

SOME DECENDENTS OF

RICHARD WELLS

HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

History 210
March 10, 1980

Clayton & Agnes (Mesley) Wells

The incomplete family tree of Richard Wells was compiled by Clayton Columbus Wells and Agnes (mosley) Wells.

Any additions, corrections and comments will be appreciated. Space is provided in back of this booklet for this purpose.

Clayton C. Wells
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Mount Airy, N.C. 27030
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Nannie S. WELLS

b. ca 1855
 Henry Co. Va
 d. 1912
 bur. Surry Co. NC
 Oakgrove Meth. Church
 Cemetery
 m. W.L. LEMONS
 13 May 1886
 Henry Co. Va
 Parents not known
 He was from Rockingham,
 NC and his 1st wife
 was deceased

William Thomas WELLS

b. 2 April 1858
 Henry Co. Va
 d. 19 Oct. 1917
 Surry Co. NC
 bur. Surry Co. NC
 Oakgrove Meth. Church
 Cemetery
 m. 6 May 1894
 Mt. Airy, NC

Rosanna Emaline PARKS

d/o Calvin & Polly
 (MISSEMER) PARKS
 b.
 d. 16 May 1947
 bur. Stony Knoll-Surry
 Co. NC

George W. WELLS

b. May 1860
 Henry Co. Va
 d. 14 Feb. 1936
 Surry Co. NC
 bur. Oakgrove Meth.
 Church Cemetery
 (unmarried)

Julia F. WELLS

b. ca 1862
 Henry Co. Va
 d. 1865
 Henry Co. Va

Mary E. WELLS

b. 2 April 1865
 Henry Co. Va
 d.

Richard WELLS

b. ca 1826
 Henry Co. Va
 d. 12 Aug. 1865
 Henry Co. Va
 m. 27 Dec. 1854
 Henry Co. Va

Mary Elizabeth HARDY
 d/o Joseph & Nancy
HARDY

b. ca 1831
 d.

William H. WELLS

b. ca 1831
 d.
 m. 14 Dec. 1854
 Henry Co. Va

Mary Eliza BARBER

d/o Carter &
 Winefred BARBER
 b. ca 1831
 d.

Mary R. WELLS

b. ca 1832
 Henry Co. Va
 d. 10 July 1870
 Henry Co. Va

John WELLS

b. ca 1838
 Henry Co. Va
 d. June 1859
 Henry Co. Va

(this may not be
 all the children
 of Richard &
 Susan.)

*Richard was son
 of FREEMAN AND
 FANNIE WELLS.*

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Richard WELLS

b. *CA 1792-1795*
 d. *NOV. 1884 or 1885*
 m. 3 Feb. 1826
 Henry Co. Va

Susan DAVIS

b.
 d.

(marriage record of
 Richard b.ca 1826
 & Wm. b.ca 1831
 gives parents as
 Richard & Susan.
 This being the only
 marriage we found
 for a Richard &
 Susan, we assume
 their mother was
 Susan DAVIS)

Marshall Gilmer WELLS

b. 4 May 1895
 Surry Co. NC

d.

m.

Ellen Florence WELLS

b. 4 May 1895
 Surry Co. NC

d. 1 Aug. 1975
 Statesville, NC

m. 29 June 1929
 Roanoke, Va

William Brown GIBB
 (no children)

Tom WELLS

m. June COLLINS

Major Lee WELLS

b. 1897
 Surry Co. NC

d. 2 January 1961
 Mt. Airy, NC

m. 22 January 1921

Fannie FLEMING

Edith WELLS

m. Jerry HIATT

William Thomas WELLS

b. 24 April 1858
 Henry Co. Va
 d. 19 Oct. 1917
 Surry Co. NC

Rosanna Emaline PARKS
 d/o Calvin & Polly
 (MISSEMER) PARKS

b.
 d. 16 May 1947
 Surry Co. NC

Dewey Clifton WELLS

b. 1899
 Surry Co. NC

d. ca 1936
 Bainbridge, Ga
 (logging truck accident)

m.

Estelle DEAN

according to death
 notice Clifton & Estelle
 had 2 sons, names unkn.

Annie Elizabeth WELLS

b. 12 March 1901
 Surry Co. NC
 (still living 3/9/1980)
 m. 22 October 1927
 Forsyth Co. NC

John Henry BRANHAM

b. 22 April _____
 d.

