aorta. I talked with his sister *Delores Booth* and she said that he was doing real well and is recuperating at his home.

*Jim* is the son of the late *Bernard and Alta Wells Williams* and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *William G. Wells's* line.

**NEVARD WELLS**, of Van Lear spent time in the Highland Regional Hospital in July due to loss of blood.

His bleeding occurred due a medication that he was given when suffering from a stroke. This resulted in his having to have several pints of blood.

*Nevard* is home and doing real well with attention from his family.

He is the son of the late *Ben and Anna Richmond Wells* and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

**CLAY WELLS**, of Inez, Kentucky and a former member of the Wells Family Board was unable to attend the Wells reunion this last year due to an accident.

*Clay* broke his foot and had surgery the day before the reunion. We are sorry to hear this but wish him a fast recovery with the special care from his wife *Carol*. *Clay* descends from the *William Green Wells's* line by way of his son *Moses*.

**PAT WOMACK**, of Greenup, Kentucky had foot surgery on the 1/8/2002 and will be on crutches and must stay off her feet for at least six weeks. Driving is not permitted until the cast comes off her foot.

*Pat*, the daughter of the late *Bennie and Juanita Goble Wells*, descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

She is the Treasurer of the Wells Family Association.



## Hospital

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**HAROLD SAMUEL**, of Van Lear spent several days in *Paul B. Hall* Medical Center Paintsville after an accident to his leg. He was recuperating well when I saw him in August.

**RITA GRIFFITH COLLINS** was a patient in Kings Daughter Hospital, Ashland, Kentucky. *Rita* underwent surgery on 11/16/2001.

*Rita* has had complication from the surgery but at present recuperating at her home with special care from her husband *Larry Collins*.

Her husband *Larry* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells, William G. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* line.

**TONY MEADE**, of Paintsville, Kentucky was in *Paul B Hall* Hospital for several days in August 2001.

*Tony* is the son of *Harold Meade* of Paintsville and *Annie Wilson* of Columbus, Ohio. He descends from *Richard Wells* through *William G. Wells, George E. Wells and Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

**GOLDIE WELLS HORN**, of Stone, KY has been a patient in Williamson, West Virginia Memorial Hospital. She has returned to the convalescence home at Stone. *Goldie* is the daughter of the late *Samuel Jefferson* and *Cynthia Spriggs Wells*. She descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells's* line.

*Goldie* is the only living child and is the aunt of *Dolores "Sis" Booth* that is on the Wells Family Board.

**WALLACE RAYMOND COLLINS**, of Frankfort, Kentucky was a patient in a local hospital twice where he underwent surgery.

I am told that he is doing real well since he was able to visit family on Daniels Creek.

*Raymond* is the son of the late *McKinley and Callie Daniels Collins* and descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells's* line. He is a brother to *Maggie Collins Penix*

**HILDA WELLS**, of Van Lear; Kentucky was in the hospital where she underwent surgery.

*Hilda* is the widow of the late *Joe Wells Jr.* and he descended from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells's* line.

**LOUSIE WITTEN SAMUEL**, who is *Harold Samuel's* wife, spent several days in the hospital after loosing a lot of blood. She was supposed to go back in for some surgery the last time that I talked with them but have not heard how she is doing.

*Louise* is the daughter of the late *Tom Witten* and I am not sure exactly how they descend from *Richard Wells* but know that they are related through our *Wells* line.

**WILLIAM "WENDELL" STAFFORD**, of Ironton, Ohio was in King Daughters Medical Center, Ashland for sometimes. *Wendell* is a diabetic and has several other serious problems that are contributed to the condition. He had a bleeding ulcer and had to have several units of blood. *Wendell* also had heart condition and had to have several stints' put in.

*Wendell* is the son of *Rosie Collins Stafford* and descends from *Richard Wells* by way of *Roseanna Wells Spears* line. He serves as president of the Collins reunion and serves on the historical committee of the Wells Family Association board.

He is presently home recuperating and I hear he is already been out doing some research.

**GEORGIA RICHMOND HALL**, of Brunswick, Ohio has been in the hospital for surgery but had to re-enter again due to complication. *Georgia* has had many health problems especially a blockage to the brain. She is doing somewhat better with special care from her husband *Albert Lee Hall*. *Georgia* has Lupus and many of her health problems are complications from the Lupus. She is the daughter of the late *Willie "Bill" Richmond* and *Myrtle Spears* and descends from *Richard Wells* through *William G. Wells, Agnes Wells Auxier* and *Rosanna Wells Spears* line.

## DEATHS

**VERNON PAUL WELLS**, 86, of Burlington, died at 9:03 p.m. 12/17/2001 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center South, Edgewood. *Vernon* was born 12/20/1914 in *Boyd County Kentucky to the late Oliver Clarence and Emma A. Thonsbury Wells*.

