

THE WELLS FAMILY GENEALOGY

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Preface:

In order to detail the Wells family genealogy, the reader should also refer to the Fisk family tree. In addition, due to inconsistencies in spelling in prior research and descendant's changing of spelling, "Fisk" may be used as "Fiske." The reader should thus consider both spellings to be equivalent.

The Wells genealogy begins with Robert de Wells, who came to England from France with William the Conqueror in 1066. De Veaux and De Euille on the roll of Battle Abbey. The Wells family came to America about 1630.

Thomas Wells:(B) 1570

Children: (7)

Edward Wells

Hugh Wells:(B) 1590

Thomas Wells

Nathaniel Wells:(B) 1600 (D) 1681

Children: (3)

Naomi Wells

John Wells

Thomas Wells:(B) 1626 (D) 1700

Wed: 1655 to Naomi Marshall

Children: (7)

Joseph Wells:(B) 1656

Mary Wells:(B) 1660

Thomas Wells, Jr.:(B) 1663 (D) 1716

Wed: 1691 to Sarah Rogers

Children: (3) Seamon line

Thomas Wells:(B) 1692 (D) 1770

Wed: 1717 to Phebe Greene

Children: (6)

Lewis Wells:(B) 1720

Thomas Wells:(B) 1723

Nathan Wells:(B) 1726

Benjamin Wells:(B) 1727

Caleb Wells:(B) 1731

*Joshua Wells:(B) 1733 (D) 1831

Edward Wells:(B) 1694 (D) 1764

Sarah Wells:(B) 1696

John Wells:(B) 1665

Ruth Wells:(B) 1668

Sarah Wells:(B) 1670

Nathaniel Wells:(B) 1672

John Wells

Joseph Wells

Samuel Wells

Joshua Wells:(B) 1733 (D) 1831

Son of Thomas and Phebe Green Wells

Wed: 1759 to Elizabeth Dartts

Children: (3)

Gardner Wells:(B) 1770 (D) 1839

Wed: 1792 to Wealthy Gallup

Children: (4)

George Wells

Robert Wells

Gardner Wells, Jr.:(B) 1800 (D) 1868

Namesake for Village of Wellsville, NY in 1832. He was the largest land owner.

Wed: Lucy Stone

Children: (6)

Robert Wells:(B) 1835

Jane Wells

John Wells

Sewell Wells:(B) 5/23/1828 (D) 8/25/1893

(I) Mt. Hope Cemetery, Friendship
Wed: 1862 to Sarah Guilford
Civil War Veteran, 189th Regiment, NY Infrantry, with
General Ulysses S. Grant when General Robert E.
Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House on April
9, 1865
Children: (6)
Justin Wells:(B) 1863 (D) 1956
Wed: Anna Alderson
Children: (1)
Irene Wells:(B) 1907 (D) 2009
Wed: 9/4/1937
George Lorne Fisk:(B) 3/30/1913
Richburg, NY (D) 3/18/2005 age 91
** SEE FISK GENEALOGY **
Myra Wells:(B) 1864 (D) 1947
John Wells:(B) 1866 (D) 1940
Charles Wells:(B) 1867 (D) 1942
Wed: Clara Curtis
Children: (3)
Ruth Wells:(B) 1898 (D) 1949
Wed: Lynn Gleason
Raymond Wells:(B) 1902 (D) 1989
Wed: 1936 to Gen Lewis
Children: (2)
Ardean Wells:(B) 1937
Richard Wells:(B) 1940
Harold Wells:(B) 1905 (D) 1998
Sarah Wells:(B) 1870 (D) 1959
Solon Wells:(B) 1873 (D) 1956
Chauncey Wells:(B) 1838 (D) 1898
Civil War veteran, likely 23rd Regiment, NY
infantry. Was in a prison in Danville Prison
in the South during Civil War.
Gardner Wells:(B) 1840 (D) 1915
William Wells
Joshua Wells, Jr.:(B) 1771 (D) 1864
Children: (16)
Robert Wells:(B) 1781 (D) 1842

Letter written from Sewell Wells to wife. Written from Appomattox in
1865.