(John was from Ridgeway,
 S. Carolina)

Elizabeth Lou BRANHAM

b. 12 Sept. 1928
 Forsyth Co. NC

m. Clarence E. BOWMAN
 13 August 1949
 Surry Co. NC

continued:

Children of William
Thomas & Rosanna
Emaline WELLS

George Edward WELLS

b. 16 April 1903
Surry Co. NC
d. 23 May 1974
Forsyth Co. NC
m. 18 January 1930
Carroll Co. Va

Mary Etta YORK

d/o Cassell Columbus &
Lucy (EDWARDS) YORK
b. 17 April 1911
Mercer Co. West Va

William Hoffman WELLS

b. 3 January 1907
Surry Co. NC
d. 25 March 1972
in Florida while
visiting a niece
m. 20 January 1934

Connie JACOBS (1)

Rita M. CALLOWAY (2)
(no children by either
marriage)

Clayton Columbus WELLS

b. 2 September 1930
Mercer Co. West Va
m. 2 August 1952
Surry Co. NC

Etta Agnes Moseley

b. 16 August 1934
Surry Co. NC
d/o Leslie Robert &
Vella Agnes (BELTON)
MOSELEY

William Ellis WELLS

b. 5 September 1932
Wythe Co. Va
m.

Edith BARONE

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Patsy Ruth WELLS

b. 30 November 1934
m.

(1) Wm. Berkley TATUM JR.
son of Wm. Berkley &
Alma (BROWN)TATUM SR.

b. 27 May 1932
d. 18 April 1972
(moved to Florida)

m.

(2) Robert Larry OWENS
Florida

Mary Esther WELLS

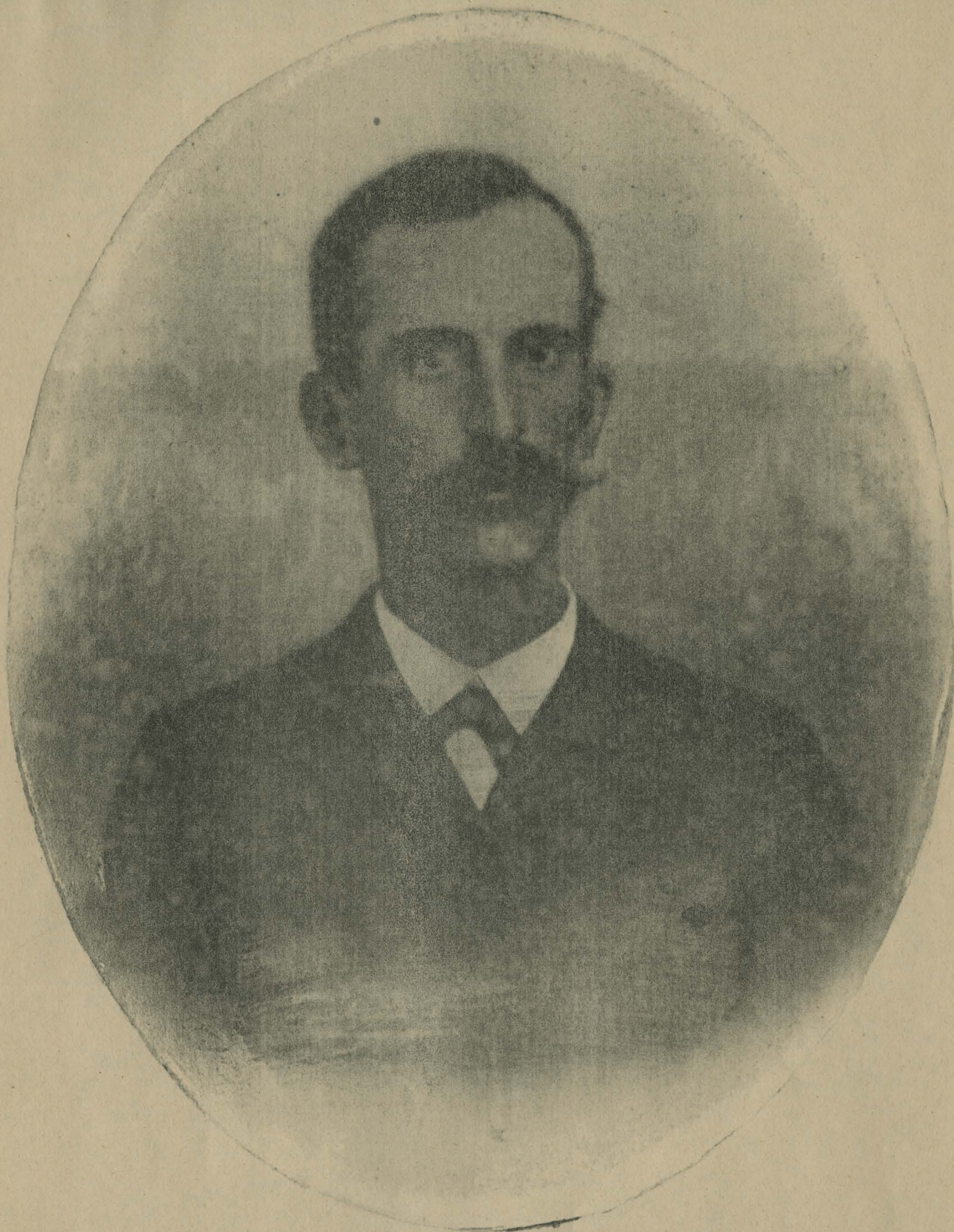
b.

m.

