

THE WELLS FAMILY

Tradition in the Wells family says that the Wells family came from Wells Towne, England, near the coast of Wales. Their generations in America have been given as follows:

I. RICHARD WELLS of Wales, m. Elinor _____
Their son came to the American Colonies.

II. ZOROBABEL WELLS b/Wales, d/1696, Talbot County, Md. Wife was Catherine Davenport, dau of Humphrey Davenport.

Children:

RICHARD WELLS, Feb.13,1677,Talbot Co,Md,- Apr.14,1854,Queen Anne Co,Md.
m. Catherine

HUMPHREY WELLS ⁽¹⁾ Dec.11,1680-1750,Queen Ann Co, Md. m. Elizabeth _____
ELIZA WELLS

ZOROBABEL WELLS, ^{3rd}

JOHN WELLS

MARGARET WELLS m. Thomas Hollingsworth.

CATHERINE WELLS

III. HUMPHREY WELLS ⁽¹⁾ 1680-1750, m. Elizabeth _____ (d.1759). Queen Ann Co.Md.
Children:

George Wells ,ca1704, d.1764,Queen Anne Co, Md., m. Hannah Cummins

Humphrey Wells ⁽¹⁾ d.1749,Queen Anne, Md. m. Sibella Elbert

Elizabeth Wells b. 1734,St. Lukes, Queen Anne Co, Md., m. Phillip Davis.

Mary Wells b.1735,St. Lukes, m. Christopher Spry

Katherine Wells , m. Nathaniel Cleave

Esther Wells 1744 . St. Lukes, m. Gideon Swift.

Benjamin Wells 1736,St. Lukes, d. 1737, St. Lukes.

IV. HUMPHREY WELLS ⁽¹⁾ b.St. Lukes, d. 1749,m. Sibella Elbert, dau of William Elbert,Sr.
Children: (All born at St. Lukes Parish, Queen Anne Co, Maryland.

Humphrey Wells ⁽¹⁾ 1733Md-1781, Richmond, Ga., m. Abigail Lindsey

Benjamin Wells 1837Md, m. Elizabeth _____

John Wells 174 , St. Lukes Parish, Queen Anne Co, Md.

Frances Wells 1740St Lukes-1784, Smyrna,Del, m. Daniel Cummings,1756,St.Lukes.

Elizabeth Wells 1742

Margaret Wells 17__-1837,St. Lukes.

V. Dr. HUMPHREY WELLS (III) 1733, St Lukes Parish-1781,Richmond,Ga.
m. Abigail Lindsey, dau of John and Elce (Elsie?) Lindsey.

Children:

Dr. Humphrey Wells (IV) 1758St. Lukes - 1784, Richmond,Ga,

John Wells 1760 ,St. Lukes- d. before 1782 (young)

Samuel Wells

George Wells b. around 1770, m. Polly Lindsey ^(many), dau of Thomas and Lydia Lindsey.

Sibella Wells m. Moses Lindsey

Jesse Wells

VI. GEORGE WELLS 1777NC-1853, m. Mary Lindsey (b 1778NC), about 1797,SC.
His children are listed on the following pages.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE WELLS

I. HUMPHREY WELLS (V)

Born: About 1796, North Carolina Died: 1840's, Lauderdale Co, Ms.

Married:

Listed in Laud. Co. 1840 census, between 40 and 50 years old.

Children:

1. KEZIAH WELLS 183_, m. Buck Smith

JAMES N WELLS 1798-185-, S. NC - m. LUCINDA in Tenn.

II. THOMAS WELLS

Born: 1799?, South Carolina Died: Dec.10,1862,Kemper Co, Ms.

Married: Lydia Beckham Mosely (1803NC-1889,Newton Co,Ms) about 1822,NC. Her mother, Mary Mosely (b.1759NC) was living with Thomas and Lydia in 1850 in Laud.Co.

Thomas and Lydia migrated to Alabama soon after they were married. They had four children born in Alabama before they migrated to the northern part of Lauderdale County, Mississippi in 1836-37. They were listed in the 1840 census of Lauderdale Co. with seven children, but had two more born later. They moved to Kemper County shortly before the Civil War. Two of Thomas' sons were killed in the war, two weeks apart. Thomas was so grieved over the loss of his sons that he died in 1862, about two months after he lost his sons.