Wells 1828-1893

Sewell
Pvt Co B 189 Regt NY Inf
Enlisted for one year Sep 3 1861 Mustered out June 6 1865

United States Sanitary Commission.

Albemarle Court House Va
Apr. 11th /65

Dear wife I have

little time to write for the
last 2 weeks my Regt broke camp on the
19th of March and went towards Dinwiddie
court house and there turned with west
3 or 4 miles and got into a severe fight in
the afternoon in which Geo. W. Brooks
Lt. Campbell Richard Lee a loan of my
company was wounded and C. S. Brown
was killed the next
day the 18th had to support a battery
in which many was killed the
next day we charged the Rebel
works and lost some men
J. E. Alexander was wounded
L. L. Hatcher his of my co. has had
to have his leg amputated.

Dr. J. W. Gardner
Dinwiddie Court House Va
To Hospital Apr 30 1865
L. A. Gardner
Typhoid Fever

100 to the road and I can see almost
1/2 mile and see the row all the way.
this division is guarding the guns now
there has been no mail here since the
army moved, but it has started out once,
I sent a letter to you the 10th.
I think this army will stay here until
it is known whether Johnson will
surrender or not, if he does this
army will probably be disbanded
and sent home.

I have seen war in most of all its forms
since the 9th of March have seen more
and men than I ever expected to see
and on the other hand have witnessed
the surrender of the enemy, which
I hope will end the rebellion
Gen. Gregory called this Brigade to fight
on the 9th after the surrender of Lee, and
told us we had fought the last battle
of the war, and requested us to sing
Broose had from various blessings from
afterwards given by Chaplain Rodgers.

from your loving husband hoping
I see you meet again.
J. G. W. Sewell

Saturday we were on the skirt
mish line, that was the day
that the south side road was
taken, Sunday we started after Long
street's forces, followed them 2 days
and then started after Lee, the 5th
Corps was the flanking column, we
had to march first on one side, and
then the other of the Rebel army,
we had to march almost night and day,
until the 9th when we got in ahead
of Lee's army, the rest of the army of the
Potomac had got all around him, and
he was obliged to surrender, there is
many incidents connected with the
march after the Rebs, that I can tell
better after I get home than to
write it now, I expect to get home
in June, as I wrote to you before,
I have seen Gardner twice since
we started from camp, we marched
through the most beautiful
Gardner - Brother of Sewell

country I ever saw, after we left
the vicinity of Petersburg the
lovely looking pine trees began
to disappear, and oak and hickory to
fill their place, and the land is
more rolling, and each sight of
peach trees excites me, they
were in full bloom, there was
a large peach orchard on every
plantation, and in many places
the road sides were lined with
them for miles.

Apr. 12, 1865, late P.M.
The first division 5th corps, was
called out this morning and formed
in two lines 8 rods apart, the Rebel
prisoners commenced coming in 1/4 miles
by regiments and Brigades, divisions etc. and
stacking arms, they have got through
and are scattering far their names,
I cannot tell how many there was,
The guns are stacked so as to make about

Irene Lucy Wells:(B) 10/17/1907 Belfast, NY
(D) 10/27/2009 age 102, Manor Hills Assisted Living Facility,
Wellsville, NY
(I) Mt. Hope Cemetery, Friendship
Daughter of Justin Gardner and Anna (Alderson) Wells
Granddaughter of Civil War Veteran Sewell Wells, who was with
General Ulysses S. Grant when General Robert E. Lee surrendered
at Appomattox Court House. Chauncey Wells, brother of Sewell
Wells, was in a prison in Danville Prison in the South during
Civil War. Gardner Wells, father of Sewell and Chauncey, was
namesake for Wellsville, NY in 1832. He was the largest land
owner.
Graduate of Friendship High School, 1925
Graduate of Alfred University, 1929, Bachelor of Arts major
history and science
Taught school in Friendship and New Hudson
Retired from Allegany County Social Services 3/1972
Wed: 9/4/1937 Sacred Heart Catholic Church Rectory, Friendship, NY
George Lorne Fisk:(B) 3/30/1913 Richburg, NY
(D) 3/18/2005 age 91, Wellsville Manor Nursing Home
(I) Mt. Hope Cemetery, Friendship
Son of Harry E. and Viola B. (Green) Fisk from Richburg, NY
1929 Graduate of Cuba High School
Retired from Acme Electric Corporation 3/1979
(** SEE FISK FAMILY GENEALOGY **)
Children: None