(1) Kenneth FARNAM
Florida

m.

(2) Richard RALSTIN
Ravenna, Ohio



WILLIAM THOMAS WELLS
(1858-1917)



ROSANNA EMALINE (PARKS) WELLS
(-1947)

Wells

THE FLOYD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, FAMILY OF WELLS:

Wells, Richard, Richard Wells laid warrants on something over 1000 acres of good river-bottom land in Montgomery county, Virginia, (now Floyd County - Floyd Co. was carved out of Montgomery county, about the year 1833), on the waters of Little River, a tributary of New River. His Home Place was at the confluence of Little River with New River.

The Wells family is descended from Pennsylvania Quakers, of English descent. This branch of the Wells family had lived, as tradition says, in Zanesville, Steubenville and Mt. Gilead, Ohio, possibly migrating from Frederick Co., Virginia, not far from the present city of Winchester, and into the newly opened Ohio territory along with many of the other inhabitants in that part of Virginia and Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Richard Wells and wife had no children and were, apparently separated from all of their relations by great distances.

Their nephew, JOB SIDWELL WELLS, came from Ohio and made his home with his Uncle Richard and wife and at their death became their heir, to all of their estate. Tradition has it that they wrote to his family asking that he be allowed to come and live with them and that if he would do so, they would leave to him all of their property upon their death. It further says, that after the death of the Uncle and Aunt (or perhaps during their lifetime) that some of the Ohio relatives came over to Floyd county to visit their relatives there but that finding that these Southern relatives were the owners of slaves, they at once left and returned to their home in Ohio and that thereafter there was no communication of any sort between these relatives.

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WELLS, Job Sidwell, Job Sidwell Wells, was born about the year 1798, according to his 1950 Census Report, made in Floyd Co., Va., in which he says he was born in Frederick Co. /Va/ and that in 1850 he was fifty-two years of age.

He married, First, Sarah Howard, and two children were born of this marriage, Second, Elizabeth Shelor, and to this marriage 5, 6 or 7 children born.

In the Census Reports for Frederick Co., Va., in 1810, we find a Richard Wells, who was between 26 and 45 yrs, and his wife not over 26. (He may have been about 30-32 and his wife perhaps 23-25).

In the 1820 Census Reports, still find Richard Wells as between 40-~~50~~ 45; wife not over 30.

In the 1830 Census Report, we still find a Richard Wells, ~~45-50~~ 45-50.

In 1850 Census Reports we find, there - Frederick Co.: John, age 12, Betty, 16, Henry, ~~45~~, 40, George 45, Jane R., 49 and Nancy, age 50. - No Richard shown.

Frederick Co., Va. Deeds: Richard Hyland to Humphrey Wells, 1762.

" Adam Stephens to Robert Wells, Power of Atty. 1767

" 14 conveyances to Richard Wells, 1814 to 1837.

" Humphrey Wells to Sam'l Pickering, 1762.

" Abner and Debora Wells to SAMUEL SIDWELL, 1800.

" Richard A. Wells from 1846 to 1866. Deeds.

" Abner Wells to Whom it may Concern, Receipt. 1816.

Abner and Debora Wells could well have been father of Job Sidwell Wells, and Humphrey or Robert Wells, the father of Abner Wells.

(Compiled by R. S. Douthat, Huntington, W. Va., March 9, 1933.)

Richard Wells and wife had no children and were, apparently, separated from all of their relations by great distances. Their nephew, SIDWELL WELLS, came from Ohio and was a Lieutenant during the Revolutionary War; in 1780, in Chesterfield County, under Capt. Benj. Ward's regiment. Wells, Joseph, was an Ensign in the same county in 1778, being that he be Wells, Thomas T., was a Lieutenant in Amherst Co. in 1777 that if he would Wells, William, was an Ensign of Militia in Amelia County, in 1777. Upon Wells, John, was an Ensign of Militia in Amelia Co., after 1779: that of Wells, Mathew, was a Captain of Militia in Henry County, in 1779 (me). Wells, John, was a Private in Captain Edden's Company of Artillery, county about it stood at Smith's Coverer July, 1779. For 3 yrs. enlisted Wells, Thomas, was a Drummer in Captain Nathaniel Burwell's Co. No. 2, of Colonel Charles Harrison's Virginia & Maryland Regt., there incorporated, as it stood from Novr. 30, 1776 to Apr. 1782.