*Vernon* was the first park ranger in Mammoth National Cave; a technical adviser on alcohol, tobacco and firearms; and a member of Florence United Methodist Church, Good Faith Masonic Lodge, No. 95 F&AM, Indra Consistory Scottish Rite, Syrian Shrine Temple, Erlanger American Legion, and Alumni Association of the National Park Service. He also was an Army veteran of World War II. His first wife, *Helen Frances Cox Wells*, died in 1991.

Surviving include his wife, *Juanita Wells* of Burlington; a daughter, *Frances Brown* of Erlanger; stepdaughters, *Debbie Jackson* of Manassas, VA. And *Connie McKean* of Erlanger; sisters, *Rowena Hill* of Dayton, Ohio, and *Norma Mason* of Hobe Sound, Fla.; brothers, *Gene Wells* of Cincinnati and *James T. Wells* of Edgewood; two grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Service was held on Friday at Stith Funeral Home, Florence, Kentucky with his brothers *Rev. James T. Wells* and *Rev. Gene Wells* officiating. Entombment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery Mausoleum, Erlanger.

*Vernon* descends from *Richard Wells* through *Simon Peter Wells's* line.



## Deaths

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**GEORGE CECIL WELLS**, 91, of Pikeville, died at his home on 10/5/2001. *George* was born 2/4/1910, in Martin, the son of the late *William and Malvie Penix Wells*.

He was the owner of Wells Motor Company, a World War II Army Veteran, a member of Pikeville United Methodist Church and a member and past officer of numerous associations. These include Past Potentate of El Hasa Shrine, President of the Southeast Shrine Association, a member of the advisory board of Demolay, Past High Priest and past Commander of the Pikeville Commandery of the Pikeville Commandary of Knights Templar, and a member of the board of directors of Lexington Shrine Hospital for 35 years.

He was also a past president of the Pikeville Automobile Dealers Association, past president of the Kiwanis Club, District Lieutenant Governor of the Kentucky/Tennessee Kiwanis Club, past commander of the American Legion, past president of the Lonesome Pine Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Boy Scouts International executive board and a 25-year board member of the Pike County Humane Society.

His wife, *Mary Ella Fell Wells*; a son *George C. "Skip" Wells* of Pikeville; a daughter, *Kay Wells* of Alexandria, Va.; a sister *Hattie Howland* of Cincinnati, Ohio; and one grandchild survive him.

Arrangements were under the direction of Call Funeral Home with the funeral at the chapel in Pikeville. The Rev. John Street and the Rev. Harold Dorsey officiated. Burial was at the Johnson Memorial Park. There was a Masonic service at 6:00 pm on 10/7/2001.

*George* was a faithful member of the Wells Family Association. He descended from *Richard Wells* through his son *William Green Wells's* line.

**GERALDINE WELLS MCCROKEY**, 69, of Elizabeth, WV died 7/26/2001 after a long illness. *Geraldine* was born to the late *Andrew J. and Rosetta DeLong Wells* at Johnson County Kentucky.

Her husband *Galel McCrokey* and one son of Elizabeth, WV survive her. The Bush Funeral Home in Elizabeth was in charge of arrangements, however, the name of the cemetery where she was buried is not known. *Geraldine* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells's* line.

**ESTA MAE SELVAGE**, 93, of Van Lear, Kentucky died 3/23/2001 at the *Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center*.

*Esta Mae* was born 11/6/1907, in Floyd County, Kentucky to the late *James Hiram and Lannie Goble Wells*. Her husband, *Add Selvage*, preceded *Esta Mae* in death. Surviving is one sister, *Evelyn Irene Wells* of West Van Lear and several nieces and nephews.

*Esta Mae* was retired from the Johnson County school system where she was a well know teacher of the county.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home with the funeral at the Chapel with Rev. Jerry Scott officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville.

*Esta Mae* descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*.

**WILLIAM FORREST JARRELL**, 75, of Martin County died 11/8/2001. He was born 5/18/1926. His wife *Glada Plummer Jarrell* and two sons; *Ronald L. Jarrell* and *Frederick Jarrell* survive him.

He and his wife were faithful to attend the Wells Family Reunion and support the Family Association.

His wife *Glada* is the daughter of the late *Eddie and Edith Williamson Plummer*. She descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green Wells's* line.

The *Richmond Callahan Funeral* home was in charge of the arrangements. *Glada* is the sister of *Millard Plummer* who is a regular supporter of the Wells Family.

**CLYDE WOODROW QUEEN**, 82, of Ashland, died 10/8/2001 in Woodland Oaks Health Care Facility. Mr. *Queen* was born 11/4/1918, in Carter County, a son of the late *Cornelius and Minnie Stewart Queen*. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a Baptist. He was retired from Ashland Oil Refinery 2. Mr. *Queen* was a member of *Fred M. Gross* Masonic Lodge 953, Indra Consistry Valley of Covington and the Scottish Rite in Covington and was a former member of El Hasa Shrine Temple.

