

James Wells (1759-1841)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1992

Jerry:

This book covers James Wells, Rev. War Soldier of Breckinridge and Hancock Counties. Many of the Wells in Owensboro are related. This book would be nice for the public Library, also WCK:FRA.

Parrie Hawes
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ANNOUNCING!

The planned publication of the Genalogical History of the WELLSSES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES.

The Family History of the Wellses of Mecklenburg County, Virginia is now ready for publication. The history begins tenatively around 250 years ago and proceeds through some ten generations to the present. Sadly, the Family History prior to 1773, is sketchy and is not firmly proven due to the destruction of many early public records in Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties during the Civil War. The Family History beginning in 1773, up to the present is firmly proven.

Many of the early family members pioneered their way west from the County of Mecklenburg late in the eighteenth century or early in the nineteenth century. Some of those pioneers are identified and their known family histories are included along with that of all of those Wellses who remained on in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Your name and that of your Wells Anáestors are in this volume or you would not be receiving this advance notification.

The History of the Wellses of Mecklenburg Couxity, Virginia will be a limited publication based on advanced reservation at this time. The cost of the 400 page volume will be determined mainly by the number that are printed. Private publication is expensive and the maximum price per volume is not expected to exceed \$40.00 per volume. The actual cost may be less if more than 300 volumes are printed.

This volume will make a nice gift for a family member at Christmas or for a birthday. Please keep this in mind when completing and returning this advanced reservation form. If you wish to reserve a copy or copies of the Family History; just complete the bottom section of this form anc. return on or before May 14 1992, to:

Pearl W. Wilson, Rt 1, Box 142, Skipwith, Va. 23968, Telephone: 804-372-5627

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Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Vol.3, Virgil D. White, The National Historical Publishing Company, Waynesboro, TN, 1992, p.374:

Wells, James, VA Line, Sarah Butcher former wid, W4139, BLW #10010-160-55, sol appl 20 Apr 1819 in Breckenridge Co KY aged 59 or 60 however on 20 Oct 1821 he gave his age as 61 with a wife aged 37 & 6 small children at home of which the oldest was Susan aged 10 & the next was James aged 8 & the younger ones were 2 boys & 2 girls (no age or names given), sold had m Sarah Johnson 15 Jan 1796 or 1797 at Deerfield in the OH Terr, sol d 15 Jun 1841 & his wid m next to William Butcher on 21 Jan 1846 & he d 30 Jun 1848, wid awl 10 Feb 1851 in Breckenridge Co KY aged 70, also shown was a James Wells who m Sarah Houk on 27 Mar 1821 in Warren Co OH but the relationship to sol or family was not given, wid appl for BLW 7 Apr 1855 in Breckenridge Co KY, a Robert Wells was a witness on 10 Feb 1851, knship?

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Climb Your Family Thee, by Dorothy A. Watkins, genealogy column published in the Hancock Clarion newspaper, Hawesville, KY, 9 December 1971:

We have a new subscriber, Mrs. Paralee Hawes, Louisville, Ky. She has also received her book. "Climb Your Family Tree," and has sent some added history and answered some queries. In answer to her question: My grandparents were John and Nina Lynch Arbra. John was a brother of Perry. Mrs. Hawes states: 1845, page 57, William Boucher married Sarah Huff. She was Sarah Hawk Wells, my great-great-grandmother, widow of James Wells, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier. She was born at Deerfield, Warren County, Ohio, married 2/27/1845. (Pronounced Butcher).\ Was William Boutcher's first wife Sarah Toiler (page 48) as William Boutcher died 6/30/1848? How about this, Mrs. Mastin? Charlotte, wife of Solomon Barnett was Charlotte Smith, second wife. His first wife was Mary Phillips, married 3/18/1833, unless there were two Solomon Barnetts. (Thanks Mrs. Hawes).