There was a shortage of doctors during the war and Lydia Wells was good to care for the sick. She was often sent for and would ride horseback over the county to care for the sick. She continued this practice after the war.

They were living in Kemper County during and following the war.

Children:

1. MARY ANN REBECCA WELLS 18__ - ____, m. William Snowden, Lauderdale Co. *MAR. 4, 1841 BY JOHN B. COLLING, J.P. LIVED near Chunky's*

Children:

A. Elizabeth Snowden 1842-

B. Thomas "Tom" Snowden 1843 - *LIVED 2 UNCLE JACOB WELLS IN 1860*

2. JOHN HUMPHREY WELLS 1826Al-1889, m. Mary Margaret Wooten. Oct.20,1847,Laud.Co.

She was dau. of Israel and Susan Jane (Radcliff) Shaw Wooten of Newton Co. They were living in Lauderdale Co. next house to Thomas Wells in 1850, but moved to Kemper Co. about 1857. They were still in Kemper Co. in 1870 but

had moved over to Ground Chunky in Newton County where they were living in 1880 when Mary Margaret died. She was bur Center Ridge Cem. near Chunky.

In 1886, Center Ridge Missionary Baptist Church was built at the cemetery on John Humphrey Wells' land. The Wells family also built a church and school for the Negroes, for which John H. Wells donated an acre of ground.

Children:

A. Thomas Israel Wells 1848, m. Sarah J. "Sallie" Alexander, dau. of Josiah and Emma Alexander of Lauderdale Co. Thomas I. Wells was first minister of Center Ridge Church, Newton Co.

Children:

a. Mittie Wells 1868

h. Willie G. Wells

b. Callie Wells 1870

i. Daisy L. Wells

c. Robert Lee Wells, 1871

j. Macie M. Wells, m. ___ Armstrong

d. John Humphrey Wells 1873

k. Perla Wells, m. ___ Tatum

e. Susie Ann Wells 1875, m. Jollyl.

Jewel Wells, m. ___ Nicholas

f. Emma Wells, 1877

g. Meredith Wells 1879

B. GEORGE C. WELLS 1851, m. ⁽¹⁾ Sallie P. Simmons, Lived in Beat 2, Newton Co/1880.

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Children: (Next page.)

- (First 3 from 1st marriage, ~~Fourth~~ from 2nd marriage.)
- a. John Humphrey Wells
 - b. Perry Wells
 - c. Samuel Wells
 - d. George Wells
- C. FRANK WELLS died young. *(Small child)*
- D. LYDIA ELIZABETH WELLS 1857-1900, m. William M. "Bill" Saddler (b 1859Ms) who died while Sheriff of Newton Co. Lydia and family were living with her parents in 1880, Newton Co.
Children:
- a. Humphrey Saddler 1876
 - b. Israel Wootan Saddler 1880
 - c. Joe Sims Saddler
 - d. Pat Saddler
- E. SARAH AMANDA (SUSAN) WELLS 1859, m. Rufus Calvin Jolly
Children:
- a. Alline Jolly, m. ___Griffin
 - b. Wootan Jolly
 - c. Thomas Jolly
 - d. Lucille Jolly
- F. JOSEPH LINDSEY WELLS 1865, m. Lela Nelson
Children:
- a. Frank Wells
 - b. Blanch Wells
 - c. Charley Wells
- G. PRESLEY WELLS 18__, m. Mary Brandon
Children:
- a. Rushing Brandon Wells
- H. MARGARET "Maggie" SHAW WELLS 1868, m. Chan Hailey
Children:
- a. Marie Hailey
 - b. Lindsey Hailey
 - c. Nina Bella Hailey
 - d. Ruth Hailey
 - e. Margaret Dale Hailey
- I. ROBERT BRUCE "BOB" WELLS 1877, m. Lela Griffin
Children;
- a. Robert Bruce Wells, Jr.
- J. MARTHA ANN ISABEL WELLS 18__, m. A. H. Long
Children:
- a. Maude Wells Long
 - b. Deewitt Long
 - c. Margaret Long
- K. JOHN WELLS Died young
- L. John Wells (Repeated) Died young.
3. SAMUEL WELLS 1827-1827, Infant.
4. WILLIAM GEORGE WELLS 1829-1862, m. Rebecca Ann Wooten (b 1836Ms). He was Pvt. in Confederate Army, in Co.A, 37th Miss. Regt. Inf, when he was wounded in battle at Iuka, Miss. He died, leaving his widow with five children. This family listed in Kemper Co. in 1860 and 1870, but lived near Chunky Newton Co. in 1880.
Children: *(All B. in Ms.)*
- A. MARY E. WELLS 1853
 - B. CAROLINE E. WELLS 1855
 - C. GEORGE WELLS 1855
 - D. WILLIAM THOMAS WELLS 1859
 - E. JOHN H. WELLS 1862
5. CAROLINE ELLIS WELLS 1831, m. James A. Giles. (b.1830Ga). Lived in Beat 2, Newton Co. in 1880. Her mother, Lydia Beckham Wells, lived with her in 1880.
Children: (All born in Miss.)
- A. J. OLLIE GILES 1856
 - B. BELLE GILES 1859
 - C. JOSIE GILES 1862
 - D. BETTIE GILES 1864
 - E. JAMES GILES 1866
 - F. MALITUS GILES 1869 (Female)
 - G. CONNIE GILES 1872
 - H. CLARK GILES 1876
6. SIBELLA "SIBBY" WELLS 1834-1862 *(28 yrs old)*