His wife, *Grace Preston Queen*; two sons, *Robert Clyde Queen* of Westwood and *Keith Preston Queen* of Ashland; a sister, *Goldie Sharp* of Westwood; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren survive him.

Arrangements were under the direction of Caniff Funeral Home in Westwood with Rev. *Bob Queen* officiating. Entombment followed in Rose Hill Burial Park Mausoleum.

Mr. *Queen's* wife *Grace Preston Queen* descended from *Richard Wells* through *Agnes Wells Auxier* line.

**CHRISTINE MORAN PATTON**, 80, of Auxier died 12/27/2001, she was a former teacher.

*Christine* was born 3/17/1921 to the late *Thomas and Hazel Elizabeth Ford Moran*.

Her husband *Darwin Patton* preceded her in death on 2/20/2001

Surviving are a son; *Darwin Moran Patton* of Lyndon Station, Wis.; two daughters, *Ruth Ann Fairchild* of Auxier and *Mary E. Colston* of Spring, Texas and six grandchildren.

*Christine's* late husband *Darwin* descended from *Richard Wells* through *Moses and Margaret Hillman Wells* line.



## Deaths

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**RUTH SPEARS GRIZZLE**, 81, of Danleyton, Kentucky, died 9/23/2001 at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital.

*Ruth* was born 1/25/1920, in Greenup County, a daughter of the late *Morgan and Hazel Litteral Spears*.

Her husband, *Clyde William Grizzle*, died in 1989. She attended Brush Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Naples.

Surviving are a son, *Luther M. Grizzle* of Danleyton a brother, *Lennon Spears* of Flatwoods three daughters, *Linda Sue Bates* of Danleyton, *Sharon Mayo* of Lexington Park, MD and *Sandra Staten Woods*; three sisters, *Betty Collier* of Flatwoods, *Magoline Fraley* of Wurtland and *Georgia Smith* of Apopka, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Brush Creek Freewill Baptist Church in Naples by *Hurston Webb*. Burial was in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carman Funeral Home in Flatwoods, Kentucky.

*Ruth* descends from *Richard Wells* through *William G. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* lines.

**DOROTHY LYDEAN WELLS**, 80, of Paintsville, died 9/21/2001 at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. *Dorothy* was born 4/30/1921 in Johnson County, a daughter of the late *Herbert D. and Ella Davis Wells*. Two brothers survive her, *Herbert J. Wells* of Cincinnati, Ohio, and *Virgil Dennis Wells* of Paintsville.

Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston funeral Home in Paintsville. Burial was in the Fields cemetery at Boone's Camp.

*Dorothy* descends from *Richard Wells* through *William Green Wells's* line.

**GEORGE N. WALTERS**, 80, of Huntington, went to be with the Lord May 6, 2001, at his home.

He was born January 26, 1921, in Wayne County, W.Va., the son of *George and Elizabeth Wells Walters*. He served in the U. S. Army in WW II and was employed with Owens Illinois for 33 years.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, *Ulysses, Elmond, Ike, Shady* and *Bernard Walters*. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, *Alice Fay Finley Walters*; one sister, *Gertrude Thompson* of Logan; one brother, *Herbert Walters* of Huntington; three daughters and their husbands, *Don* and *Joyce Hampton* of Lavalette, *Jeffery* and *Beverly Lycans* of Kenova and *Mike* and *Janet McCarty* of Huntington; six grandchildren and their spouses, *Bryan* and *Susan Hampton*, *John Hampton*, *Curtis* and *Shelley Porter*, *Jason Lycans*, *Jamie* and *Laura Crum* and *Justin* and *Sunny Day*, all of the Huntington area; eight great-grandchildren, *Jon Derek*, *Carley*, *Halley*, *Macey*, *Owen*, *Tyler*, *Morgan* and *Kylie*; a special niece, *Brenda Lou Mays*

of Huntington; and a special friend, *Barbara Morrone* of Kenova.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at the Reger Funeral Chapel, by his son-in-law, Pastor *Jason Lycans*.

Burial follows at Hillcrest Cemetery, Kenova, WV.

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

**GERTRUDE LEE THOMPSON**, 84, of Verdunville, widow of *Bernie B. Thompson*, died Sunday in Logan, WV. General Hospital. She was a homemaker. Survivors include four sons, *Bernie Thompson* of Huntington, *Wendell C. Thompson* of Holden, *Chester R. Thompson* of big Creek and *Randall D. Thompson* of Cleveland; two daughters, *Barbara N. Workman* of Peach Creek and *Linda K. Norman* of Verdunville and a brother *Herbert Walters* of Huntington.

Funeral was at Honaker Funeral Home, Logan and burial following in Highland Memory Gardens, Godby.

*Gertrude* descends from *Richard Wells* by way of his son *William Green Wells*.