GEORGE AND IRENE FISK CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

RICHBURG - George and Irene Fisk of 11 E. Water St., Friendship,
celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a celebration from 1-5
p.m. Aug. 23, 1997 at the home of Steve and Debora Cook of Richburg.

The event was hosted by George and Lois Case, niece of the couple,
of Olean.

The former Irene Wells and George Fisk were united in marriage Sept.
4, 1937, at the Friendship Catholic Church Rectory. Glenn and
Evangeline Williams, cousin of the bride, attended.

The couple has two nephews, Charles Hawkes of Little Genesee and
Gordon Hawkes of Obi; and three nieces, Mrs. Case of Olean, Marion
Buchanan of Shinglehouse, PA, and Caroline Mitchell of Smethport, PA.

Mr. Fisk has been retired from Acme Electric in Cuba since 1979.
Previously, he worked at Daystrom in Friendship.

Mrs. Fisk taught school and retired from Allegany County Social
Services in 1972.

The couple are members of their local Catholic church.

GEORGE L. FISK LONGTIME BELFAST RESIDENT 1913-2005

FRIENDSHIP - George L. Fisk, 91, died Friday (March 18, 2005) at
Wellsville Manor Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

Born March 30, 1913, in the town of Richburg, he was the son of
Harry and Viola Green Fisk. On September 4, 1937, in Friendship, he
married the former Irene Lucy Wells, who survives.

Mr. Fisk resided most of his life on White Creek Road in the town of
Belfast.

He was a 1929 graduate of Cuba High School and for a short time he
helped run the family dairy farm on White Creek Road. For several years
he was employed at Daystrom Furniture in Friendship and for many years
at Acme Electric Corp. in Cuba, retiring in 1978.

He and his wife moved to Friendship in 1981. He enjoyed gardening and traveling.

Mr. Fisk was a member of the Inavale Grange.

Surviving besides his wife are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Harold Fisk and Gerald Fisk, and by three sisters, Fern Ruediger, Laura Hasard and Aleta Hawkes.

Friends may call at the Treusdell Funeral Home, Friendship, Wednesday (March 23, 2005) from 12:30 to 2 p.m., at which time funeral and committal services will be held. The Rev. Duane Broadwell, pastor of the Friendship Bible Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Friendship.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Allegany County Area Foundation

A Bridge to the Future

In 2005 Irene Fisk endowed a scholarship for non-traditional studies

George and Irene Fisk grew up in Allegany County and lived here all their lives, but came from quite different circumstances. He was one of six children. She was an only child of the Wells family, after which the town of Wellsville was named. She grew up on a farm; he was passed from one relative's house to another's for 12 years after his mother died.

He was determined to finish high school, though, and graduated from Cuba in 1930. Irene finished Friendship High School then went on to Alfred University, graduating in 1929 with a teaching degree. She put it to use immediately, teaching at one-room schoolhouses in the area. George went to work for the Erie Railroad, happy to find a job at the onset of the Great Depression.

The two met within a few years, marrying in 1937. It was a union that would last 68 years, until his death in 2005. Shaped by the difficult economic times, the Fisks practiced frugality and worked hard. They invested any extra money, an activity that became a lifelong hobby for George.

They started their married life on a farm of their own, but soon moved in with Irene's parents to care for them. George left the railroad to work at Daystrom Furniture in Friendship, and stayed until the plant closed. He got a job at Acme Electric in Cuba, and worked there until he retired.