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Climb Your Family Thee, by Dorothy A. Watkins, genealogy column published in the Hancock Clarion newspaper, Hawesville, KY, 29 September 1988:

Information from Paralee Hawes, Narrow, Kentucky. Paralee is one of the greatest arm chair genealogist there is. Always ready to share her information. James Wells, Sr., Rev. War veteran married Sarah Hawk in Dearfield, Waren County, Ohio. 1798 settled Breckinridge County in early 1800's. Eight known children, James Jr. married Lavina Holland, John married Elizabeth Holland (sisters), James and Lavina are Paralees great grandparents. They had five sons, one daughter. The daughter Eliza Ellen married John and Elizabeth's son John Ed Wells. Double first cousins they had 12 children. James Wells, Jr., died ca 1848. Lavina married James younge brother Baker Wells. They were parents of three children (9 children for Lavinia) Baker and Lavinia lived on farm where Dunn Cemerery, is located. Do notk now who lived there first Wells, Dunn. Believe John and Elizabeth Wells. Also Baker and Lavina Wells buried there, no markers. John Ed and Eliz Ellen Wells buried there. James Smith, son-in-law of James Wells Jr. and Lavina buried there. Martin Holland brother of Lavina and Elizabeth buried there. Martin Holland married Jane Newton niece of Jacob Newton. Her parents were George Washington

Newton and Rhoda McManaway. George Washington married 2nd Elsa Davison Barbee. George Washington and supposed first wife buried Friendship Cemetery at Cabot. From census all Hollands were located around Paralees relations, probably related to Lavinia and Eliz.

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Forgotten Pathways of Hancock County, Ky., Genealogical Society of Hancock County, Vol. 3, No. 1, Summer 1986, p8:

CEMETARIES

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copied 1965 by Ellen Gayle Banks.

On hill above Newton Springs Church. Highway 170.

Henry E. Wells, Enlisted in Co. D., 12 Reg. KY Vol. Cav.

died Dec. 3. 1892, aged 48 years.

Nancy Elizabeth, his wife. (she was dau. of Issac Newton)

Alanzo Wells.

A number of field stones on bill give the impression that there may be other graves.

Paralee Hawes has copied this same cemetery and said that according to her personal knoweldge there are only 3 graves in this cemetery. It is strictly a family plot. Stones found here have probably been thrown there when fields were cleared and this causes some confusion. Additional information on the three buried there is as follows: Henry Eldred Wells, b. 1844. d. Dec. 3, 1892, Co. D., 12th Reg. KY Vol. Cav. Nancy Elizabeth (Newton) Wells, b. 1842. d. Apr. 28, 1916. James Alonzo Wells, May 7, 1867---Aug. 13, 1909.

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26 August 1996

Paralee Hawes
Narrows, KY 40977

Dear Mrs. Hawes:

In 1980 I had a very enjoyable visit to your home. We discussed several families including our mutual relatives through the Snider family of Hancock County, KY. My late grandmother, Anna Mae Young Long, was your 4th cousin.

I have recently been researching the Boucher/Boutcher [pronounced Butcher] family of Hancock County, KY. Your ancestor, Sarah Hawk Wells, widow of Revolutionary War soldier James Wells, in 1845 married William Boucher in Hancock County. Several abstracts of James Wells' Revolutionary War Pension file state that in Sarah's application for her husband's pension the death date of William Butcher was recorded (30 June 1848). I have found William Boucher' s death date recorded in no other source. Would you have copies of any of the original papers from James Wells pension file? If so could I please ask for copies of the page(s) that refer to William Butcher? I do not need the entire file only the references to William Butcher.

In the last couple of years I have worked on compiling a family group sheet for your grandparents, Santana D. (?Dock) Lain & Jane Newton. On the enclosed copy can you help me make any corrections or additions (for example, did any of your dad's brothers or sisters have any middle names, do you have any dates & places for any of the marriages marked in red)? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your hospitality and assistance that you have given me. Best wished and God bless.

A cousin,
Jerry Long

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[preceding letter was returned due to insufficient address]

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Paralee (Parrie) Ellen (Lane) Hawes, was born 9 September 1910 Haynesville, Ohio County, KY and died 3 July 2000 at her home, Narrows, Ohio County, KY. She was the daughter of Auze Clayton Lane (1870-1950) & Lavina Jane Wells (1874-1920) and granddaughter of Santana D. Lane (1845-1928) & Jane Newton (1845-1934) and Henry Eldred Wells (1844-1892) & Nancy Elizabeth Newton (1842-1916). Her husband, William Marshall Hawes, died 10 February 1962. She was survived by three daughters. She was buried at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, KY.