*I don't have the birth and death date for Gertrude but according to the death record of her brother, George N. Walters she was alive when he died. So she must have died after May 6, 2001.*

**ERSIL HUTCHISON FRALEY**, 79, died 10/14/2001 at her home in Bellefonte, Kentucky. *Ersil* was born 7/4/1922, in Boyd County, a daughter of the late *Roy E. and Martha Elizabeth Green Hutchison*. She was retired form A&P Grocery Store, a member of Fairview Baptist Church and a former member of Eastern Star. Her husband, *John D. Fraley*, preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are three daughters, *Brenda Frasher* of Bellefonte, *Jonnie Scott* of Boyd County, and *Donna Lege Wooten* of Kitts Hill, Ohio; four sisters, *Ruth Wheeler* of Kingston, Okla., *Wanda Ison* of Dayton, Ohio, *Margaret Everman* of Rush and *Darlene Kouns* of Vero Beach, Fla; two brothers, *Roy E. Hutchison* of Bellefonte and *David G. Hutchison* of Westwood; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Miller funeral Home in Ashland with the Rev. *Michael Rice* officiating. Burial was in the Dixon Cemetery of Westwood.

*Ersil* did not come through *Richard Wells* but she did come down our *Susannah Hutchison Wells* father's line. She descends from both the Green and Hutchison line.

**RUBY MARIE WELLS**, 79, died 4/17/2001 at Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

*Ruby* was born 3/11/1922, in Floyd County to the late *Dennis* and *Celia Patrick Selvage*. She was a member of the East Point Church of Christ.



## Deaths

### RUBY MARIE WELLS *Continued*

She was preceded in death by her husband, *Orville Wells*, on 2/4/1980; one son *Larry Roger Wells*, on 8/20/1977; two brothers, *Willard and Russell Selvage*; a half brother, *Virgil Preston*; one sister, *Mildred Marie Selvage*.

Survivors are one son, *Randall Wells* of Auxier; three daughters, *Phyllis Jewell Goble*, *Diana Sue Goble* and *Tammy Lee King*, all of Auxier one sister, *Maxine Beirman Childers* of Prestonsburg and 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home. The funeral was in the chapel of the funeral home with Rev. *Dave Flanery* and *Gary Mitchell* officiating.

*Ruby's* late husband *Orville* was the son of Noah Wells and descended from Richard Wells by way of George E. & Nancy Butcher Wells' line.

(The following deaths are for your information, however it is not know if they descend from our *Richard Wells*.)

**MAUDE WELLS**, 96, of Ashland, died 1/6/2//1 in Boyd Nursing & Rehab Center.

*Mrs. Wells* was born 7/7/1905. Her husband *William Wells* preceded her in death.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home in Ashland.

The funeral was held at Ashland Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel. Burial was in the Ashland cemetery.

**ORVILLE WELLS**, 82, Yarnalton Rd., Lexington, KY, husband of *Pearl Walters Wells*, and died 8/25/2001, at Central Baptist Hospital.

He was born 8/23/1919 in Scott Co., KY to the late *Lawrence and Lillie Bailey Wells*. He was a farmer.

Survivors in addition to his wife include sons, *Philip Wells*, *Mike Wells*, *David Wells*, all of Lexington; daughters, *Hope Williamson* of Winchester and *Marjorie Crank Whitlock*, Lexington; brothers, *Martin (Pete) Wells*, *Melvin Wells*, *Walter Wells* and *Bobby Wells* of Georgetown; sisters, *Ruby Minke*, Lexington, *Aline Walters* and *Helen Wells*, both of Georgetown; eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Yocum & Wilson Funeral Home with the Rev. *Henry Walters* officiating. Burial was in Crestlawn Memorial Gardens.

**PHYLLIS TACKETT WELLS**, 69, of Harold, died 8/12/2001 at her home. *Mrs. Wells* was born 4/5/1932 in Floyd County, the daughter of the late

*Dewey and Haley Jones Newsome*. Her husbands, *Asa Tackett* and *Edward Wells* preceded her in death.

She is survived by five sons, *Namon Tackett* and *Amon Tackett*, both of Harold, *Wendale Tackett* of Lenoir, NC, *Timmy Dean Tackett* of Teaberry and *Terry Tackett* of Lexington; three daughters, *Joyce Daughtery* and *Delores Hall*, both of Harold, and *Peggy Jo Miller* of Jonesboro, TN; three brothers, *James Edward Newsome* of Elyria, OH, *Curt Newsome* of Greenwich, OH, and *Gary Newsome* of Harold; a sister, *Marlen Howell* of Harold; 14 grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier funeral Home in Martin. The Rev. Belmont Johnson conducted the funeral at Boldman Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in the Newsome Cemetery on Mink Branch at Craynor.