Later in life, Irene went to work for the county's Department of Social Services, staying there until she retired. The Fisks didn't have any children of their own, but Irene often took in young people she met through her work who needed a hand.

In 1981 the Fisks sold the family farm and moved into Friendship, to be closer to the stores and the bank and the Catholic Church, where Irene was the organist

for many years. They would stay there for many years, accumulating significant assets as they continued to invest and save. They enjoyed retirement and good health, traveling extensively across the United States.

In 2005 George suffered a stroke and together they moved into Wellsville Manor, where he could receive more extensive care. He passed away a few months later.



Shortly thereafter, Irene decided to make a special gift to the Allegany County Area Foundation. Knowing the importance of education, she wanted to endow a scholarship. She also knew that many students in the area would rather learn a trade than follow a traditional academic course of study, though, so the scholarship would be for a student pursuing a technical area of study.

Another requirement was that the gift be anonymous until after her death. She passed away in 2009, shortly after her 102nd birthday, finally allowing the Foundation to acknowledge the couple's generosity by renaming the scholarship. It is now known as The George and Irene Fisk Memorial Fund.



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TODAY IS IRENE WELLS FISK DAY
GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF GARDNER WELLS, VILLAGE AND TOWN NAMESAKE, HONORED
ON 100TH BIRTHDAY

WELLSVILLE - Happy 100th birthday to Irene Wells Fisk, who is not only a centenarian, but in Wellsville's sesquicentennial year, also the great-granddaughter of village and town namesake Gardner Wells.

At a recent town board meeting, town Supervisor Jim Cretekos passes a petition resolving "the Town Board of the Town of Wellsville dedicates October 17, 2007 as Irene Wells Fisk Day."

Today, Cretekos will present the petition to Fisk at a special birthday party at the Wellsville Manor nursing home where she resides.

Fisk is the daughter of Justin and Anna (Alderson) Wells and the great-granddaughter of Civil War Veteran Gardner Wells who was a member of the First New York Dragoons, and who was with General Ulysses S. Grant when General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomatox.

Wells settled here in the early 1800s and was the largest landowner when the town and the village fathers decided to name the town and village after him. Some time later he moved to the Friendship area.

Fisk, born October 17, 1907, graduated from Friendship High School in 1925 and from Alfred University in 1929, where she majored in history and science.

For several years she taught school in Friendship and New Hudson. She married George L. Fisk September 4, 1937. He died in 2005.

Fisk also worked at the Allegany County Social Services Department for about 10 years. Her hobbies are sewing, gardening, and traveling.

She will be recognized by Wellsville Supervisor James Cretekos at 2 p.m. when he will present her with the proclamation declaring October 17, Irene Wells Fisk Day in the Town of Wellsville.

IRENE W. FISK
102 YEARS OLD
1907-2009

FRIENDSHIP - Irene W. Fisk, 102, formerly of 11 E. Water St., died Tuesday (October 27, 2009) at Manor Hills Assisted Living Facility in Wellsville following a brief illness.

Born October 17, 1907, in the town of Belfast, she was the daughter of Justin G. and Anna Alderson Wells. On September 4, 1937, in Friendship, she married George L. Fisk, who died March 18, 2005.

Irene had lived most of her life on the White Creek Road in the town of Belfast. She was a graduate of Friendship High School, class of 1925, and graduated from Alfred University in 1929 with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in history and science.

She taught for several years in rural school districts in the town of New Hudson and Jackson Hill District #6 in Friendship. For many years, she was a caseworker for Allegany County in Belmont, retiring in 1974. She and her husband moved to Friendship in 1981.

Irene was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Friendship and its Altar and Rosary Society, the Travelers Club of Friendship and Inavale Grange.

She enjoyed sewing, needlecraft, gardening and traveling.

Surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Treusdell Funeral Home, Friendship. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday (October 31, 2009) at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church in Cuba, with Father Jerome Dissek, pastor, as celebrant. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Friendship.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.