Wells, James,) relatives.
Wells, Joseph,) Are listed by Eckenrode as Colonial-Soldiers, who fought
Wells, Samuel,) prior to the Revolutionary War.

Wells, John, Sidwell in Vol. 11, p. 140, Abstracts of Augusta County, by as-
Chalkley, to Staley vs. Wells, rt. Deeds, April 10, 1809, Va.,
by John and Mary Ann Wells, his wife, of Monongalia and
Wells, Richard, County, 160 RICHARD WELLS, of the same county.

Conveys part of a tract of 400 acres, patented to George and
Gillespie and conveyed by John Gillespie, son and heir
of George Gillespie, to Samuel Smith and conveyed by
Wells, to John, new Re Samuel Smith to John Wells. Recorded in Monongalia and
Wells, who was born April 10, 1809, 46 yrs. and his wife not over 25. (He may
Wells, Thomas, to 50-52 Deed, dated May 8, 1809, by Samuel Smith to Thomas Wells.
In the 1820 Contract conveyed by John Gillespie to Samuel Smith, June 19,
wife not over 30. 1797. Recorded Monongalia Co., May Term, 1809.
Wells, John, 50 Census Bill of Sales, dated Sept. 19, 1809, by John Wells to
Wells, Richard, as Richard Wells, Recorded Monongalia Co. May, 1809. P. 360, 16.
Wells, Thomas, George Marriage. Thomas Wells (Wells) to Catherine White, of
Broderick Co., Va. Decr. 29, 1785, in Augusta Co., Va. p. 1499, 752.

Declaration: Sept. 24, 1832, P. 74, - Enlisted under
Captain John Scott, General Nelson, at Yorktown; Captain
Francis Moore, of Orange; Maj. Thomas Barlow, Captain
Wells, Richard, Benjamin Johnson, Captain Richard Wells, Col. Edmunds.

Wells, Richard, At p. 72, March 6, 1797, Richard Wells, deposes in
Anwar and Debra Ohio County, (Now Brooke County). - Now West Virginia.
Wells, Ann, Robert, Vol. 1, p. 205. Ann Wells, wife of Thomas Wells, a
(Cornel soldier in the service of the Republic.)

Wells, Thomas,) Page Suit; - Thomas Wells, James Wells and Nancy
Wells, James,) Wells, their mother, August 26, 1790.
Wells, Nancy,)

Col. 11, p. 1 Alexander Wells, of Baltimore Co., Md.,
wishes to settle in Augusta, in 1774. (Augusta Co. Va.)

HEADS OF WELLS FAMILIES IN VIRGINIA, 1790. (Eckenrode).

WELLS, Samuel, Of Sussex County, Va., 11 in family; something over 1000
Wells, George, and Elizabeth, In Stafford Co., Va. and in Montgomery county, Virginia,
Wells, Henry, In Norfolk Co. Va. - 75 in family; carried out of Montgomery
Wells, Thomas, In Albemarle Co. Va. 5 in family; the waters of Little River,
Wells, Phineas, In Hampshire Co. Va. 6 in family; the Place was at the
Wells, Phineas, In Harrison Co. Va. 7 in family; the River.
Wells, Jesse, In Mecklenburg Co., 5 in family.
Wells, George, In Orange Co.; family is descended from Pennsylvania Quakers,
Wells, John, In Orange Co.; This branch of the Wells family had
Wells, Mathew, In Pittsylvania Co., 24 in family
Wells, James, In Amherst Co., possibly in family and 8 slaves; Frederick Co.,
Wells, Henry, In Nansemond Co., 22 in family and 4 slaves; Chester,
Wells, Frederick, In Prince Edward Co., 6 in family and 2 slaves; with many
Wells, Joseph, In Chesterfield Co., 5 in family and 8 slaves.
Wells, Michael, In Chesterfield Co., 14 in family & 11 slaves.
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Wells, Thomas, was a Drummer in the Captain Nathaniel Bufwell's Co. No. 2,
of Colonel Charles Harrison's Virginia & Maryland Regt., there-
Incorporated, as it stood from Novr. 30, 1776 to Apr. 1782;
relations.
Are listed by E. rode as Colonial-Soldiers, who fought
prior to the Revolutionary War.

WELLS + HOWARD + SHELOR:

JOB SIDWELL WELLS, (believed to be the son of Abner Wells and Debora (Sidwell) Wells), born in Frederick County, (Virginia or Maryland?), April 6, 1798, made a visit to his Uncle Richard Wells, of Montgomery county, Virginia, (a part of which county was later made Floyd Co., Va., in 1833, in which portion he lived.