**FORREST E. WELLS**, 82, of Clearfield, died 9/3/2001 in Elliott Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Sandy Hook, KY. *Mr. Wells* was born 6/2/1919, in Rowan County, a son of the late *Willie Forrest Wells* and *Mary Odell Reed Wells* and *Mary Odell Reed Wells Thornbery*. He was a retired mechanic with Ruth Paving, Jayne's Chevrolet Garage and Lewis Garage. He was a Navy veteran.

Surviving are his wife, *Ruby Caudill Wells*; two sons, *Bill Wells* and *Bobby Wells* both of Morehead; four daughters, *Judy Caskey* of Clearfield, *Rosemary McKenzie* of Richmond, *Terry McKenzie* of Frankfort and *Connie Wilder* of west Liberty; a brother, *Paul Wells* of Morehead; a sister, *Opal Cassity* of Clearfield; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lane-Stucky-Gray funeral Home in Morehead with the Rev. *H. G. Pratt* officiating. Burial was in the Brown cemetery.

**ALVA MAE WELLS ROSS DAVIS**, 86, of Ashland, Kentucky died 12/5/2001 at her residence.

She was born 5/12/1915, in Wolfe County, a daughter of the late *Boyd Franklin* and *Mary Burchett Wells*. Her husbands, *John Roland Ross* and *Paul D. Davis* preceded her in death. She was a retired Boyd County deputy court clerk, a member of American Business Women's Association and the Love Circle of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her companion, *Bill Stull*; three sons, *Gary W. Ross*, *John D. Ross* and *Terry Ross*, a daughter, *Claudia Ann Fleming*; a stepdaughter, *Phyllis Wellman*; two sisters, *Frances Wakefield* and *Connie Cox* and eight grandchildren, *Joseph Ross*, *John Ross*, *James Ross*, *Nicholas Ross*, *Erika Ross*, *Courtney Ross*, *Jennifer Fleming* and *Jennifer Fleming* and *Jessica Fleming*.

Arrangements were under the direction Lazear Funeral Home in Ashland with the Rev. Neil Salvaterra officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Burial Park.



## Deaths

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**KATHLEEN WELLS**, 75, of Russell, KY, died 12/10/2001 in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital.

*Mrs. Wells* was born 10/26/1926 in Shelbiana, KY, a daughter of the late *Dennis B. and Ethel Adkins Ward*. Surviving are her husband, *William F. Wells*; three sons, *Dennis F. Wells* of Madison, Ala., *Patrick D. Wells* of Russell and *Terry D. Wells* of Jacksonville, Fla., a daughter, *Nancy Vanderhoof* of Raceland, KY; two sisters, *Ruby Bevins* and *Ruth Jackson*, both of Shelbiana; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carmon Funeral Home, Flatwoods, KY with the Rev. *Ken Gowin* officiating.

Burial was in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods.

## MEMORIALS

**EILLEN MARTIN, JEAN CAUDILL, MARY RIDER, DONNA RAMBO, DORIS FANNIN, CINDY MORRIS AND LORRAINE**

**MOLLETTE**, gave \$75.00 in memory of their sister *Murl Wells Collins* who died 3/26/2001 in Highland Regional Hospital.

They are the daughters of the late *Ali and Sadie Collins Wells*.

They descend from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* line. Thanks girls.

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**PAULA WELLS** gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family Association.

*Paula* is the daughter of the late *Roland and Paulina Fay Wells*.

She is a member of the Wells Family board. She descends from *Richard Wells's* thorough *Moses Wells* line.

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**KENNETH & ELLINOR K. WELLS**, of Hot Springs, NC, gave \$50.00 to the scholarship fund. *Kenneth* and *Ellinor* are regular supporters of the Wells Family.

*Kenneth* is a brother of *Paula Wells* who serves on the Wells Board and it was good to see them at the reunion in 2001.

*Kenneth* is the son of the late *Roland and Pauline Fay Wells*. He descends from *Richard Wells* by way of his son *Moses Wells's* line.

*Kenneth and Ellinor* thank you for the picture that you sent me - *Mary*.

**ALBERT LEE and GEORGIA RICHMOND**

**HALL**, of Brunswick, Ohio gave \$50.00 in honor of *Manford and Mary Wells Walton's* 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 12/27/51. *Manford and Mary* appreciate the gift given in their honor.

*Georgia* is the daughter of the late *Willie "Bill" and Myrtle Spears Richmond*. She descends from *Richard Wells* through *Roseanna Wells Spears, William Green Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

We appreciate the faithful support that *Georgia and Lee* have given the family association.

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**CLARENCE E. WELLS**, of Charleston, WV, gave \$50.00 to the Wells Family Association to be used where needed most.

Clarence and his wife *Ernestine* serve on the Wells Family board and are the parents of our Vice President *Kathy Walker*.

*Clarence* descends from *Richard Wells* through *Moses Wells's* line.

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**PAUL GARZA**, of Eldersburg, MD. gave \$25.00 in memory of his late wife *Paulina Collins Garza*.