She B. m. in Ga. Co. Ala

*Jacob's Regt. bur. 1862
 Shot. Saw him in
 lived in him in
 1862
 Son of his sis
 Mary Ann Robinson
 who m. Wm. B. Stroud
 1841*

7. JACOB WELLS 1836-1862, m. Margaret Amanda Hamrick, Feb. 18, 1858, Lauderdale County. She was dau. of Thomas J. and Sinia (Brown) Hamrick of Laud. Co. Her mother (Sinia) was dau. of John H. Brown of Laud. Co.
 Was listed in 1860 Lauderdale Co. census, living in Beat 3, Rushing Store. ~~Wm.~~ Jacob enlisted in Confederate Army, was in Co. A, 37th Miss. Regt. Infantry, and fought in battle at Iuka, Miss., where he was killed in 1862. He left 3 little daughters, ages 3yrs 7mo, 1yr 7mo, and 5½ wks. Children: (For more info. see Hamrick family history.)
- A. MARY ELLIS WELLS 1859-1879, m. James W. Moore, lived/Collinsville (She was called 'Ellis'. Died in childbirth with 1st child.)
 - B. MITTIE WELLS 1861-1957, m. Joseph McCullough "Mack" Ethridge, June 3, 1866
 - C. MARGARET ELIZABETH "BETTIE" WELLS 1862-1888, m. Thomas Gibson. She died a young married woman while recovering from Typhoid Fever.
8. AMANDA WELLS 1839, m. Calvin T. Giles (b. 1840A1), Lived in Newton Cp/1880.
- A. J. Thomas Giles 1864
 - B. Jacob "Jake" Giles 1866
 - C. Malitta Giles 1869, m. Jim King
 - D. Joe Giles 1872
 - E. Carrie Giles, 1880, m. _____ Culpepper.
9. JOSEPH SELBY WELLS, SR. 1844-1922, m. (1) Amanda Williamson, Sept. 12, 1867, who gave him 11 children before she died in 1899. (Both bur. Center Ridge Church, Chunky.) (2) Mrs. Mary Florence (Jones) Houston, around 1901-02. Mrs. Houston was widow of John Oliver Houston (Son of Joseph L. Houston, Sr. of Collinsville) who was killed around 1892 while living in Pine Springs. Mary F. was dau. of Rev. Aaron and Amanda Jones of Pine Springs. (qv.) John Houston had four children when he was killed.
 Joseph S. Wells, Sr. took his new wife and the four Houston children to his home near Duffee (Newton Co.) when they married. Later, his son, Joseph Wells, Jr., married one of his step-children. (Grace Houston)
 Children: (All from 1st marriage.)
- A. Mary Bell Wells 1868, m. B. Moore. Moore's Mill, Newton Co, named for this family.
 - B. Lydia E. Wells 1870, m. Frank Reynolds.
 - C. Asa Wells 1872, lived in Texas.
 - D. Annie Wells 1875, m. Joe Cunningham
 - E. Thomas Humphrey Wells 1877-1852, m. Annie Talbott, dau of J.C.L. and Matilda (Duman) Talbott. Thomas & Annie both bur. Cent. Ridge Cem.
 - F. Walter Wells 1878
 - G. Mattie Sue Wells 1881m. Daniel Singleton Bundy (b. 1869, Troy, Al) 1909. *she was 2nd wife* He was son of Henry Durant and Clarissa (Carr) Bundy who are both bur. at Petal, Miss. Mattie Sue was b at Moore's Mill, Newton Co.
 - H. Ida Viola Wells 1883 @ Moores' Mill, m. John Rice Freeman, Sr (b1880) in 1903, He was son of John Lafayette "Fate" and Eliza Jane (Beeman) Freeman. Ida had 11 children.
 - I. Allen G. Wells 1885-1966, m. Ida Grace Houston, *dau of John O. Houston of P.S.* (a step-sister)
 - J. Samuel Pool Wells 1886, Duffee, Ms, m. Mary Christine Heck in 1813. She was dau of Charles and Lena (Kadel) Heck of Birmingham. Had 7 children.
 - K. Joseph Selby Wells, Jr. 1892-1975, m. Nona Mabry, 1918 (2) Alice Gressett