Married (first wife) Sarah Howard, daughter of William and Howard (See Howard Record) to which marriage were born:

Wells, Richard, born in Montgomery (or Floyd Co) Va., January 26, 1824. Richard removed to some place in Texas.
Wells, Major H., do August 30, 1825.

Married (second wife) Elizabeth Shelor, (youngest daughter of William Shelor, who was the second son of Daniel Shelor, who was the eldest son of Lawrence Shelor, by his second wife. (See Shelor Family Record).

To this marriage were born:

Wells, Rowena, Born Floyd Co., Va., Aug. 16, 1835. Died in Faber, Virginia, Jany. 17, 1911.
Wells, Geo. Milton, " " Febr. 5, 1837. Died in Portland, Oregon, about the year 1929-30.
Wells, Emily Jean (Jean) " April 17, 1838. Died in Virginia, 1863.
Wells, Harvey Deskins, " " Decr. 29, 1839.
Wells, Mary Jane, " " May 6, 1844. Died Morgantown, W. Va., May 10, 1914.
Wells, John Thomas, " " Feb. 20, 1846. Died in California (?), 1882.
Wells, William Butler, " " Aug. 15, 1848. Died in Portland, Oregon, about 1925 (?)
Wells, Taswell Haden, " " Feb. 3, 1851. Died 1851.

Richard Wells, married Mary Jane Cannaday, June 6, 1850, Floyd Co. Va.

Rowena Wells, married Marshall Anthony Davidson, Floyd Co., Va., Oct. 16, 1862.

George Milton Wells, married Lusinda P. Goodwin, " " Jany. 5, 1864.

Mary Jane Wells, married Dr. Robert W. Douthat, " " Jany. 16, 1865.

Harvey Deskins Wells, married Jennie A. Lewis, " " Aug. 14, 1866.

William Butler Wells, married, first, Sarah Adeline Douthat, Christiansburg, Va., Dec. 8, 1869.

Married, second, a lady from St. Louis, Mo.,

John Thomas Wells, married Alice L. Godbey,

Emily Jane Wells, Died 1863, as above. Taswell Haden Wells, died 1851, as above.

Children of Rowena (Wells) Davidson:

Davidson, Homer, Born Oct. 17, 1863. He married and has lived many years at Faber, Virginia, Living there in 1933.

Davidson, Alvis, born Oct. 17, 1863.

Davidson, Forrest Wells, born March 9, 1865.

Davidson, Troy Marshall, born Decr. 17, 1867.

Davidson, Lulah, born Decr. 17, 1867. Married John Stout and now lives at Chevy Chase, Maryland. (1933).

Davidson, Leon Siler, born Feb. 11, 1872. Married and now lives at St. Albans, W. Va. (1933).

Davidson, Vanderbilt, born April 5, 1875.

George Milton Wells, second child of Capt. Job Sidwell and Elizabeth ~~Sax~~ (Shelor) Wells, married Lucinda P. Goodwin, at Cataba, Virginia, Jany 5, 1864.- Children:

Wells, J. Hunter, Born Floyd Co., Va., (?)

Wells John M., " " (?)

Wells, Frank Maury, " " May 15, 1870. Married Fredrica Kent Waite, at Metuchen, N. J., July 14, 1903.

Wells, William Bittle,

Wells, Mary,

Wells, O. ar, (These last two twins).

Wells, Mary Jane, daughter of Job Sidwell and Elizabeth (Shelor) Wells, married Dr. Robert W. Douthat, son of David Greiner and Mary Ann (Stratton-Adams) Douthat, of Christiansburg, Montgomery Co., Va.

(See Douthat Family Record, on file in Virginia State Library, County Clerk's Office, Montgomery Co., Virginia, Botetourt Co. Clerk's Office, Maryland State Library and Penna. State Library).

NOTE.- I have no record of marriages etc. of John Thomas Wells or William Butler Wells, than shown above.

Compiled by R. S. Douthat, of Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, from authentic information at hand, May 16, 1933.

RUDENZ SHARP DOUTHAT.

What's Your Family Line? -



Wells - Welles

The first record of Wells in France was of a Norman: the name in the beginning was Vaux, or Beaux — B and V being used indiscriminately in some parts of France. *Eau* is water or well, or, as one recorded family history says, Vaux signifies brooks or running water.

For an introduction to the family we will give records of the glories of ancestry — for example, the Vaux or de Vaux, we are assured, were a potent race. They are given as Emperor of Greece, despots of Roumania, princes of Achaia, premier Dukes of the kingdom of Naples, Counts, great Constables, high Chamberlains and stewards of the realm under the Kings of Aiyou, and generals of the papal armies. A Queen of Sicily, a Queen of Naples, a Countess of Savoy, a Princess of Piedmont, a despotisse of Servia — each was of de Vaux lineage. During the twelfth century in England it became Wells or Welles.