*Paulina* died 6/9/2001. She was the daughter of the late *Hansford and Jewell Paullins Collins*

*Paulina* was a previous member of the Wells Family Board. She descends from *Richard Wells* through *Roseanna Wells Spears*.

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**HOMER WHEELER**; gave \$35.00 to the Wells family. We appreciate *Homer's* gift. *Homer* resides in Missoula Mt.

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**GLORIA SALLIE** of Ashland, Kentucky gave \$25.00 in memory of parents; *Beverage and Norma Spears*, grandparents; *Kelly and Julia Clark Spears*, brother; *Vencil Spears* and her uncle *Woodridge Spears*.

*Gloria* is a previous member of the Wells Board and descends from *Richard Wells* through *William G. Wells* and *Roseanna Wells Spears* lines.

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**ROGER PATTON, KAREN HOWARD & CHARLENE MUNCY** gave \$50.00 in memory of their late mother *Lucille Wells Patton*.

*Lucille* died 1/20/2001 and was the daughter of the late *Richard "Dick" Wells and Fannie Richmond Wells*.

They descend from *Richard Wells* through the *George E. Wells, William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* line.

*Karen and Charlene*, both are members of the Wells Family Board.

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## Memorials

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**MABEL WELLS ADAMS**, of Henryville, IN., gave \$100.00 to the Wells Family.

*Mabel* is a faithful contributor to the Wells Family. She is a world traveler in an effort to find all she can about her heritage.

*Mabel* is the daughter of the late *George Moses* and *Cora Honeycutt Wells* and descends from *Richard Wells* through his son *Moses Wells's* line.

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**BERNARD "BA" & IRENE WELLS**, of Springfield, VA. gave \$70.00 to the Wells Family to be used where needed most. Bernard and Irene are faithful contributors to the family and we appreciate their continued support.

Bernard descends from *Richard Wells* through *William G. Wells's* line.

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**JACK & JO ANN WELLS** of Alton, IL gave \$20.00 to the Wells Family Association.

Jack and Jo Ann are faithful supporters of the Organization. Jack is the son of the late *Hobert* and *Abby G. Richmond Wells* and descends from *Richard Wells* through *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines.

Jack is a nephew of the late *Goldie Wells Stevens* who died 2000 at age 98.

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## ALMA WELLS

The picture below is of *Alma Wells*, daughter of *William Green* and *Emma Burgess Wells*. *William* was the son of *Richard Marion* and *Susan Meek*



*Wells* and *William Green* and *Mary Butcher Wells*, and *Richard Wells* and *Susannah Hutchison Wells*. If you know the lady at the right would you please contact **Diana Callaghan** at 12808 McLennan Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344, phone (818) 360-9181 or the historical committee of the Wells Family? Alma is Diana's grandmother.

## CLARENCE WELLS

The photo below is of *Clarence Wells* when he was a young man and his parents, *Charles Jefferson Wells* and *Stella Ethel Burke Wells*.

*Clarence* is a faithful supporter of the Wells Family. He heads up the West Virginia Wells Family Reunion that meets in June of each year.

*Clarence* and his wife *Ernestine* both serve on the Wells Family Board. His daughter *Kathy Walker* is the organization's Vice-President.



Below are *Clarence Wells* parent's *Charles Jefferson* & *Stella Ethel Burk Wells*.





**Memorials**

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**ANNOYMOUS CONTRIBUTOR** gave \$25.00 to be used where needed most.

This person is a faithful supporter of the Wells Family and we appreciate her. Thanks.

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**ELLA M. DOWNING** gave \$25.00 to the Wells family. We do appreciate her donation.

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**WELLS MONUMENTS  
THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

The committee set four new stones in August of 2001 to mark the graves for the following family members.

**Mintie Clark Butcher** the daughter of the late *Logan and Maggie Wells Clark*. She is buried in the Rice Cemetery at Hager Hill, KY.

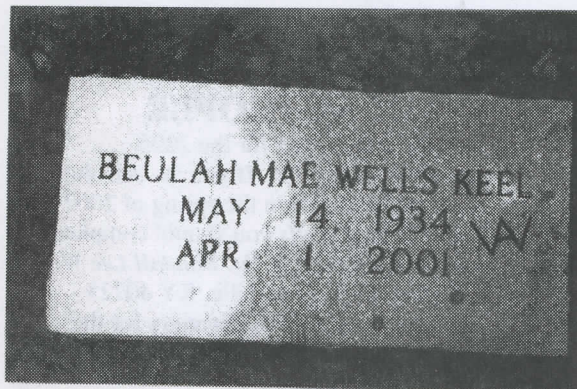
**Hobert Wells**, the son of the late *Moses and Minta Bevins Clark Wells*. He is buried at Lois Marshall farm near the racetracks on Rt. 3, Van Lear, and KY.

