

THE WELLS FAMILY

Like the Joneses, the Wells family more than likely came from Wales and landed in or near the Port of Philadelphia in the first half of the 1700s. At the present, I have no firm background information, but this was a fairly standard migration pattern at the time. These families then tended to move inland to Chester County, Pennsylvania, or to northern Delaware and Maryland. Then as the families grew and the needs for more land arose, the families headed south to the Carolinas.

JAMES WELLS SENIOR

I have bits of information from another researcher on the parents and lineage of James Wells of North Carolina. She feels his father was a James Wells born about 1728 in Delaware. He married Mary Price in 1746 based on information in the *Pennsylvania Archives'* Series. His parents may have been James and Dorothy Wells.

James' children were: Thomas, Newman, John, James, Elizabeth (Reice), Lucretia (Witty), Rachel (Hutchins), Susannah (Rash) and Mary (Beck).

I have no proof positive that this James was the father of the following James Wells.

JAMES WELLS

The earliest Wells I have good information on is James Wells. Based on information found in the Utley files of the Davie County Library, the mention of his children's half brothers and half sisters would indicate that James Wells was married more than once. I do not know who his first wife was, but a researcher thinks she was a Moffitt. His second wife was Rachel Horn.

I am not positive of the parentage of James Wells. Rachel Horn's parents were Thomas Horn and Sarah Moffitt Horn. The Horns came down from Pennsylvania to Davie County and then onto Surrey County, North Carolina where the Will of Thomas Horn was made on January 6, 1801. In addition to Rachel, other Horn children were John, Robert, Susannah (married Tobias Furches), Hattie Horn (who married a Beaty), Mary, Esther, and Elizabeth who married a Thomas Jones.

James Wells first marriage seems to have produced the following children: sons **FRANCIS** and **JAMES WELLS** and daughters **MARY** and **SARAH WELLS**.

According to papers in the Davie County Library, these children were all referred to as '*half brothers or half sisters*' to Susannah Wells who was a daughter of the marriage with Rachel Horn. Mary Wells married William Eaton and Sarah married Ebed Jones according to these papers.

Children of the second marriage are better documented and include:

Susannah Wells

Susannah was born September 6, 1787. She married Joseph Clifford on June 18, 1809. They remained in North Carolina. Joseph died there February 23, 1844. Susannah died there in 1863. Their children were:

AHIRAH CLIFFORD born July 15, 1811 and died in Greene County, Illinois August 29, 1886. He married Rosannah Hall in Rowan County February 2, 1835.

RACHEL CLIFFORD born November 9, 1812, and died in Davie County, North Carolina September 16, 1838. She married James Overton White February 8, 1835.

MICAJAH CLIFFORD born in 1814 and died the same year.

JAMES GRAY CLIFFORD born May 20, 1816 in Davie County and died November 22, 1900 in Rowan County. He married Rebecca Coker March 19, 1839. Rebecca was a daughter of William Coker and Sarah James. She was born January 26, 1818 and died August 25, 1877. Their children were:

Joseph Calvin Clifford born November 30, 1839 and died in the Civil War on July 1, 1863.

Sarah Mathilda Clifford born August 1, 1841 and died January 11, 1925 all in Rowan County. She married Robert W. Collette November 15, 1860, and later Jesse Green.

William Green Clifford born August 20, 1843 and died in the Civil War on May 12, 1865 just before the War was over.

Franklin Augustus Clifford born August 5, 1845 and died in Nardin, Oklahoma November 4, 1935. Dust Bowl probably got him. He married Louisa Ellen Wiseman February 22, 1865.

Susannah Clementine Clifford born September 8, 1847 and died in Summitville, Indiana March 10, 1939. She married Henry Jones in Davie County November 19, 1874. Henry was a son of David Jones and Eliza Hunter. This was his second marriage. His line is covered in the main Jones Genealogy.

Mary Jane Clifford born August 25, 1848 and died in Rowan County March 24, 1903. She married William Alexander Grubb on January 22, 1882.

Six other children born between 1851 and 1859 that died as infants.

JOHN WELLS CLIFFORD born December 13, 1817 and died in North Carolina in 1875. He married Anna Louisa Wiseman April 24, 1859.

ELIZABETH CLIFFORD born August 19, 1819 and died August 1, 1820.

MATILDA ANN CLIFFORD born February 13, 1821 and died in 1840.

GREEN BERRY CLIFFORD born September 29, 1822 and died in the Civil War in 1865. He married Louisa J. Latham November 2, 1854.

SUSANNAH CLIFFORD born August 2, 1824 and died July 20, 1883. She married Lewis White November 30, 1843.

ABNER PAINTER CLIFFORD born March 13, 1826. He married Edna Caroline Deadman in Summittsville, Madison County, Indiana in August 1852. He died in Walla

Walla, Washington May 13, 1884.

ADDISON MOFFITT CLIFFORD born February 4, 1829 and died in Farlington, Kansas July 29, 1909. He married Martha Emeline Jones in Davie County on January 8, 1853.

John Wells

John Wells was born April 27, 1795 in Davie County. He first married Frances Critendon on October 14, 1815 in Davie County. Frances died in 1822 and John then married Matilda Irwin in Davie County on January 8, 1824. They moved to Greene County, Illinois where both are buried. He died there April 17, 1873. There were twelve children.

Elizabeth Wells

Elizabeth Wells was born in about 1796. On December 14, 1811, she married John Jones. This is my line and their lives were told earlier in the main body of this Jones Family History.

William Wells

William Wells was born about 1800. He married Jane or Jean Clifford in Davie County on September 18, 1819. They moved to Greene County, Illinois where he died in 1871. Jane died February 23, 1857, and William later married Sarah Hubbard.

Their children were:

ALICE L. WELLS born in February 1827. She married James E. Neece in Greene County, Illinois August 11, 1850.

JAMES F. WELLS born March 6, 1822. He married Eliza C. Ford September 8, 1842 in Greene County. He died there in January 1850.

WILLIAM DAVID WELLS born December 13, 1824. He married Martina Elizabeth Ford in Greene County on September 23, 1847. He died there in May 1891.

OTHER WELLS KIDS there were another 5-6 children that died as infants.

Rebecca Wells

Rebecca Wells was born in 1801. She married Richard Brogden September 28, 1819 in Davie County.

Robert Wells

Robert Wells was born on January 16, 1803 and married Amy Jones on December 24, 1826.

Amy was the daughter of Josiah Jones (the elder one, David Jones' son). They moved to Greene County, Illinois and raised seven children there. Both are buried in Patterson, Illinois.