The family descends from Adam de Welles (Adam of Welles) who was Constable of Rockingham Castle — and who was summoned to the English Parliament as a Baron in the year 1299. In this year a grant of Armorial bearings was made to Adam de Welles, as given in this article. Sir Richard, seventh Baron Welles, and his son, took up arms for the restoration of Henry VI and were beheaded in the year 1469,—the Title attained in the year 1474. The name was carried on by descendants of younger sons of the earlier generations.

One Thomas Welles or Wells, born at Essex, England, about 1570, settled in 1629, at Salem, Mass. His family of several sons followed their father to the new world, and they all settled in Rhode Island, where they purchased land from the Narragansett Indians. They called their estate, of over 400 acres, Wellstown, which was owned by the family for two centuries.

A few years later one Richard Wells owned 1,000 acres in Northumberland County, Virginia. Other counties where the Wells made homes included Henrico, York, Warwick and Chesterfield. The Grant of land in Henrico was from Sir

William Berkley, Knight Governor and Captain General of Virginia.

The first proven ancestor of this southern branch of the family is Stephen Wells. February 10, 1662, Robert Prichard was granted 136 acres of land beginning at the head of Mungar's Creek— etc. — for transporting three persons among them Stephen Wells.

February 20, 1662, Wm. Moseley and John Hull were granted 5,798 acres, 2 rods and 13 perches of land in Rappahannoc County, Farnham Parish, beginning at the land of Mich Rugill, etc. for transporting 116 persons, one of whom was Stephen Wells. (Possibly these two Stephen Wells were father and son).



Wells

ARMS: Or, a lion rampant doublequeued sable, armed and langued gules.

CREST: A demi-lion rampant sable.

MOTTO: Semper paratus.

AUTHORITY: Crozier's "General Armory", 1904 edition, page 134.

TINCTURES: The shield is of gold. The lion rampant on the shield—with double tail, is of black, tongue and claws of red. The demi-lion of the crest is of black. The wreath, under the crest, is of alternate twists of gold and black. The helmet is of steel color. The mantle is of black lined with gold. The ribbon is of gold, motto lettered in black.

Generation One

On December 3, 1677 in Richmond County, North Farnham Parish, Stephen Wells married Alice Howard, dau. of Henry Howard who was transported to Virginia April 8, 1664 by Richard White who was granted 300 acres of land in Rappahannoc County, etc.

A Will filed October 31, 1712 in Northumberland County, St. Stephen Parish, Va. says in part: I, Stephen Wells, being sick in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory I give every and each of the children of my daughter Mary one shilling each. Then I give to my son, Stephen Wells, all my land plantation property and orchid wherever situate, or

being now belonging to me, for and during his natural life. And after his demise I give the same to my said grandson Stephen Wells.

Generation Two

STEPHEN WELLS, son of Stephen Wells and Alice (Howard) Wells, married Elizabeth (Williams) Settle, dau. of Rice and Mary Williams. He died in Richmond Co., Va., in 1723 and his wife administered his will and names a son Stephen and mentions property she received from her father, Rice Williams; she also had a son Thomas Williams Wells.

An abstract of deed made by Stephen Wells: Deed Book No. 8, p. 169, Oct. 3, 1722. Stephen Wells Sittenbourne Parish, Richmond Co., Va., planter, and Elizabeth, his wife, and Francis Settle, eldest son of the said Elizabeth of the one part — deed to David Comander for 3000 lbs. of tobacco, etc.—land now in the tenure or occupation of Rice Williams, which said land has devised to Elizabeth Wells and her heirs forever (after the death of her mother) by her father, Rice Williams, etc.—signed: Stephen Wells.

Abstract of Rice Williams' will made Aug. 4, 1700, Book 2—p. 37, Richmond Co., Va.; To my daughter Elizabeth Settle (Married Stephen Wells later) etc.

To grandchild Francis Settle; To son Thomas Williams—Thomas Williams executor. Probated Feb. 5, 1701.

Generation Three

STEPHEN WELLS, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (W. Settle) Wells, married Priscilla Redmon, Aug. 21, 1729 in Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., Va. They moved to N. C. about 1750. He died in Edgecomb Co., N. C. in 1775, left a will as follows: To my son Stephen, land on north side of Tar River; To son Redmon; To son Frederick; To son Johnny; To beloved son Solomon land where I live; Wife Priscilla; To son David; daughter Mary Robbins; daughter Betty Marlinay; daughter Winnie Parry; daughter Priscilla—April Court 1775.