III. SAMUEL "SAM" WELLS

Born:

Died:

Married: Patsy Smith

Children:

1. GEORGE WELLS

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- 2. FRANCES WELLS
- 3. DAVID "DAVE" WELLS
- 4. THOMAS "TOM" WELLS
- 5. JACK WELLS
- 6. VINIA (LAVENIA?) WELLS
- 7. KEZIAH WELLS
- 8. LYDIA WELLS

IV. JACK (ANDREW JACKSON??) WELLS
 Born: _____ Died: _____
 Married: (?)
 Was killed while horse racing.

V. JACOB WELLS
 Born: 1800 (?), North Carolina Died: August, 1850, Lauderdale Co.
 Married: Sarah Ann Pace, March 22, 1843, by John Trussell, J.P.. Lauderdale Co.
 Jacob died of dyspepsia (1850 Ms. Mortality Schedule, pg.56) when he was 50 years old. He was in 1840 Laud. Co. census with wife and no children and a female b. between 1760 and 1770 (70-80 yrs old). (His ma was Mary Lindsey Wells)
 From Probate Ct. Book F, pg.295, Laud. Co.;
 Third Monday in May, 1856, Thomas Wells appointed guardian of the minor children of Jacob Wells, deceased. *his brother Jacob*
 Same book, page 305:

May 19, 1856

"Petition of Thomas Wells shows that Jacob Wells died some time ago, leaving four children who are minors and entitled to a land warrant and a small estate from the estate of Mary Wells and that said children to wit: Elizabeth, Mary, John & Sarah Wells have no legal guardian & your petitioner being their uncle, wants to be guardian. Entered into Bond with George Wells and J.B. Hancock. 120 acres of land and \$150 from estate of Mary Wells, deceased." (Mary Lindsey Wells b. 1778, was old in 1850's) (Wife of George Wells who died 1853) *(Their grand-mother)*

Children:

- 1. ELIZABETH WELLS 184 —
- 2. Mary "Polly" wells 184 —
- 3. John wells 184 —
- 4. Samp (Dempsy?) wells 184 —

VI SIBELLA WELLS

BORN:

MARRIED: DANIEL GRIFFIN

DIED:

VII KIZIAH WELLS

BORN:

MARRIED: JOHN ALLEN

DIED:

- 1. DICK ALLEN
- 2. dau — m. — Holladay
- 3. dau
- 4. dau

Thomas W. Wells
of
Pine Springs

Could be
Son of
Thomas or
Henry Wells

1861
1825
36

Thomas W. Wells

Born: 1825 Tenn Died:

Married: Sarah E. Kealey (b. 1826, sc.)