**Kenzie Wells**, the son of the late *Allen and Susan Angeline Collins Wells*. He is buried on the Wells relocation cemetery second level, Auxier, KY

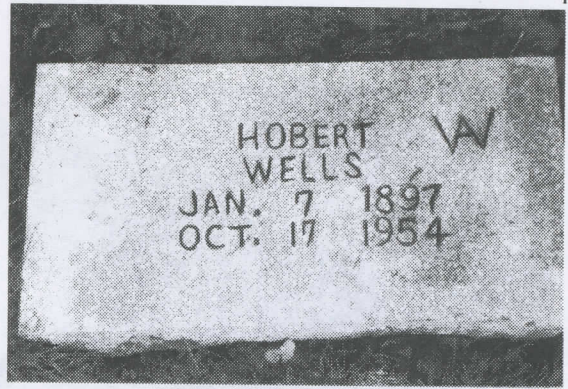
**Beulah Wells Keel** the daughter of *Malta Castle Wells Watkins* and the late *Rollend Wells*. She is buried near the relocation cemetery at Auxier, KY. *Beulah* served on the Wells Board for years before her death. Her daughter *Fran* and son *Jim* are members of the board at the present time.

*The board voted to set three more stones for the family members, Herbert Linzie DeLong, Baby Wells and Rollend Wells. These will be taken care of as soon as we get the dates from their families.*

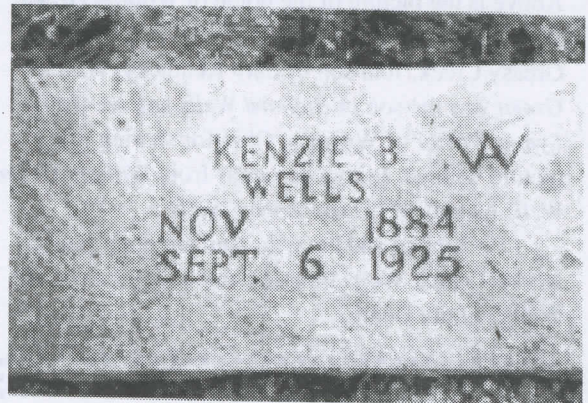
*Below you will see the monuments that were set in August 2001. The Wells logo should be in the top right hand corner with a circle around it. The memorial committee will see if this can be corrected.*



*Beulah is the daughter of Malta Castle Wells Watson and the late Rollan Wells.*



*Hobert is the son of the late Moses and Minta Bevins Clark Wells.*



*Kenzie is the son of the late Allen and Susan Angeline Collins Wells.*



*Mintie is the daughter of the late Logan "Cooge" and Maggie Wells Clark.*



## The Memorial Committee

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Above is the picture of the home of *William Green Wells* and *Mary Butcher Wells* and was located on Greasy Creek, Johnson County Kentucky. *William Green* was the son of *Richard Wells* and we thank *Lyman Porter* of Waverly, Ohio for sharing this picture with us. *Lyman* descends from *William Green Wells* by way of his son *Aaron Wells*.

Lyman and his wife Ann are dedicated workers at the Wells Reunion and both serve on the Wells Family Board.

### NOTICE

FROM HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

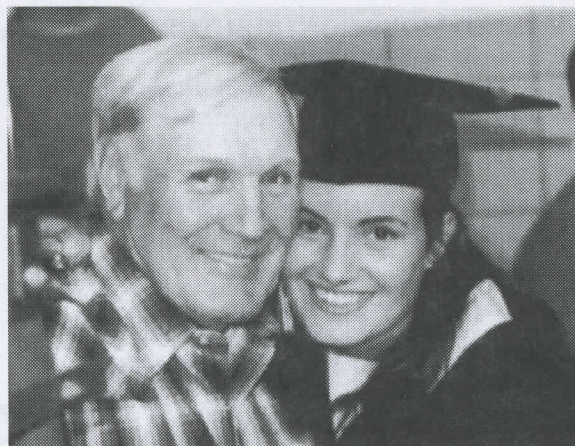
#### Wells Family Book

The committee has found it necessary to extend the time for you to get your data in for the upcoming Wells Family book until the 2002 family reunion. This is due to so much data coming in and many of you still have not got the information in. **PLEASE DO THAT RIGHT AWAY** for we want everyone in the book. Send Pictures that you may want in the book. If you can make copies and send but if you are unable to do that we will copy and return the picture to you.

**DON'T PUT THIS OFF  
DO IT TODAY!**

*Please send birth, marriage, and death dates.*

## SCHOLARSHIP



*Goldie Ann Wells with her father the late Alex S. Wells who died 6/18/2001.*

**GOLDIE ANN WELLS** of Van Lear won the 2001 Scholarship of \$500.00 from the Wells Family Association.

*She* was accepted in the architecture program for the Fall Term at Judson College in Elgin, Illinois.

*Goldie* not only won the Wells scholarship but a number of other scholarships including American Standard, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Apple Valley Sanitation, Schwabenland, Leonard Carter Memorial, Big Sandy Community Action Program and the Judson Academic Scholarship.