Generation Four

STEPHEN WELLS, son of Stephen and Priscilla (Redmon) Wells died in Nash Co., N. C., in 1817 and wills property to: Wife Elizabeth; sons, Jeremiah, b. 1760; Stephen, John; daus., Martha, Milley and Mary.

Generation Five

JEREMIAH WELLS, born 1760, of Nash Co., N. C. The Nash County Census shows that he left the county between 1810-1820. He removed to Telfair Co., Ga. in 1815, where the census lists him with six slaves. He served as State Senator from this county 1828-1831. He died in 1847. Henry L., and Berry Wells, listed as nearest kin, were the administrators of their father's large estate. No wife being mentioned indicates that she had died previous.

Wells

By ADELLE BARTLETT HARPER

There is a land deed from Jeremiah Welles to Henry L. Wells, of Lowndes Co., Ga.; witnessed by Elizabeth Wells. (Book J, page 74). There are various other deeds from Jeremiah in 1841-1842, to Henry L., and Berry Wells.

Generation Six

BERRY WELLS, was born in N. C. in 1809, d. 1891; m. 1833, Henrietta Rountree, b. May 6, 1817, d. 1901, dau. of James Rountree, b. 1787, d. 1837, and his wife Nancy Hendley, b. April 22, 1792, d. 1845.

Berry Wells moved to Georgia with his parents and lived in Telfair County until 1832 when he moved to Lowndes County. Their first home was near Miller's Bridge; later they moved to what is now Cook County and built a large ante bellum house of the architectural style of the Virginia manor house. Among the varied enterprises on the Wells plantation were a grist mill, a saw mill and a brick kiln. There was a post office there named Stella for a daughter who died at the age of 12. The plantation consisted of 22 land lots comprising more than 10,000 acres. He also owned between 75 and 100 slaves. The property was sold after the death of their son Weston Roundtree Wells, who died in 1953 at the age of 95. Children: 11

1. John, b. 1834
2. Jeremiah, b. 1838, m. Mary Johnson
3. Henry Lampkin, b. 1840, m. Martha Hutchinson
4. James, b. 1842, d. in C. S. Army.
5. Lewis, b. 1844, d. in C. S. Army.
6. Temperance Ann, b. 8-15-1840, d. 7-15-1874, m. 1. Folsom; m. 2. Warner Lewis Kennon 12-30-69
7. Henrietta, b. 1848, m. L. Roberts.
8. Rebecca, b. 12-14-1850, d. 12-6-1937, m. Warner Lewis Kennon, 12-5-1875.
9. Stella, b. ca. 1852, d. 12 years of age.
10. Berry Lovett, b. 1856, m. Alice Webb 12-18-1889.
11. Weston Rountree, b. 1858, d. 1953, m. Lettie Chesnutt.

Generation Seven

HENRY LAMPKIN WELLS, son of Berry and Henrietta Wells, b. Jan. 22, 1840, d. Jan. 2, 1896; m. Jan. 8, 1878, Martha Elizabeth Hutchinson, b. Oct. 12, 1852, d. July 12, 1922, dau. of David Golden Hutchinson, b. Oct. 9, 1809, d. 1895, and his wife Valeria Kirby, b. Oct. 2, 1823, d. April 29, 1883, (m. 1847).

Their first home was on land lot 451, 9th land district, which was deeded to him by his father and was part of the original Wells plantation. During the War Between the States he had charge of his father's grist mill and managed his own farm. He also owned a general store near his home. Late in life he moved to Adel, Ga. and lived near the home of David Hutchinson. Children:

1. Mary Henrietta, b. Jan. 15, 1880; m. June 1902 William Thomas Shythe, b. Sept. 26, 1874 in Bainbridge, Ga. He moved to Adel, Ga. in 1902 and leased the Adel News, later he bought the paper. It was noted for its unique style and interesting quality. He sold the paper to Mr. G. C. Patten in 1944.

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2. Carrie Elizabeth Wells, b. 1881, d. Jan. 1943. Never married; was member of Methodist Church, taught Sunday School class for many years. This class was named "The Carrie Wells Bible Class."

3. John Wesley Wells, b. Nov. 1, 1883, d. Feb. 26, 1941; m. June 1912, Daisy May Wilkes, of Quitman, Ga., b. Oct. 26, 1887, dau. of Joshua Robert Wilkes, b. Nov. 1, 1847, in Richland Co., S. C., d. Aug. 7, 1927 in Adel, Ga., and his wife Martha Jane Brunson, b. in Attapulgus, Ga., Sept. 10, 1855, d. in Adel, Ga., April 25, 1933. They had two children—Martha Carolyn, b. Nov. 2, 1913 and John Wesley, b. Nov. 29, 1917.