Came to Pine Springs in 1850, (nov.?) when he bought the Southeast quarter (320 acres) of Section 9 from J. W. Keady. He had two children when he came, but he had at least 5 more born in Pine Springs.

On Oct 10, 1869, following the civil war, Thomas sold his farm to Col. Sam W. Bailey and moved away (~~to~~)

Children: (from 1860 Pine Springs Census)

1. Mary E. Wells 1847
2. Martha W. Wells 1848
3. William H. Wells 1850, Pine Springs 11
4. Susan E. Wells 1852, Pine Springs
5. John C. Wells 1854, Pine Springs
6. Thomas J. Wells, 1855, Pine Springs
7. Catherine Wells 1858, Pine Springs
- 8 ?

Joined ch. 1867 when 15

Fellowship?
OR
gumbo?
(Look up)

Thomas W. was guardian of Harrell minor

1880
28
1852

Sept. 1869 Tom, Sarah + Daughter de by letter - Paris

ELIZABETH WELLS @ JOHN L. POSEY MAY 10, 1857

CAROLINE H. WELLS @ JAS. A. GILLS - June 23, 1855

SARAH ANN WELLS @ JOHN WOLFE Sept 26, 1854

who?

Mary Ann Rebecca Wells @ William Snowden March 4, 1841 ^{by Collier} B.C. 38

1840

1850

1860

I THOMAS Wells 1790-1800 40-50
 1 fe 1790-1800 40-50
 1 m 1810-1820 20-30
 1 m 1825-1830 10-15
 1 FE 1825-1830 10-15
 1 m 1830-1835 5-10
 1 m 5 1835-1840
 1 fe 5 1835-1840
 1 fe 5 1835-1840

917-929
 THOMAS Wells 1795 55 SC
 LYDIA (Moseley?) 1801 49 NC
 GEORGE W. 21 1829 AI
 CAROLINE H. 19 1831 AI
 SEBELLA 16 1834 AI
 JACOB 14 1836 AI
 AMANDA (NE d. dnd) 11 1839 MI
 JOSEPH 7 1843 MI
 Mary Mosely 91 1759 NC

Kemper Co
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~~Humphrey J Wells 34~~
 Mary M.
 Jas. A. Gills 6/23/1853

① JACOB Wells 1810-1820 20-30 - d. 1855
 1 fe 1810-1820 20-30 - Sarah m. Wolfe?
 1 FE d. 1855 1760-1770 70-80 - Mary?

Kemper Co
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 William G. Wells 1829 31 AI
 ANN R. Wells 24 MS
 Mary E. 7 MS
 Caroline E. 5 MS
 William T. 1 MS.

II HUMPHREY Wells 40-50
 1 fe 40-50
 ② (Samuel) 1 m 10-15
 ③ (Keziah) 1 fe 5-10

918-930
 HUMPHREY Wells 1825 25 AI
 MARGARET 21 1829 AI
 THOMAS E 2 1848 MS

Kemper
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 Humprey J? Wells 1826 34 AI
 MARY M. 1831 29 AI
 THOMAS J. 1849 11 MS
 GEORGE J. 9 MS
 ELIZ. 3 MS
 SARAH A. 1 MS

941-923
 Jas. N. Wells 1797 53 d. between 1850-1853 NC
 LUCINDA 31 1819 TN
 BENJ. 10 1840 AI
 DAVID 7 1843 AI
 MARTHA M. 4 1846 AI

(MITTIE - 1861) - dau of David + Margaret (Humbert)
 PINE SPAINS 1860 8300-1000
 THOS. W. Wells 1825 35 TN
 SARAH E. 1826 34 SC
 MARY E. 1827 13 MS
 MARTHA W. 1858 12 MS
 Wm. H. 1850 10
 SUSAN E. 1852 8
 JOHN C. 1854 6
 THOS. J. 1855 5
 Catherine 1858 2 MS

② (Samuel)
 ③ (Keziah)

III Listed as a widow in 1855 census - 2 sons, 1 dau

~~Joseph Wells till 1846-50~~

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