*Goldie* not only maintained the honor roll throughout her school years but also was a star basketball player for Johnson Central High School.

*Goldie* is the daughter of *Susie Goble Wells* and the late *Alex Samuel Wells* of Van Lear.

She descends from *Richard Wells* through *George E. Wells*, *William G. Wells* and *Agnes Wells Auxier* lines. (*Goldie* you will need to send a copy of your semester grades to Dr. Randall L. Wells, 10337 Timberwood Ct., Louisville, KY 40223)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE YOUNG PEOPLE

I will include the application for the 2002 Scholarship in this newsletter. If you are scheduled to graduate from High School in the spring of 2002 and descend from *Richard Wells* you should complete this application and send it to *Dr. Randall Lee Wells*, 10337 Timberwood Ct., Louisville, KY 40223.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the young people of our family for \$500.00 will go a long way when beginning college.



## SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2002

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

## THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FORM

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

## SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The Wells Family Association, Inc. Board has established a fund for one scholarship to be awarded annually in the amount of \$500.00. We are giving you the information needed to apply for the scholarship early, since we will only be sending out two newsletters before the next reunion. If you graduate in the spring of 2002, please complete this application for the scholarship and you may be receiving the 2002 scholarship of \$500.00. This will make the seventh year the family has given a scholarship. Previous scholarships were won by *Jacob B. Wells* in 1995; *Amanda L. McKenzie*, 1996; *Robert Wells*, 1997; *Stacy Lundergan*, 1998. There were one time (2) two \$250.00 scholarships given in 1998 that went to *Peter Cook and Andrea D. Griffith*; 1999 *Erin Susanna McCoart*, the 2000 scholarship went to *Katherine Muncy* and 2001 scholarship went to *Goldie Ann Wells*. The board voted to stay with the original guidelines and give only one scholarship each year.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant must:

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



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

The completed scholarship application form and pedigree chart must be postmarked by July 2, 2002, Mail to: Dr. Randall L. Wells, 10337 Timberwood Circle, Louisville, KY 40223. **Only completed application forms, accompanied by the pedigree chart that ties you to Richard Wells, will be considered for the scholarship.**

## SCHOLARSHIP DECISION

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

**Anyone receiving the scholarship for 2002 will be required to have attended at least one Wells Family Reunion prior to submission of the application for the scholarship.**

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

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

**John B. Wells III, (678) 423-1247, Charles C. Wells, (606) 789-1688, Paula Wells, (606) 473-9957, or Mary W. Walton, (859) 971-7748. If in doubt whether you have completed the chart correctly please call any of the about and they will be happy to assist you. Remember if you don't get it correct it could result in you not being considered for the scholarship. GOOD LUCK!**

### THE WELLS FAMILY ASSOCIATION INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

If any applicant should need help in doing their pedigree chart, please phone Bobby Wells, (606) 886-2101, *Please type or print*

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY & STAT \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

HIGH SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_

OVERALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE IS \_\_\_\_\_ ON A 4.0 SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL SIGNATURE (PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR) \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME OF INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

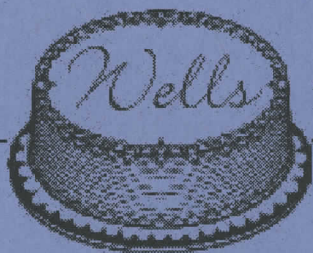
I have attended \_\_\_\_\_ reunions of the Wells Family Association, Inc. held over Labor Day weekend.

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

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

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





## Family Favorite Recipes

*Recipes of Fannie Richmond Wells*

### **PRUNE CAKE**

2 cups self-rising flour  
 1 ½ cups sugar  
 ½ cup Wesson oil  
 3 eggs  
 ¾ cup buttermilk  
 1 cup chopped pecans  
 2 cups cooked/pitted prunes  
 ½ teaspoon -cinnamon, ginger & nutmeg

Mix ingredients well and pour into greased 9" X 13" baking pan.  
 Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees until nothing sticks to toothpick  
 when inserted in center of cake.

#### **Topping for cake**

2 cups confectionery sugar  
 1-cup buttermilk  
 ½ teaspoon baking soda  
 ½ teaspoon vanilla flavoring.  
 Cook until nothing but foamy liquid and pour over top of cake.

### **WHITE CHOCOLATE CAKE**

2 cups sugar  
 2 ½ cups flour (cake flour)  
 4 egg yolks  
 1 cup buttermilk  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 4 egg whites (beaten)  
 1 pound white chocolate (melted)  
 1 cup chopped pecans  
 1 cup coconut  
 1 cup butter

Cream butter and sugar, beat in egg yolks (one at a time) with coconut and chocolate.  
 Add flour with milk and egg whites stir in nuts and coconut. Pour in three 9 inch or  
 (9" 13") pan, bake for 30 minutes (or until done) in oven at 350 degrees.

Use your favorite frosting.