TEMPERANCE ANN WELLS, dau. of Berry and Henrietta (Rountree) Wells, was born Aug. 15, 1846, in Lowndes Co., Ga., d. July 16, 1874 in Berrien, now Cook Co., Ga.; m. Dec. 30, 1869, Warner Lewis Kennon, b. Nov. 14, 1846 in Floyd Co., Ga., d. Oct. 22, 1916, in Adel, Cook Co., Ga. They had two sons: John Luther, b. May 22, 1871, d. Jan. 1, 1936, unmarried; and James Henry.

James Henry, b. March 30, 1873, d. Oct. 24, 1957; m. May 13, 1894, Robbie Mae Crouch, b. Feb. 13, 1878, d. Dec. 4, 1957. James Henry, who was affectionately called "John Henry" established a mercantile business with Mr. F. H. Hall of Adel, Ga. about 1895 and remained in this business until his retirement in 1952. They have three children: 1. Hal Lewis, 2. Doris and 3. Mary Francis.

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Cheney

Mrs. Dorothy C. Hill, Ellaville, Ga. 31806 wants information on the father of James Cheney, b. 1783 in Edgefield Co., S. C. He was the grandfather of Dr. J. N. Cheney and Dr. Green Cheney and a daughter, Corine, who married a Goolsby. Any information on the sister would also be appreciated.

Davis

Elton D. Davis, 3344-D North Crest Rd., Atlanta, Ga., 30340 wants parents and birthplace of William H. Davis, b.

1. Hal Lewis Kennon, b. Aug. 24, 1898; m. April 1, 1920, Bessie Proctor, of Woodbine, Ga., was b. May 28, 1898. They have two sons:

- i. Warner Lewis III, b. Feb. 16, 1921; m. Irene Garter and they have four children: Warner Lewis IV, b. Sept. 18, 1953; William Aubry, b. July 9, 1955; John Douglas, b. Aug. 21, 1957, and Ann Garter, b. Sept. 6, 1959.

- ii. Paul Julian Kennon, b. Aug. 3, 1926, d. Aug. 3, 1958; m. Juanita Waldon and they had one child, Rebecca Ann, b. Feb. 26, 1958.

2. Doris Kennon, b. April 21, 1904; m. Dec. 1919, W. B. Lewis. They had two daughters:

- i. Dorothy Sue, a graduate of Oglethorpe Univ. and now working as a biochemist with the State of Georgia.
- ii. Beverly Ann, m. Sept. 1949 to Robert Edward Sykes and they have three children: Robbie Sue, b. Sept. 22, 1950; Robert Edward, b. Sept. 2, 1952; and Lewis Kennon, b. May 3, 1955.

3. Mary Frances Kennon, b. Jan. 20, 1907; m. Clarence Sutton, b. Sept. 11, 1896. No issue. Mr. Sutton is an attorney-at-law, and has been associated with the Adel Bank, First National Bank of Adel, Ga., Fourth National Bank of Macon, Ga., First Bank of Cook County, Ga., and is now Vice President of Farmers and Merchants Bank, Adel, Ga.

BERRY LOVETT WELLS, son of Berry and Henrietta Wells, was born May 16, 1856, m. Dec. 18, 1889, Alice Eliza Wells, b. May 23, 1867, d. Oct. 17, 1940 dau. of Rev. Joseph Tarpley Webb and his wife Ann Elizabeth Westmoreland.

At the marriage of Berry Lovett, his father Berry Wells deeded to him 500 acres of land which was part of the original Wells plantation. Later he bought a home between Adel and Sparks and lived there until his death. Children:

1. Coma Allura, b. Oct. 27, 1890; m. Jan. 11, 1912 Perry Newton Whitehurst, b. Feb. 27, 1888. Two children: Alice Allura and Hazel Elizabeth.

2. Robbie Estelle Wells, b. Dec. 13, 1892; m. June 15, 1920, Matthew Ashley

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Nesmith, b. Dec. 27, 1890; d. Dec. 24, 1936. They had two sons: Matthew Ashley and Donald Wells.

3. Walter Lester Wells, b. Sept. 18, 1896; m. March 10, 1935, Sallie Ruth Juhan. No issue.

4. Claude Brinson Wells, b. Aug. 18, 1898; m. Sallie Louise Edwards, b. Aug. 22, 1901. No issue.

5. Clayton West Wells, b. May 14, 1901; m. Dec. 16, 1936, Amber Murphy, b. Dec. 1, 1901.

6. Grover Cleveland Wells, b. March 6, 1893; d. Oct. 11, 1960, m. Aug. 17, 1921, Lollie Belle Patillo DeVane, b. Dec. 1, 1893, dau. of William Capers Patillo and his wife Margaret Vaughn, and widow of Dr. James Gordon DeVane. They had a son: William Capers Wells, b. May 3, 1927.

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